THE WHARE KOHANGA AND ITS LORE

By Elsdon Best

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 13

93 p. Reprint 1975. \$5.75 plus 85c p & p In this study of Whare Kohanga (the "Nest House") is contained data of baptism rites performed over infants of superior families only, together with other cultural ceremonies applied to infants of high birth. The information obtained was contributed by members of the Ngati-Kahungunu tribe of the North Island. The text has been retained in its original style in the belief that these basic studies should still be readily available without textual alteration.

MOA-HUNTER PERIOD OF MAORI CULTURE

ROGER DUFF-CANTERBURY MUSEUM BULLETIN NO. 1 436 p. 3rd edition, 1977. \$17.50 plus \$1.50 p & p This book deals with the most important site yet investigated and in its discussions it traverses most of the New Zealand

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By Elsdon Best

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 7

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WEED CONTROL BY CHEMICAL METHODS

By L. J. Mathews

AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES BULLETIN 329

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Gives recommendations for the control of weeds in crops, pastures, and other specific Section 3

Section 4-Describes the chemicals and summarises their

Section 5—Deals with application of herbicides.

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By S. T. Karety

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By A. L. Poole and Nancy M. Adams

257 p. 1979 fourth impression with amendments

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