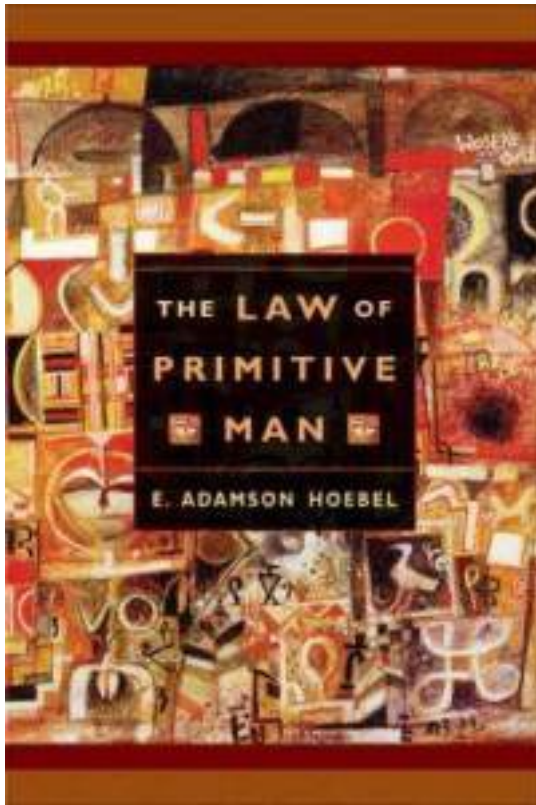


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《原始人的法》这本书所要阅读的章节谈了一个问题 什么是法 对此问题霍费尔德说的是“这个问题的必要性充其量在于强调把纯粹的法律关系从其产生的物质和精神的事实中区分开来”这个最初的想法可能是对的 然而 如作者所言“要寻找一个合适的法律定义像寻找圣杯一样难” ...

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