



Anthropology – what?

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Anthropologists focus on culture

How does culture function?
What does it do?
And how?



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People live culturally rather than
live in cultures' (Ingold 1994:330)

*Companion Encyclopedia of
Anthropology: Humanity,
Culture and Social Life* London
and New York: Routledge



Culture is a set of meanings.
It is a way of thinking about the world.
It is series of signs.



Ontology

How the condition and meaning of being is understood.



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Culture is not the same as society,
but they are linked.

(Multicultural society -
Different cultures living in
one society.)



Society = an organised group.
Culture = a way of living.

How do they link?



Anthropologists focus on micro contexts to
comment on the complexities of being human.

Knowledge is contextual



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Qualitative research methods.

To understand experience



Anthropologists use their experiences
to write ethnographies.

And comment on social
issues



How Forests Think: Towards an Anthropology Beyond the Human By Eduardo Kohn

New directions in
scholarship

HOW WATER MAKES US HUMAN

engagements with the
materiality of water

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BODY MATTERS

exploring the materiality
of the human body

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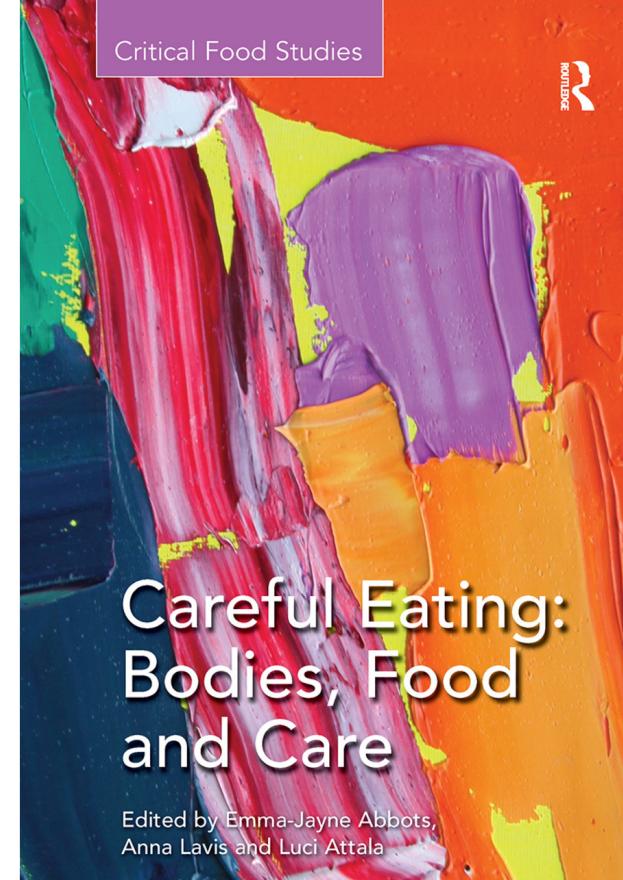


Critical Food Studies



Careful Eating: Bodies, Food and Care

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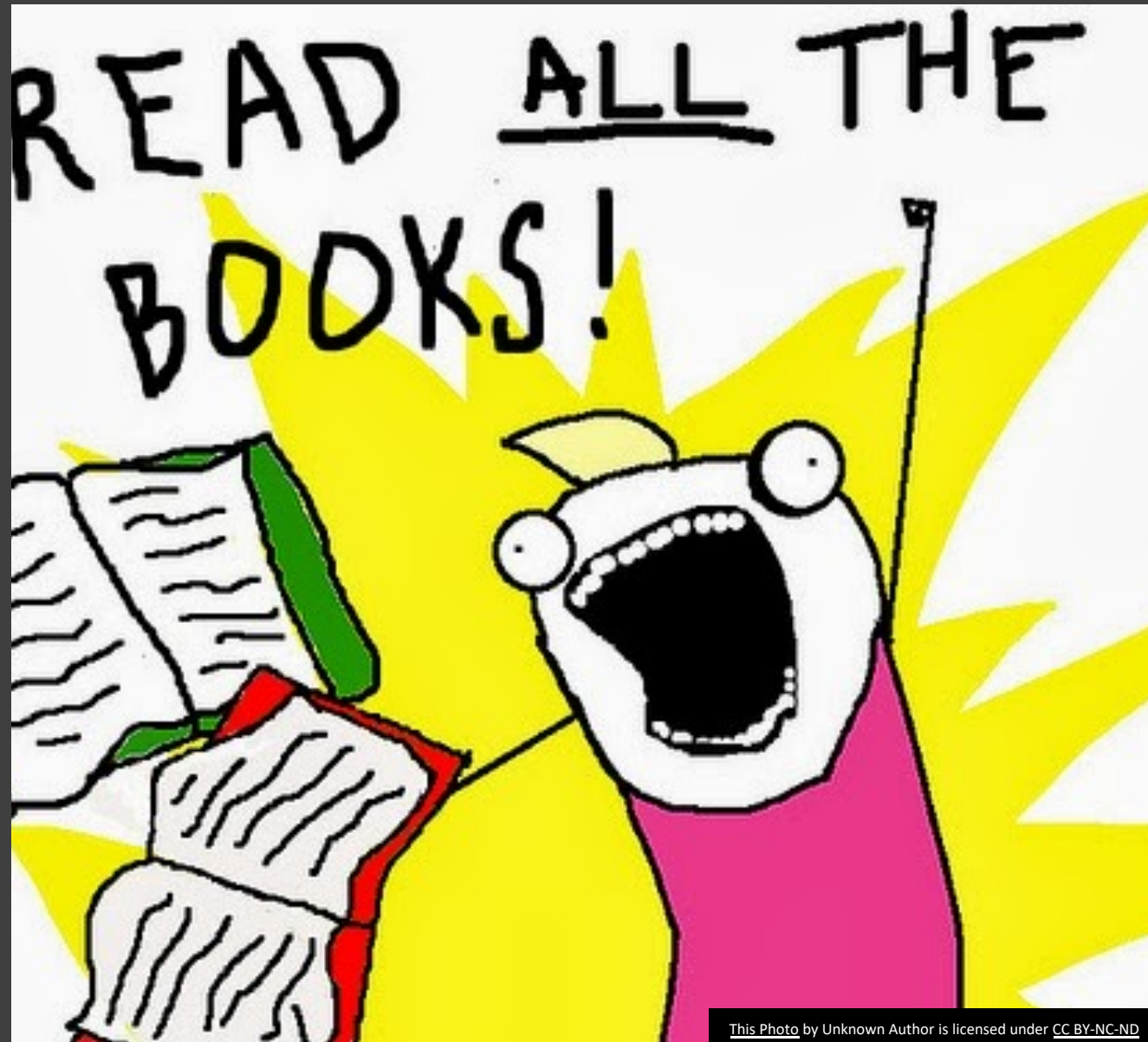
Materiality and Consumption in the Bronze Age Mediterranean

Louise Steel



Some of the books Louise and I have written

Topics focus on materiality, bodies, food/eating, water.



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