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Suva: Institute of Applied Sciences, University of the South  
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### **History**

50 Glimpses of Fiji : A Literary Portrait of The People and  
Places / Daryl Tarte

Suva: Pacific Studies Press, 2020

viii, 204p.

9789829820716

\$ 50.00/ PB

278gm.

This is not a literature review or a survey of scholarly articles. In this publication, renowned author, Daryl Tarte, who has published several other books on Fiji, rhetorically takes some of Fiji's most famous studies that captures history, experiences, discoveries, biographies, culture, tradition and religion that have been published into books by academics, researchers and

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His attempts to succinctly reframe them by providing a new perspective and understanding in the past 200 years of Fiji's history.

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A Fijian Reading of Bharati Mukherjee /Kamala Lakshmi Naiker

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They Said / Sam Lala

Suva: Pacific Studies Press, 2020

184p.

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## **Politics**

Framing the Islands : Power and Diplomatic Agency in Pacific Regionalism / Greg Frey

Australia/Fiji : ANU Press/Pacific Studies Press, 2021

xviii, 400p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789821011365

Pacific Series

\$ 70.00 / PB  
630gm.

Since its origins in late eighteenth-century European thought, the idea of placing a regional frame around the Pacific islands has never been just an exercise in geographical mapping. This framing has always been a political exercise. Contending regional projects and visions have been part of a political struggle concerning how Pacific islanders should live their lives. *Framing the Islands* tells the story of this political struggle and its impact on the regional governance of key issues for the Pacific such as regional development, resource management, security, cultural identity, political agency, climate change and nuclear involvement. It tells this story in the context of a changing world order since the colonial period and of changing politics within the post-colonial states of the Pacific.

*Framing the Islands* argues that Pacific regionalism has been politically significant for Pacific island states and societies. It demonstrates the power associated with the regional arena as a valued site for the negotiation of global ideas and processes around development, security and climate change. It also demonstrates the political significance associated with the role of Pacific regionalism as a diplomatic bloc in global affairs, and as a producer of powerful policy norms attached to funded programs. This study also challenges the expectation that Pacific regionalism largely serves hegemonic powers and that small islands states have little diplomatic agency in these contests. Pacific islanders have successfully promoted their own powerful normative framings of Oceania in the face of the attempted hegemonic impositions from outside the region; seen, for example, in the strong commitment to the 'Blue Pacific continent' framing as a guiding ideology for the policy work of the Pacific Islands Forum in the face of pressures to become part of Washington's Indo-Pacific strategy.

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State of Suffering : Political Violence and Community Survival  
in Fiji / Susanna Trnka

Ithaca, New York, USA/ Fiji : Cornell University Press/Pacific  
Studies Press, 2008

224p.

Includes Index

9789821011402

1. Political violence – Fiji.
2. Ethnic conflict – Fiji.
3. Fiji – Politics and government.
4. Fiji – Ethnic relations.
5. East Indians – Fiji.

\$ 40.00 / PB

336gm.

How do ordinary people respond when their lives are irrevocably altered by terror and violence? Susanna Trnka was residing in an Indo-Fijian village in the year 2000 during the Fijian nationalist coup. The overthrow of the elected multiethnic party led to six months of nationalist aggression, much of which was directed toward Indo-Fijians. In *State of Suffering*, Trnka shows how Indo-Fijians' lives were overturned as waves of turmoil and destruction swept across Fiji.

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### **Religion – Hinduism**

Pursuing Divinity in Paradise : Reflections on the Epics  
Ramayana and the Mahabharata / Prashneel R. Goundar

Suva: Pacific Studies Press, 2020

xvi, 124p.

9789829820518

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206gm.

The book is a reflection on the two Hindu epics Ramayana and Mahabharata.

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