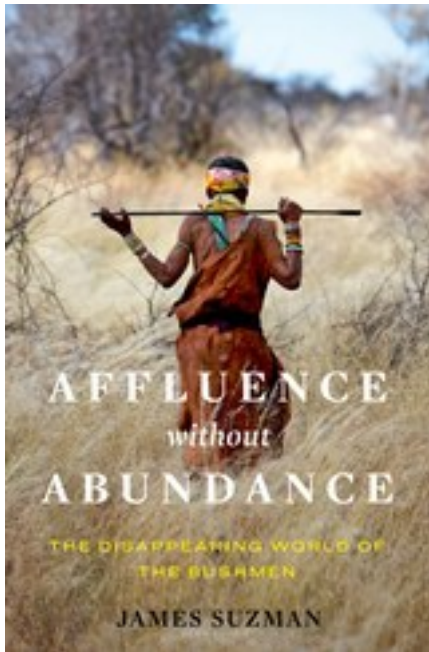


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A vibrant portrait of the “original affluent society” --the Bushmen of southern Africa--by the anthropologist who has spent much of the last twenty-five years documenting their encounter with modernity.

If the success of a civilization is measured by its endurance over time, then the Bushmen of the Kalahari are by far the most successful in human history. A hunting and gathering people who made a good living by working only as much as needed to exist in harmony with their hostile desert environment, the Bushmen have lived in southern Africa since the evolution of our species nearly two hundred thousand years ago.

In Affluence Without Abundance, anthropologist James Suzman vividly brings to life a proud and private people, introducing unforgettable members of their tribe, and telling the story of the collision between the modern global economy and the oldest hunting and gathering society on earth. In rendering an intimate picture of a people coping with radical change, it asks profound questions about how we now think about matters such as work, wealth, equality, contentment, and even time. Not since Elizabeth Marshall Thomas's The Harmless People in 1959 has anyone provided a more intimate or insightful account of the Bushmen or of what we might learn about ourselves from our shared history as hunter-gatherers.

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1488年1月，葡萄牙探险家巴托洛梅乌·迪亚士（Bartolomeu Dias）绕过非洲南部的海角，靠岸补给食物和水。在那里他发现一个族群，比他之前遇到的其他非洲人个子矮、肤色浅。对方被这些从茫茫大海中突然冒出的怪人弄懵了，用一阵箭雨把他们赶回了船上。詹姆斯·苏兹曼（James Su...

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