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vital text for anthropologists and other social scientists, particularly scholars of global studies, development studies, and Southeast Asia.