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Guinea were the subject of classic ethnographies and fresh studies in recent decades have put these rich and complex cultures at the centre of anthropological debates Flamboyant sexual practices such as ritual homosexuality have attracted particular interest In the first general book on the region Dr Knauff reaches striking new comparative conclusions through a careful ethnographic analysis of sexuality the status of women ritual and cosmology political economy and violence among the region's seven major language culture areas The findings suggest new Melanesian regional contrasts and provide for a general critique of the way regional comparisons are constructed in anthropology Theories of practice and political economy as well as post modern insights are drawn upon to provide a generative theory of indigenous social and symbolic development

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Honor and Grace in Anthropology John George Peristiany,J. G. Peristiany,Julian Pitt-Rivers,2005-02-17

This collection of essays develops a line of thought in anthropology which was opened in the 1960s by the editors and some of the same contributors in *Honor and Shame The Values of a Mediterranean Society* The essays half of them historical and half contemporary deal with different aspects of honour and grace and the strategies and transactions by which they can be obtained

Social Reproduction and History in Melanesia Robert John Foster, 1995-04-27 In much of Melanesia the process of social reproduction unfolds as a lengthy sequence of mortuary rites feast making and gift giving through which the living publicly define their social relations with each other while at the same time commemorating the deceased In this study Robert J Foster constructs an ethnographic account of mortuary rites in the Tanga Islands Papua New Guinea placing these large scale feasts and ceremonial exchanges in their historical context and demonstrating how the effects of participation in an expanding cash economy have allowed Tangans to conceive of the rites as customary in opposition to the new and foreign practices of business His examination synthesizes two divergent trends in Melanesian anthropology by emphasizing both the radical differences between Melanesian and Western forms of sociality and the conjunction of Melanesian and Western societies brought about by colonialism and capitalism

Identity Through History Geoffrey M. White, 1991 For people who live in small communities transformed by powerful outside forces narrative accounts of culture contact and change create images of collective identity through the idiom of shared history How may we understand the processes that make such accounts compelling for those who tell them Why do some narratives acquire a kind of mythic status as they are told and retold in a variety of contexts and genres *Identity Through History* attempts to explain how identity formation developed among the people of Santa Isabel in the Solomon Islands who were victimised by raiding headhunters in the nineteenth century and then embraced Christianity around the turn of the century Making innovative use of work in psychological and historical anthropology Geoffrey White shows how these significant events were crucial to the community's view of itself in shifting social and political circumstances

The Abandoned Narcotic Ron Brunton, 1989 In this book Ron Brunton attempts to explain the strange geographical distribution of kava a narcotic drink once widely consumed by south west Pacific islanders

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