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History

Germans in Samoa: 1860 – 1914 / Kasia Renae Cook
Apia, Samoa: The Samoa Historical and Cultural Trust, 2023
xvi, 270p.
9798987077610
\$ 110.00 / PB
775gm.

In the nineteenth century, the Navigator Islands of Samoa became the home of thousands of German immigrants looking for a better life. From runaway or shipwrecked sailors to planters, missionaries, and mail-order brides, each individual had a story and a unique influence in the islands. The infrastructure built by German engineers, architects, and government employees from 1900 to 1914, during which time Upolu and Savaii were colonized by Germany, became the foundation on which modern Samoa currently stands. Many others made economic, scientific, or agricultural contributions which continue to impact the islands and the wider world today. Perhaps the most influential legacies left by these immigrants are their families. From Samoa to New Zealand, Australia, the United States, and Europe, tens of thousands of individuals around the world today proudly claim German-Samoan heritage because of this history. While many were repatriated to Germany after the First World War, the impact of Germans in Samoa remains. This book is their story.

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Linguistics

Upega o fetalaiga ma lona Vaotalatala / Tusia: Ti'a Togituvila Tony Taulapapa
Samoa: Self-Publish, 2023
74p.
In Samoan
\$ 35.00 / PB
220gm.

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Literature

Our Heritage, the Ocean: Against the Flow: The Samoa observer Tusitala Short Stories / (Ed)
Stephanie Wynne
Apia, Samoa: Samoa Observer, 2019
157p.

9789829813084
\$ 50.00/ PB
220gm.

This anthology is Volume Four of a series that presents the best entries in the Tusitala Short Story Competition, an annual regional contest organized by the Samoa Observer. Set in past, present and future locations around the Pacific, these stories come from novice writers and accomplished published authors, from university students and retirees, from tiny remote island locations to large Pacific Rim cities. Some tales explore the flimsy line between dreams, memories and reality, while in others inner voices are used to inspire or limit narrators' actions. The yarns range from dark tales of incest, child molestation and brutal rape to happy accounts of true love prevailing and families reunited.

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Our Heritage, the Ocean: Letter to My Father: The Samoa observer Tusitala Short Stories / (Ed) Stephanie Wynne

Apia, Samoa: Samoa Observer, 2020
230p.

9789821010900
\$ 50.00/ PB
355gm.

The annual Samoa Observer Tusitala Short Story Competition offers an opportunity for the voices of writers from around the region to be heard.

In this collection of the finalists' stories, the fifth in the series, the stories' main protagonists include, among others, a mute Samoan five year old boy, an elderly Korean man, an unschooled Tuamotuan teenager, a confident Maori mother, a blind Fijian grandmother, and a cat!

The settings are equally diverse: the reader travels from a remote farm in Kawhia to a cyclone in Apia Harbour in the 19th century, from the veranda of a Sydney holiday home to a Pago Pago prison, and from a hospital ward in Port Moresby to under Mangere Bridge in Auckland.

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