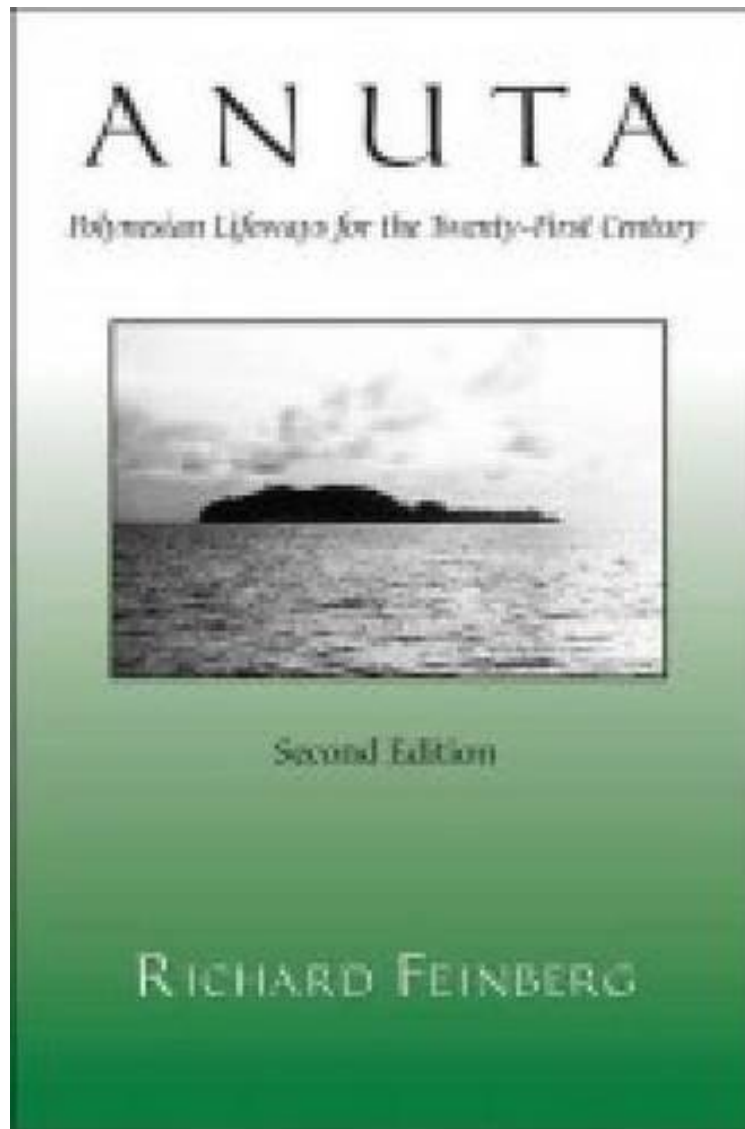


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good of all, farming nearly every available inch of land, and fishing the bountiful reef are about the only things the people needed to keep them healthy and well-fed in 1972. Insights from later years give Feinberg a chance to contrast how the small island population has dealt with the challenges of an evolving world. I would be interested to see an update that brought the story forward to 2013.

Revised to stimulate and engage an undergraduate student audience, Feinberg's updated account of Anuta opens with a chapter on his varied experiences when he initially undertook fieldwork in this tiny, isolated Polynesian community in the Solomon Islands. The following chapters explore dominant cultural features, including language, kinship, marriage, politics, and religion topics that align with subject matter covered in introductory anthropology courses. The final chapter looks at some of the challenges Anutans face in the twenty-first century. Like many other peoples living on small, remote islands, Anutans strive to maintain traditional values while at the same time becoming involved in the world market economy. In all, Feinberg gives readers magnificent material for studying the relations between demography, environment, culture, and society in this changing world.