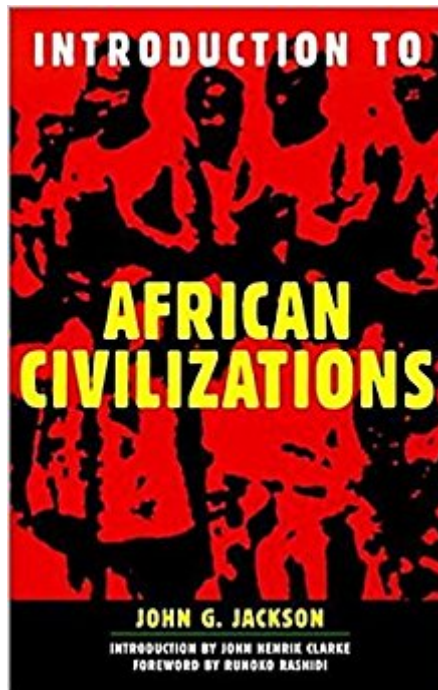


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# Introduction To African Civilizations



## Synopsis

This work challenges all the standard approaches to the saga of African history, from the dawn of prehistory to the modern resurgent Africa of today.

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"The picture we get today of Africa in past ages from the history taught in our schools is that Africans were savages and that, although Europeans invaded their lands and made slaves of them, they were in a way conferring a great favor on them, since they brought to them the blessings of Christian civilization," writes John G. Jackson. With brilliantly objective scholarship, Jackson obliterates that picture in this book, and presents a picture of human heritage infinitely more rich, colorful, and varied than is generally understood. The book challenges all the standard approaches to African history and will, no doubt, disturb a large number of overnight "authorities" on Africa who will discover that they do not really know the depth of African history and the role that Africans played in creating early human societies. Star-gods, moon-gods, sun gods, Osiris, the Zodiac, the lost continent of Atlantis--the impact of the myths and legends of ancient man upon human history is analyzed here. "Since the lore of astronomy and the calendar were the basis of much of the mythology, ritual, and religion of ancient Egypt, which in turn has profoundly affected all the great religious systems of later days," observes the author, "we deem it proper to discuss...these ancient African cults and creeds and their effects on other cultures." In its panoramic view, from the dawn of prehistory to modern resurgent Africa, *Introduction to African Civilizations* challenges the parochial historian, devastates the theoretical pretensions of white supremacists, expands intellectual

horizons. It is a fascinating book to be read and reread for pleasure and knowledge by the layman and the scholar. "This is not just another book on African history. It is, in my opinion, one of the best books that has so far been written on the subject."--from the Introduction by John Henrik Clarke

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Jackson was a highly respected historian and author. He lived and taught for many years in Chicago. John Henrik Clarke was born in 1915 in Union Springs, Alabama, and was brought up in Columbus, Georgia. Editor, lecturer, writer, and teacher, Dr. Clarke lived in New York City from 1933 until his death in 1998.

Great book! Right up there with Chancellor Williams, "Destruction of Black Civilization...". I suggest both books to be read to gain a solid foundational understanding of African history. Both books complement each other so well, as each author explores one area in more depth than the other... but complement so well at the same time. I couldn't put the book down -- highly recommended.

The book takes on the important task of informing the reader of the most likely origin of humankind, and tells the history of the African continent in the last 10,000 years or so. It dispels many Eurocentric misconceptions and untruths. It is high time the truth comes out and the European colonizers' version is proven so tainted that it is simply untrue. I give highest rating for this reason and encourage anyone who would like to know the truth about the last 10,000 years of history to read this book. My only criticism would be that although the book does mention African matriarchy and gender equality, it mostly lists the many males in the history. But perhaps it is because the book doesn't go even further back. For history earlier than 10,000 years, I recommend Riane Eisler's *The Chalice and The Blade*.

Incredible resource for all African Americans that should be taught to all our children so that they have a sense of self derived from a pride in an ancestry we never knew was ours! Dr. JOHN G. JOHN has become arguably one of the top 3 to 5 most influential people I can consciously recognize! Truly I recommend any of his text as an outstanding resource for personal growth! !!

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My sister recommended this book. I am so glad that she did! Incredible research. Amazing book!

Great for History Discussion Groups. Should be in all School Libraries, especiall in all Southern States in this countryPerhaps African Americans would begin to reject the notion that the Black Race is inferior and a minority race.Their is so much scientific and scholarly proof that Africans are the worlds first people. This book also dispels the myth that European, Greek History is correct. African History is not Revisionist History, rather European History is Revionist History.

I consider *Introduction to African Civilizations* by Cheikh Anta Diop, one of the best books ever written. Considering the book was first published in 1937 there are, obviously, some things that may have changed but overall it is a five plus. There should be a copy of this book in every African/ African American home and any other's who wish to be enlightened.

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