



Crow-Omaha: New Light on a Classic Problem of Kinship Analysis (Hardback)

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University of Arizona Press, United States, 2012. Hardback. Condition: New. 2nd ed.. Language: English . Brand New Book. The Crow-Omaha problem has perplexed anthropologists since it was first described by Lewis Henry Morgan in 1871. During his worldwide survey of kinship systems, Morgan learned with astonishment that some Native American societies call some relatives of different generations by the same terms. Why? Intergenerational skewing in what came to be named Crow and Omaha systems has provoked a wealth of anthropological arguments, from Rivers to Radcliffe-Brown, from Lowie to Levi-Strauss, and many more. Crow-Omaha systems, it turns out, are both uncommon and yet found distributed around the world. For anthropologists, cracking the Crow-Omaha problem is critical to understanding how social systems transform from one type into another, both historically in particular settings and evolutionarily in the broader sweep of human relations. This volume examines the Crow-Omaha problem from a variety of perspectives-- historical, linguistic, formalist, structuralist, culturalist, evolutionary, and phylogenetic. It focuses on the regions where Crow-Omaha systems occur: Native North America, Amazonia, West Africa, Northeast and East Africa, aboriginal Australia, northeast India, and the Tibeto-Burman area. The international roster of authors includes leading experts in their fields. The book offers a...



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