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By Elsdon Best

(National Museum Bulletin No. 8), 1976 Reprint

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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.

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Edited by R. P. Suggate, et al.

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By Elsdon Best

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 9

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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 CANOE

By Elsdon Best

NATIONAL MUSEUM BULLETIN No. 7

451 p. 1976. \$17.50 plus \$1.50 p & p

A reprinted edition without textual alterations and retaining the old Dominion Museum number. Another example of Elsdon Best's dedicated effort to preserve Maori culture. The material presented on canoes, their materials, types, methods of construction, and associated artifacts make interesting reading for the layman as well as for scholars of the Maori. (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.