



Illustrated Book "The World of the Nebra Sky Disk - New Horizons"

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The Nebra Sky Disk is one of the most valuable finds of humankind. The early Bronze Age is characterised by a rich culture. That is attested by a variety of archaeological finds from all over Europe. But the discovery of the Nebra Sky Disk is still a sensation today. It is a powerful symbol of the Unetice culture and the oldest representation of the sky in the history of humankind.

The german-language richly illustrated book "Die Welt der Himmelsscheibe von Nebra - Neue Horizonte" accompanies the exhibition of the same name in the State Museum of Prehistory Halle (Saale) and documents the results of 18 years of intensive research in 31 articles. Not only the sky disk but also unique objects such as the golden Mold cape, the silver diadems from El Argar and the gold hat of Schifferstadt are presented in their historical context:

Magnificent burial culture of the Early Bronze Age: weapons, precious jewellery and other grave goods as signs of religious and secular power.

Religion, rituals and offerings in Bronze Age Europe: comparison of the ring sanctuaries at Stonehenge, Pömmelte and Schönebeck. Block excavation at Bornhöck: sensational archaeological finds around the largest barrow in Central Europe.

Covering the period from the end of the Stone Age to the Middle Bronze Age: 240-page illustrated book with over 150 colour images, numerous maps and illustrations.

Diverse studies by linking natural science, archaeology, social theory and art.

From the Far North to the Orient: Trade Routes of the Bronze Age:

The Nebra Sky Disk is evidence of the widespread trade networks of the Bronze Age. Not only trade goods but also technologies and ideas were exchanged and disseminated. The copper ore of the sky disk comes from Austria and its gold from Cornwall. The myth of the solar barque probably originates from Ancient Egypt and the knowledge of the Pleiades from the Orient.

This illustrated book shows the picture of a networked Europe, with princely tombs, golden ritual objects, cult facilities and imports from distant regions. The perfect gift for anyone interested in the culture and history of Central Germany and Europe!

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Under his leadership, the State Museum in Halle became one of the most famous exhibition houses for prehistoric archaeology in Europe.

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