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**Arnold van Gennep, Monika B. Vizedon, Gabrielle L. Caffee : The Rites of Passage** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Rites of Passage:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A worthy classic. By Christopher R. Travers This is a real classic which has had influence well beyond the field of anthropology. Van Gennep's central insight, that territorial passage and social passage rites are isomorphic has had very deep impacts in the field of anthropology. But this book does more than make the case for this. The book covers a wide range of life-passage-related topics including childbirth

customs, marriage and inheritance, and such from a wide range of cultures. The book itself is fascinating, every page of it. It is a classic and for very good reason. Now, sometimes this is seen as a bit dated. In general the focus is heavily on the structures of male social transitions and further work has cast doubt onto the applicability to female rites of passage as well, but the book is still absolutely worth reading. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. I could attempt to write the perfect review but in my opinion that job has already been completed in the Journal of Political Anthropology (2009 Issue 1, first paper). It's wonderful to finally have a kindle version. Van Gennep's Rites of Passage is as relevant today as it was when it was first published. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Oliver Martell Just as described

Birth, puberty, marriage, and death are, in all cultures, marked by ceremonies which may differ but are universal in function. Arnold van Gennep (1873-1957) was the first anthropologist to note the regularity and significance of the rituals attached to the transitional stages in man's life, and his phrase for these, "the rites of passage," has become a part of the language of anthropology and sociology.

'Van Gennep achieved in this book an enviable reputation by drawing attention to the widespread distribution of a common symbolic structure in transition rites pregnancy, birth, puberty, marriage and death.' - The Times Literary Supplement