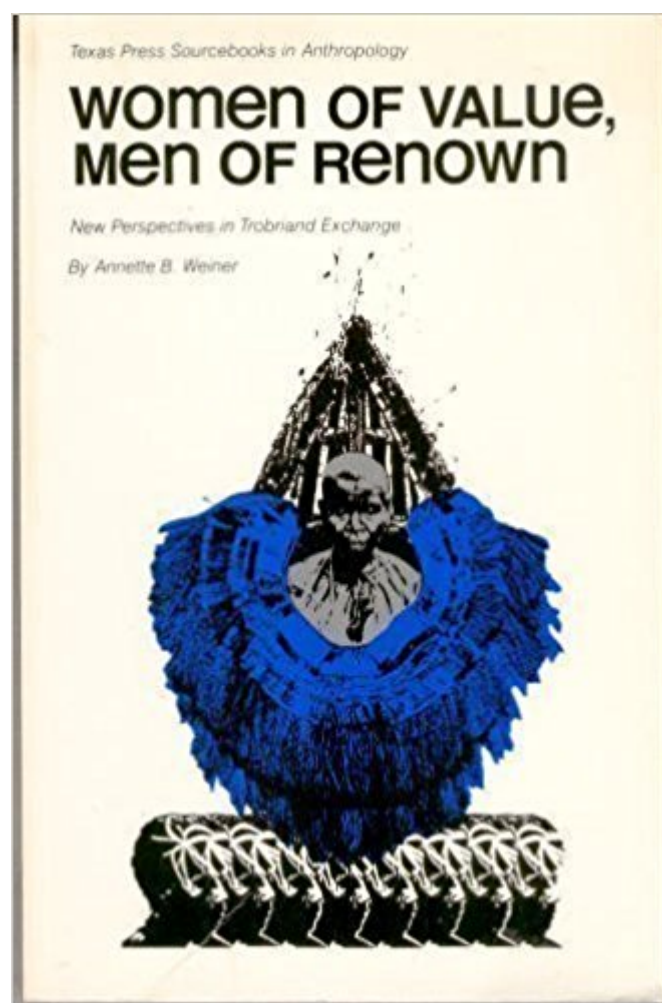


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## Synopsis

This study of women, men, and exchanges of wealth in the Trobriand Islands, Papua New Guinea, makes an interesting comparison with the work of pioneer ethnographer Bronislaw Malinowski, who conducted his seminal research there between 1915 and 1918. While Malinowski and others have focused on men, dismissing "women's work" as unimportant, Weiner shows that women play a vital role in Trobriand society.

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Fantastic account of the Trobriand Islands. It's eye opening how women were so painfully overlooked by earlier ethnographers. Women and men work together all around the world, and hold just as much value, economically and socially. I highly recommend.

I read this book shortly after it was published. The - female - ethnographer who conducted the research got a very very different picture of how Trobriand society was organized than did Malinowski, who had preceded her by a number of years. He had asked men what the women of their community did, he did not approach the women or observe their activities for himself. As it turns out, women actually conduct the business of the community; they have their own private language, and their view of men is that the men just sit around and gossip all day, doing no real work unless called on to battle other communities.

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