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This book is one of the most fascinating and informative, because the author tells the reader nearly about every Kyrgyz culture and its values. He says that the values that are rituals, traditional activities and rites are one of the branches of ethnography. Therefore I can say that this book is ethnographical as well as anthropological.

The author divides his work very carefully in the content. He firstly presents his own speech that is about the history of Kyrgyz people and discusses the descendants and ancestors tribes. Here Akmataliev also tells about the relationships between the two sides that are husband's and wife's. He notes the importance of the relationships and that respect is required in Kyrgyz culture.

Then he starts describing the rituals and rites, which are mainly connected to the Kyrgyz children. He tells us everything that refers to the bringing up or education of children and what kind of activities are practiced among Kyrgyz people and to what extent they do maintain them.

Further on he talks about an issue which makes concern everyone. It is the relationship between father and son the same as mother and daughter. There are certain problems and arguments, which make fathers and sons have some kind of conflicts and there are also some useful solutions. With this the author adds the education of children in Kyrgyz villages. It is very significant to define and distinguish two side bringing ups and the explanation for this is Culture and Tradition.

One of the spiritual values of Kyrgyz is hospitality and author notes about Kyrgyz practices on inviting guests and people. Then he states about Kyrgyz nomadic way of life and he is also interested in describing their lifestyle.

Regarding the traditions, the author pays attention to the marriage practices and activities. He writes about the types of marriages and the relationships between spouses.

Moreover he tells the reader about Kyrgyz traditional clothes and their meanings among the people. Also there are some statements on persons' characteristics. What is considered to be bad and good? How the Kyrgyz representative should behave himself or herself?

Finally he discusses the rites and rituals when someone dies. It is also one of the significant events for the people and therefore the author gives us more information on this.

Akmataliev has really written ethnographic report and he has told us about each Kyrgyz cultural values. The author described Kyrgyz people from the birth till death.

I really appreciate and find it very fascinating to read. Therefore I got a great knowledge from his book.

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