



Wondrous Difference

By Alison Griffiths

Download now

Read Online ➔

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths

The ethical and ideological implications of cross-cultural image-making continue to stir debate among anthropologists, film scholars, and museum professionals. This innovative book focuses on the contested origins of ethnographic film from the late nineteenth century to the 1920s, vividly depicting the dynamic visual culture of the period as it collided with the emerging discipline of anthropology and the new technology of motion pictures. Featuring more than 100 illustrations, the book examines museums of natural history, world's fairs, scientific and popular photography, and the early filmmaking efforts of anthropologists and commercial producers to investigate how cinema came to assume the role of mediator of cultural difference at the beginning of the twentieth century.

 [Download Wondrous Difference ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Wondrous Difference ...pdf](#)

Wondrous Difference

By Alison Griffiths

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths

The ethical and ideological implications of cross-cultural image-making continue to stir debate among anthropologists, film scholars, and museum professionals. This innovative book focuses on the contested origins of ethnographic film from the late nineteenth century to the 1920s, vividly depicting the dynamic visual culture of the period as it collided with the emerging discipline of anthropology and the new technology of motion pictures. Featuring more than 100 illustrations, the book examines museums of natural history, world's fairs, scientific and popular photography, and the early filmmaking efforts of anthropologists and commercial producers to investigate how cinema came to assume the role of mediator of cultural difference at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths Bibliography

- Sales Rank: #2013814 in Books
- Published on: 2001-12-15
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: 9.00" h x 1.01" w x 6.26" l, 1.50 pounds
- Binding: Paperback
- 528 pages

 [Download Wondrous Difference ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Wondrous Difference ...pdf](#)

Editorial Review

Review

A significant contribution to knowledge about methods of recording and presenting visual culture of non-Western peoples in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

(Choice)

With fascinating examples and illustrations culled from a number of international archives, *Wondrous Difference* is an invaluable resource for cinema historians, anthropologists, archivists, and museum professionals.... Griffiths is working within a new tradition of scholars approaching visuality with a historically integrated and culturally critical perspective.... The masterful way in which Griffiths navigates and reveals the complexity of these relationships sets a standard for others to follow.

(Amy J. Staples *Film Quarterly*)

Wondrous Difference will make an excellent... textbook for advanced undergraduate or graduate courses in both visual anthropology and the history of anthropology.

(Deborah Poole *Current Anthropology*)

Review

With originality and depth of research, *Wondrous Difference* supplies the missing prehistory of the ethnographic documentary. The story this book tells is a dynamic one, of interest to anyone involved with cultural history, particularly anthropologists and film historians.

(Tom Gunning, University of Chicago)

This is a fine, fascinating study, a groundbreaking history of the emergence and evolution of the early ethnographic film. Employing a sharp attention to detail and manifesting an impressive grasp of the complexities of meaning in historically and geographically distant cultures, Alison Griffiths contributes in rich and important ways to ongoing thought and research about cinema.

(Dana Polan, professor of critical studies, University of Southern California)

An invaluable addition to our understanding of the history and development of ethnographic film prior to Robert Flaherty's *Nanook of the North*.... offers a new and insightful understanding of the relationship between visual culture, museums, ethnographic film, the popular world of commercial film, and anthropology from the 1890s to the 1920s.

(Jay Ruby, Temple University)

About the Author

Alison Griffiths is assistant professor in the Department of Communication Studies at Baruch College, City University of New York. The work on which this book is based won the Society for Cinema Studies dissertation prize.

Users Review

From reader reviews:

Barbara Palmer:

Have you spare time for just a day? What do you do when you have much more or little spare time? Yeah, you can choose the suitable activity with regard to spend your time. Any person spent all their spare time to take a walk, shopping, or went to often the Mall. How about open as well as read a book titled Wondrous Difference? Maybe it is to get best activity for you. You already know beside you can spend your time with your favorite's book, you can wiser than before. Do you agree with it is opinion or you have different opinion?

Victor Smith:

This book untitled Wondrous Difference to be one of several books in which best seller in this year, that is because when you read this reserve you can get a lot of benefit upon it. You will easily to buy this book in the book retail store or you can order it by way of online. The publisher on this book sells the e-book too. It makes you easier to read this book, as you can read this book in your Mobile phone. So there is no reason for you to past this book from your list.

Mike Hart:

Reading can called thoughts hangout, why? Because when you are reading a book mainly book entitled Wondrous Difference the mind will drift away trough every dimension, wandering in each aspect that maybe unfamiliar for but surely can be your mind friends. Imaging every word written in a publication then become one web form conclusion and explanation that maybe you never get ahead of. The Wondrous Difference giving you one more experience more than blown away your head but also giving you useful data for your better life within this era. So now let us teach you the relaxing pattern the following is your body and mind will likely be pleased when you are finished looking at it, like winning an activity. Do you want to try this extraordinary investing spare time activity?

Mary Kidd:

The book untitled Wondrous Difference contain a lot of information on it. The writer explains your ex idea with easy method. The language is very clear and understandable all the people, so do definitely not worry, you can easy to read this. The book was compiled by famous author. The author gives you in the new time of literary works. You can easily read this book because you can continue reading your smart phone, or device, so you can read the book throughout anywhere and anytime. If you want to buy the e-book, you can wide open their official web-site and also order it. Have a nice read.

**Download and Read Online Wondrous Difference By Alison
Griffiths #2Z50FUAW9DQ**

Read Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths for online ebook

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths books to read online.

Online Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths ebook PDF download

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths Doc

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths Mobipocket

Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths EPub

2Z50FUAW9DQ: Wondrous Difference By Alison Griffiths