

The bioarchaeology of classical Kamarina : life and death in Greek Sicily (/review/10.5860/CHOICE.198911)

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Weaver (art, Univ. of Pittsburgh) deftly integrates biological and archaeological evidence while exploring ancient health, demography, relatedness, burial customs, social status, and religious beliefs at the fifth-third century BCE necropolis of Passo Marinaro in Kamarina, Sicily. This is forward-thinking, holistic, anthropological research, a welcome addition to classical studies, which often separates biological and archaeological data. The author presents a powerful narrative while also illustrating that solid bioarchaeology can be conducted with poorly preserved skeletons that were excavated 30 years ago. Extensive notes are meant for both experts (by providing greater detail on certain points) and novices (offering definitions and pointing to other sections of the book where a topic has been introduced). In sum, this is another important book for specialists and students, building on other strong bioarchaeological work as part of the "Bioarchaeological Interpretations of the Human Past" series edited by Clark Spencer Larsen. Weaver presents a rich, vivid description of culture and life in Greek Sicily that is grounded in empirical data.

Summing Up: Essential. All academic levels/libraries.

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Recommendation: Essential

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