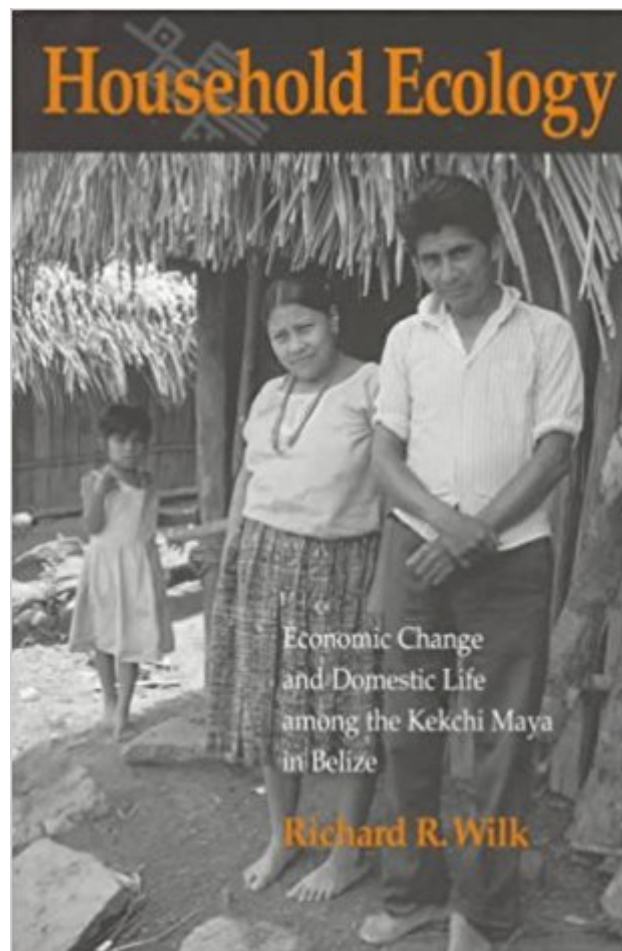




Ebook Directory
the best source of ebook

The book was found

Household Ecology: Economic Change And Domestic Life Among The Kekchi Maya In Belize



Synopsis

Development and economic change are often seen as destructive to the family and to other traditional forms of social organization. Wilk's study of household ecology reveals that the Kekchi Maya of Belize have responded by creating new forms of family organization, working together to face challenges posed by development. Not merely survivors of an ancient splendor, the Kekchi Maya build upon their rich heritage to approach such problems as ethnic strife and rainforest destruction as creative agents. Wilk combines a wealth of detail on agricultural calendars, hunting practices, land tenure, and labor exchanges in a general interpretation of cultural and ecological transformation. He provides a comprehensive analysis of how tropical farmers survive in the difficult rainforest environment, tracing the ingenuity and adaptability of Mayan culture. Fully incorporating the historical context of ecological processes, he documents the importance of household organization in shaping the trajectory of ecological change and shows how delicate this adaptation can be. Analyzing household response to localized economic and ecological settings, Wilk argues that the transformation of the rural economy and of Mayan culture proceeds through the conjunction of global and local processes. The Kekchi refuse to fit into the models of economic evolution set forth in existing scholarship. This sensitive and well-written study challenges current orthodoxies about economic and social change and suggests new approaches to rural development and household ecology.

Book Information

Paperback: 312 pages

Publisher: Northern Illinois University Press (November 1, 1997)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0875805752

ISBN-13: 978-0875805757

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.8 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.1 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.0 out of 5 stars 2 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #2,197,834 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #19 in Books > History >

Americas > Central America > Belize #402 in Books > History > Ancient Civilizations > Mayan

#915 in Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Sociology > Rural

Customer Reviews

"A well-developed case study of households among the lowland Maya.... Takes one to the frontier of

this subject."â "American Anthropologist"Challenges conventional images of traditional societies....
An excellent critique of recent theories of economic change in rural societies, well supported by high standards of ethnographic and historical research.... A first-rate study."â "American Scientist "A major step toward explaining how people participate in those processes of social and economic change that have been so dramatically shaping their world for almost five centuries."â "Hispanic American Historical Review

Wilk develops an excellent model for talking about social organization. Based around an ethnography of the Kekchi Maya, household ecology presents a model that allows the anthropologist to deal with such issues as history, gender relations, markets, subsistence and political organization (and that is easily transferred to different settings for comparative work). This is a book for readers interested in understanding how households function as social institutions, it is replete with information and useful data. Not for a beginner, but for the student of anthropology and ecology, this is an important text.

Despite the opaque, academic name, this book is very readable and provides a lot of insight into the economic and cultural life of the Kekchi people in a respectful way. It is good to read a book that both honours the uniqueness of an indigenous people while at the same time recognizing them as creative human beings who respond to life pressures according to internal values like everyone else, and not as some sort of artifact of the past.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Household Ecology: Economic Change and Domestic Life among the Kekchi Maya in Belize Top 10 Places to Visit in Belize - Top 10 Belize Travel Guide (Includes Ambergris Caye, Caye Caulker, Belize City, Belize Barrier Reef, Xunantunich, & More) Classic Maya Political Ecology: Resource Management, Class Histories, and Political Change in Northwestern Belize (Ideas, Debates and Perspectives) Prepper: Preppers guide for self-sufficient living to make your life easier and household hacks bookset (household hacks, survival books, prepping, off grid, saving life, preppers pantry) Maya Christians and Their Churches in Sixteenth-Century Belize (Maya Studies) Maya Atlas: The Struggle to Preserve Maya Land in Southern Belize (Literature) The Ancient Maya of the Belize Valley: Half a Century of Archaeological Research (Maya Studies) Time Among the Maya: Travels in Belize, Guatemala, and Mexico Maya Python for Games and Film: A Complete Reference for Maya Python and the Maya Python API Ancient Maya Life in the Far West Bajo: Social and Environmental Change in the Wetlands of Belize (Anthropological Papers) DIY Household Hacks for

Beginners: DIY Hacks For Cleaning And Organizing, Increased Productivity, Declutter your Home (DIY Home Improvements, DIY Household ... And Organizing, Increase Productivity) DIY Household Hacks: 101 Proven Household Hacks to Increase Productivity and Save You Time, Money and Effort War Owl Falling: Innovation, Creativity, and Culture Change in Ancient Maya Society (Maya Studies) Kitchen Medicine: Household Remedies For Common Ailments And Domestic Emergencies Easy Belize: How to Live, Retire, Work and Buy Property in Belize, the English Sp Veterinary Hematology: Atlas of Common Domestic and Non-Domestic Species BELIZE Country Studies: A brief comprehensive study of Belize Open Road's Best of Belize 3E (Open Road's the Best of Belize) Lonely Planet Guatemala Belize & Yucatan (Lonely Planet Belize, Guatemala & Yucatan) Ancient Maya Daily Life (Spotlight on the Maya, Aztec, and Inca Civilizations)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)