



Pacific Art: In Detail

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Harvard. 1 Cloth(s), 2011. hard. Book Condition: New. Exploring the question "What is Pacific art?" the former curator of the Oceania collection at the British Museum introduces the riches of the Pacific island nations through close-up views of rarely seen treasures from the collection. Jenny Newell presents beautifully photographed works by artists employing a wide variety of materials and techniques to illuminate the role of artistic creation in land and ocean management, in making totems of political and spiritual power, and in remembering connections to gods and ancestors. Along with items like gorgeously crafted shark hooks, reserved for the chiefs of 18th century Hawai'i, and a Tonganese ivory goddess some 200 years old, she also considers contemporary Pacific arts; in the Vanuatu dance of Qet, for example, a headdress resembles a modern airliner. 144.



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