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Robin Cox says

so far so good. I read the rest of the series and find it fascinating. You can almost believe that this was the way people lived back in the early days of humankind. I especially love the strong female characters. These books also bring me closer to my Mom who passed in 1999, they were a favorite of hers also.

Ashlen Taylor says

I found Auel's writing style to be pretty annoying. She repeats herself to the point of ridiculous and the amount of descriptive language, particularly that describing the setting, can go on for pages. You'll have just finished eight pages detailing the tundra region and then up pops virtually the same environment a few pages on and she starts prattling on about low lying vegetation again. It was so hard to stop myself from skipping large chunks of these pretty sizeable novels.

Having said this, I've read the entire Earth's Children series and largely enjoyed it. These books are barely disguised soft porn (I've learnt some pretty creative names for a woman's vagina) but they are well researched. I found them to be a really interesting insight into some theories behind the fall of the neanderthal man and the subsequent rise of cro-magnon. So, I say persevere.

Sarah says

Really a good series. I have never read these before and enjoy taking my time and reading them in between book club books.

Stephanie Robinson says

If there were a 10th star, I'd mark it. It's such a great series and even better after reading it the second time around. The only downside is the exhaustive description of the landscape and botany.

Pat Sh says

These books left me with opposing feelings on many occasions. On the one hand, I was thrilled with how thoroughly researched they were and with the way in which all that new to me information was presented; on the other hand, I sometimes felt like scanning ahead by many, many pages because it was information overload. I felt that way about the characters, too. Sometimes realistically drawn, sometimes over-drawn. The first two books were the best for me; the others seemed to be milking good ideas to stretch the storyline. Still, worth the investment of time.

Eh?Eh! says

Mom sure didn't know what this book contained back when she saw it on the Costco table and suggested it to me, resulting in an early unintentional softcore exposure. These books were favorites of mine for the terrific, pages long enumerations of gathering food, describing food, preparing food, serving food, and eating food. What does mammoth taste like? After reading these books you'll feel like you know. Also, you will be versed in mammoth anatomy, migration, and mating behavior. Deeply researched. The following books in the series don't read as well.

Ashley says

This is listed a little strangley, but The Clan of the Cave Bear, The Valley of Horses and The Mammoth Hunters are actually three seperate books in Jean M. Auel's Earth's Children series. I have read these first three which were wonderful and am currently on book 4 in the series, The Plains of Passage.

The series follows Ayla, a cro-magnon child who is orphaned by an earthquake and then rescued and taken in by The Clan (neaderthals)circa 10,000 B.C. The books are meticulously researched and she has received many accolades for how historically accurate her information is. I have to warn you the is A LOT of miuntia (details on the land, animals, plants that lived at that time), but once you get used to it you will be hooked and need to know what happens to the little blonde girl. Many themes in the book such as stereotypes and prejudice ring true with today's society as well.

Miles says

EXCELLENT SERIES HOWEVER BEGAN TO GET REPETITIVE.

Beth says

Awesome books! I've been reading these authors books for yrs!

Tracie Sneed says

Enjoyed my time with the Clan; adult only.

sabrina aird says

Loved the first book the most. The series got a little slow, but still educational and interesting!! Great play on history and the premise is great.

Nikki says

I read all the books in this series and yes they were very good.. I loved the story line...it was great to see how Ayla was able to survive with the Clan by adapting, then later in each of the various clans or tribes that she met .. It's her personal growth as a woman..It's very much a study of social life...though very similar to today in a sense that not everyone is accepted in their social environment.... Overall I enjoyed the books very much....my big negative issue about all the books is that far too often the book is over descriptive..I get wanting to describe the environment but please....Ayla getting from point A to point B would take pages and pages and pages of geographic description not to mention the vegetation .. At times it was just too much...seem like authors like to publish BIG books and use a lot filler. I also enjoyed checking out the actual area online to see some of the real site that are well documented... Very interesting!!!! I absolutely still enjoyed all the books and would recommend these books to anyone.

Leia Spencer says

I love all historical fiction books, especially books about pre history. I have read all of these books and I can say that the first one is the best. The story is original with the two separate humanoids living at the same time. My biggest complain about the writing has always been the dialogs. And how the story is told twice, first in the narrative and then second in the dialogue. For example when the main character noticed that flint made sparks down by the river she ran back and told the exact same story we just read to her mate. I do not need to read a story twice. Too many times people are introduced over and over again by their blood relations. The reader would be told who a new character is, and then the characters are told who the new character is. I skip so much when I read these books. Often I miss entire paragraphs because I don't want to read the same thing again. If the writing could be edit down then the books would be much more enjoyable. I know that the author is very well researched on what the terrain would have been like and what type of plants would have grown and what their uses would have been used for. Because of all this knowledge it seems like she wants us to learn it all too. There are too many pages I skipped over because I was done with learning about goldenrod or lavender. The story dragged because of the lack of editing. Other than that I read the books because I enjoyed the storyline and the concept.

midnightfaerie says

*The Earth Children Series by Jean Auel are outstanding books. Along with Atlas Shrugged by Ayn Rand, these are my favorite books. It's a story of a girl named Ayla, who lived during the ice age in Europe. She gets seperated from her people by an earthquake and near death, gets found and rescued by the Clan of the Cave Bear people. A type of cave people that becoming extinct while Ayla's race thrives. It tells of her story of fitting in, being raised by people so different, yet so similar, and her struggle to be like them without loosing herself. If they put as much money into them as they have Harry Potter, they would be as popular as Harry Potter. I often compare them to Harry Potter in that they are just all around good stories. Filled with love stories, action, and suspense, you get lost easily. And Auel's supurb description of the time period makes you feel like you could be there, standing next to the glacier in all its beauty. Being such good stories, I've reread them many times. These are Auel's life work and she has finally finished the last one of the series

and it's coming out in March of 2011. I can't wait. As a side note, I have to mention the God-awful movie adaptation they made starring Darly Hannah years ago. Please don't watch it. It is nothing like the book and goes so far as to do it a disservice by making people not want to read them. Auel's research and detail in the history of the time period and landscape and her ability to tell the story in such rich detail makes this an instant and lasting classic. I can't recommend these books enough.

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Dena Gregoire says

Great series. Engaging page turners each and every one of them!
