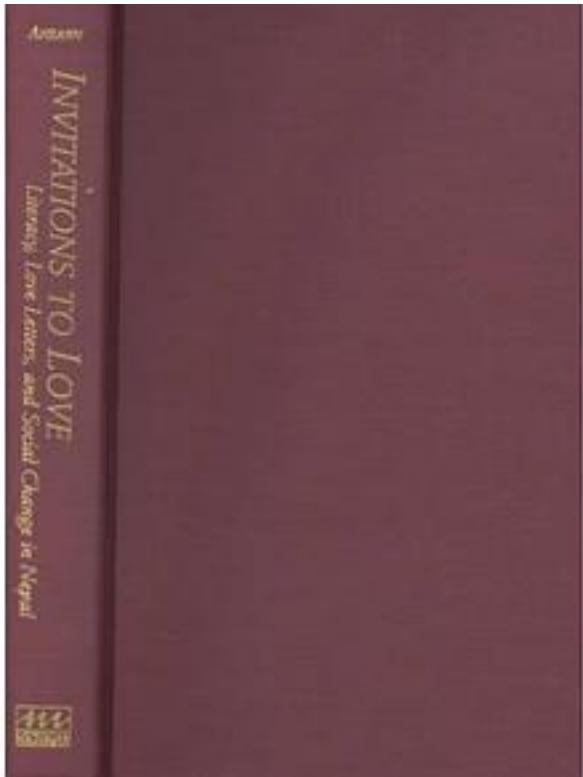


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"Invitations to Love" provides a close examination of the dramatic shift away from arranged marriage and capture marriage toward elopement in the village of Junigau, Nepal. Laura M. Ahearn shows that young Nepalese people are applying their newly acquired literacy skills to love-letter writing, fostering a transition that involves not only a shift in marriage rituals, but also a change in how villagers conceive of their own ability to act and attribute responsibility for events. These developments have potential ramifications that extend far beyond the realm of marriage and well past the

Himalayas. The love-letter correspondences examined by Ahearn also provide a deeper understanding of the social effects of literacy. While the acquisition of literary skills may open up new opportunities for some individuals, such skills can also impose new constraints, expectations, and disappointments. The increase in female literacy rates in Junigau in the 1990s made possible the emergence of new courtship practices and facilitated self-initiated marriages, but it also reinforced certain gender ideologies and undercut some avenues to social power, especially for women. Scholars, and students in such fields as anthropology, women's studies, linguistics, development studies, and South Asian studies will find this book ethnographically rich and theoretically insightful. Laura M. Ahearn is Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Rutgers University.

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其实我想打一星....有一些有趣的材料，但是分析太弱了吧，枉费引了那么多catchy的“理论”和“概念”。作者希望讨论的是当地人的agency，但我觉得整本书的材料和分析倒不如看作对Peace-Corper mentality的agency展现。唉，真是宁愿怀念当年殖民政府下却真正有世界眼光和胸怀的部分人类学家们。

爱是建立在语言的基础上的。

ps.做了将近十九年的fieldwork，作者的坚持非常佩服……

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自己上传了封面照片修改了描述，哈哈。上周秘鲁这周尼泊尔，全球的ethnicity我们都在研究啊。。。

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