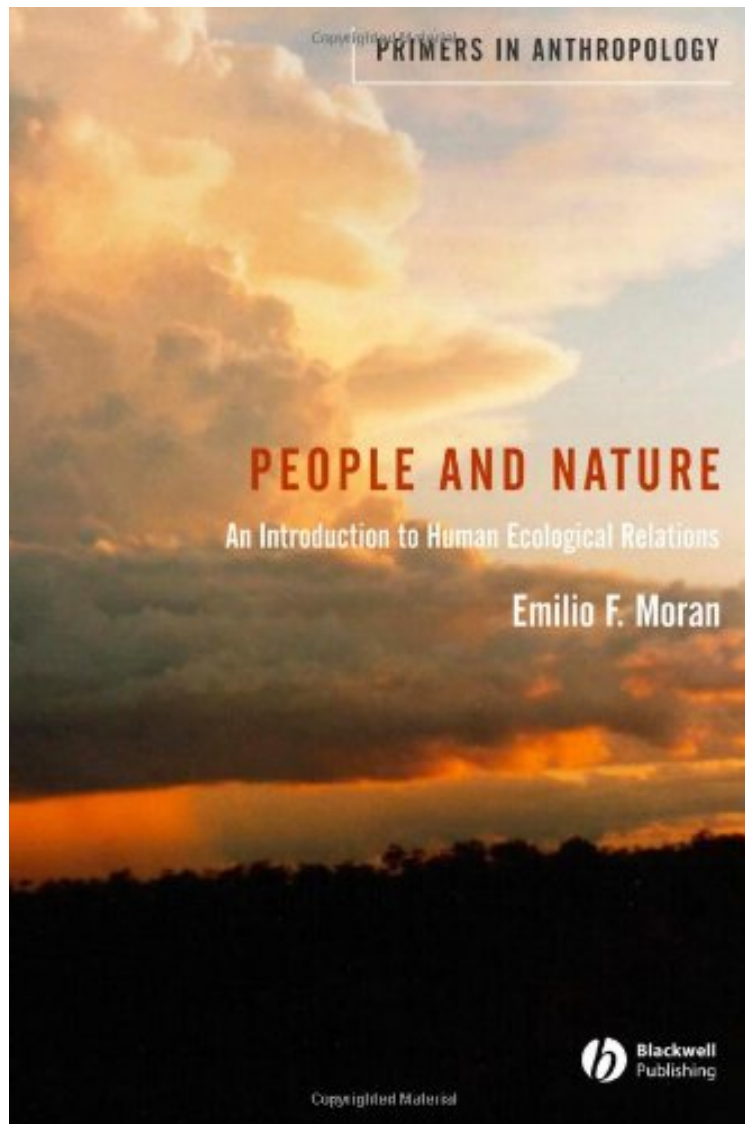


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of human ecological relations, and it thus serves its purpose albeit in a very synthetic way. In fact, too synthetic to my taste, but maybe this volume is too "introductory" for what I aimed at (and then it is only me to blame for that). However, in the second part, Mr. Moran blurs his good job by gradually winding himself in a goodwill speech about the way we should behave if we are to remain on this planet any longer (and if the planet itself is to survive mankind as a pest). I think this was not publicised in the title of the book or of its sections, and it diminished rather than enhanced its value. This space could have been used to better weave the explanations of the first part, which are scant sometimes. Instead, I had to go through many paragraphs of political or philosophical content which I thought never belonged there (even if I very much agree with Mr. Moran's opinions). Last but not least, being an introduction some help with bibliography and further reading would have been very welcome. The author simply states his sources and references (as he very well must, of course) without offering any clues to the reader. 0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Three Stars By chanyoungnot bad

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