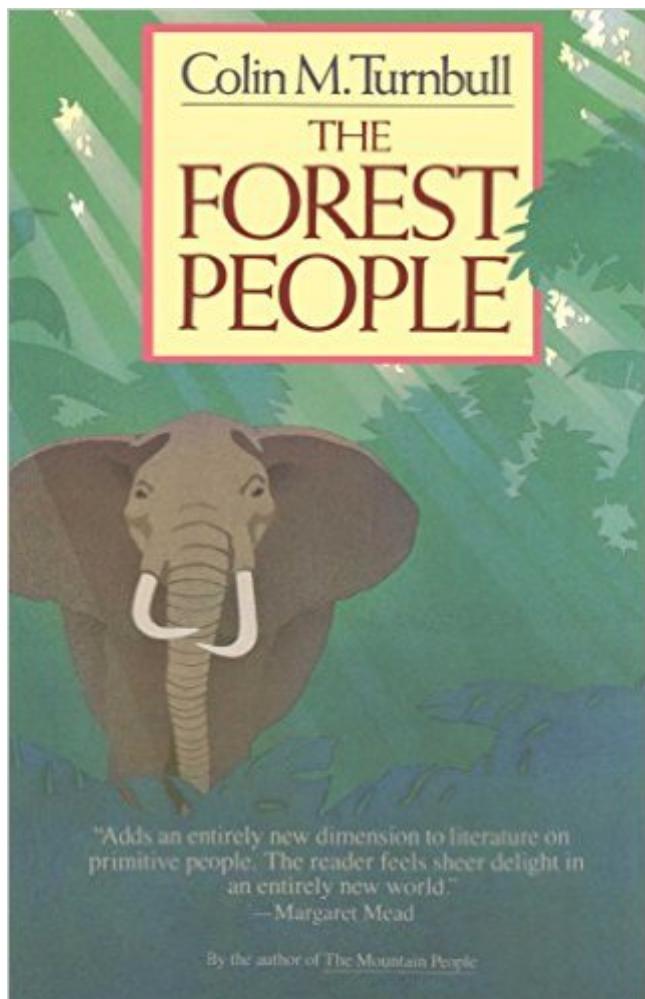


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I first read The Forest People when I was in college. I took an anthropology course, and I was absolutely enchanted by this book. First of all, do not fear that this book is written by an

anthropologist using dry and boring language and tried everything to stay objective thus being an impassioned observer. This is not a book filled with statistics and boring observations and theories. No, Turnbull described the life of the Mbuti pygmies with such color, exuberance, detail and a healthy dash of humour that you cannot help but just being entranced by this book. You will learn of their daily lives, their hissy fits with each other, their methods of punishment, their relationship with the "negro" villagers whom they think are animals because they do not understand the forest. You will see their marriage rites, the rituals of the Molimo and the celebration of the Elima, when young pygmy girls are first "blessed" by menstrual blood. You will see the pygmies as individuals each with his or her own personality....Kenge the author's best friend, Moke an elderly and respected member of the Mbuti, Cephu the "bad hunter", beautiful Kidaya of the elima, who , Kondabate the pygmy belle who filed her teeth like a shark's, flirtatious Akidinimba with her infamously huge bosoms, "ugly" Aberi, Kamaikan, Kelemoke and even Amina, the daughter of a sub-chief from a nearby village. You will get to know them and feel as if you have known them all your lives. The Forest People is one of the best books EVER written on anthropology. You can't help but think about how life, as simple as it seems for the pygmies, is still filled with both joy and tribulations. I have read this book many times and every time it still has not lost its magic on me. This book was written in the 1960s. Turnbull has since passed away. I cannot help but think about what happened to all these wonderful people we meet in the book today. Did Kenge have any children since? Did Kondabate ever have a child? Did Akidinimba stay married? I just wish that there's a sequel to this wonderful book.

Shame on the publisher. I bought this book for an anthropology course. The words were jumbled and out of order and made very little sense. Chapter headings and footnotes were mixed in with the text. I had to borrow the book from a library because my copy was so unreadable. The story itself is amazing; I loved it. But to sell a book that is printed like that...it is inexcusable.

I bought this book for an Intro to Anthropology class, and was skeptical. How interesting could a medium-length book about indigenous people of the forest be? Well, as it turns out, it can be pretty interesting. The first 1/3 of the book is almost painful to get through. You learn names and try to get a grasp of the culture. Once you get to a point where you can remember who is who and what their part in the story is, you'll find the book start to really open up. The characters start to develop personalities and you really get a good feel for what it would be like living as one with the mbuti tribe! This is really a true classic in the Anthropology / case study genre and one that I would

recommend to anyone even remotely interested in Anthropology or worldly cultures. Also, as the Mbuti culture itself is close to "extinct" in a sense (read the book and you'll understand what I mean), this book gives a critical incite that we just couldn't get today! This book is a real "must read"!

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