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Bangkok: White Lotus Co., Ltd., 2010  
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In Grandmother's House: Thai Folklore, Traditions and Rural Village Life / Sorasing Kaowai & Peter Robinson  
Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte. Ltd., 2011  
240p. ; 20cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789810866587  
1. Folklore – Thailand  
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3. Country life – Thailand  
\$ 22.50

In Grandmother's House is the fascinating true story of a boy's childhood in a remote Thai village. Brought up by his grandmother – the village matriarch, healer and midwife – Sorasing Kaowai retells some of the folk stories, traditions and superstitions that his grandmother passed on to him, including the strange tale of a mysterious forest-dwelling tribe of pygmies, a fifteen-meter-long python and even a local Bigfoot!

Sorasing recounts how village healers diagnosed and treated illness with a ball of sticky rice and a length of string or, in especially difficult cases, an egg. He explains why some Thai men were, and still are, terrified of being visited by Phi Mae Mai, a female ghost with an insatiable sexual appetite, and he remembers his delight at seeing his first tractor, only to be warned off the machine by his grandmother: And what does a tractor return to the Earth Mother?

Thailand has developed greatly since Sorasing's grandmother returned to the Earth Mother last century. Many of the ancient rural traditions that influenced and guided her long life have now been lost and forgotten. In Grandmother's House preserves at least a few of them for future generations.

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Folklore in Context: Essays in Honor of Shamsuzzaman Khan / Firoz Mahmud (Editor)  
Dhaka: The University Press Limited, 2010  
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ISBN-13: 9789845060134 (HB)

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Pratnatattva Vol. 16, June 2010

Dhaka: Journal of the Department of Archaeology, 2010

137p. ; 29cm.

ISSN: 1560-7593

\$ 20.00

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Nigerian Heritage: The Igbo Culture / Kehinde Faluyi & L. C. Dioka

Lagos: Rebonik Publications Limited, 2007

v. ; 147p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-10: 9783635034

\$ 15.00

The book discusses various aspects of Igbo culture, Igbo origin, political systems, organization, traditional economy, religious beliefs and social practices such as divination, oath taking, sharing and breaking of Kola nuts, birth and naming ceremonies, circumcision, various aspects of marriage, deaths and burial systems. The book therefore offers insight into the culture and socio-political lives of the people before the arrival of Europeans. The book also attempts to unravel the enigma that is the Igbo man, and how understanding him will create better relationship with other Nigerian groups.

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The Chieftaincy Institution in Nigeria / Tunde Babawale, Akin Alao & Bimbo Adesoji (Editors)

Lagos: Concept Publications Limited, 2010

xvi. 576p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789788406471

\$ 60.00

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Popular African Proverbs Vol. 3 (1001-3000+) / Nze Anusionwu Okoro

Nigeria: Nze Anusionwu Okoro, 2007

xiv. 343p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789780802950

\$ 30.00

Popular African Proverbs contains well over 3000 proverbs and wise sayings from Africa. They are grouped under 25 chapters of different human conditions, an arrangement that nearly explains their meaning and usage. This is a comprehensive volume as it includes the 1000 proverbs of the first and second volumes. These proverbs have been translated from various indigenous African languages and readers who are interested are encouraged to reverse this translation to their own native languages for local use.

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Incantations and Herbal Cures in Ifa Divination: Emerging Issues in Indigenous Knowledge / Obafemi Jegede

Ibadan, Nigeria: African Association for the Study of Religion, 2010

xii. 174p. ; 25cm.  
ISBN-10: 9783686224  
\$ 50.00

Dr Obafemi Jegede research focus is on traditional African belief systems and indigenous knowledge. This book is the culmination of 6 years of fieldwork in Western Nigeria where Dr. Jegede studied the efficacy of herbal cures and Ifa incantations as used by traditional Yoruba healers (babalawos).

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Readings in African Studies / E. J. Otagburuagu, A. E. Afigbo & J. T. Omenma  
Enugu, Nigeria: Benak Ventures, 2010

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ISBN-10: 9788060471  
\$ 30.00

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The AGIKUYU: Their Customs, Tradition & Folklore / Fr.Cagnolo & Fr.Hilary Wambugu  
Nairobi, Kenya : A Wisdom Graphics Publications, 2009

ISBN 9789966712806  
\$ 35.00

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Proceedings of the International Conference, August 9-14, 2004. Dialog between  
Cultures and Civilizations: Present State and Perspectives of Nomadism in a Globalizing  
World / Jorg Janzen & Batboldyn Enkhtuvshin (Edited)

Ulaanbaatar: (s.n. ), 2008  
xxviii. 276p. ; 25cm.  
ISBN-13: 9789992905557

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\$ 60.00

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Guanxi or Li Shang Wanglai?: Reciprocity, Social Support Networks, & Social Creativity  
in a Chinese Village / Xiangqun Chang

Taipei: Airiti Press Inc., 2010  
634p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789866286186  
\$ 65.00

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SEGAWA'S Illustrated Ethnography of Indigenous Formosan People: The Bunun / Yuasa  
Hiroshi

Taiwan: SMC Publishing Inc., 2009  
xxv. 305p. ; 30cm.

ISBN-13: 9789576387166 (HB)  
Bilingual English & Chinese Language  
\$ 90.00

This is a long-awaited illustrated ethnography recording the traditions and culture of indigenous Formosan people, the Bunun who live in the highest-mountainous areas of Taiwan.

Mr. SEGAWA Kohkichi drew up this research project in 1930s, when he repeatedly visited the Bunun at scattered habitations deep in the mountains. Since 1980s, his successor Dr. YUASA Hiroshi, the author of this book, has continued the research. Thus, Mr. SEGAWA's effort and dedication finally come to see the light of day for publication.

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