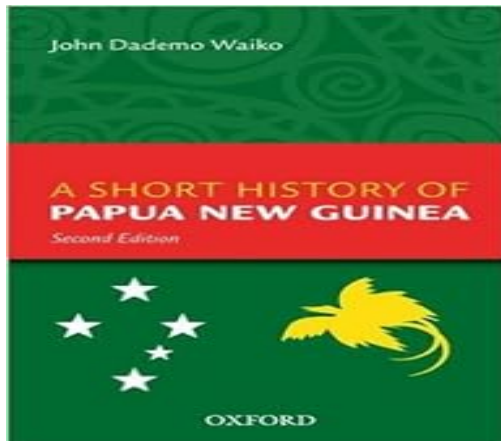


A Short History of Papua New Guinea By John Dademo Waiko The political history helpfully explains the relationship between customary authorities and political authorities and how traditional structures of authority have influenced Papua New Guinean politics. The book explicitly recognizes that much of the history covered has had little effect on a larger part of Papua New Guinea's population (most of the population today still lives in villages where the capital has relatively limited reach). The main weakness of the book is unfortunately that it doesn't even attempt to give an overview of the rich diversity of Papua New Guinea's multiple ethnic groups with 800+ languages - as such the book mostly covers history from a capital-centric perspective in a country where the capital is often of less relevance to major parts of the country. Nevertheless.



A nice history of Papua New Guinea breezing very quickly through precolonial history then covering colonial history and post-independence history in more depth (up until the early 2000's). The book covers the German and British/Australian colonialisms the effects of World War II and post-independence dynamics including the state of education health foreign policy and trade politics the native perspective of the book helps in providing a more local (rather than Western) perspective on developments albeit a capital-centric perspective. 0195517660 A Short History of Papua New Guinea is a concise book describing the quick and steady growth of the many small isolated and self-sufficient societies that made up the fledging British Papua and German New Guinea colonies towards the end of the nineteenth century. This book traces how the British and German colonies grew and the effects that each colonial authority had on health religion education and trade up to a decade after independence A Short History of Papua New Guinea.

, Written by a native this is the only general history of Papua New Guinea available unfortunately. In less than one hundred years the people in both colonies were united as one nation achieving independence in 1975[1]

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