

3) *The Lake-Dwellers. Prehistoric Archaeology and Historical Myth*, by Marc-Antoine Kaeser (Zurich).

Dealing with the turbulent 150 years long history of lake-dwelling research, this book confronts ancient interpretations with recent archaeological evidence. First studies of these lakeshore villages encouraged the collaboration of human and natural sciences, and thus boosted considerably the development of European prehistoric archaeology. At the same time, these new discoveries played a crucial role in the construction of a Swiss national identity. The lake-dwelling myth made it possible to reconcile two fundamentally antagonistic worldviews: progressivist idealism, and romantic nostalgia for a forgotten past. Rooted in 19th century nationalism, this historical myth has been adapted to modern ideological needs – indeed, it is still alive within contemporary archaeology! (translated from the French)

4) *A Reader on the History of Archaeology*, edited by Tim Murray and Chris Evans.

This reader provides a timely reprint of some 20 papers, covering various issues, approaches and methods, and exemplifying the broader relevance of the history of archaeology. The selected texts include discussions of historiography, biographies as sources, theories in their context, identity, politics and instrumentalisation of the past. The archaeological periods covered include deep prehistory, protohistory and classical archaeology, with examples drawn from Europe, America, Australia and Africa. This reader will prove of considerable use to the wider research community, and will serve students taking courses on the history of archaeology, on archaeological method and theory, on heritage management and on the socio-politics of the past.

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Professor David Oates, FSA, died in Cambridge on 22 March 2004. Note *The Independent* of 1 April 2004.