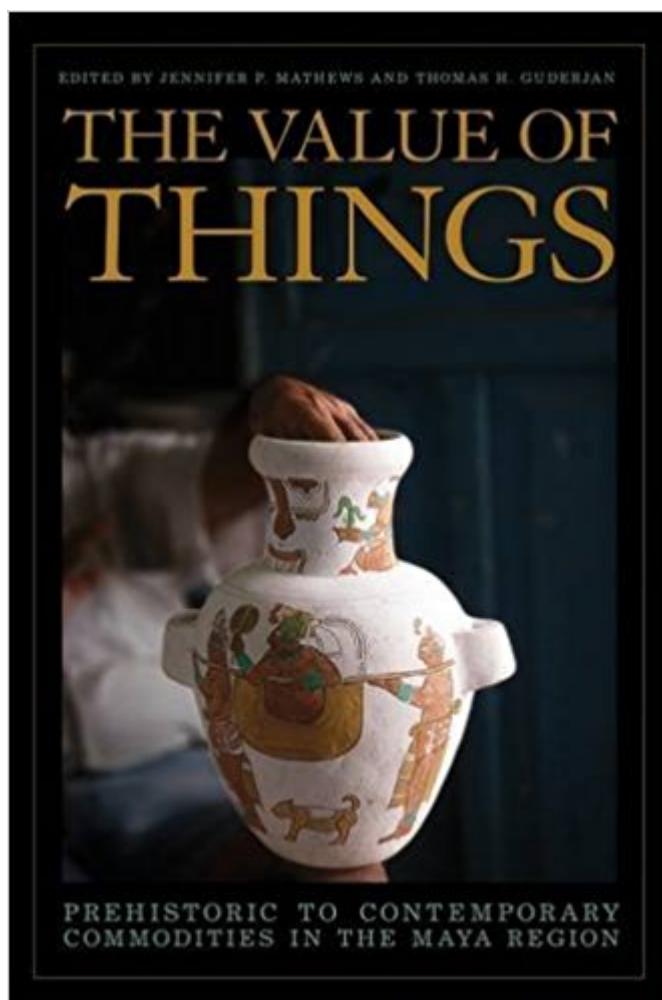


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# The Value Of Things: Prehistoric To Contemporary Commodities In The Maya Region



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