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Anthropology

My Land, My Life : Dispossession At The Frontier Of Desire / Siobhan McDonnell
Hawaii, USA: University Of Hawaii Press, 2023
xvi, 244p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
Pacific Islands Monograph Series ; No.31
9780824894450
1. Land tenure-Vanuatu.
2. Land-titles-Vanuatu.
\$ 68.00 / HB

Throughout Oceania, land is central to identity because it is understood to be spiritually nourishing and sustaining. Land is the mother. Land, and the kinship it nurtures, is the basis for sustaining livelihoods and ways of life. Therefore, Indigenous dispossession from the land has deep and far-reaching consequences. My Land, My Life: Dispossession at the Frontier of Desire explores the land rush that took place in Vanuatu from 2001 to 2014 which resulted in over ten percent of all customary land being leased.

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Literature

New Chamoru Literature / (Ed) Craig Santos Perez
Series:
Hawaii, USA: University of Hawaii Press, 2023
vi, 114p.
English & Chamoru
9780824897253
Mānoa A Pacific Journal of International Writing, 35:1
\$ 25.00 / PB
230gm.
Book Details:

New Chamoru Literature highlights an intergenerational selection of eighteen emerging, mid-career, and established CHamoru authors, including an extended feature on master storyteller Peter R. Onedera. As Onedera explains in his essay, "The Dilemma of an Official Word," Chamorro, Chamoru, CHamoru are

different spellings of the same “description used in reference to Guam’s indigenous people and those in the Marianas archipelago for thousands of years.” Within the pages of this rich collection, you will find diverse genres, including poetry, chant, fiction, creative nonfiction, and playwriting. The pieces are composed predominantly in English; however, the opening chant is in the CHamoru language (with translation by the author), other pieces are multilingual, and one poem is composed in CHamoru creole English. The themes range from genealogy to identity, colonialism to cultural revitalization, ecological connection to environmental injustice, love to sexual abuse, and belonging to diaspora. This anthology will introduce readers to the Mariana archipelago and the vibrancy of CHamoru literature, culture, histories, migrations, politics, memories, traumas, and dreams.

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Sociology/Culture Studies

Alternate Currents : Reiki’s Circulation In The Twentieth-Century North Pacific / Justin B. Stein
Hawaii, USA: University of Hawaii Press, 2023

xvi, 316p.

Includes Index

9780824895662

1. Takata, Hawayo Kawamuri,1900-1980.
2. Reiki (Healing system)-Hawaii.
3. Reiki (Healing system)-Japan.
4. Reiki (Healing system)-Northwest, Pacific.

\$ 28.00 / PB

500gm.

In the second half of the twentieth century, Reiki went from an obscure therapy practiced by a few thousand Japanese and Japanese Americans to a global phenomenon. By the early twenty-first century, people in nearly every corner of the world have undergone the initiations that authorize them to channel cosmic energy—known as Reiki—to heal body, mind, and spirit. They lay hands on themselves and others, use secret symbols and incantations to send Reiki to distant recipients, and strive to follow five precepts to cultivate their spiritual growth.

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