What makes us distinctly human? Despite sharing common human traits, why are we so very different? Why do people differ in appearance, that is, physically and biologically? Why do people have different patterns of behaviour? The basic question which anthropology has always tried to answer is: How can we explain the uniformity and diversity of humans and human behaviour - that is, the human experience? South American tribes used to bind infants’ skulls in order to change their shape. Anthropologists have set out to develop a better understanding of diverse societies in different contexts by spending time with people in their particular settings. There are 14 chapter titled ‘What Makes Us Human?’, ‘The Body’, ‘Ways of Thinking and Communicating’, ‘Organizing Social Relations’, ‘Engaging With Nature’, ‘Personhood’, ‘Identity’, ‘Ritual’, ‘Gender’, ‘Boundaries’, ‘Globalization’, ‘The Role of Material Culture’, ‘Research Methods’ & ‘Applied Anthropology’. Each chapter has a further reading list and the book concludes with a useful glossary of anthropological terms used in the text. This fascinating book is recommended to students and also the general reader curious to discover what anthropology is all about. Read more. Helpful. Introducing Anthropology is the first book of its kind. It offers a serious but accessible introduction to anthropology and is the perfect starting point for anyone new to the subject. Introducing Anthropology aims to inspire and enthuse a new generation of anthropologists. It is suitable for a range of different readers, from students studying the subject at school-level to university students looking for a clear and engaging entry point into anthropology. Introducing Anthropology Text. What Makes Us Human? Authors:Laura Pountney, Tomislav Marić. Across a series of fourteen chapters, Introducing Anthropology addresses the different fields and approaches within anthropology, covers an extensive range of themes and emphasizes the active role and promise of anthropology in the world today. The new edition foregrounds in particular the need for anthropology in understanding and addressing today's environmental crisis, as well as the exciting developments of digital anthropology. This book has been designed by two authors with a passion for teaching and a commitment to communicating the excitement of anthropology to newcomers. The first edition of Introducing Anthropology was an exciting opportunity to bring the study of what makes us human to a wider audience. Much of the book’s success lies in its rich ethnographic evidence, suggested reading and related films along with interviews with anthropologists in the field. These are designed to encourage the reader to develop an understanding of the contribution of the discipline but also, more importantly to begin to understand the vibrancy and relevance of the work of anthropologists around the world. Once again, we have been overwhelmed with support for our book by anthropologists all around the world. This edition includes additional contributions by many anthropologists from their recent fieldwork.