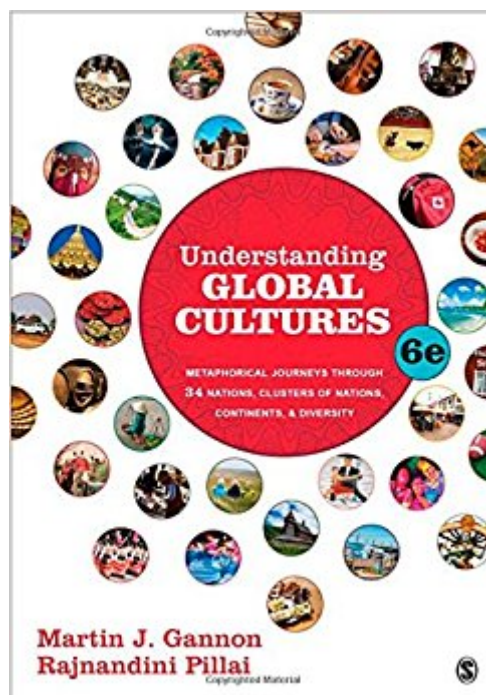


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Synopsis

In the fully updated Sixth Edition of *Understanding Global Cultures: Metaphorical Journeys Through 34 Nations, Clusters of Nations, Continents, and Diversity*, authors Martin J. Gannon and Rajnandini Pillai present the cultural metaphor as a method for understanding the cultural mindsets of individual nations, clusters of nations, continents, and diversity in each nation. A cultural metaphor is any activity, phenomenon, or institution that members of a given culture consider important and with which they identify emotionally and/or cognitively, such as the Japanese garden and American football. This cultural metaphoric approach identifies three to eight unique or distinctive features of each cultural metaphor and then discusses 34 national cultures in terms of these features. The book demonstrates how metaphors are guidelines to help outsiders quickly understand what members of a culture consider important.

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Good generalization of different cultures that will help you understand a little better, someone's perspective or perception of the world.

Fast. Thanks

The works of Hall, Hofstede, GLOBE, and others have laid an excellent groundwork in the field of intercultural communication. However, their frameworks of viewing culture had limitations, as they were somewhat reductionistic. Gannon and Pillai recognize this and seek to help learners move beyond these limitations. They created a heuristic framework for viewing cultures based upon an action, institution or phenomenon within a number of cultures that are especially rich and representative of each culture. These then become metaphors through which the authors try to unpack key aspects of each culture. What is especially helpful is the authors recognize that even these metaphors are limited in function. Their value is that they provide a lens through which learners can begin a journey of discovery, and the authors encourage learners to move beyond the

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