Overview of our prehistory / Oorsig van ons voorgeskiedenis

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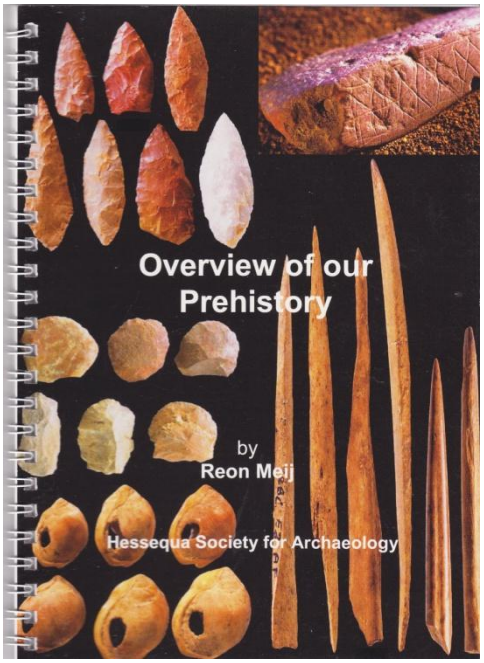

Die mens bewoon al sedert die vroegste tye die gebied aan die Kaapse suidkus. Hierdie boek bied ‟n oorsig van die voorgeskiedenis van hierdie gebied gedurende die Vroeëre-, Middel- en Latere Steentydperke, die Ystertydperk asook die onlangse voorgeskiedenis en vertel ons van die mense wat hier geleef het toe daar nog niemand was wat hulle geskiedenis en leefwyse kon neerskryf nie. Die inligting hieroor word afgelei uit die oorblyfsels van artefakte wat in hulle eertydse blyplekke of ashope gevind word of selfs kunsskeppinge soos rotstekeninge wat hulle gemaak het of stories en oorlewerings wat deur hulle nasate vertel word.
In die Stilbaai-omgewing is die belangrikste getuienis van die Middel Steentydperk „n klipwerktuig wat wêreldwyd onder argeoloë as “The Stillbay” bekend staan. Die visvywers en skulphope langs die kus en die Blombosgrot is steeds die duidelik sigbare nalatenskap van die Latere Steentydperk

Human beings have been living on the Southern Cape coast for more than a million years. This book gives us an overview of the prehistory of this area from the Earlier- , Middle- and Later Stone Ages, the Iron Age as well as the more recent prehistory and tells us about the people who lived here when there was nobody around to record their history. This information is deduced from investigations of the surviving artefacts they had left behind in their living quarters, as well as from their rock art and the stories told by descendants.
In the Stilbaai area the most important type of relic from the Middle Stone Age is a stone implement internationally known among archaeologists as “The Stillbay”. The fish traps and shell middens found along the coast as well as the Blombos cave are still visible evidence of the Later Stone Age.