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A comprehensive survey of the history of theory in anthropology, this anthology contains commentary in introductions and notes to guide students through excerpts of seminal anthropological works. It provides information needed to understand each article, its central concepts, and its relationship to the social and historical context.

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Tracey says

Good source for reading actual essays and journal articles written by anthropologists and sociologists as opposed to only reading a text book's take on the subject. It lets you read the work for what it is. The editors have included a significant amount of footnotes that include their reviews and additional background information.

Sabrina says

We read the sixth edition (2017) in my Anthro Theory class this semester, but this is the most recent edition listed on this website so... :/

Sarah says

I read the fifth edition published in 2012.

Crystal says

This is a great overview of anthropological theory, but, you know, pretty much only helpful if you're really into anthropology or theory. Some the the selections are interesting in and of themselves,however, such as Lila Abu-Lughod's piece on pregnancy.

Glen says

I liked this one so much that I finished reading it after graduation.

Michael says

Good for classes, but otherwise it takes all the romance out of anthropology. Maybe that's a good thing.

Sarah J. Walker says

I actually really like anthropological theory...but if you aren't constantly reading it, you lose a lot of it...I read

this twice: in 1999 and 2002 for two separate classes and it was worth it both times...that Freud article is the best...

Brieahn says

I used this text in college, and re-visited it in grad school. A great source for general information.

Kass says

A decent theory text, I particularly appreciate the notes at the bottom of each reading

Xarah says

Provided a good overview on the history of anthropological theory. I found the introductions and footnotes by the authors to be extremely helpful in understanding some of the more obscure theoretical stands.

Katrina McBride says

Dense, but the footnotes are very helpful. Someone should compile a book entirely made of footnotes.

Janice Heebsh says

This was a textbook for an Anthropological Theory class, and while its a dry read for many people it clearly shows how the field of anthropology has evolved.

Mint says

I use to study in Sociological and Anthropological Theories Courses.

Rania Hamo says

i had to study this book for two semesters my Anthropological Theory class ...it was a nightmare at the beginning, precisely the original scripts ! very strange and hard language with no clear findings !! finally i succeeded to cope with it but still unlucky start for my anthro major .
