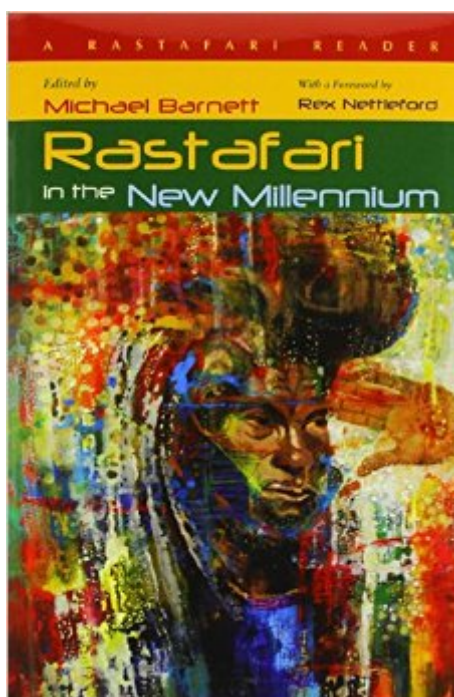


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Rastafari In The New Millennium: A Rastafari Reader



Synopsis

In the dawn of the new African Millennium, the Rastafari movement has achieved unheralded growth and visibility since its inception more than eighty years ago. Moving beyond a pure spiritual movement, its aesthetic component has influenced cultures of the Caribbean, the United States, and others across the globe. Locating the Rastafari movement at a literal and figurative crossroad, Barnett sets out to consider the possible paths the movement will chart. *Rastafari in the New Millennium* covers a wide range of perspectives, focusing not only on the movement's nuanced and complex religious ideology but also on its political philosophy, cosmology, and unique epistemology. Barry Chevannes's essay addresses the concerns of death and repatriation, highlighting the transformative challenges these issues pose to Rastafari. Essays by Ian Boxill, Edward Te Kohu Douglas, Erin MacLeod, and Janet L. DeCosmo, among others, offer rich accounts of the globalization of Rastafari from New Zealand to Ethiopia, from Brazil to Zimbabwe. Drawing on new research and global developments, the contributors, many of whom are leading scholars in the field, reinvigorate the critical dialogue on the current state and future direction of the Rastafari movement.

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Customer Reviews

I was very pleased to come across this gem of a book; it is an absolute treasure trove of information. I have a strong interest in the whole subject of Rastafarianism and am always keen to explore books on the subject. The book comprises the following broad chapters:-Part 1: An

assessment of Rastafari in the New Millennium
Part 2: The Globalisation of Rastafari
Part 3: Rastafari Ideology, Philosophy and Praxis
Part 4: Gender Considerations in the Rastafari Movement
Part 5: Religious Considerations in the Rastafari Movement
Part 6: Rastafari and Reggae
Part 7: Political Dimensions of the Rastafari Movement
A number of detailed essays reflect each particular section. The brilliance of this book is that it has 18 expert contributors. Each contributor has written at least one in-depth and thoroughly researched essay. I like the fact that a fair amount of personal research has been carried out by the contributors - whether by personal interview or time spent within Rastafari communities. I must say I have gleaned a lot of information from this book that to date I have not found elsewhere. For example, The Globalisation of Rastafari chapter comprises of 4 detailed essays: The Rastafari presence in Ethiopia; Water development projects and Cultural Citizenship; Rastafari in New Zealand; Rastafari Fundamentalism in Salvador, Brazil. Very informative. This opened my eyes to how Rasta communities have fared across the various continents, as well as how they are perceived by local populations and the various dynamics involved.

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