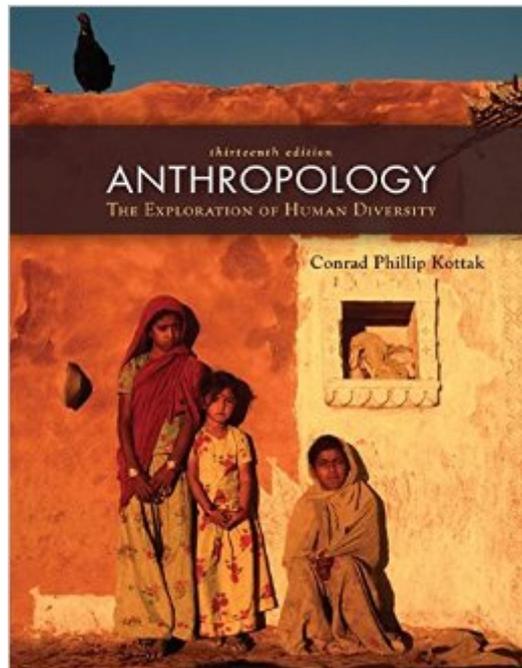


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This book is great for beginning anthropology students or people who just want to learn a little more about it! Basically, the author hits the main points (kinship, culture, primates, language, etc.) in an extremely easy to understand fashion. There are clear, concise definitions throughout, which I found to be very helpful when using it in the college classroom. Overall, a great choice for an introduction to the study of anthropology!

Kottak is a model for scientific writers. Clear, well-organized and engaging.

I purchased this book for my son, he was in college and needed to read it for a class. The information the book gave was very interesting and helpful. This book was helpful to him for his

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Purchased this book used. For \$8.00 it was a great deal. Contains all the terms and definitions discussed in my Intro to Anthropology class. Lots of great side bar dialogue from students and professionals in cultural and forensic anthro field...

The book came during the estimated dates, and was in good condition. The book has helpful study guides at the end of each chapter. Thank you

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