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Anthropology

Samoa Ne'i Galo (Samoa, Lest We Forget) : Talatu'u ma Tala o le Vavau a Samoa (A Compilation of Oral Traditions and Legends of Samoa), Lomiga 7 (Vol. 7) / Ministry of Education, Sport & Culture

Apia: Ministry of Education, Sport & Culture, 2013

156p, 29cm.

English & Samoan Languages

978982570952 (Set) ; 9789825170954 (v.7)

1. Legends – Samoan Islands.
2. Folklore – Samoan Islands.
3. Oral tradition – Samoan Islands.

\$ 60.00 / PB

410gm.

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Samoa Ne'i Galosx (Samoa, Lest We Forget) : Talatu'u ma Tala o le Vavau a Samoa (A Compilation of Oral Traditions and Legends of Samoa), Lomiga 8 (Vol. 8) / Ministry of Education, Sport & Culture

Apia: Ministry of Education, Sport & Culture, 2017

120p. ; 29cm.

English & Samoan Languages

978982570952 (Set) ; 9789829809865 (v.8)

1. Legends – Samoan Islands.
2. Folklore – Samoan Islands.
3. Oral tradition – Samoan Islands.

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326gm.

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Samoa Nei Galo (Samoa, Lest We Forget) : Talatu'u ma Tala o le Vavau a Samoa (A Compilation of Oral Traditions and Legends of Samoa), Lomiga 9 (Vol. 9) / Fetalaiga ia Mataafa Elia Autagavaia (Translator) Papalii Tuumatavai Peone Fuimaona Solomona (et al.)

Apia: Ministry of Education, Sport & Culture, 2021

74p. ; 29cm.

English & Samoan Languages

9789821011020

\$ 60.00 / PB

214gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842681>

Samoa Nei Galo (Samoa, Lest We Forget) : Talatu'u ma Tala o le Vavau a Samoa (A Compilation of Oral Traditions and Legends of Samoa), Lomiga 10 (Vol. 10) / Fetalaiga ia Mataafa Elia Autagavaia

Apia: Ministry of Education, Sport & Culture, 2021

76p. ; 29cm.

English & Samoan Languages

9789821011020

\$ 60.00 / PB

224gm.

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O le sefa o le Vaopuanea, Vaega 2 : O le Taua o Talatuu faa-Samoa ma ona Talitonuga mai Anamua = Samoan Cosmogony, Oral Tradition and Oral History (Part 2) / Mafua Sealiitu Andrew Su'a

Apia: Le Lunivesite Aoao o Samoa, 2019

226p.

Samoan Language

9789829003645

1. Oral history – Samoa.
2. Oral tradition – Samoa.
3. Samoans – social life and customs.
4. Samoan language – texts
5. Authors, Samoan

\$ 120.00 / PB

298gm.

Art

The Polynesian Tattoo Handbook, Vol. 2 : An In-Depth Study of Polynesian Tattoos and Their Foundational Symbols / Roberto Gemori

USA : Tatto Tribes Ed., 2018

208p.

9788894205657

\$ 90.00 / PB

392gm.

Unpacking the five main Polynesian styles: Samoan, Marquesan, Tahitian, Hawaiian, Maori. Presenting over 400 symbols and their meanings. Fully illustrated with more than 550 images, with 15 original tattoos deconstructed and explained.

This book explains the main Polynesian styles of tattooing, presenting each of them with a historical and cultural introduction, highlighting the traditional symbols and their meanings. Fifteen original designs and their stories are examined, showing how to identify and understand their building elements and explaining how they interact with each other to compose a meaningful tattoo. All the original tattoos are broken up into their main parts, outlined for clearer identification. The main parts are then inspected further, revealing the basic building elements and symbols, grouped by meaning.

This book comes as an in-depth follow-up to The POLYNESIAN TATTOO Handbook and it extends the study of Polynesian tattoo styles and designs to help understand their origins and purpose, their symbolism, and their creation guidelines.

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Biography/Memoirs

Tautua : The Memoirs of a Public Servant / Misa Telefoni Retzlaff

Apia: Misa Telefoni Retzlaff (Self-Published), 2021

308p.

Includes Index

9780473576585

\$ 60.00 / PB

498gm.

Misa Telefoni Retzlaff attended primary school at Marist Brothers' in Apia and attended King's College (Auckland) where he was awarded Scholars and Honours Ties. He was the first student at King's College to win the prestigious Kelliher Economics Scholarship (nation wide) in 1969.

He graduated Bachelor of Law with Honours LLB (Hons) from Auckland University in 1974. He won a Senior Prize in Law in 1973. He was appointed Attorney General of Samoa in 1986 and held this office until 1988 when he entered Parliament.

In Samoa he studied for and was admitted as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1977. In 2009 his peers in the Accountants' Institute elevated him to Fellow Public Accountant (FPA). Only five accountants were so honoured.

He was Pro-Chancellor of The National University of Samoa (NUS) for 12 years from 1986-1998.

He proudly served as the Member of Parliament (MP) of the Constituency of Falelatai and Samatau from 1988 until his retirement from politics and public life in 2011.

He was appointed to Cabinet in 1992 and was to remain a Cabinet Minister until his retirement in 2011. He has held various Cabinet portfolios including Agriculture and Fisheries and he was also Minister of Health.

In 2001 and 2006 he was appointed Deputy Leader of his Party (Human Rights Protection Party - HRPP) and as such he was Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa for ten years from 2001-2011. He also held the Finance and Trade portfolios (amongst others) during this period.

Internationally, he was Chairperson of the Pacific Aids Commission and was appointed President in Office of the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) in Brussels. He was President pro tem of the World Health Organisation (WHO).

Misa has been invited to deliver public lectures at Georgetown University in Washington DC and his alma mater Auckland University.

Misa holds three matai (chief) titles in Samoa. Apart from the Misa title in Falelatai, he holds the Tugaga title in Faletagaloa Safune and the Lesamatau'au title in Malaela Aleipata.

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O La'u Tala : O Lo'u Olaga ma O'u Fa'amanuiaga / (Ed) Sagore Simeti Tupai

Apia: Samoa Government Printing, 2020

118p.

Samoan Language

\$ 45.00 / PB

166gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842688>

Ecology/Environment

Flora of Samoa : Flowering Plants / W. Arthur Whistler
Kuai, Hawaii: National Tropical Botanical Garden, 2022
x, 934p.
9780915809042
\$ 200.00 / HB
2044gm.

The Flora of Samoa project was spearheaded by Hawaii-based ethnobotanist W. Arthur Whistler who worked closely with Samoan partners to explore, collect, and study the Samoan flora, allowing him to incorporate a considerable number of taxonomic treatments emphasizing Samoa's traditional ethnobotanical knowledge.

Whistler dedicated his career to documenting the Samoan flora. After Whistler's death in 2020, botanists at NTBG and the Smithsonian Institution worked together to complete final editing and updating of the manuscript to ensure the flora was published.

Based on Whistler's 4,900 specimen herbarium collections, the flora is the most current and complete scientific assessment of the Samoan archipelago's 543 native plant taxa, including 177 endemic species, 290 naturalized flowering plant species, and 225 ferns and fern allies. More than one-third of Samoa's native plants are found nowhere else on earth. Samoa's largest family of flowering plants is the orchid family (Orchidaceae), with 101 native species, followed second by the coffee family (Rubiaceae), with 47 native and six naturalized species.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842689>

History

The Samoan Islands – An Outline of a Monograph with Particular Consideration of German Samoa, Volume I : Constitution, Pedigrees and Traditions. / Dr. Augustin Kramer (Translator) Dr. Theodore Verhaaren
Auckland, New Zealand: Pasifika Press, 1999
xx, 708p. ; with 3 Plates, 4 Maps ; 44 Illustrations
Includes Index ; Bibliographical References
0908597177 ; 9780908597178

1. Ethnology – Samoan Islands.
2. Samoan Islands – Social life and customs.

\$ 325.00 / PB

1746gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842690>

Linguistics

Taiala O Le Utugagana, Tusi 1

Samoa: Apia: Pacific Printers and Publishers. 2022

1v.

\$ 25.00 / PB

26gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842691>

Literature

Mata Oti : Eyes of Death / Lani Wendt Young

Apia: Lani Wendt Young (Self-Published), 2021

296p.

9789821012331

1. Samoa – Science fiction (English).
2. Pacific literature.
3. Apocalyptic literature.

\$ 40.00 / PB

384gm.

The virus has breached the island's borders. Paradise has fallen. The apocalypse is here. From reclusive librarian to warrior guardian... Iva must safeguard her two god-daughters as Samoa battles a mutant variant of the deadly virus that's raging across the world. It transforms people into savage creatures beyond all hope. She's afraid, but determined to get the children through hordes of the infected to an emergency evacuation plane. It's a race against time though as the variant rampages through her own veins. Can she fight off the Change for long enough so they all survive? A thrilling apocalyptic novel from the author of the bestselling Telesā Series.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842692>

Love and Money / Misa H.T. Retzlaff

Samoa: Misa H.T. Retzlaff (Self-Published), 2021

176p.

9780473604981

\$ 25.00 / PB

296gm.

"Love and money" is a cross-cultural love story which begins in the unusual setting of King's College in South Auckland. New Zealand's most eligible bachelor falls in love with a Samoan girl who lives next door to the school. This novel reveals the core values of Samoan customs and traditions and will appeal to all readers who enjoy a good love story.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842693>

Love by Numbers / Lani Wendt Young

Apia: Lani Wendt Young (Self-Published), 2021

136p.

9789821011686

1. Samoa – Young adult fiction (English).
2. Pacific literature.

\$ 35.00 / PB

184gm.

Numbers are Tamarina's language. And there's no room in her equations for love. Or is there? A gifted child who was bullied for being different, Tamarina had always preferred silence and solitude to people, using numbers as both a shield and as a way to navigate the world. When she wins a prestigious Math fellowship in the USA, she is excited about the prospect of submersing herself in the equations that have long captivated her. But then she meets Jacob, former international rugby player turned mechanic. Two people who couldn't be more different, who don't add up. So why can't she stop thinking about him? Why is it that when he smiles at her, it is more perfect than the solving of any equation?

A sweet sultry love story about a math genius and a mechanic, a STEM romance in Samoa.

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Afakasi Woman / Lani Wendt Young

New Zealand: OneTree House Ltd, 2020

200p.

9780995106598

\$ 50.00 / PB

232gm.

The joys, the trials, the tragedies, and the sensibilities of being a woman of Samoa are highlighted in this superb collection. *Afakasi Woman* is a collection of 16 short stories, written by 2018 Pacific Laureate Lani Wendt Young. Originally released as a digital collection that won the University of the South Pacific fiction prize, this revised edition includes previously unpublished stories.

Each story is brimming with emotion, offering a unique, engrossing glimpse into the lives of women of the Pacific, as Wendt Young takes readers from tears of laughter to tears of sorrow from one story to the next. A 2020 winner of a Notable Book Storylines Award and shortlisted in the 2020 New Zealand Book Awards (NZCYA).

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Religion-Christianity

Tusi Ta'iala O tusi O Le Tusi Paia Mo Tagata Lotu / Dr. Faala (Sam) Faamatuainu Amosa

Samoa: Dr. Faala (Sam) Faamatuainu Amosa (Self-Published), 2021

210p.

English & Samoan Languages

\$ 90.00 / PB

310gm.

Provides basic information on every book in the bible for church people. It is written in both English and Samoan. Information such as the background, meanings of names and places, period and time, who wrote the book and a 3-4 summary of each book. An outline of the stories in each book is also given.

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