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*An Unpublished War* Publications Division Ministry of Information & Broadcasting 2020 Reprint of the 1943 Edition. Full facsimile of the original edition and not reproduced with Optical Recognition software. Published on October 25, 1943, *The Races of Mankind* makes the argument that all the world's humans are biologically the same. Written by anthropologists Ruth Benedict and Gene Weltfish and illustrated by Ad Reinhardt, *The Races of Mankind* attacked Nazi party racial policies and urged mankind to see past superficial differences and live in harmony. The pamphlet was a publication of The Public Affairs Committee, a non-profit educational organization whose purpose was "to make available in

summary and inexpensive form the results of research on economic and social problems to aid in the understanding and development of American policy" (Benedict and Weltfish, 1943). The idea of scientific racial equality, however, was not met with universal agreement. When the U.S. Army ordered 55,000 copies, members of Congress labeled the pamphlet "communistic" and its use by the Army was banned. Still, the scientific pamphlet's popularity grew, and by 1945 three-quarters of a million copies were in circulation (Abraham, 2012).

**The Interpretation of Cultures** Vintage Originally published: Cambridge: Riverside Press, 1959.

*With a New Pref. by Margaret Mead* Harvest Books

This book is the outstanding and most frequently cited work in the field of Anthropology. It made the author world-

famous and established her as the leader in her field for the next 50 years. One of the reasons this book became so famous was her observation that young Samoan women deferred marriage for many years while enjoying casual sex before eventually choosing a husband. This led to the Sexual Revolution that swept America in the 1960s and brought about the establishment of the Sexual Freedom League and other organizations. The Free Love generation idolized Margaret Mead. *Science and Politics* Univ of California Press

In *The Interpretation of Cultures*, the most original anthropologist of his generation moved far beyond the traditional confines of his discipline to develop an important new concept of culture. This groundbreaking book, winner of the 1974 Sorokin Award of the American Sociological Association, helped define for

an entire generation of anthropologists what their field is ultimately about.

*An Open Invitation to Cultural Anthropology* Univ of California Press

In this treatise, an attempt has been made to present a glimpse into the historical perspective of Indian tribes, their demography, constitutional and legal provisions relating to their protection and development, working of the safeguards as well as problems and challenges of tribal development.

**Tales of the Cochiti Indians** Ams PressInc

The relationship between anthropologists Margaret Mead and Ruth Benedict is revealed here, with details of their unconventional sexual relationship and their efforts to combat sexism, racism, xenophobia, and homophobia. Reprint. 10,000 first printing.

*Anthropology: Culture Patterns & Processes* Routledge

A selection of those chapters of ... [the author's *Anthropology* [rev. ed., 1948] that deal specifically with matters of culture patterns and processes.

**Ruth Benedict** Irvington Pub

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*Dobu* University of Georgia Press

This book was originally published in 1935. For some years past the scientific study of primitive peoples has experimented in a variety of directions for new methods of investigation. Criticism of the comparative method, of which Sir James Frazer is recognized as the foremost exponent all the world over, has been directed mainly against the fragmentary character of its

evidence when torn from its context. In this book Dr Benedict offers an alternative method of approach. The aim of the investigator, she maintains, should be the discovery in the diversity of cultures of the 'configuration' of each - that is the cultural drive in group and individual which determines the characteristic reaction to stimulus in any and every situation in life.

**Coming of Age in Samoa** Princeton University Press

Benedict's work, in fact, anticipated trends in anthropology in the decades to come by projecting a framework of individuals not only shaped by their culture but also using their culture for personal or collective objectives."--BOOK JACKET.

*Cold War Intellectuals and the Politics of Identity* Sagwan Press

This World War II-era study paints an illuminating contrast between the culture of Japan and that of the United States. *Race* Berghahn Books

Traces the life of the great American anthropologist, discusses her friendship with Margaret Mead, and examines Benedict's most important writings *Margaret Mead, Ruth Bénédict and Their Circle* University of Chicago Press

Now in its second edition, *Cultural Theory: The Key Concepts* is an up-to-date and comprehensive survey of over 350 of the key terms central to cultural theory today. This second edition includes new entries on: colonialism cybercultur globalisation terrorism visual studies. Providing clear and succinct introductions to a wide range of subjects, from feminism to postmodernism, *Cultural Theory: The Key Concepts* continues to be an essential resource for students of literature, sociology, philosophy and media and anyone wrestling with contemporary cultural theory.

**Sorcerers of Dobu** Anchor

A study of the civilizations of the Zuni Indians, the natives of Dobu, and the Kwakiutl Indians.

*The Races of Mankind* University of Hawaii Press

Ever since its first publication in 1932, *Sorcerers of Dobu* has been recognized as one of the great triumphs of anthropological research and interpretation in the field of ethnography. A rich source of information on primitive psychology, the book presents sociological analysis of the complex tribal organisation of the Dobuans. Originally published in 1932

*Race: Science and Politics* Routledge

What happens to skilled craftsmen when global trade brings cheap mass-produced goods to market? Economic anthropologists have been wondering and

worrying about the fate of artisans and their crafts for decades. In "Fast, Easy, and In Cash," veteran ethnographers Jason Antrosio and Rudi Colloredo-Mansfeld show how disruptive to local economies global capitalism has been, but they also shed light on what it takes to survive as an artisan amid intense competition. Using lively and often surprising examples from collaborative research in Ecuador and Columbia, they describe the time-tested tactics small-batch producers have used to sustain their livelihoods and foster distinctively indigenous forms of capitalism. Antrosio and Colloredo-Mansfeld explain that their stories can teach us not just how to make money in uncertain economic environments but also how to turn work into a socially-conscious activity while defending and expanding local economies. This is a clear-eyed account of how people can successfully respond to the disruptions of global capitalism that will be welcomed by economic anthropologists and anyone else concerned with building sustainable economic communities in neoliberalism's wake."

*Perspectives* Transaction Publishers

This is an ethnography of Dobu, a Massim society of Papua New Guinea, which has been renowned in social anthropology since Reo Fortune's *Sorcerers of Dobu* (1932). Focusing on exchange and its underlying ethics, this book explores the concept of the person in the Dobu world view. The book examines major aspects of exchange such as labor, mutual support, apologetic gifts, revenge and punishment, kula exchange, and mortuary gifts. It discusses in detail the characteristics of small gifts (such as betel nuts), big gifts (kula valuables, pigs, and large yams) and money as they appear in exchange contexts. The ethnography begins with an analysis of the construct of the Dobu person, and sets out to examine everyday practices and values. The belief system (incorporating witches, sorcerers, and a Christian God) is shown to have a powerful influence on individual conduct due to its panoptic character. The institutions that link Dobu with the outside world are examined in terms of the ideology concerning money: the Church receives offerings for God; the difficulties faced by trade-store owners evince conflicting notions concerning monetary wealth. The last two chapters delve into lived experience in two major domains of Dobu exchange: kula and the sagali feast.

**The Chrysanthemum and the Sword** Routledge

Welcome to the second edition of *Perspectives* and Open Access

Anthropology! An electronic version of this textbook is available free of charge at the Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges' webpage here: [http://perspectives.americananthro.org/Patterns\\_of\\_Culture\\_by\\_Ruth\\_Benedict](http://perspectives.americananthro.org/Patterns_of_Culture_by_Ruth_Benedict)  
 Houghton Mifflin Harcourt  
 Poet, anthropologist, feminist—Ruth Fulton Benedict was all of these and much more. Born into the last years of the Victorian era, she came of age during the Progressive years and participated in inaugurating the modern era of American life. *Ruth Benedict: Stranger in This Land* provides an intellectual and cultural history of the first half of the twentieth century through the life of an important and remarkable woman. As a Lyricist poet, Ruth Benedict helped define Modernism. As an anthropologist, she wrote the classic *Patterns of Culture* and at one point was

considered the foremost anthropologist in the United States—the first woman ever to attain such status. She was an intellectual and an artist living in a time when women were not encouraged to be either. In this fascinating study, Margaret Caffrey attempts to place Benedict in the cultural matrix of her time and successfully shows the way in which Benedict was a product of and reacted to the era in which she lived. Caffrey goes far beyond providing simple biographical material in this well-written interdisciplinary study. Based on exhaustive research, including access for the first time to the papers of Margaret Mead, Benedict's student and friend, Caffrey is able to put Benedict's life clearly in perspective. By identifying the family and educational influences that so sharply influenced Benedict's psychological

makeup, the author also closely analyzes the currents of thought that were strong when Victorianism paralleled the Modernism that figured in Benedict's life work. The result is a richly detailed study of a gifted woman. This important work will be of interest to students of Modernism, poetry, and women's studies, as well as to anthropologists.

**Culture and Personality** Basic Books  
 This book is a profound and comprehensive presentation of Japanese daily manners and customs, a study and history of human thought discussing Japan's conduct of World War II. Author Ruth Benedict revealed the intricate views of the Japanese & more with political, religious and economic issues as well as sexual conduct, Geisha, prostitution, and marriage in their daily lives. A classic of cultural anthropology.

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