Envisioning Cahokia: A Landscape Perspective

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The massive earthen mounds of ancient Cahokia in southwestern Illinois form the largest habitation site of prehistoric times in the United States. Cahokia Mounds was a city at the crossroads of major trade routes, an urban center of the first order, and the wealthiest native American city of its time. Cahokia reached its peak about 1050 CE. In less than a century, the mounds were abandoned and the Cahokian culture disappeared. This book draws on recent archaeological research to trace the development of Cahokia from its origins to its demise.