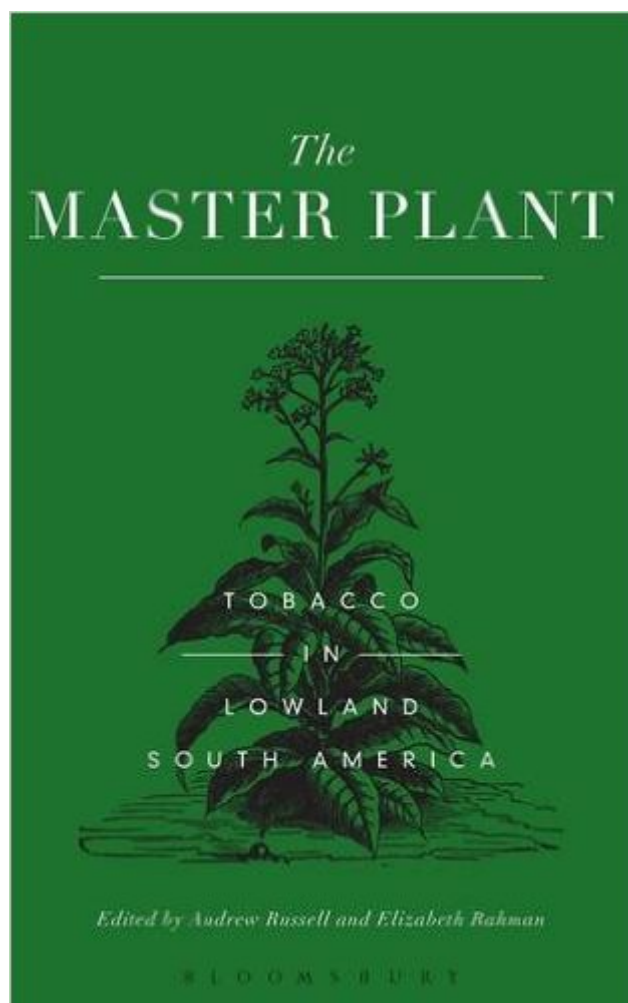


The book was found

The Master Plant: Tobacco In Lowland South America



Synopsis

Described as a 'master plant' by many indigenous groups in lowland South America, tobacco is an essential part of shamanic ritual, as well as a source of everyday health, wellbeing and community. In sharp contrast to the condemnation of the tobacco industry and its place in contemporary public health discourse, the book considers tobacco in a more nuanced light, as an agent both of enlightenment and destruction. Exploring the role of tobacco in the lives of indigenous peoples, *The Master Plant* offers an important and unique contribution to this field of study through its focus on lowland South America: the historical source region of this controversial plant, yet rarely discussed in recent scholarship. The ten chapters in this collection bring together ethnographic accounts, key developments in anthropological theory and emergent public health responses to indigenous tobacco use. Moving from a historical study of tobacco usage – covering the initial domestication of wild varieties and its value as a commodity in colonial times – to an examination of the transcendent properties of tobacco, and the magic, symbolism and healing properties associated with it, the authors present wide-ranging perspectives on the history and cultural significance of this important plant. The final part of the book examines the changing landscape of tobacco use in these communities today, set against the backdrop of the increasing power of the national and transnational tobacco industry. The first critical overview of tobacco and its uses across lowland South America, this book encourages new ways of thinking about the problems of commercially exploited tobacco both within and beyond this source region.

Book Information

Hardcover: 280 pages

Publisher: Bloomsbury Academic (May 7, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1472587545

ISBN-13: 978-1472587541

Product Dimensions: 6.8 x 0.8 x 9.6 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item

Best Sellers Rank: #3,632,275 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #58 in [Books > Crafts, Hobbies & Home > Gardening & Landscape Design > By Technique > Propagation & Cultivation](#) #2419 in [Books > Textbooks > Science & Mathematics > Biology & Life Sciences > Botany](#) #2451 in [Books > History > Americas > Central America](#)

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Master Plant: Tobacco in Lowland South America South Beach Diet: South Beach Diet Recipe Book: 50 Delicious & Easy South Beach Diet Recipes (south beach diet, south beach diet recipes, south beach diet beginners guide, south beach diet cookbook) South Beach Diet: The SOUTH BEACH DIET Beginners Guide - How To Lose Weight And Feel Awesome With The South Beach Diet!: (south beach diet, south ... diet recipes, south beach diet cookbook) South Beach Diet: The South Beach Diet Beginners Guide to Losing Weight and Feeling Great! (south beach diet, south beach diet beginners guide, south beach diet recipes) South Beach Diet: A Beginners Guide For Using The South Beach Diet For Quick, Easy and Healthy Weight Loss (Dieting, Weight Loss, South Beach Diet, South ... Diet Cookbook, South Beach Diet Kindle) The South Beach Diet: A Guide for Faster Weight Loss and Healthy Lifestyle with Easy Meal Plan Recipes (South Beach Diet Meal Plan, South Beach Diet Gluten Solution, South Beach Diet Recipes) The Lowland South Beach Diet: South Beach Diet Book for Beginners - South Beach Diet Cookbook with Easy Recipes (Low carbohydrate Living - Low Carbohydrate Diet - Modified Atkins Diet 1) South Beach Diet: The South Beach Diet Guide For Beginners: How To Feel Great And Healthy With The South Beach Diet South Beach Diet: The Beginner's Guide on How to Quickly and Effectively Lose Weight with the South Beach Diet Cookbook, Recipes, and Meal Plan! (South ... Low Carbohydrate Diet, Gluten-Free) South Africa (The Cape Colony, Natal, Orange Free State, South African Republic, Rhodesia, and all other territories south of the Zambesi) Saint Germain: Master Alchemist: Spiritual Teachings From An Ascended Master (Meet the Master) But Smoking Makes Me Happy: The Link Between Nicotine and Depression (Tobacco: The Deadly Drug) American Tobacco Cards: A Price Guide and Checklist Smoking: Stop Smoking for Life! - The Easiest Way to Finally Quit Smoking: Stop Smoking, Quit Smoking (Addictions, Addiction Recovery, Quit Smoking, Cigarettes, Tobacco) Addiction-Free--Naturally: Liberating Yourself from Tobacco, Caffeine, Sugar, Alcohol, Prescription Drugs The Smoker's Prayer: The Spiritual Healing of Tobacco Addiction, with or without Chantix, Nicotine Patches, Hypnosis, Jail Time or Duct Tape Teen Health Course 1 (Tobacco, chapter 9 Fast Files) Teen Health, Course 2, Modules, Tobacco, Alcohol, and Other Drugs Civil Warriors: The Legal Siege on the Tobacco Industry

[Dmca](#)