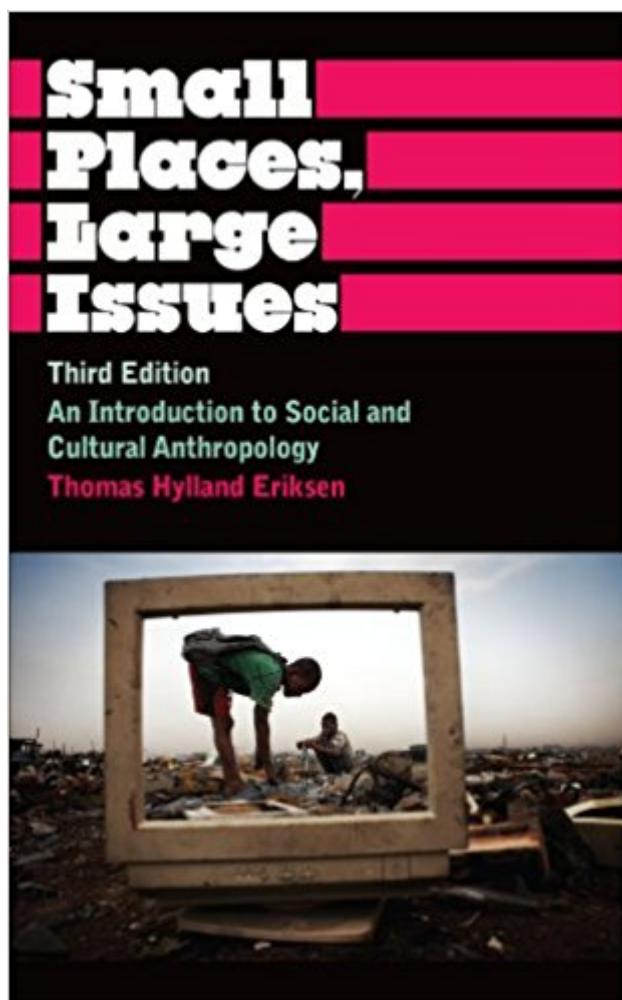


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# **Small Places, Large Issues: An Introduction To Social And Cultural Anthropology, Third Edition (Anthropology, Culture And Society)**



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Places, Large Issues and A Tyranny of the Moment and Globalisation, all available from Pluto Press.

Helpful to get an overview of central anthropological discussions, but no attempt is really made to engage the reader.

Great condition!

It did not arrived on time, but when it did, it arrived in perfect conditions. I would buy from this user again.

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Book is good for anyone that needs an introduction for anthropology book. Each chapter covers several subjects.

"Small Places, Large Issues" is an introductory textbook on the topic of Social Anthropology: the comparative study of humans in a social and cultural context. Dr Eriksen is a professor of Social Anthropology, and therefore the book is written more or less on an academic style and perspective. It covers most possible aspects: kinship, gender and age, politics and power, local organisation, religion and rituals, nationality and minorities, etc. In addition it contains brief biographies of the most important Anthropologists, quotes and references of Anthropologists and other renown Sociologists (Durkheim, Weber, Marx, etc.) as well as numerous examples and case studies -both from "traditional" and "modern" societies- relevant each time on the topic concerned. I believe apart from being informative, it is a highly stimulative book catapulting the reader with food for thought. For example, did you know that all humans have 99.8% of their genes in common or that even our feelings can be social products and not natural! However, sometimes it tends to be overwhelming and tiring with all that amount of information and theories on so many different levels.

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