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“This book is a perfect introduction into biomolecular archaeology not only for students interested in the field but also for experienced archaeologists, palaeontologists and archaeobiologists who engage in interdisciplinary research involving the analysis of biomolecules. It is written by one of the most prominent genomic textbook authors, Terry Brown, a pioneer in ancient DNA research and the origins of plant domestication. In this book, his qualities as both an excellent textbook writer as well as a brilliant molecular biologist merge to explain even the most advanced sequencing methods used in palaeogenomics in a way that is understandable for non-experts. The contribution of Keri Brown ensures that the book is relevant to researchers working in the field. *Biomolecular Archaeology* makes for an ideal manual for archaeologists and students eager to exploit the newest scientific developments to answer typical archaeological questions and better interpret the information buried in the archaeological sites they are working on.”

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