## Contents

List of figures List of tables Preface		page viii
		ix
		xi
1	Introduction	1
2	If chimps could talk	18
3	Fossils and what they tell us	33
4	Group size and settlement	53
5	Teaching, sharing and exchange	70
6	Origins of language and symbolism	90
7	Elementary structures of kinship	111
8	A new synthesis	128
9	Conclusions	145
Glossary		152
References		163
Index		179