

Cover disc

Brush up on your historical knowledge with Hutchinson's History Reference Suite then take a virtual stroll around southern Scotland courtesy of Eye2Eye. And for any amateur photographers out there, our third program, PhotoArtMaster Classic, is a godsend



The Hutchinson History Reference Suite

EXCLUSIVE FULL PROGRAM

Hutchinson's History Reference Suite holds a wealth of information, allowing you to search through six different reference books relating to international history. Once you've used the Contents or Search tabs to find the topic of your choice, you're presented not only with information on that topic but also links to other connected pages on the CD.

Your scope for searching extends to historical characters, buildings and all manner of events - from the migrations of primitive man to the Vietnam War.

Six of the best

The six different reference titles on the CD can be opened and closed individually to limit or expand your search. Struggling with a speech or

birthday idea? Consult *The Helicon Book of Days* to find out what's happened through history on a certain date.

By using other books you can search for events that happened up to two and a half million years ago or look for biographical information on people of particular interest. Searches can be narrowed across all the reference material by selecting a certain theme, such as oriental history, and looking for the content that is most relevant to that subject.

Quote me happy

One appealing feature is the appearance of quotes on the page - both by and about people you're investigating. This helps give an insight into who they were. Of course,

you can make good use of these pearls of wisdom, whether in a homework essay or around the dinner table.

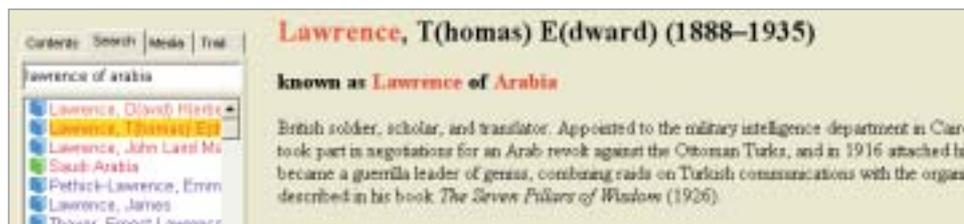
The Media option allows you to find related pictures and there's valuable notes at the end of most pages with suggestions on books for further reading. A nice touch is the occasional appearance of 'Did you know?' boxes, offering facts and points of interest about historical characters. Links to related websites, chosen for their reliability and relevance, often appear in the corner, enabling you to expand your investigation.

Hutchinson's History Reference Suite is ideal for those who wish to dip into the past merely for interest's sake, but there are also essays for those who want to investigate further.

A more lighthearted feature is the quiz that can be set at a level to suit your abilities. You receive a score each time you complete it, so you can compare scores with other family members or see how your knowledge improves over time. ■

Right: find related pictures, such as this decorative piano on display in the Mozart Museum in Salzburg, under the Media tab

Below: search for historical figures either under their real name or a well-known nickname



To install: 95 98 Me NT 2000 XP

The Hutchinson History Reference Suite

The software should autorun when you click Install on the CD menu. If not, go to Start, Run. Type D:\setup.exe (where D is the letter of your CD-ROM drive). Note that the disc must remain in the drive while the software is in use.

System requirements

Pentium PC; Windows 95/98/Me/NT/2000/XP; 8MB RAM; 5MB hard disk space



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SecureClean Scanner

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Eye2Eye South Scotland

Why go to south Scotland when this gorgeous region can come to you? It's all very well gleaning info from travel brochures to see what a potential holiday destination is like, but none offer such a comprehensive overview of local areas as this excellent Eye2Eye program. It's also a great first stop for those of you interested in investigating areas of Scotland that you're unlikely ever to visit, making this program the best in armchair tourism for the consummate couch potato.

Eye2Eye couldn't be easier to install or navigate. Once you've chosen a place of interest you can view images taken in the area. Believe us, when you're looking out on to a rain-soaked Tottenham Court Road, south Scotland has never looked more beautiful.



PhotoArtMaster Classic 1.5

FULL PROGRAM

PhotoArtMaster Classic 1.5 is a versatile package that will appease first-time users of photo-editing software. If you've recently purchased a digital camera and want to manipulate your images, or you want to edit classic artwork to see if you can do any better, then PhotoArtMaster is a great option.

With an amazing array of tools and features, this program has been designed to help photographers

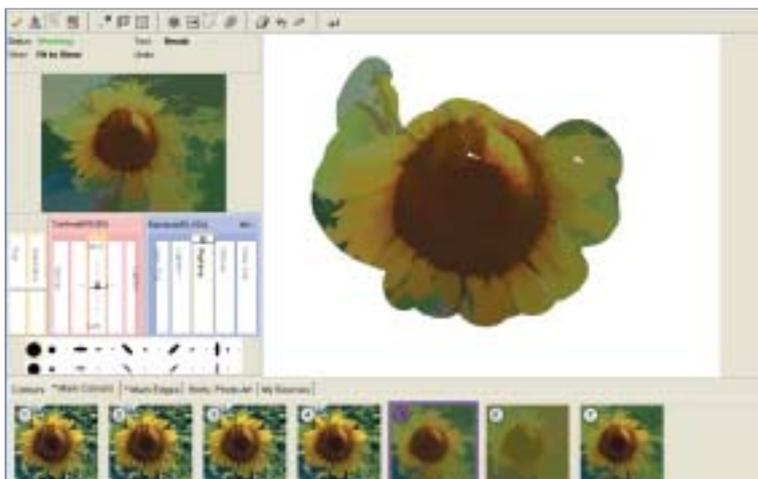
explore the new and fun idea of turning images and scans into eye-catching artwork. We were particularly impressed with the way Fo2PiX opted for source templates to make the end-user's job easier.

These sources comprise sketches, monochrome and colour palettes, under-paintings and highlights - in fact, there are over 47 sources to choose from. If anything catches your eye, simply click on it and it'll load into

the central window where you can add further editing.

Think you can outdo the masters? Then import your image to the Studio Editor screen and mix an array of artistic styles to create your own masterpiece.

PhotoArtMaster also uses some ground-breaking technology that simplifies digital photographs without loss of quality or blurring so your images stay looking good when you're finished. The result is a slick package that'll have you building perfect images in no time at all.



To install:

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PhotoArtmaster Classic 1.5

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Windows 98/Me/2000/XP; 256MB RAM; 500MB hard disk space (needed for processing the images, not for storing the application)

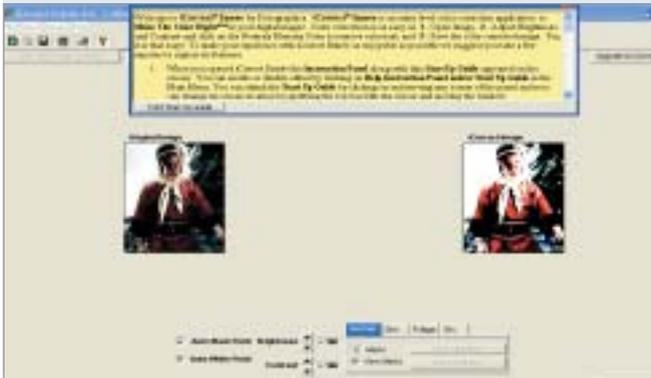


iCorrect Entrée

If you're not the best digital photographer in the world you'll probably find that a lot of the snaps you take need a bit of post-shot editing. Not to fear, this smart program gives you the right colour on your digital images quicker than you can say "cheese".

You don't have to rely on time-consuming editing tools because everything is done for you using iCorrect's own colour-correcting technology. Open up your chosen image and the software automatically adjusts brightness, contrast, colour casts. It can even correct common reference colours.

Simply register at www.colourconfidence.com/pcadvisor to obtain the serial number required for installation.

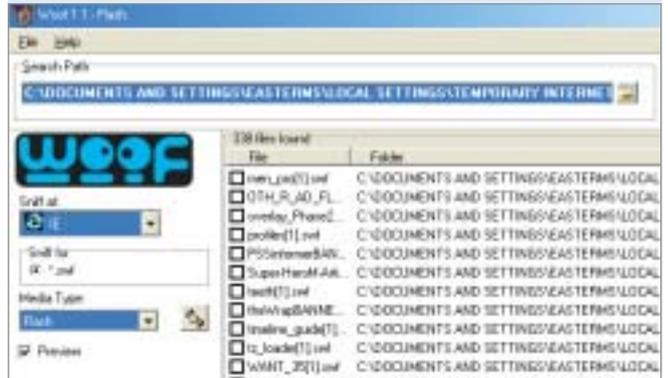


Woof 1.1

Woof is the Flash file bloodhound. It searches your local drives, Netscape or Internet Explorer looking for Flash files, Real Audio files and Jpegs to fetch, then bounds back to lay them at your feet.

Whether you want to watch, use or delete them, Woof will sniff out the Flash files on your system or on a particular website and collate them all in one list, leaving you to do as you will. It's easy to use - just click and watch the list grow as the little files are ferreted out.

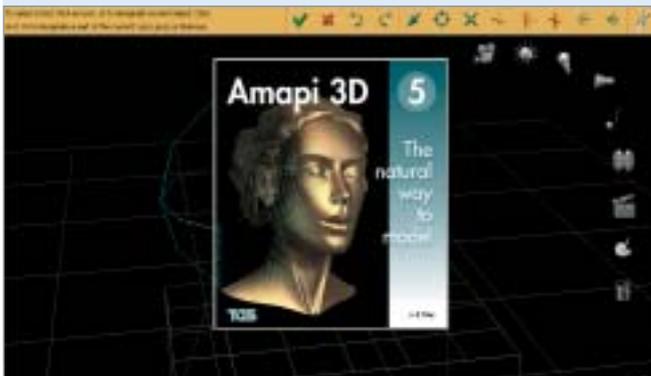
There's even a preview screen so you can watch the documents appear in the window and choose which ones to keep and which ones to erase.



Amapi 3D 4.0

You may think that 3D-computer modelling is an activity reserved for highly qualified graphics pros, but Eovia want you to think again. Amapi puts powerful modelling tools in the hands of enthusiastic hobbyists and complete amateurs thanks to its icon-driven, easy-to-use menu system. Your workspace is a reference grid that can be rotated to any angle so your wireframe or shaded 3D models can be manipulated with absolute precision. You can build, work on and edit pretty much any 3D object that takes your fancy.

Simply register your version of Amapi at www.eovia.com/europe/pcadvisor. It's also worth checking out the stunning artwork at www.eovia.com/community/user_profile.jsp.



Driver Wizard 1.0

This handy little utility will prove invaluable for anyone who wants to keep up with the latest driver releases and is very simple to use. You'll be hard-pushed to find a more comprehensive pool of drivers on the web. Once you've registered your details at <http://pcadvisor.drivermagic.com>, searching takes a matter of seconds. Driver Wizard instantly identifies all of your PC's required device drivers and enables you to download them quickly without spending hours trawling the web. Also included is Norman AntiVirus, offering you the latest virus updates for three months.

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The prize

The Kodak EasyShare DX6440 is this month's Best Buy in our Top 10 Beginner digital camera chart on page 268, and deservedly so.

It may not be quite pocket sized, but the Kodak DX6440's specification and performance mean it streaks past the other chart contenders. Its crisp, vibrant images would make many intermediate cameras proud and crucially, for a point-and-shoot model, the DX6440's shutter reacts quickly when the button is pressed, so you don't have to worry about missing all-important split-second moments - the CCD takes just a second to respond.

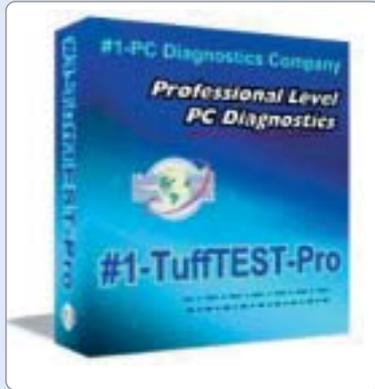


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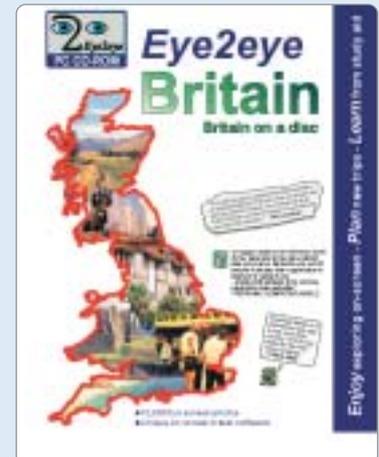
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Whatever your theory of evolution - and there are many to choose from - the idea that we are descended from apes is more plausible than most. And there's plenty of scientific evidence to back up our humble primate beginnings.

December's exclusive DVD video is the entire first episode of the BBC's *Walking With Cavemen* series. A fascinating recreation of our early origins, this informative and entertaining programme offers an insight into our development, starting as far back as four million years ago in east Africa when apes first walked on two legs.

Using a variety of filmmaking tricks to bring the subject to life, *Walking with Cavemen* offers vivid, moving images portraying the life of primitive man. The panning shots of their surroundings are breathtaking. Coupled with the

dramatic soundtrack and objective narrative, this DVD makes for unique and unmissable viewing.

Blame it on the ancestors

The narrator, moustachioed anthropologist Professor Robert Winston, literally walks among the apes and cavemen, treading the path of evolution with our ancestors. The constant presence of Prof Winston helps to keep you focused on the fact that the hairy ape-like creatures you're watching on the screen are portrayals of early humans.

Occasionally he interacts with them, perhaps picking one up or joining them as they go about their everyday tasks. At times it feels not unlike watching a wildlife programme - which is essentially what it is, with actors replacing the savannah wildcats.

Another feature that *Walking With Cavemen* has in common with popular wildlife programmes is beautiful

photography. There are stunning shots of both the plains and the rainforests that at some time were home to primitive man. Time-lapse photography of the natural world is also often used to dramatic effect.

High-tech help

Computers play an important part in the video, recreating both prehistoric creatures and effects. Geological events are demonstrated in 3D showing, for instance, how the movement of the tectonic plates of the Earth shaped the continents and led to climatic changes.

The video gives us a glimpse of how we might have lived all those years ago and you cannot help but spot some very human traits among the apes. Clever acting also evokes a distinctly human feel - a sign that the beings we're watching have begun to distinguish themselves from the rest of the animal kingdom. ☒

Far right: computer imagery is used to fantastic effect

Right: the programme gives us a unique insight into how primitive man might have lived

Below: beautiful photography renders images of the natural spaces that were primitive humans' homes



To install:

Please note that the video and software are on separate sides on the DVD. You'll need to turn over the disc in your drive to access all the content. To watch the video, load your desktop DVD player and press Play to bring up the chapter menu. To load the PC Advisor software interface, follow these instructions.

Go to Start, Run. Then type D:\master.exe (where D is the letter of your DVD drive). Or go to Start, Programs, Windows Explorer to locate the relevant EXE file. Follow the onscreen instructions to install the program you want. Please read the licence and any Read Me files for any special instructions that may relate to the individual products.

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Far left: despite their alien exterior, distinctly human attitudes are discernable in the creatures on screen

Left: these prehistoric apes could be your ancestors

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