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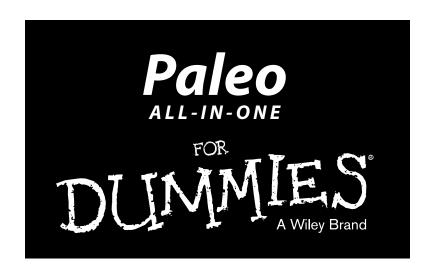
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Introduction

ny Paleo aficionado will agree that your Paleo journey starts with food. Discovering the "yes" and "no" Paleo foods, converting your kitchen into a primal one, and creating your own Paleo meals can help you lose weight, boost immunity, fight aging, heal conditions, and perform better.

But living Paleo isn't a "diet" in the traditional sense but a way of thinking about health and fitness — one that's based on eating and moving like your ancestors did. This means loading up on some foods and avoiding others. It also means heavy lifting, sprinting, and other movements that the conveniences of modern day have made largely irrelevant.

Whenever someone comes along with a "new and exciting" exercise program, it's generally all wrong. When it comes to fitness, a new way of doing something is rarely a better way of doing something. It's almost invariably the exchange of one nuisance for another. The same is true of what you eat. This book shows you what you need to live a lifestyle that supports your health with all the information, tips, and recipes you need to feel alive, vibrant, and nourished the Paleo way.

About This Book

Adopting the Paleo lifestyle may seem overwhelming at first, so *Paleo All-in-One For Dummies* is organized in a way that makes the benefits of eating and exercising Paleo easy to understand. Use this book as both a reference and a cookbook; if you need to check on whether a food is a Paleo yes or no, you can find that information easily. If you're creating a menu for a dinner party and want to go all Paleo, you can pick your recipes and get to work. If Paleo is new to you, you can start with the foundational information and get to know Paleo superfoods, how Paleo eating can improve how you feel, and how you can get started with a cleansing 30-Day Reset. You can find out exactly what it means to work out Paleo, the benefits you reap from doing so, and all the exercises you need to build a solid workout program. (For good measure, you also get 90 days' worth of workouts to follow.)

Cooking is a big part of the Paleo equation. The recipes in this book will keep you well fed from breakfast through dinner, with healthy snacks in between. Here are some specific recipe-related conventions that apply throughout the book:

- ✓ Temperatures are given in degrees Fahrenheit.
- ✓ All eggs are large unless noted otherwise.
- ✓ All water is filtered so all the toxic elements are removed.
- ✓ All bacon is free of nitrates, casein, gluten, and antibiotics.
- ✓ All pepper is freshly ground black pepper unless otherwise noted.
- ✓ All butter is grass-fed and organic. (If you can't find grass-fed butter, though, you can substitute conventional organic butter.) You may also replace any butter with *ghee* (clarified butter).
- ✓ All salt is unprocessed. Good sources for unprocessed salt include Selina Naturally brand Celtic sea salt (www.celticseasalt.com) and Real Salt brand sea salt (http://realsalt.com).

At the end of many recipes, you'll see a note indicating that the recipe has been vetted by the team at Whole9 (http://whole9life.com) and is considered acceptable for a cleansing 30-day Paleo launch, which in this book is called the 30-Day Reset Paleo cleanse. These recipes don't include any added sugars (real or artificial), grains, legumes, or dairy. They replace butter with clarified butter (ghee). If a recipe includes a processed food (such as chicken broth, bacon, or tomato paste), you should choose brands that don't contain off-limits ingredients such as sugar, soy, additives, or preservatives.

So that this book is as practical as possible (because that's what it's really about, right?), it includes web addresses for sources of products and other information. Some web addresses may break across two lines of text. If you're reading this book in print and want to visit one of these web pages, simply key in the address exactly as it's noted in the text, pretending as though the line break doesn't exist. If you're reading this text as an e-book, you've got it easy — just click the web address to be taken directly to the web page.

Foolish Assumptions

As we wrote this book, we made the following assumptions about you:

- ✓ You want to change your diet, lose weight, improve your fitness, or manage some type of medical condition and have heard about the Paleo diet.
- ✓ You want to stop eating processed and unhealthy foods to feel younger, healthier, happier, and more vibrant.

- ✓ You're open to the idea of making lifestyle changes avoiding certain foods, making sleep a priority, reducing stress — to enhance your quality of life.
- ✓ You want to encourage yourself to continue the Paleo lifestyle by finding great-tasting recipes that are easy to make.
- ✓ You're adopting a level of commitment to Paleo that has you craving an all-around useful guidebook that has everything you could possibly need to jump back into your kitchen and into your life.
- ✓ You want to be healthier, leaner, stronger, or more productive. Or perhaps you want to be all of these things.
- ✓ You've tried exercise programs in the past and haven't been satisfied with the results or have been frustrated with the process.
- ✓ You have control over your food choices and those of your family, and you want to help your loved ones enjoy a healthy Paleo lifestyle, too.

Note: We recommend that you get your doctor's approval before beginning any exercise program, whether you're a novice or a veteran to fitness.

Icons Used in This Book

To make this book easier to navigate, the following icons help you find key information about the Paleo lifestyle and Paleo cooking.



This icon indicates practical information that can help you in your quest for improving health and fitness, adopting a Paleo diet, or making one of the recipes.



When you see this icon, you know that the information that follows is important enough to read twice!



This icon highlights information that may be detrimental to your success or physical well-being if you ignore it.



This icon gives you a heads-up that what you're reading is more in-depth or technical than what you need to get a basic grasp on the main topic at hand.

Beyond the Book

In addition to all the material, resources, and recipes you can find in the book you're reading right now, this product also comes with some access-anywhere goodies on the web. Check out the eCheat Sheet at www.dummies.com/cheatsheet/paleoaio for details on Paleo superfoods, ideas for getting your kids to eat their Paleo veggies, and advice for eating Paleo while you're traveling.

You can also go online to see the proper method for performing many of the Paleo exercises included in Book IV. The videos linked to at www.dummies.com/extras/paleoaio show you how to position and move your body correctly, thereby reducing the chance of injury from using the incorrect form. At www.dummies.com/extras/paleoaio, you can also read about supplements that may be beneficial to your health and protein-filled foods that are suitable for packing in your kid's lunchbox.

Where to Go from Here

This book is organized so you can read it in the way that makes the most sense to you; feel free to jump around to the information that's most relevant to you right now. You can use the table of contents to find the broad categories of subjects or use the index to look up specific information.

Do you want to know more about the Paleo superfoods so you can get started on the Paleo path? Start with Chapter 2 of Book I. Feeling hungry and want to get started on the recipes? Feel free to jump right into the recipes in Books II and III. Can't wait to get an exercise high? Book IV has the exercises that will get you there.

And if you're not sure where to begin, read Book I. It gives you the basic information you need to understand why and how eating and living Paleo can help you improve your health and quality of life.

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Chapter 1

Grasping the What and Why of Paleo

In This Chapter

- Explaining the foundations of the Paleo diet and why it works
- ▶ Digging into the scientific foundation of the lifestyle
- ▶ Looking and feeling better by following the Paleo lifestyle
- ▶ Bringing the exercise component into your Paleo program
- ▶ Finding out about the Paleo transformation
- ▶ Being sensible about moving your body

Paleo is the answer. If you've suffered with weight problems or health issues, you're in for a treat. Every aspect of your health improves when you incorporate Paleo principles into your life. Your body starts to transform right before your eyes, and suddenly, your outlook is optimistic.

Your eyes brighten, your skin takes on a completely different sheen, and your wrinkles start to fade. You begin to shed body fat as you watch your stomach get flatter and flatter. Your muscle tone improves, your hair gets silky, your teeth seem stronger. Your mood elevates, and you begin to notice that you feel happier. Your body begins to calm, releasing anxiety and tension. You start to forget what it feels like to have aches and pains, and your entire body seems to lose the bloated feeling it's been carrying around for far too long. You begin to be more than just *present* in life; you begin to start really *living* life. For some, it's the first time in a very long time.

You'd be hard-pressed to find a more excited group of people than those who have transformed their lives to living Paleo. What you find in the pages of this book is an easy-to-follow nutritional blueprint and fitness program that actually exists and works — and when you adopt this plan, everything gets easier.

In this chapter, you discover some foundational Paleo principles, including the answers to questions about how the Paleo diet came to be, the foods that make up the Paleo diet, the science behind Paleo success, and how living Paleo will soon have you looking and feeling better than ever.

Living Paleo takes you from a place of hopelessness to hope. So what are you waiting for? Dig in!

It's a Lifestyle, Not a Diet

Living Paleo takes the mystery out of eating. It's simplicity at its finest, which is one of the reasons eating Paleo foods works well for so many. When you eat simply (but deliciously), you get results.

Many eating plans, programs, and products give you lots of rules and may even require special foods, which makes understanding these plans and staying committed to them even harder. The biggest missing element in other plans is the core ingredient for long-term success — *health*. Most programs don't move you toward health either biologically or behaviorally. If your cells aren't getting healthier and your behavior is expected to change in strict ways only for the short term, the entire purpose is lost. You don't discover how to eat and live for the *rest of your life*.

Paleo is different; Paleo is based on simple, easy-to-understand nutritional principles. Eating Paleo takes away all the confusion and is natural to implement. It's something you can stick with for a long time.



Paleo is the abbreviation for Paleolithic. The Paleo diet refers to foods consumed during the Paleolithic era, the time from about 2.5 million years ago up to 10,000 BC.

A lot of people start the Paleo diet to get a killer body. And living Paleo is a great way to move toward your ideal body, but what most people experience is even more powerful. Living Paleo literally changes their lives for the better. If you've had aches and pains, fatigue, skin issues, menstrual problems, chronic inflammation, digestive complaints, weight gain, depression, fertility problems, autoimmune struggles, diabetes, or cardiovascular disease, you're going to love living Paleo.

The hormone-modulating, anti-inflammatory, nutrient-dense properties of the Paleo lifestyle help regulate all the systems and functions of the body. Your body resets at a higher functioning level, so you'll not only look better eating Paleo, but you'll also feel better. Living Paleo supports the healing and prevention of many chronic diseases. And thanks to the nutrition-packed foods

of the Paleo diet, you start sporting a much stronger cellular system, and with that comes healing and transformation.

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Enjoying foods that make up the Paleo diet

When you think Paleo foods, think grassroots — simple, back-to-nature foods filled with nutrients that bring you back to life. Paleo foods are what you are *designed* to eat. They're the foods that your body digests and absorbs efficiently. Paleo foods have the most positive impact on all the structures and functions of your body.

The foundational Paleo foods include lean meats, seafood, vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, and naturally occurring healthy fats — those that have always been found in animals and plants. Our hunter-gatherer ancestors survived on these foods. In the Paleolithic era, no one planted crops, and no factories churned out industrialized foods. Our ancestors didn't have access to grains, sugars, starches, legumes, dairy, processed foods, or oils — and autopsies show that they were better for it. They may not have had the convenience of a one-minute meal, but our ancestors had far higher levels of health and didn't suffer from the modern-day diseases we do today.

Changes in everyday foods and in food processing have fundamentally altered modern diets. Paleo foods differ nutritionally in several ways, such as their ability to do the following:

- ✓ Balance blood sugar and keep your overall sugar load down
- ✓ Create a favorable fatty-acid balance (omega-6 to omega-3 balance)
- ✓ Balance macronutrients (proteins, fats, and carbohydrates)
- ✓ Provide adequate amounts of trace nutrients (minerals)
- Promote and maintain acid-base balance (how acid and alkaline your blood is)
- ✓ Add robust amounts of fiber to your daily plate (for intestinal health)

The fact that modern-day foods aren't working is rather obvious. People are sicker and fatter than ever and are more confused about what to eat and how to live than in any other time in history. But living Paleo cuts through the confusion and clarifies what foods move you toward health.

When you begin eating Paleo, your body sheds unhealthy cells. You peel away layers of fat; you become leaner, stronger, and healthier.

Taking a cue from our ancestors

Our bodies haven't changed much since before agricultural society. Our body's needs now are similar to what they were during Paleolithic times, before the dawn of agriculture.

Humans have been shaped and molded over a hundred thousand generations. What our bodies were designed to eat then, they are designed to eat now. In other words, our genes are still stuck in the hunter-gatherer's time, even though we're living in the modern world. Our genes simply haven't caught up to the modern-day divergence.

About 10,000 years ago, the birth of *agriculture* changed the way people lived. Hunter-gatherers became attracted to a new way of life based on a routine and settled existence that centered around agriculture and the breeding of animals.

The tidal wave of change happened again a few hundred years ago with the *Industrial Revolution*. The impact that this technological progress has had on human biology is huge. Some of these advancements have provided safety and convenience. But some of these man-made environmental changes have caused a pandemic of human suffering and diseases that were unknown to our ancestors.

Autopsies show that the hunter-gatherers were some of the healthiest people to walk the earth. Using their lifestyle as our template, we can strike a balance between modern-day living and our grassroots beginning.

Living the way we were designed

If you've tried other eating plans and haven't been successful long term or if you've been trying to get well and are making little headway, you're probably carrying the wrong road map. Here's why: The missing link is probably that you're not eating the foods that you're *designed* to eat or living the lifestyle you're designed to live.

Our genes have changed very little since Paleolithic times. In fact, according to medical anthropologist S. Boyd Eaton, MD, 99.99 percent of our genes were formed before the development of agriculture. This is big. That means that our hunter-gatherer ancestors programmed our genes. How they ate is our nutritional blueprint, how they moved is the blueprint for our physiology, and how they lived is the blueprint for the lifestyle we should strive to lead.

You don't need to live life as a science experiment, trying to reenact everything our ancestors did or see the world through Paleo goggles. You just need to understand how your genes were programmed and try to model that as closely as you can. When you model the Paleo lifestyle, your struggles will be greatly reduced.

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As humans, our bodies are the result of an optimal design that has been shaped and molded by nature. To look and feel your absolute best, you have to do what it's designed to do. *Paleo All-in-One For Dummies* is your reference guide to show you how to live according to your nature.

Living Paleo is about getting you healthy. When your cells are healthy, everything falls into place. You feel better, look better, and lose weight. What makes Paleo different from everything else is that the nutrient-dense foods are just one piece of the puzzle. The way you live *outside* of the kitchen has as much to do with how you look and feel as the foods you eat.

Traditional diets provide food rules, and that's where they end. You follow the rules, hope to get results, and hope that the results stick. This pattern is often the recipe for disappointment and frustration because eventually the rules stop and your life takes over. You haven't made lifestyle changes that support lasting results.

Paleo considers why you eat, when you eat, how you eat, and other factors in your life that influence how you feel, such as amount and quality of sleep, stress levels, sunlight, movement, supplementation, and your thoughts. It's a lifelong change that's fairly simple to make and has lasting, positive consequences, unlike a diet that's meant as a short-term solution to lose a few pounds, which ultimately leads to frustration and hopelessness.

In the end, your habits and patterns are responsible for how you look and feel. Living Paleo gives you the lifestyle patterns and strategies that go well beyond a flash-in-the-pan diet. You figure out how to make the lifestyle changes that have lasting, positive effects.



Genetically, you can live for 120 years. The key is creating healthy lifestyle patterns so your body expresses health and vitality and doesn't express disease or obesity. That's what living Paleo is all about.

Glimpsing the Science Behind the Lifestyle

Yes, the excitement and results of living Paleo are awesome. But knowing that some of the most respected leaders in the field, as well as some of the most brilliant researchers, have found evidence for why Paleo foods and Paleo living work well is a great reassurance.

Here are some facts from leading Paleolithic researchers S. Boyd Eaton, MD, and M. Konner, PhD, cited in the *New England Journal of Medicine* ("Paleolithic nutrition: a consideration of its nature and current implications." 1985: N. Eng. J. Med. 321, 283–289):

- ✓ "The human genetic constitution has changed relatively little in the past 40,000 years."
- ✓ "The development of agriculture 10,000 years ago has had a minimal influence on our genes."
- "The Industrial Revolution, agribusiness, and modern food-processing techniques have occurred too recently to have any evolutionary effect at all."
- "Physicians and nutritionists are increasingly convinced that the dietary habits adopted by Western society over the past 100 years make an important etiologic contribution to coronary heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, and some types of cancer."
- "These conditions have emerged as dominant health problems only in the past century and are virtually unknown among the few surviving hunter-gatherer populations whose way of life and eating habits most closely resemble pre-agricultural human beings."

Here's some compelling research from Dr. Loren Cordain (*The Paleo Diet* [Wiley]), professor in the Health and Exercise Science Department at Colorado State University and one of the top global researchers in the area of evolutionary medicine:

- ✓ "DNA evidence shows genetically humans have hardly changed at all (to be specific, the human genome has changed less than 0.02% in 40,000 years)."
- "Nature determined what our bodies needed thousands of years before civilization developed, before people started farming and raising livestock."
- "In other words, built into our genes is a blueprint for optimal nutrition a plan that spells out the foods that make us healthy, lean, and fit." (The *blueprint* is Paleo foods.)

Finally, Rainer J Klement and Ulrike Kämmerer discuss the striking benefits and prevention of cancer with a Paleo diet in *Nutrition & Metabolism* ("Is there a role for carbohydrate restriction in the treatment and prevention of cancer." October 2011. 8[75]):