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YANOMAMI IN THE AMAZON:

TOWARD A MORE ETHICAL ANTHROPOLOGY BEYOND OTHERING

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Book Description

The Amazonian Yanomami are one of the most fascinating, studied, misrepresented, exploited and endangered Indigenous people.

Yanomami in the Amazon provides a systematic and thorough historical perspective on the Yanomami, research about them, and scandals and controversies surrounding a few of the numerous anthropologists who studied with them. Professional ethics and human rights are emphasized. The result is a new perspective on the changing political ecology of the Yanomami and anthropology.

The Yanomami case is documented as a component of the “human nature industry” which erroneously and dangerously celebrates the ubiquity of warfare through ideologically driven Hobbesian pseudoscience.

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This is a companion book:

Ethical Anthropology: Responsibilities, Reflections, Resources

While ethics in anthropology has deep roots, it was only after World War II, and mostly since the 1960s, that principles of professional ethics were developed and formalized in the profession. Yet ethical challenges, dilemmas, and choices are inevitable. This book explores and reflects on the history, meaning, significance, and application of ethics in anthropology.

This is the context of elemental and pivotal questions, such as what is anthropology, who is it for, and how is it practiced to try to avoid harm and to do good? There are no simple, easy, and quick answers to such questions. Often matters can be complicated and difficult, sometimes disturbing. Nevertheless, it is imperative to seriously and systematically consider ethics in anthropology for the benefit of individual anthropologists, the profession, and most of all, for the people it studies.

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