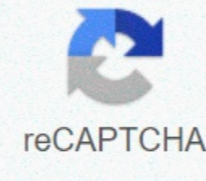




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In Barbara Myerhoff's book *Number Our Days* (1978), the Tailor/Philosopher warns her not to put pins in people, blow them up, level them, and sacrifice their multidimensionality. Shmuel advises her to leave them alone. Do not try to stop for your convenience. You never know them. Let people surprise (Myerhoff 1978, 41). In transforming lived existence into text or film, anthropologists never leave people alone. Moreover, textualization inevitably involves transformation (Michael Silverstein and Greg Urban, *Natural Histories of Discourse*, 1996), but when transforming performances into text it is important not to deflate and flatten people. Reading Holly M Barker *bravo for Marshallese*, I feel the voices of marshall islanders-who are themselves alive and multifaceted-is a flattened theory that presents them unilaterally victims of colonialism. Of course, there is no doubt that the people of the Marshall Islands, especially those residing in the Northern Atolle, suffered severely from nuclear tests in the US after World War II. There is also no doubt that the consequences of these tests continue to affect the Marshall Islanders today and will have significant effects going forward. Barker makes this point [Page 445] well. It shows how the Marshall Social Organization, especially the Rongelap organization, has been radically disrupted by nuclear tests. It shows some of the changes in Marshall's identities that have been interwoven with a past engraved in the landscape, and how people's daily activities have changed as a result of nuclear tests. Not only have the inhabitants of the northern atolls been driven from their prime homes, but Barker also points out how people's bodies were filled with radionuclides, forcing them to change their images. Equally important, it shows how the United States is trying to limit its commitments by enforcing an artificial four-atoll border that excludes the people of Likiep, Ailuk, and adjacent atolls from considering nuclear damage. These images are an important part of the anti-nuclear-testing era of the Marshall Islanders. Barker's work is a critical anti-demonic account that points to serious contradictions in the smoothly polished image of the United States as the heroic savior of a world that fills many high school texts. She couches her work as an anthropological advocacy rather than standard ethnography, and perhaps readers, especially the undergraduate audience for which this book is written, should not expect her to delve much deeper. In the Marshall Islands, a constant sequence of American mistakes is the only thing that is more shaken by the country than by the nuclear explosions themselves. It is commendable for Barker to actively support Marshall's pleas for fair pay in the face of continued US opposition to the payment of damages, which have been set out in the internationally established Nuclear Claims Tribunal in accordance with US requirements. However, in an effort to create a history of nuclear tests, as reflected in the Marshall Accounts, Barker is oversimplifying or smoothing out both marshall and American cold war-era history. For example, it rates American activities from a presentist perspective as if American scientists knew as much about radiation risks in 1954 as they do today: it is as if the animals that were sacrificed to learn about the effects of radiation in 1946 should be viewed with empathy by animal rights advocates who began in the 1980's, as if the idea that no man could survive the nuclear holocaust that many considered inevitable was not the real fear embedded in the American psyche of the 1950's. Barker does a commendable job materials obtained from nuclear testing talks. Often, these stories are heartbreaking and, in general, the translations are excellent. However, the content of these conversations is strongly influenced by the context of their elicitation. They're posing with Marshallese, framing... Skip navigation Use this site identifier or link to this item: File size format v16n2-445-449-bookrev.pdf 85.37K Adobe PDF View/Open View record of the entire item View statistics Please email [libraryada@lists.hawaii.edu](mailto:libraryada@lists.hawaii.edu) if you need this content in an ADA-compatible format. Items in ScholarSpace are copyrighted, with all rights reserved, unless otherwise stated. Get access rights and permissions [Opens in a new window] The U.S. government tested 67 atomic and thermonuclear bombs in the Marshall Islands between 1946 and 1958. 100 times more than was detonated at a test site in Nevada. While these facts are quite well known, the numerous and diverse effects of these experiments on people's marshallese are not. Holly Barker's book *Bravo for Marshallese: Regaining Control in a post-nuclear, post-colonial world* addresses the medical, social, economic, linguistic and psychological impact that america's nuclear test program has had and continues to have on the lives of Marshall Islanders. Barker bases his discussion on a wealth of ethno-historical data that includes extensive interviews, field work, and recently declassified documents. Probably the greatest strength of this book is that it gives voice to the survivors. Her ability to convey the most intimate and tragic experiences of survivors with sensitivity and clarity may be partly attributed to her 15-year relationship with the people of the Marshall Islands. Barker frames ethnographic material as part of a historical and descriptive discussion that gives context to narratives and data reasons. But, despite the book's many strengths, Barker's analysis of the data presented falls short of his promise. Copyright © 2005 Cambridge University Press Get access to the full version of this content using one of the access options below. Usage data cannot be displayed at this time. eBook: Bravo for ... Holly M. Barker Showing 1-30 Start your Bravo review for Marshallese: Regaining Control in post-nuclear, Post-Colonial World February 4, 2011 Huma Rashid rated it liked it It was certainly a compelling read, and quite difficult to pass at times. It is written by a young Peace Corp volunteer who lived in the Marshall Islands with his host family and learned firsthand accounts of the horrors inflicted on the indigenous population of the U.S. nuclear missile testing and the resulting radiation. 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Before reading this I had never heard of Bravo tests and knew nothing about the Marshall Islands other than the fact that they existed. That was just... Incredible. While it's not out of the question that the U.S. government could shit so bad (we do it all the time), it's still just... So much damage has been done. Scary. Scary, and all that, so important. July 22, 2010 Jacob tagged it as a read-read Friend recommended it after I watched 1945-1998, an animation by Isao Hashimoto depicting every nuclear explosion (test and otherwise) that has happened since World War II. I have to say, what the fuck, the world. To hell with it. A friend recommended it after I watched 1945-1998, an animation by Isao Hashimoto depicting every nuclear explosion (test and otherwise) that has happened since World War II. I have to say, what the fuck, the world. To hell with it. ... more April 24, 2011 Jbedient rated it was amazing what the U.S. did to Marshallese is as incomprehensible as the Holocaust. 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