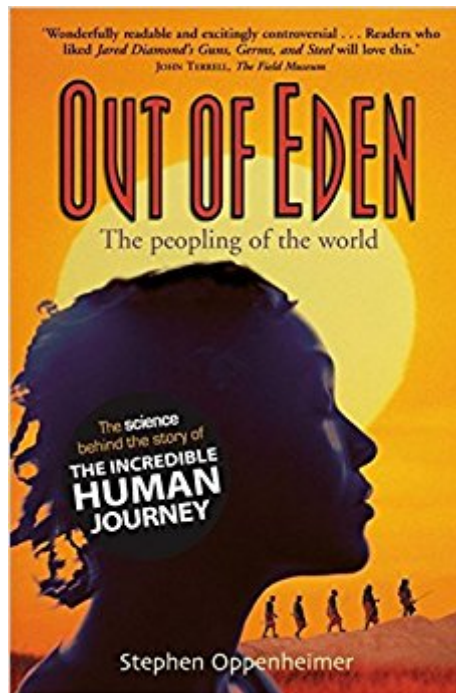




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In a brilliant synthesis of genetic, archaeological, linguistic and climatic data, Oppenheimer challenges current thinking with his claim that there was only one successful migration out of Africa. In 1988 Newsweek headlined the startling discovery that everyone alive on the earth today can trace their maternal DNA back to one woman who lived in Africa 150,000 years ago. It was thought that modern humans populated the world through a series of migratory waves from their African homeland. Now an even more radical view has emerged, that the members of just one group are the ancestors of all non-Africans now alive, and that this group crossed the mouth of the Red Sea a mere 85,000 years ago. It means that not only is every person on the planet descended from one African 'Eve' but every non-African is related to a more recent Eve, from that original migratory group. This is a revolutionary new theory about our origins that is both scholarly and entertaining, a remarkable account of the kinship of all humans. Further details of the findings in this book are presented at www.bradshawfoundation.com/stephenoppenheimer/

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book about how we came to populate the world. In fact I would argue that it is essential reading if you are interested in the subject. Robert Oppenheimer has used all available information on the subject up to 2003 when the book was published to summarize where science stands in this very complicated and also fascinating issue. We used to have archeology, geology, biology, linguistics, history etc but with the introduction of genetics this has become the main tool to unriddle this puzzle. Robert Oppenheimer's main focus is genetics and by using this as his base and

adding all the other sciences he manages to show what was the most plausible explanation of how we came to populate the earth. You would think that science is all based on hard facts but this book also shows how a lot of academic "in-fighting" takes place concerning how to interpret it all. Robert Oppenheimer put some effort into proving why he is right and a number of others are wrong. His arguments are strong but maybe a little less of arguing against others and for his views would have been better. The Book was copyrighted in 2003. In just ten years a lot has happened in this field and it shows. Robert Oppenheimer states that there is no evidence that we have interbred with the Neanderthals but now we know through the research of Svante Pääbo at the Max Planck Institute that we have. Mr Pääbo has also found the Denisov human in Siberia that was unknown in 2003. Also Robert Oppenheimer mentions work ongoing in Flores but of course he could not have known about Homo floresiensis discovered in 2004. None of this makes the book less readable but you wish that it was updated or a new book on the same subject would be published.

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