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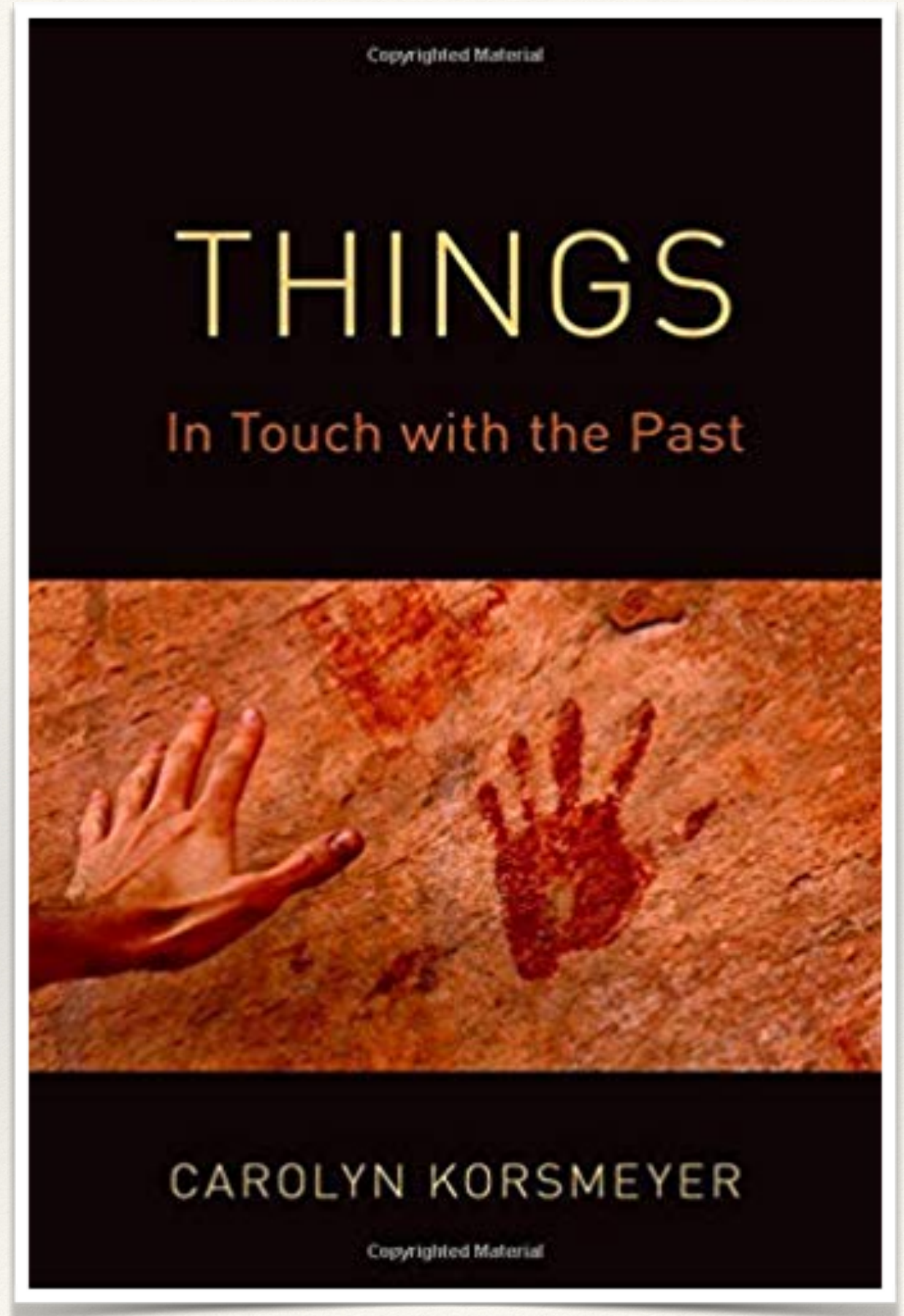
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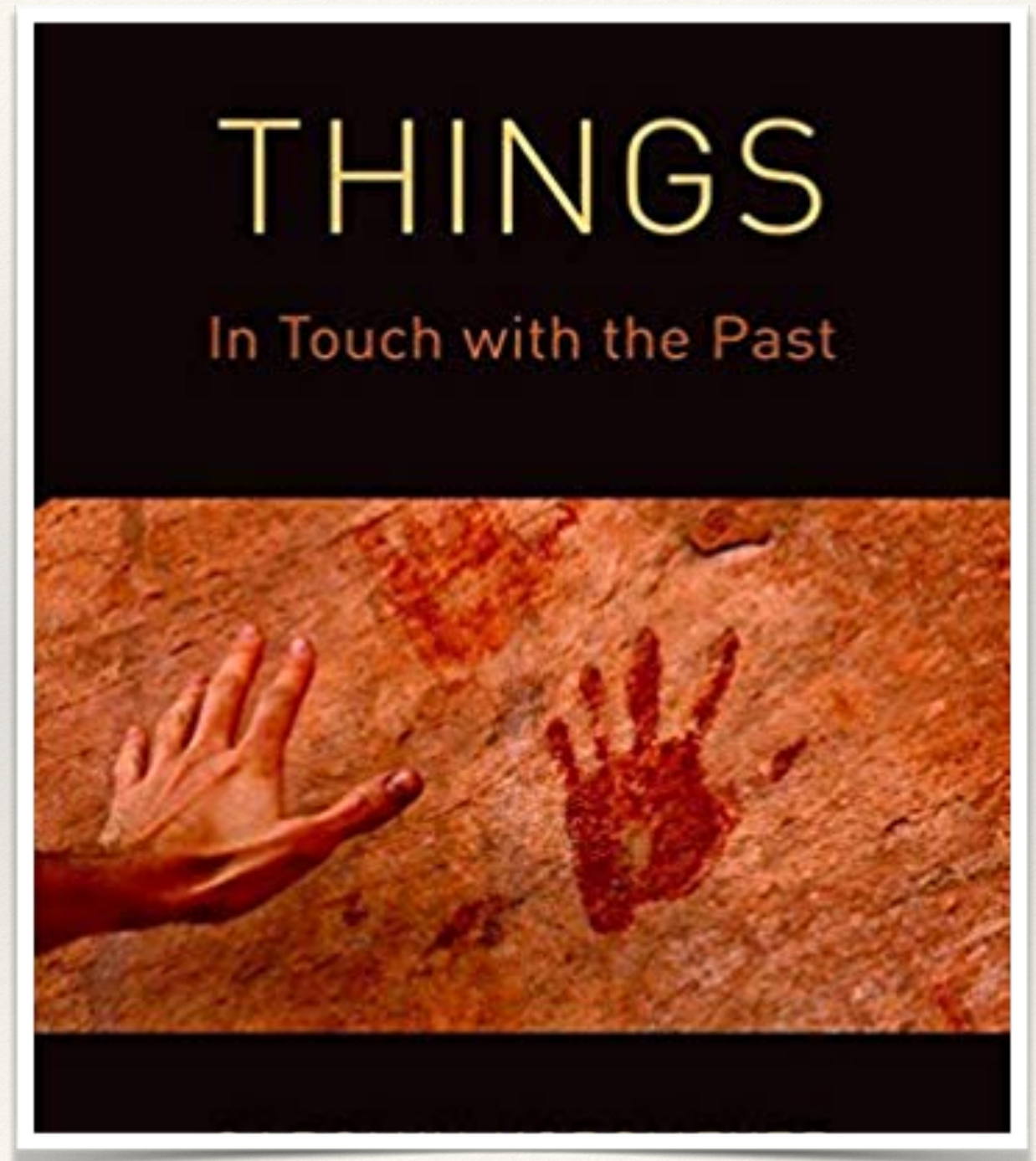


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- ❖ Touch
- ❖ Harm
- ❖ Persistence Through Time





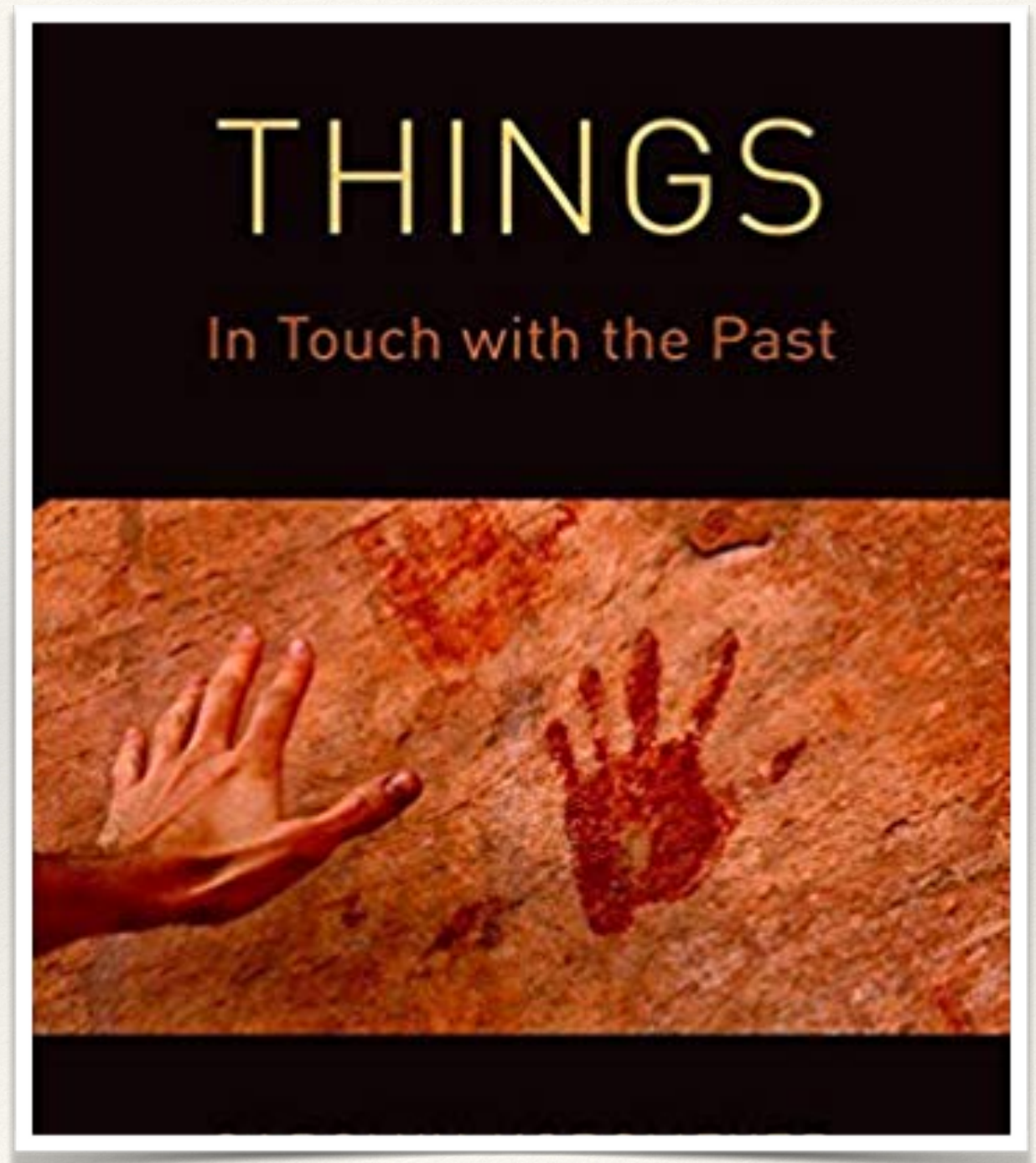
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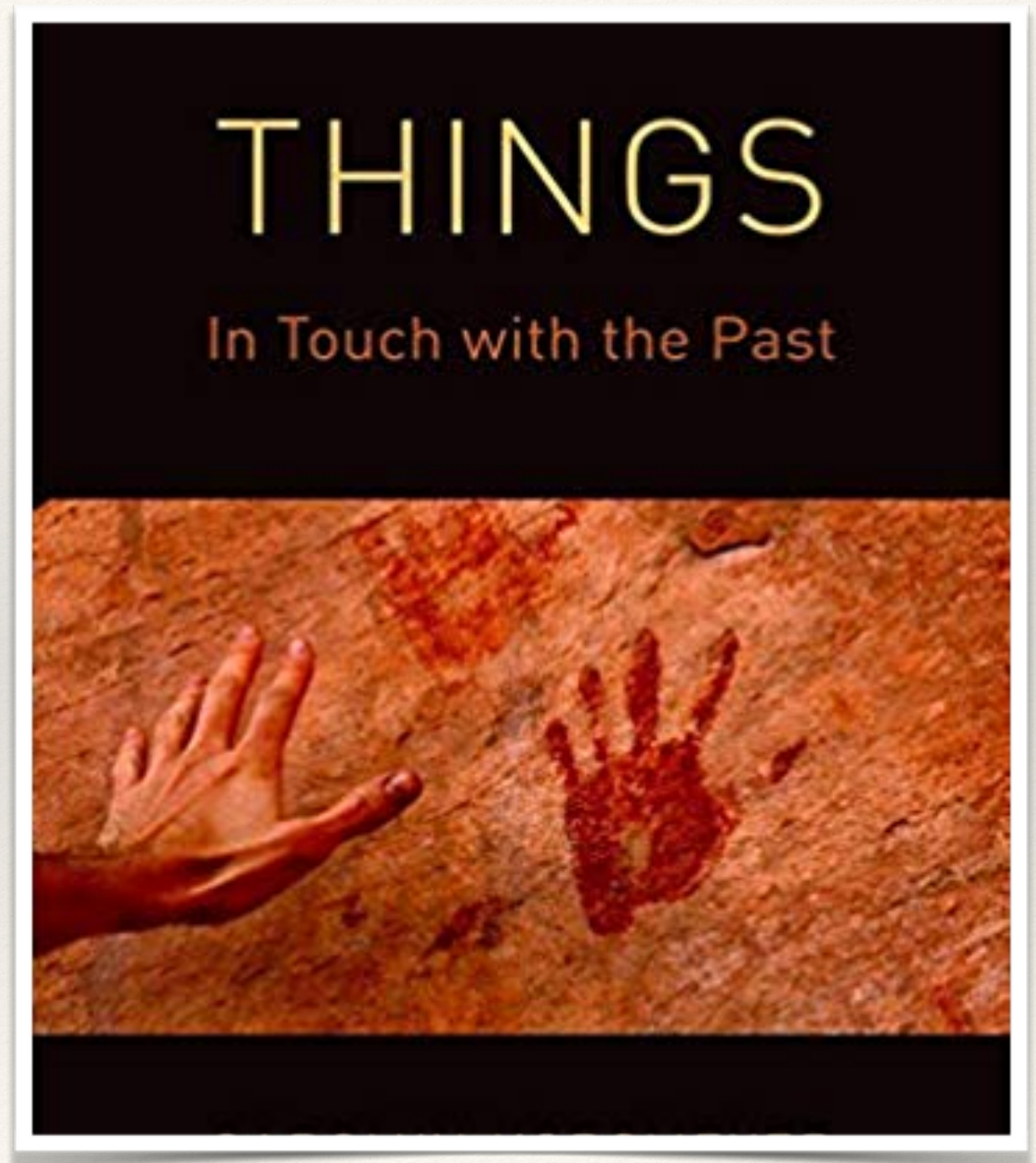
- natural objects (amber, trees)
- discrete artifact objects  
(vanilla, books, jewelry, relics,  
houses, skeletons)
- places (battlefields, Old Town  
Warsaw, memorial sites)





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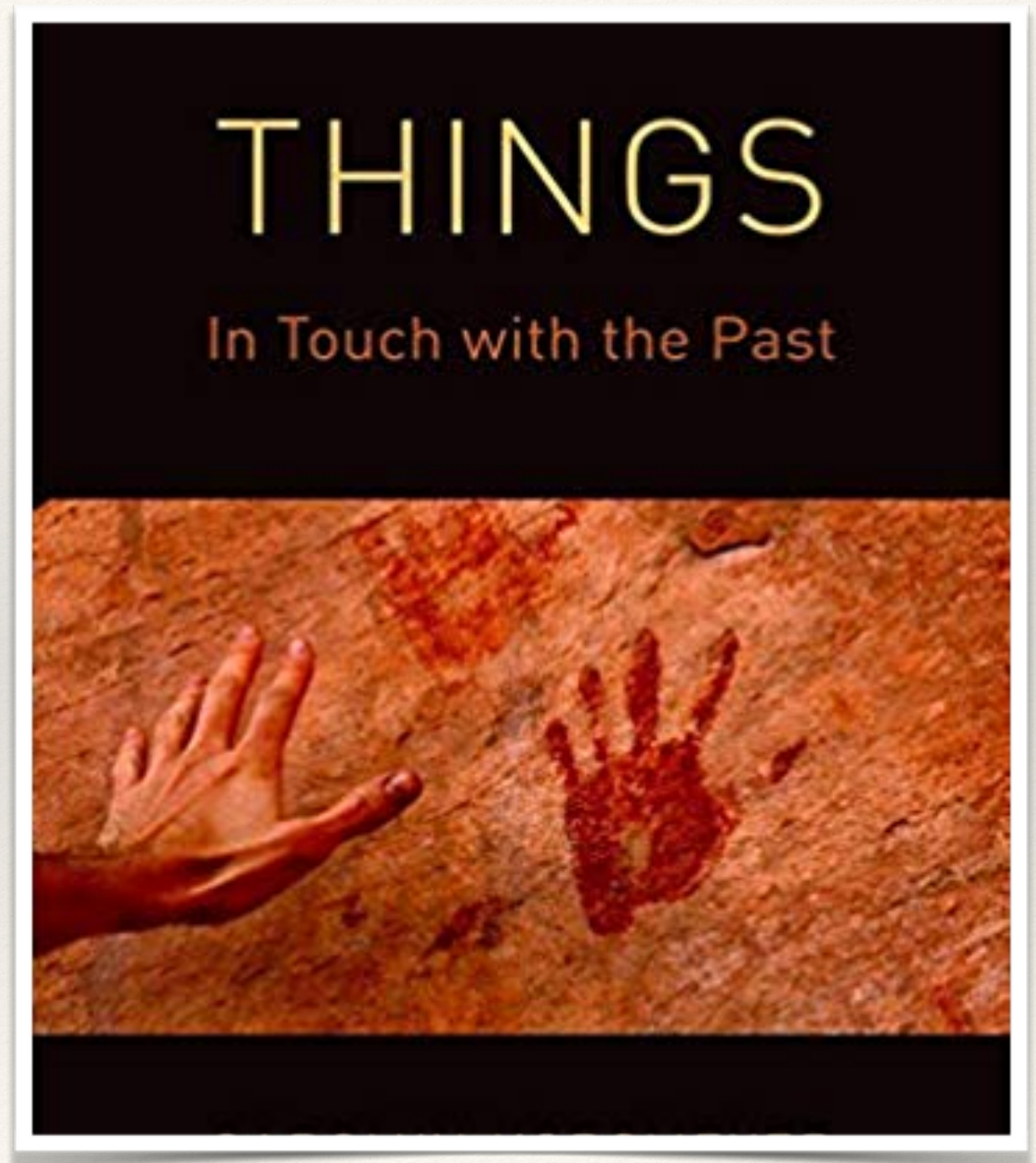
**“The trek is not for the claustrophobic or for those very afraid of the dark. Despite the strange atmosphere, there is a strong sense that one treads the path of others...the physical awareness of having made a journey to a special place is intense. You are there; and you have come upon the ancient past by dint of your own bodily effort and movement – striding, slipping, grabbing the occasional guide-rope for stability, ...No replication, however exact, for cave walls and their images, reproduces this kind of trek into the mountains.”**





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“Part of it is a culture clash. In the West, we are very fetishistic about originality. We want to touch the object that the master touched....For people in other parts of the world, the role of objects is not to somehow through the object itself bring you close to history. It is a visual cue that provides memories of history. The history and heritage reside in the mind.”

**-Roger Michel**

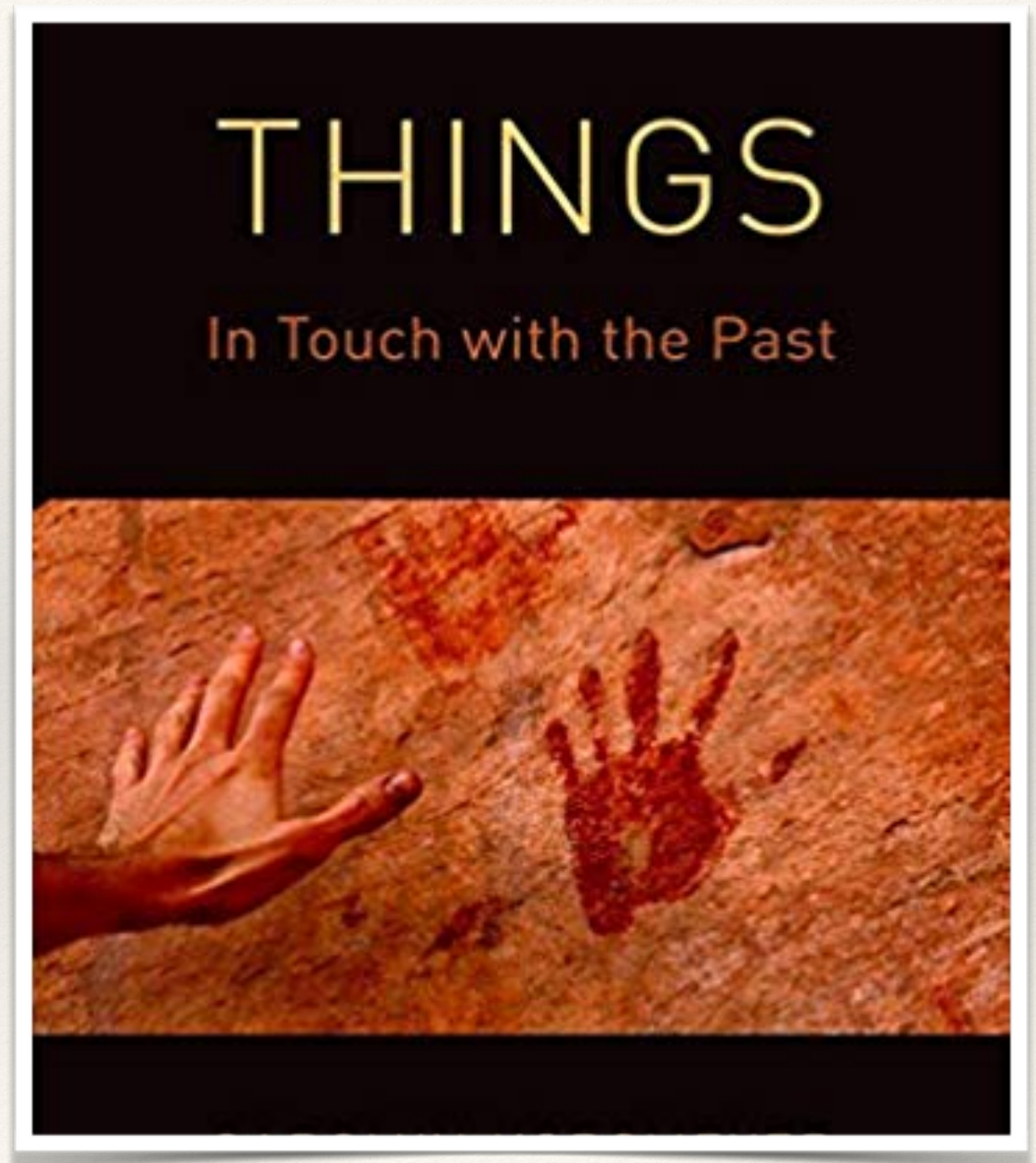




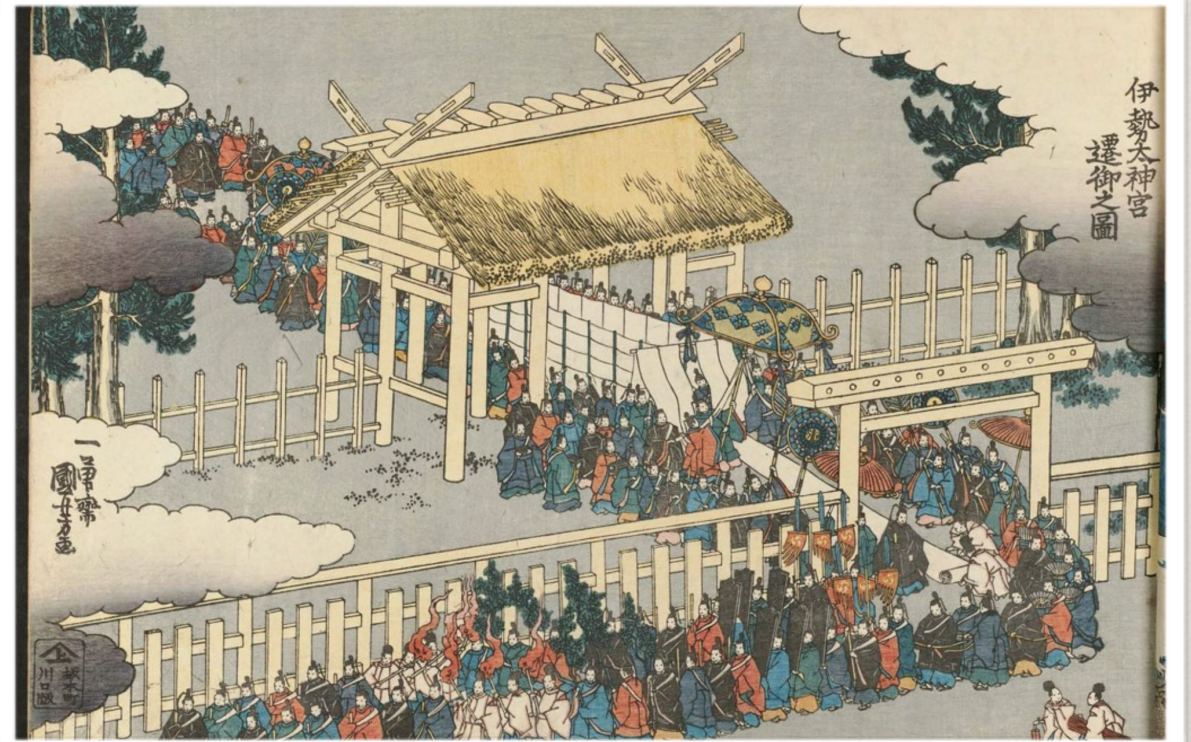


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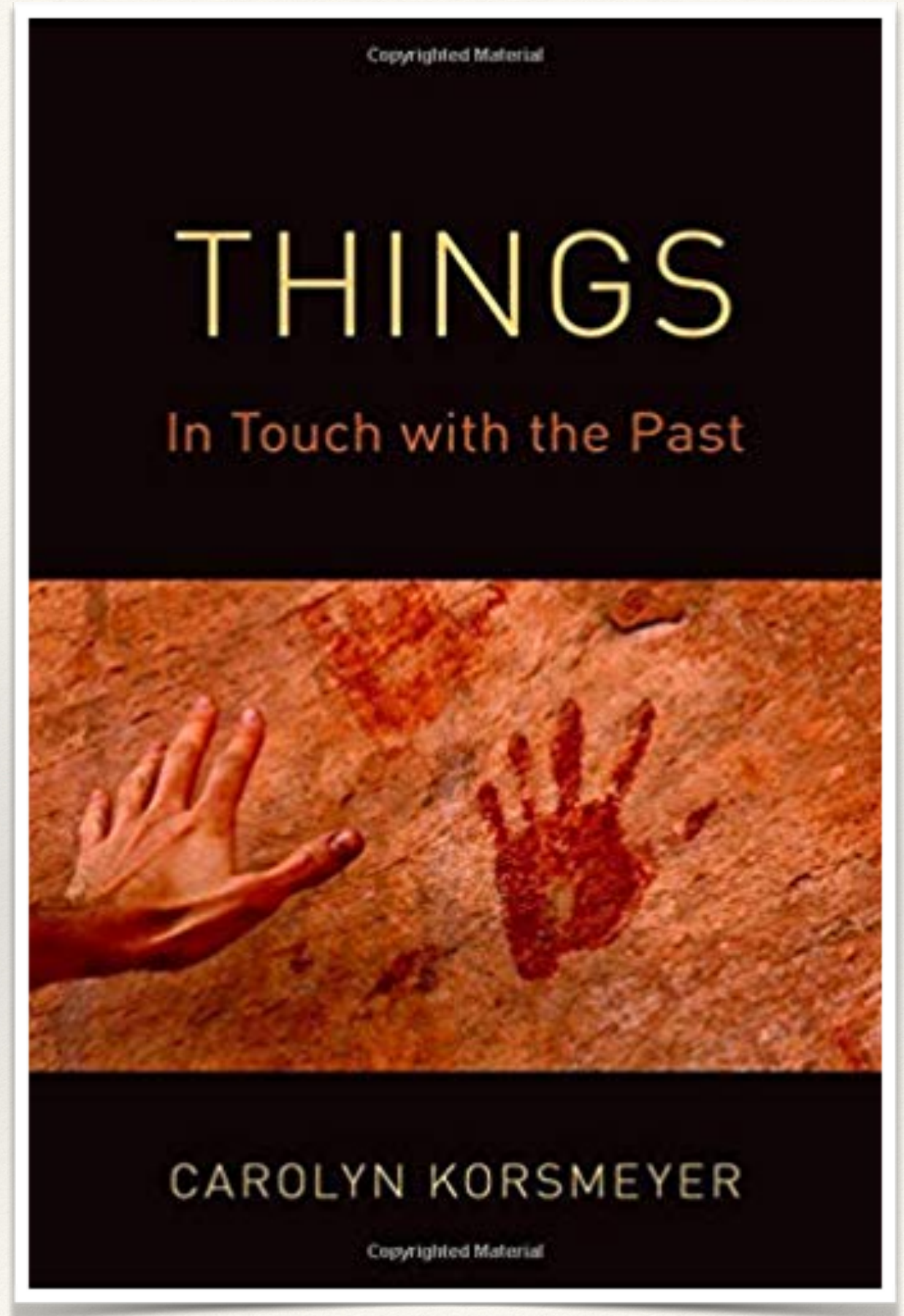
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