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Ladislav Holy : Anthropological Perspectives on Kinship (Anthropology, Culture and Society) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Anthropological Perspectives on Kinship (Anthropology, Culture and Society):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Less comprehensive than title suggests By Scully This is a decent

review of the main perspectives on kinship theory within anthropology, but left me feeling a bit short-changed. The title suggests a comprehensive review, yet the book is devoid of references to contemporary evolutionary research on kinship and glosses over many of the salient debates even within sociocultural anthropology (e.g., definitions of marriage and presumed universality). The book's main point is to advance a culturally-specific view of kinship studies - one that borders on obscuring the topic toward oblivion and one that denies virtually any role of "true" genealogy. As the previous reviewer commented, this book is definitely not suitable as an introductory text, but several portions are worth reading if one is already fairly familiar with kinship terminology and theory. The book does a nice job of reviewing several specific issues (e.g., segmentary lineages and other types of descent) rather in depth and provides a nice list of references for readers who wish to expand the scope of their familiarity with the subject. It also covers to some extent the recent literature on new reproductive technologies, etc., but does not do so systematically, choosing instead to stick to a Schneiderian-type criticism of modern kinship studies. Though this review is not glowing, I still think the book is worth skimming - it addresses a number of issues that were and are important to kinship anthropologists and brings up a number of well-known examples to illustrate. It would be highly esoteric to a reader lacking familiarity with kinship and is somewhat so even to the familiar reader. 1 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Kinship without diagrams By Ben Franklin This is a most remarkable discussion of kinship, remarkable mostly for the complete absence of diagrams. Yet Holy pulls it off. That said, I would be reluctant to make this the main text of an undergraduate course. It is sharp, insightful, and clear, but what it has to say will be more meaningful to someone who already has a good understanding of the subject matter. It might better be used as either an independent study text for an undergraduate already versed in kinship, or as one element in a graduate seminar. Holy manages to find novel angles and insights on a many topics, and he led me to rethink some of the fundamentals of the topic. A pleasant, worthwhile read.

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