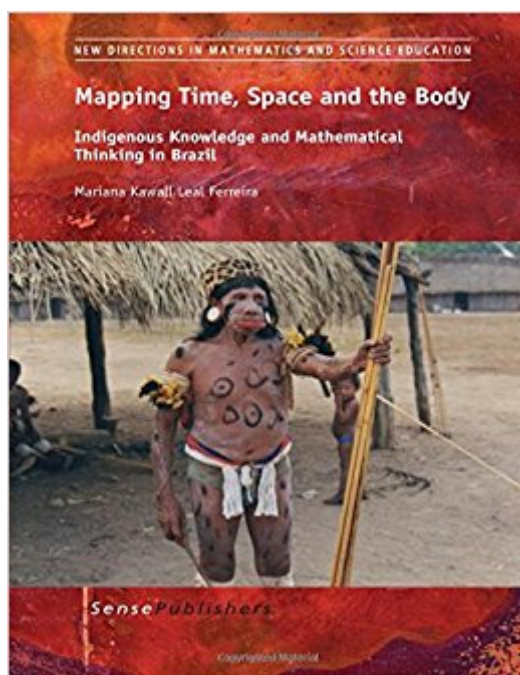


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Breath-taking in its scope, Ferreira's new book transcends academic disciplines in importance. It's more than Anthropology. It's more than teaching science and math. It's more than awareness and respect for indigenous knowledge and world-views. It's about genuine transformative education. Its insights and implications span across the spectrum of social justice, education, and scientific knowledge. Ferreira brings her impressive background and history to Mapping Time, Space and the Body, and shares it. Quite an awesome tour-de-force!

Congratulations Mariana Leal Ferreira for yet another book on the anthropology of mathematics. It is a great contribution to a better understanding of these fragile but very rich Brazilian indigenous cultures. Very interesting mathematical concepts, especially in light of a gift economy, when subtraction $\tilde{f}\hat{\phi}\tilde{A} \hat{=} -\tilde{A} \hat{=} \infty$ using a minus sign $\tilde{f}\hat{\phi}\tilde{A} \hat{=} -\tilde{A} \hat{=} \infty$ actually has the power to increase, rather than decrease, the original total amount of resources. Very interesting reading!

An exciting and important contribution to the literature on social justice and mathematics in the modern age. Ferreira's unique perspective highlights the struggles of Indigenous Peoples' in Brazil, fighting for their identity in the face of adversity. This is a perfect example of what activist scholarship should look like, the people always come first. Professor Ferreira has given us a treasure trove of hidden knowledge that could help heal the world.

Great read! An amazing portrayal of the mathematical knowledge and mapmaking skills of Indigenous Peoples in Brazil, who have been fighting to regain their lands and livelihood for centuries. I wish I had learned mathematics using real life experiences that matter to us, as this book suggests we do.

A brilliant way to introduce the lay person to Indigenous ways of living and understanding our relationship to life itself, the ways one can exist within nature, a non western view of logic and mathematics. Truly remarkable and engaging.

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