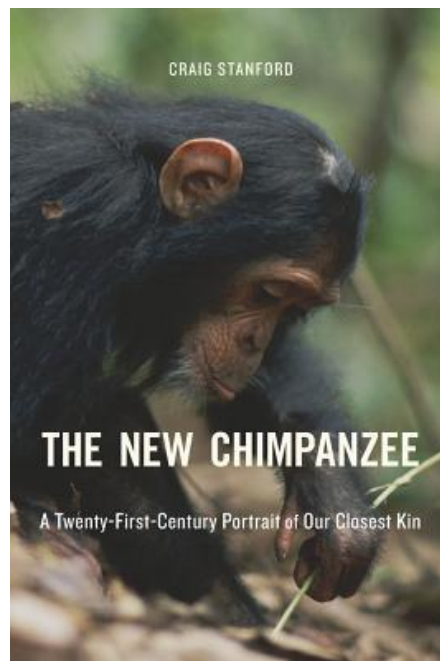




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Recent discoveries about wild chimpanzees have dramatically reshaped our understanding of these great apes and their kinship with humans. We now know that chimpanzees not only have genomes similar to our own but also plot political coups, wage wars over territory, pass on cultural traditions to younger generations, and ruthlessly strategize for resources, including sexual partners. In *The New Chimpanzee*, Craig Stanford challenges us to let apes guide our inquiry into what it means to be human.

With wit and lucidity, Stanford explains what the past two decades of chimpanzee field research has taught us about the origins of human social behavior, the nature of aggression and communication, and the divergence of humans and apes from a common ancestor. Drawing on his extensive observations of chimpanzee behavior and social dynamics, Stanford adds to our knowledge of chimpanzees' political intelligence, sexual power plays, violent ambition, cultural diversity, and adaptability.

The New Chimpanzee portrays a complex and even more humanlike ape than the one Jane Goodall popularized more than a half century ago. It also sounds an urgent call for the protection of our nearest relatives at a moment when their survival is at risk.

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Dave Clarke says

fascinating stuff ... a well written update on all that is current in the study of the Chimpanzee in the wild, and how it links into our own pre-history, with the gradual acceptance that they (chimpanzee's) have culture, and the implications for this, along with a re-cap of some of the more important studies across Africa ...

Judith says

A clear, concise, and easily understandable summary of what field research has shown us about the chimpanzees---which is quite a lot and also demonstrates that different groups of chimps do differ socially and culturally. For example, while different bands use tools, not all use the same tools or accomplish the tasks in the same way. Males and females may use different tools even within a band. Hunting is primarily done by males, as a group activity, though females have been observed hunting very small animals on their own. In short, chimps are different from one another--and from us. Research has shown how unlikely chimps can be used to conjecture life, culture, and tool use by early humans.
