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The time is long past when easy generalizations can be made about “hunter-gatherers,” “African foragers,” or “the Kalahari Bushmen” or “Pygmies.” During the past three decades there has been a wave of important ethnographic studies of African foraging populations by ethnographers from Europe, Australia, North America, and Japan. African historical and archaeological research have further enriched our understanding of hunter-gatherers. This volume provides case-studies and comparative essays by some of the leading specialists in the field. The contributors document the range of variation in economic life, settlement patterns, social institutions, gender relations, and religious beliefs, and debate the implications of the cultural diversity present in hunter-gatherer societies. The book is an important documentary source, which includes chapters representing most of the theoretical orientations common in anthropology today, as well as a stimulating introduction to and analysis of current thinking about African foraging populations.

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