



## Foundations of Social Archaeology: Selected Writings of V. Gordon Childe

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AltaMira Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 224 pages. Dimensions: 8.9in. x 5.8in. x 0.6in. V. Gordon Childe is probably the most widely read early archaeologist of the 20th century and one of the worlds most renowned prehistorians. A thorough understanding of the evolution of Childes theoretical perspective is crucial to an understanding of the foundations of social archaeology. For the first time, a diverse collection of Childes writings have been brought together in one volume. These fourteen essays, from his earliest seminal work in 1935 to his reflective essay Retrospect written in 1958 shortly before his death, document the progression of this dynamic thinker. Essays such as Archaeology and Anthropology show the evolution of Childes theories from a conception of the past as a trait-list conceptualization of culture to an understanding of the profound importance of social relations in transforming human history. His understanding of history evolved from a static notion into a dynamic conception that openly embraced social interaction and all that it entailed, a transformation that marked the earliest strains of social archaeology. The introduction by prominent anthropologists Thomas Patterson and Charles Orser places Childes work in a larger context and explores Childes ongoing value to modern readers....



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