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The contributors explore a wide variety of themes including: our understanding of those processes which transform the environment; the evolution of the cultural mind; classification and cognitive science; the character of cultural transmission; ethnobiology and archaeological interpretation; medical ethnobotany in relation to medical anthropology; and local ecological knowledge as applied anthropology. In this way, the book addresses issues of general interest in anthropology and helps to develop the productive relationship between ethnobiology and anthropology.

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