

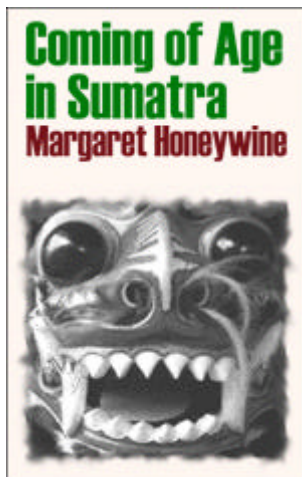
Book Reviews

Theodore Williams

Coming of Age in Sumatra

Margaret Honeywine

Honeywine, though questionably, raises many cultural questions



Though Honeywine's research is sometimes controversial in terms of its accuracy, the observations she makes of Sumatran and American cultures is causing the anthropological world to rethink itself and reorganize its ways of viewing cultural similarities. This book will cause one to reflect upon a society's culture much more deeply and look for the things within that culture that make it truly unique.

Focusing on studying child-rearing and personality, Honeywine has carried out extensive field work in Indonesia. She has also pioneered the use of photography in anthropological research.

Some critics of her work have suggested that she misinterprets evidence because of her belief in the influence of culture on personality, but her observational work and interpretations have been keenly defended.

This book also begins to explore Honeywine's new fascination with behavioral experimentation under controlled conditions.

Rating: ***

Building an Igloo

Ulli Steltzer

The success of Nanook of the North has resulted in a spate of works investigating Eskimeax culture.

Tookillkee Kiguktak lives on Ellesmere Island in a house, but when he goes on a hunt for musk ox or polar bear, he builds the igloo as his father taught him. The book walks through the steps: find the right spot, pace off the circular plan, outline and cut the snow blocks. Next it is time to build. Four rows spiral upward, blocks smaller as the top is approached; rounding off with the final dome demands special skill. The illustrator has made a precise and beautiful record of this day's work.

Rating: **½