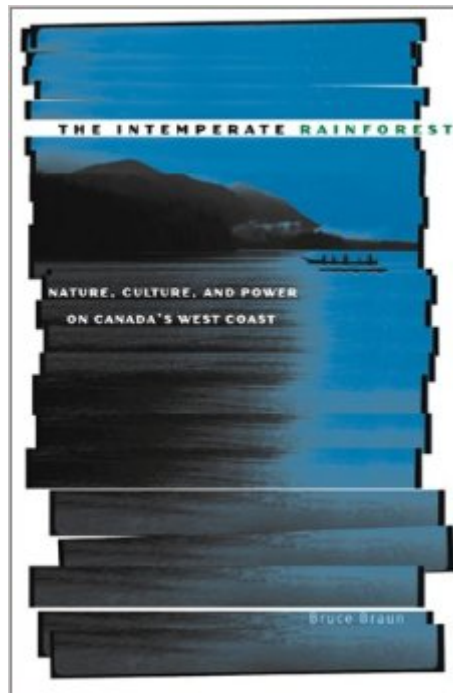


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Bruce Braun is one of the most cogent, enlightening geographers around today. This deconstruction of the material-semiotic assembly of "Nature" (following Haraway, Latour, Law, Deleuze, etc.) is super easy to read and makes a great gateway into the tough paradigm-bending rabbit-hole that is Actor-network Theory.

I taught this book in a senior seminar (4th-yr undergraduate) Environmental Anthropology course in 2003-04. I was a little worried about assigning it b/c the theory can be very dense, but it turned out to be one of the more popular books in the course, full of ideas that students kept referring back to and using in their term papers. Because each of the chapters looks at the idea of the "forest" (and the processes through which it has been produced) from a range of perspectives, it's a fun book to teach in a seminar setting -- it can be approached from a lot of different angles, and is almost inherently provocative of debate. And it has great illustrations -- all of my students were "fooled" by the pseudo-satellite photos that Braun presents and goes on to deconstruct brilliantly.

Awesome book! So invigorating. I suggest this book to anyone interested in development, smart growth, geography, and even ethnoecology. I actually should probably just recommend it to anyone across the board! A pleasure.

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