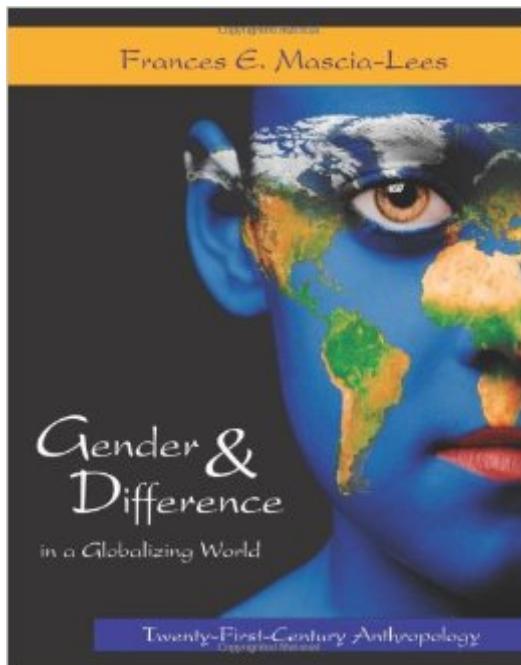


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Synopsis

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I bought this textbook for my college level anthropology course, we used it for most of the concepts in the course, and supplemental readings to get a more comprehensive understanding of certain topics. Mascia-Lees did a good job of explaining the important elements of the concepts found in each chapter. Furthermore, the gray boxes of text about current events in relation to the concepts made it somewhat easier to understand. This textbook is good for explaining the history of anthropology as well as the key shifts in concepts in the past centuries. Anyways, this was a good foundation text for our class since it made a point to differentiate between gender, sex, and social roles attributed to each gender, my anthropology course made this same distinction. This text would be good for anyone's exploration between the construction of sex (biological/anatomical), gender, and social roles for each gender. The textbook came well within the expected delivery date in a new condition as promised. I gave it four stars because the textbook came as described in a new condition.

I personally liked this book, but could never sit and read more than 10 pages at a time. Too much information in each chapter, and the book is set up so reading one page is almost like reading three. The book was just a little to busy for me.

Any educated person, whether an anthropologist or not, will appreciate this work. It's enlightening and fascinating. This look at gender encompasses established anthropological principles and new ideas to create a new way of thinking about gender and race in the twenty-first century.

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Great buy. Awesome quality.

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