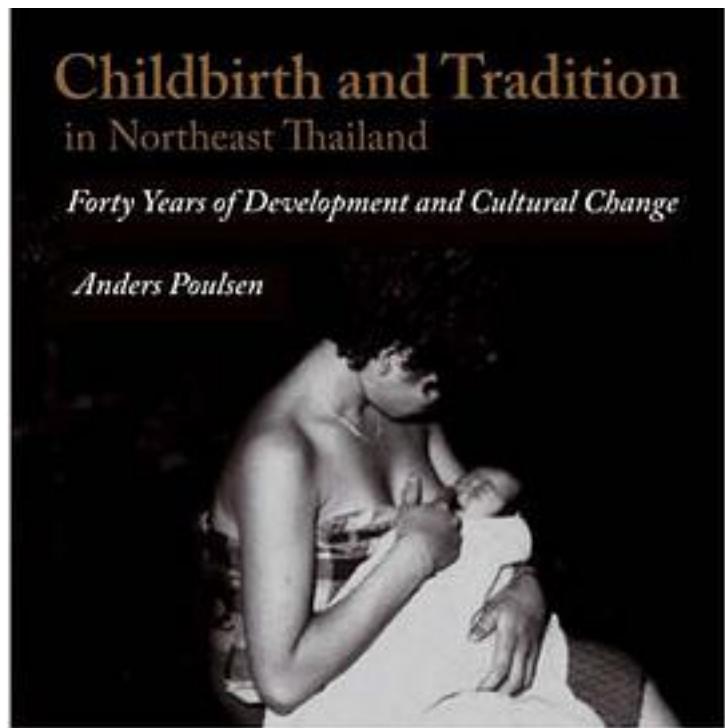


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Anders Poulsen's term as a UNESCO expert ended in 1962, but he has returned to the same area of Northeast Thailand many times since, most recently in 2005. As such, this beautifully illustrated volume offers a rare study of Isaan - Thai customs and belief associated with pregnancy and birth and how they have changed over almost half a century.

Using a psychological and socio - therapeutic framework, Anders Poulsen discusses

the function of various birth rites as well as giving an unmatched description of all traditions specifically connected to pregnancy and birth. He includes an interesting description of the tradition of confinement by fire (yuu - fai) and documents that it is still widely practiced, contrary to what has been reported. He also puts forward a theory of why some traditions maintain their importance while others fade away.

The findings of this study are supported by the transcription in Isaan (and translated into English) of the ritual texts that are used in these rites.

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Anders Poulsen was born in 1925 and received his Teacher's Certificate in 1947 and his M.A. in Psychology in 1957. He has long worked in the field of child psychology, in which he is well known internationally. Through out his career he has been involved in official and semi - official commissions dealing with his development of the Danish educational system. He was the founding president for the International School Psychology Association (ISPA) 1982–1984 and the Executive Secretary for ISPA 1984–2006 along with being as honourary doctor from Srinakharinwirot University, Bangkok in 1988.

This book derives from his involvement in a UNESCO - funded project in 1961–62 in Isaan, to which he has returned frequently since then to study the experience and rich culture related to pregnancy and childbirth in the area.

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