

# Re: Bo Graslund "Early humans & their world" Routledge

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> Marc Verhaegen wrote:

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>> I haven't heard of this book yet. Anybody knows more?

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> Amazon.com lists the book. Also the University of Washington ordered  
> the book on 7-28-05, so it is not likely on their shelf yet. Want me to  
> request it interlibrary loan?

GoHastings.com lists the book under the category "social evolution"  
and further says this under "synopsis":

"In a discussion on the lack of coherent evolutionary explanation  
of bipedalism the author proposes a possible semi-aquatic  
environment for our ancestors as an alternative to the widely  
held "savannah hypothesis." He gives further consideration to  
the evolutionary instruments used in creating bipedalism, as well  
as the modern human skull and face and the special human traits  
of curiosity and creativity.

The author accesses research by the world's leading scholars  
of early hominid evolution and primate behavior to create a  
landmark exploration of human origins."

Also by Graslund: *The Birth of Prehistoric Chronology: Dating  
Methods and Dating Systems in Nineteenth-Century Scandinavian  
Archaeology.*

ISBN: 0521322499

*Early Humans and Their World*  
ISBN: 0415353440

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I'll never understand this rush on the part of some folks

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to say ridiculous things in public. Is he convinced by the "evidence"? Where is this evidence? If it's the same thing we've seen in this NG, it strikes me as singularly \*underwhelming\* and certainly not grounds for coming out in print and allying yourself with Elaine Morgan, Algis, and Marco. I wonder if maybe a few links to Wet Ape websites would set this fella straight....

>> --Marc

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"I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: 'O, Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.' And God granted it."

--Voltaire

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