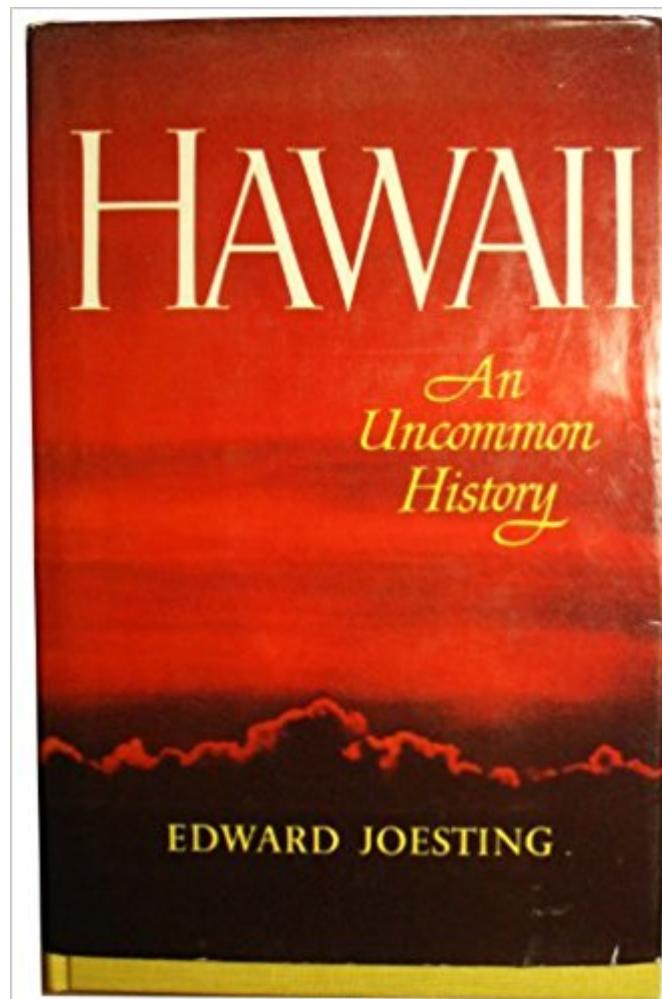


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After living in Hawaii for more than a decade and studying its history and culture, this book is a breath of fresh air. It goes beyond the mere retelling of the same and official story. Joesting is not afraid to mention the sore points and goes deep in exploring more than what happened, he explains why it happened, even if some of the information may be controversial. I read many books about the history of Hawaii, but this is the one that I recommend to everyone who wants a picture that is the closest to the truth that we can be.

I ordered this book for my sister in Georgia and because we are from Hawaii originally we are naturally interested in the history of our home. My sister said it came in good condition and loves it. I appreciate for a trustworthy way of ordering items, thank you or as they say in HAWAII, "mahalo nui loa."

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