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Anthropology

The Custodians of the Gifts : Fairy Beliefs, Holy Doubts and Heritage Paradoxes on Fijian Island / Guido Carlo Pigliasco
Firenze, Italy: Firenze University Press, 2020
xxvi, 202p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
ISSN: 23704-6249 ; 9788855180849
Strumenti Per La Didattica E Ricerca No. 215
\$ 75.00/ PB
358gm.

Emerging from more than two decades of research in the field and in the archives, the essays collected here explore the multifaceted topic of the Fijian firewalking ceremony, the vilavilairevo. The collection examines the intersection of the intertwined topics of cultural property, reproduction of tradition, and change with issues of (post)colonial representation, authenticity, and ethnic identity. The essays advance new insights on the tourist gaze and the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage and pose serious questions regarding the role of digital and social media as tools for preserving cultural legacies and extending traditional cultural worlds into new domains. Focusing on the response of the Sawau tribe of the island of Beqa to the commodification of the vilavilairevo as their iconic practice, this essay collection ultimately illuminates how the Christian cultural dynamics and unprecedented dogmatic schism surrounding the vilavilairevo spectacle are reshaping local notions of heritage, social sentiment, and social capital.

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Art

Vulaga : Portrait of a Fijian Village / David Hartman & Paul Geraghty
Fiji: The Big Sandbox, 2021
132p.
9780473573348
\$ 150.00/ HB
780gm.

A beautiful book of 300 black and white photographs, celebrating the people of Vulaga, their lives, their culture and their values.

This book opens a door to the treasured and remote culture of a village of Vulaga before it disappears.

VULAGA is a visually stunning book of black and white photographs that documents the daily life of a traditional Fijian village, on the remote island of Vulaga, Fiji in the South Pacific. Endorsed by the village chief, it was born out of my passion to celebrate the traditions, culture, and stories which ensured the clans' survival into modern times.

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Voyages: Stories of an Ocean People / Fiji Museum

Suva: Fiji Museum, 2022

28p.

\$ 15.00 / PB

160gm.

Voyages: Stories of an Ocean People is a major exhibition that explores the stories of the people of Fiji who have a close connection to the sea. Great navigators of our maritime home, our forebears were masters of the sea. Indigenous traditional wisdom has persisted down the centuries to the present. Oceanic natives of the Pacific Islands have a history of discovering uninhabited islands by navigating unaided over great distances. This includes the early Lapita people who arrived on Fiji's shores over 3000 years ago and the skilled iTaukei craftspeople who travelled by large ocean-going drua and navigated and traded on the vast Pacific highway. More recent migrants who came as whalers, missionaries, labourers, traders from the East and West will be highlighted alongside Girmityas and Pacific Island labourers. All who have made Fiji home have had an impact on the Fijian coast and way of life.

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Cookbook

Pacific Vegan: Healthy and Creative Cooking with Pacific Plants / Vittoria

Pasca

Suva: Healthy Eating, 2020

106p.

\$ 75.00 / HB

516gm.

A journey to discover the tasty and nutritious plants the Pacific has to offer. In this cookbook by Fiji-based nutritionist Vittoria Pasca, you'll find over 40 delicious recipes together with an explanation on why they are good for you.

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Ecology/Environment

Healing Plants of Fiji / Suliana Siwatibau

Suva: iTaukei Trust Fund Board, 2020

432p. ; col. ill. ; 30cm

9789825400219

1. Medicinal plants – Therapeutic use – Fiji.
2. Traditional medicine – Fiji.
3. Healing – Fiji.

\$ 150.00 / HB

1756gm.

As industrialised societies revisit the power of plant-based diets and medicines, indigenous knowledge plays a critical role in this return. This book is the culmination of information collected over years from more than 80 traditional healers in villages and informal settlements in Fiji. The book attempts to document traditional herbal healing concoctions currently used by healers in Fiji. These mixes are passed down through traditional iTaukei (indigenous) healers from one generation to the next.

Traditional knowledge in the Pacific is primarily passed down through storytelling formats. As urban drift and migration increase, it is critical to record this knowledge to help inform our collective future and health.

This stunning 428-page hardcover book attempts to ensure that the healing plants are correctly identified scientifically, and any relevant information gathered internationally on their uses and effective properties are recorded. Contents include information on 289 species of healing plants used in over 1,000 herbal concoctions to treat approximately 400 ailments.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847316>

History

Glorious Company: The Polynesia Company in Melbourne and Fiji / Max Quanchi

Suva: Pacific Studies Press, 2022

xiv, 166p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789821012546

\$ 65.00/ PB

340gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833566>

Official Publications

Key Statistics, September 2019 [Fiji]

Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 1999-804X

\$ 50.00 / PB

478gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846365>

Economic Surveys: Real Estate Activities 2018 [Fiji]

Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2021

1v.

ISSN: 2219-2425

\$ 40.00 / PB

114gm.

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Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

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ISSN: 2219-2425

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Economic Surveys: A Study of the Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Industries 2019 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

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Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

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ISSN: 2223-4217

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Economic Surveys: General Government Accounts 2018 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2021

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ISSN: 1995-669

\$ 40.00 / PB

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Economic Surveys: General Government Accounts 2019 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2021

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ISSN: 1995-669

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Economic Surveys: Human Health and Social Work Activities 2019 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

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ISSN: 2223-4217

\$ 40.00 / PB

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Economic surveys: Other Service Activities 2019 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

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ISSN: 2223-4241

\$ 40.00 / PB

148gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846377>

Economic Surveys: Electricity 2020 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

1v.
ISSN: 1996-8183

\$ 40.00 / PB
110gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846378>

Economic Surveys: Education 2019 [Fiji]
Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022
1v.

9789825100232

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140gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846056>

Economic Surveys: Wholesale and Retail Trade; Repair of Motor Vehicles and Motor Cycles
2019 [Fiji]

Suva: Fiji Bureau of Statistics, 2022

1v.

ISSN: 1997-096X

\$ 40.00 / PB
240gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846379>

Religion - Christianity

Nafanua Theology: A Samoan-Christian Argument for Wommen in Ordained Ministry / Marie
Ropeti-Apisaloma

Suva: PTC Press, Pacific Theology College, 2022

xxxiv, 248p.

Includes Bibliography

9789821013963

1. Theology – Samoa,
2. Christianity – Samoa.
3. Women and Religion

\$ 60.00 / PB
402gm.

For most people life is governed by power and rule, but behind these there always lies the mystery of human nature, doubtful and mysterious, and right now and again to go off at an angle and disrupt the soft working of coordinated practice. Some man or woman will appear who departs from the normal method of practice, who follows values rather than rules, and whose methods are unpredictable, and often, in the eyes of on lookers, unwise.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847317>

Vaa Fesokotaki: A Theology of GOD for a New Oceanian Climate Change Story / Tafue Molu
Lusama

Suva: PTC Press, Pacific Theology College, 2022

xxxviii, 286p.

Includes Bibliography

9789821013949

1. Theology – Oceania.
2. Climate changes – Religious aspects – Christianity.
3. Climatic changes – Oceania.

\$ 65.00 / PB

462gm.

This book examines the theology of God from an Oceanian point of view, using a Tuvaluan relational philosophy called 'Vaa fesokotaki' which literally means, the relational sacred space. Vaa fesokotaki is used as the hermeneutical lens through which to redefine the theology of te Atua. It refers to the deeply interconnected and multifaceted 'relational space' which defines the Tuvaluan (and the Oceanian) worldview.

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Oceanic Voyages in Theology and Theological Education: Reflections and Reminiscences in Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Pacific Theological College / (Eds) Feleterika Nokise & Holger Szesnat

Suva: Pacific Theology College, 2015

iv, 168p.

9789823480251

\$ 40.00 / PB

232gm.

This book celebrates the 50th anniversary of the PTC with historical reflections and personal reminiscences in the Pacific region at the backdrop of theological studies. Stimulating the various island churches and missions to confer regarding questions facing the churches on the neo-colonialism and communities in which each denomination and mission found itself.

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Sociology

Ethnic Relations in Fiji: Threats and Opportunities (Selected Proceedings from the Dialogue on Ethnic Relations, Pacific Harbour, November 9-11, 2017) / (Eds) Shailendra Singh & Nilesh Lal

Suva: Dialogue Fiji, 2019

88p. ; 21cm.

9789821010009

\$ 55.00 / PB

120gm.

Ethnic relations have been a complex problem in Fiji due to a range of historical and contemporary factors, underpinned by colonialism. Edited by Dr. Shailendra Singh (Coordinator of the Journalism Programme at USP) and Nilesh Lal (the Executive Director of Dialogue Fiji), Ethnic relations in Fiji: Threats and Opportunities, looks at the issues from the perspectives of the people who have experience in the field as politicians, civil society representatives, government officials, community workers, academics and religious leaders.

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