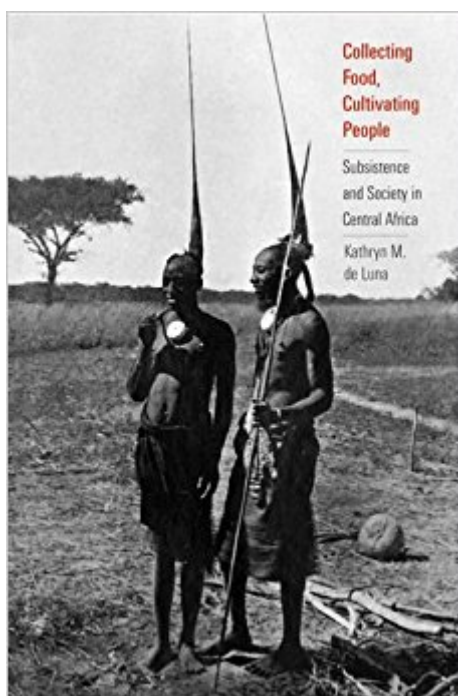


The book was found

Collecting Food, Cultivating People: Subsistence And Society In Central Africa (Yale Agrarian Studies Series)



Synopsis

A rich analysis of the complex dynamic between food collection and food production in the farming societies of precolonial south central Africa. Engaging new linguistic evidence and reinterpreting published archaeological evidence, this sweeping study explores the place of bushcraft and agriculture in the precolonial history of south central Africa across nearly three millennia. Contrary to popular conceptions that place farming at the heart of political and social change, political innovation in precolonial African farming societies was actually contingent on developments in hunting, fishing, and foraging, as de Luna reveals.

Book Information

Series: Yale Agrarian Studies Series

Hardcover: 352 pages

Publisher: Yale University Press; 1 edition (September 27, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0300218532

ISBN-13: 978-0300218534

Product Dimensions: 6.1 x 1 x 9.2 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.5 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #591,404 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #125 in [Books > History > Africa > Central Africa](#) #293 in [Books > History > Historical Study & Educational Resources > Historical Geography](#) #1192 in [Books > Science & Math > Agricultural Sciences > Food Science](#)

Customer Reviews

“By drawing on archeology, linguistics, ethnography and history, all in sophisticated and related ways, de Luna offers an unusually rich account of the complex, long term process of creative social and technical innovation for an African people once grouped with others as ‘stateless societies’ and/or ‘hunter-gatherers,’ who have often been treated as if unchanging over time. The emergence of different styles of leadership, in contexts of shifting ecology and intergroup relationships, has never been empirically supported in such detail and with such close attention to a range of sources.” —Jane I. Guyer, Johns Hopkins University (Jane I. Guyer) “Meticulously researched, imaginatively conceived, theoretically significant, and gracefully written, *Collecting Food, Cultivating People* is nothing less than a

history of the most fundamental phenomena in human history—agriculture and pastoralism, trade, metallurgy, and political centralization.

•Thomas Spear, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Thomas Spear) “Through innovative parsing of the vocabulary, de Luna does more than reconstruct ancient practices of foraging and cultivation; she discloses the very human meanings of an African subsistence economy.

•Nancy J. Jacobs, author of *Birders of Africa: History of a Network* (Nancy J. Jacobs) “de Luna’s book brilliantly reminds us if we had forgotten of the fundamental value of the insights of the use of language, material culture, technology, and historical landscapes in Africa’s history. And of all history.

•James C. McCann, author of *Green Land, Brown Land, Black Land: An Environmental History of Africa, 1800-1990* (James C. McCann) “De Luna’s unique arguments regarding the development of hunting, fishing, and food-collecting activities, bushcraft, along with their social and cultural implications, makes this a distinctive and original work. Her book distinguishes itself by its eloquence and lucidity.

•David M. Gordon, Bowdoin College (David M. Gordon) “This is a fascinating story which connects food, bushcraft, and the words through which they are given meaning, to a wider account of precolonial political repertoires in Africa, giving a far richer history to decentralized forms of association than Enlightenment theorists permitted.

•Carl Death, author of *The Green State in Africa* (Carl Death) “In contrast to the facile way that current historical accounts treat bushcraft in relation to farming, de Luna offers an interesting and meticulous examination of the geography of place and its shaping of Botatwe societies.

•Eleanor Sterling, American Museum of Natural History (Eleanor Sterling) “A magnificent piece of scholarship. Based on a remarkable range and combination of sources, *Collecting Food, Cultivating People* is destined to become a classic in the field of early African history.

•Neil Kodesh, author of *Beyond the Royal Gaze: Clanship and Public Healing in Buganda* (Neil Kodesh) “A stunningly accessible and provocative study of subsistence activities in south-central Africa across nearly three millennia.

•Choice (Choice) Won the 2017 Henry A. Wallace Award sponsored by the Agricultural History Society. (Henry A. Wallace Award Agricultural History Society 2017-06-12)

Kathryn M. de Luna is assistant professor of history at Georgetown University, where she specializes in the history of precolonial Africa. She lives in Braddock Heights, MD.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Collecting Food, Cultivating People: Subsistence and Society in Central Africa (Yale Agrarian

Studies Series) Stamp Collecting For Geek's ; Stamp Collecting For Beginners How To Learn All About Stamp Collecting Techniques Along With The Stamp Collecting Lingo And How To Find Values Of Your Collection Imperial Nature: The World Bank and Struggles for Social Justice in the Age of Globalization (Yale Agrarian Studies Series) Every Twelve Seconds: Industrialized Slaughter and the Politics of Sight (Yale Agrarian Studies Series) Strangers on Familiar Soil: Rediscovering the Chile-California Connection (Yale Agrarian Studies Series) The Art of Not Being Governed: An Anarchist History of Upland Southeast Asia (Yale Agrarian Studies Series) From Precaution to Profit: Contemporary Challenges to Environmental Protection in the Montreal Protocol (Yale Agrarian Studies Series) Africa: African History: From Ancient Egypt to Modern South Africa - Stories, People and Events That Shaped The History of Africa (African Folktales, African ... Africa, Somalia, Nelson Mandela Book 3) Food Systems in an Unequal World: Pesticides, Vegetables, and Agrarian Capitalism in Costa Rica (Society, Environment, and Place) Food Truck Business: How To Start Your Own Food Truck While Growing & Succeeding As Your Own Boss (Food Truck, Food Truck Business, Passive Income, Food ... Truck Startup, Food Truck Business Plan,) The William Blackstone Collection in the Yale Law Library: A Bibliographical Catalogue (Yale Law Library Publications, No. 6.) Prehistoric Lowland Maya Environment and Subsistence Economy (Papers of the Peabody Museum) Basic Rights: Subsistence, Affluence, and U.S. Foreign Policy South Africa: related: south africa, africa, safari, Kruger, Western Cape, Stellenbosch, Paarl, Cape Town, republic of south africa, campaign Cultivating Food Justice: Race, Class, and Sustainability (Food, Health, and the Environment) Whole Food: The 30 day Whole Food Ultimate Cookbook 100recipes (Whole Food Diet, Whole Food Cookbook, Whole Food Recipes, Clean Eating, Paleo, Ketogenic) Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) and Joseph Kony: American Efforts to Counter the LRA in Central Africa, Uganda, Central African Republic (CAR), Congo, and South Sudan Agrarian Dreams: The Paradox of Organic Farming in California (California Studies in Critical Human Geography) Westward Bound: Sex, Violence, the Law, and the Making of a Settler Society (Law and Society Series Published in association with the Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History) The History of Central and Eastern Africa (Britannica Guide to Africa)

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)