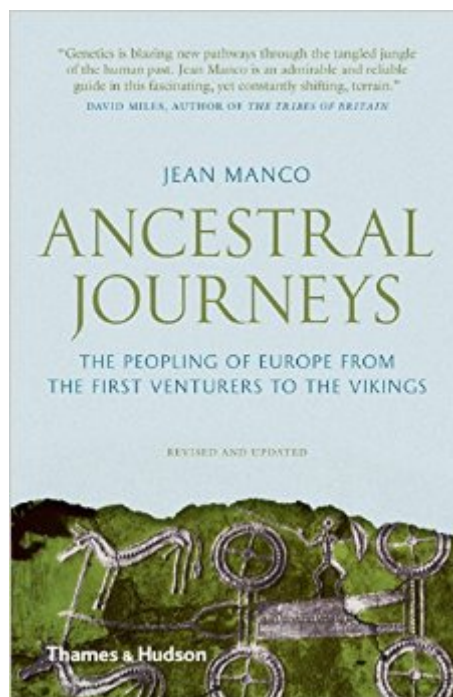


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An approach to prehistory in Europe that combines archaeology with linguistics. Challenging, but excellent!

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