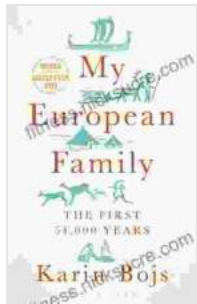


# My European Family: The First 54,000 Years

We are all Africans. Or, to be more precise, we are all descended from a population of humans that lived in Africa between 200,000 and 100,000 years ago. From this population, waves of migration spread out across the world, eventually giving rise to all of the modern human populations.



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One of these waves of migration left Africa around 54,000 years ago and arrived in Europe. These were the first humans to set foot on the continent, and their arrival marked the beginning of a long and complex history of human settlement in Europe.

Over the next 54,000 years, the people of Europe experienced a number of major migrations and population changes. These changes were driven by a variety of factors, including climate change, the rise and fall of empires, and the spread of new technologies and ideas.

One of the most significant migrations to occur in Europe was the arrival of the Yamnaya people around 3,000 BC. The Yamnaya were a nomadic people who originated in the steppes of Central Asia. They brought with them a new language, a new culture, and a new way of life.

The Yamnaya had a major impact on the genetics of Europe. They introduced a new genetic lineage that is now found in the majority of Europeans. They also played a role in the spread of Indo-European languages, which are spoken by most Europeans today.

Another major migration to occur in Europe was the arrival of the Germanic peoples around 1,000 AD. The Germanic peoples were a diverse group of tribes that originated in Scandinavia and northern Germany. They brought with them a new language, a new culture, and a new way of life.

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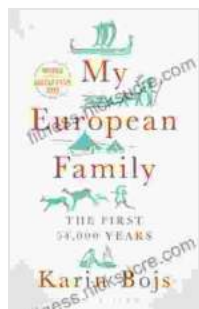
Over the past 54,000 years, the people of Europe have experienced a great deal of change. They have migrated, they have conquered, and they have been conquered. They have adopted new languages, new cultures, and new ways of life. Yet, through it all, they have maintained a genetic connection to their African ancestors.

We are all descended from a single population of humans that lived in Africa between 200,000 and 100,000 years ago. From this population, waves of migration spread out across the world, eventually giving rise to all of the modern human populations. The people of Europe are no exception.

We are all descended from the first humans to arrive on the continent 54,000 years ago. And we are all part of a long and complex history of human settlement in Europe.

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