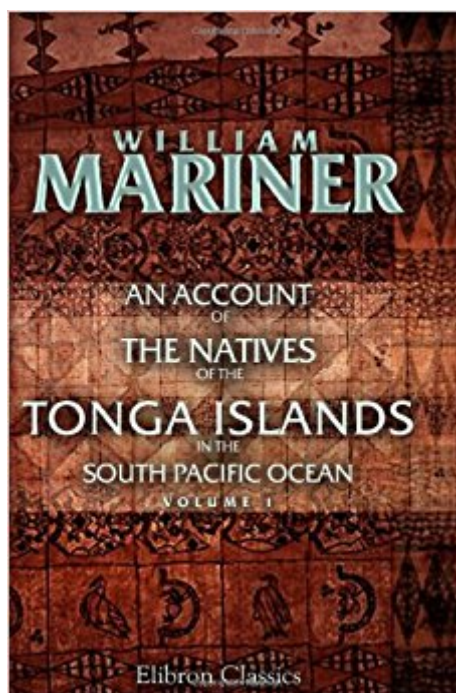


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For anyone interested in Polynesian and especially Tongan culture and history this is a must read! Many of the Tongan words are spelled phonetically so for those who speak Tongan understanding the Tongan words and phrases he puts in there can take a little time. But overall, a fantastic read.

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If you are all interested in the anthropology of the Pacific this is a must read. I lived in Tonga for 14 years and I love this book...it makes you understand the culture and the Tongan 'ways' ...I know it's about to get made into a movie by one of Mariner's descendants ...but read the book first ...great great read...love it :)

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