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By A. J. Healy and E. Edgar

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FOREST LORE OF THE MAORI

Dominion Museum Bulletin No. 14

By Elsdon Best

421 p. 1977. \$17.95 plus \$1.50 p & p

Printed without textual alteration, the work provides an important basis for any study of old-time Maori economics and perhaps more importantly of his attitude to what was a major part of his environment. It will be of more general interest today than when first written, since it stresses so fully the uses made by the Maori people of their natural resources, and supplies basic materials for further studies in ethnobotany and ethnozoology. The reverence which the old time Maori showed towards natural resources mirrors the modern concern for ecological principles.

GAMES AND PASTIMES OF THE MAORI
(Dominion Museum Bulletin No. 8), 1976 Reprint

By Elsdon Best

334 p. \$17 plus \$1.50 p & p

First published in 1925 this bulletin is one of the series originally written by Elsdon Best, and has been reprinted without textual alteration.

Elsdon Best describes it as "An account of various exercises, games, and pastimes of the natives of New Zealand, as practised in former times; including some information concerning their vocal and instrumental music."

Includes an account of musical instruments and Maori song together with games and pastimes of a relaxing nature as well as those involved in ritual and training.

Contents include; Military exercises and games, Aquatic games, Children's games, Introduced games, Maori songs and Musical instruments.

GLASSHOUSE TOMATOES

Agriculture Bulletin 3370

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

86 p. 1978. \$3.25 plus 55c p & p

The present text replaces earlier editions of the bulletin. Important factors to consider when establishing a tomato-growing glasshouse, are lighting, soil type, site, water supply, shelter, and proximity to a market. These as well as general cultural practices are dealt with in this bulletin.

ILLUSTRATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND FOSSILS

DSIR Information Series No. 150

109 p. 1981 \$5.50 plus 85c p & p

The book is a guide to the identification of the fossils of the major time intervals currently recognised in the marine sedimentary rocks of New Zealand. Most of the fossils illustrated are marine macro-fossils, that is, those that can be seen by the human eye.

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STATE SERVICES COMMISSION

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One of the aims in letter writing is to get ideas across to the reader clearly and briefly. But do letters always say what is meant? Even if they are clear to the writer, will the reader understand them easily? If you are still using the old clichés of "acknowledging receipt of", "according to our records", and "enclosed please find" it is almost certainly time to change your attitude to writing Living Letters.

MAORI

By Witi Ihimaera

45 p. 1975. \$1.20 plus 40c p & p

A colourful booklet describing the coming of the Maori to New Zealand, his history, heritage, folklore, beliefs, and cultural unity.

Each chapter has a quotation from a Maori proverb, phrase, saying, or canoe chant and these concepts are presented in words and pictures.

Continues with the arrival of the pakeha and the pattern of events which followed, the Treaty of Waitangi and the Land Wars. Moves on to the Maori today, finishing with the theme, one country, two heritages in unity.

Well illustrated with 64 coloured photos, of interest to all New Zealanders and tourists. (Tourist and Publicity Department.)

MAORI AGRICULTURE

Dominion Museum Bulletin No. 9

By Elsdon Best

315 p. 1976. \$13.50 plus \$1.50 p & p

The only comprehensive study of Maori agriculture available, this bulletin adds a further volume to the series of Elsdon Best's works which the Government Printer undertook to reprint preserving the original text and bulletin numbers. I recommend this book and the series as a whole; to collectors archaeologists, and to those studying the prehistoric economy of the Maori people. (Government Printer.)

THE MAORI AS HE WAS

By Elsdon Best

295 p. 1974 reprint. \$6.50 plus 85c p & p

Fifty years of public demand since this book was first published resulted in the need for reprints in 1934 and 1952. The text has been reproduced unchanged but the originals of some of the figures could not be traced and these have been replaced with similar illustrations. There have been many advances in our knowledge of Maori life since this book first appeared. The work of numerous ethnologists, and more recently archaeologists, has critically examined many of the earlier concepts, confirming some, disproving others, and altering others to varying degrees. No one has yet produced a synthesis of the results of all this scholarship and there is still nothing as comprehensive as this book of Best's to give a general account of the Maori. This book was first published when Best was 68 and thus represents the accumulated knowledge of a lifetime. It has now become a classic introduction to Maori life. Its continued availability should help the reader to obtain a basic background to old time Maori life which can be extended by further reading.