

Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology, Second Edition, is a concise, well-balanced introduction to *all* major areas of contemporary biological anthropology. Derived from John H. Relethford's *The Human Species: An Introduction to Biological Anthropology*, Third Edition, this book retains the larger text's emphasis on the relationship between human biology and culture, as well as its abundant pedagogical aids.

By stressing basic concepts and their interrelationships, *Fundamentals of Biological Anthropology* provides a clear explanation of the way we evolved, the factors that make us human, the reasons we are different from each other, and the direction in which the human species is heading.

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- A major reorganization of the text better reflects the standard course sequence as well as the balanced nature of the text presentation.
- Up-to-date coverage includes information on the newly uncovered species *Ardipithecus ramidus* and *Australopithecus anamensis*, the possible earlier date for the arrival of *Homo erectus* in Asia, and more.
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- Two new appendixes, one on metric conversion factors and one on comparative skeletal anatomy, provide additional contextual information.



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