



## Why Do Men Barbecue?: Recipes for Cultural Psychology (Paperback)

By Richard A. Shweder

HARVARD UNIVERSITY PRESS, United States, 2003. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Why do American children sleep alone instead of with their parents? Why do middle-aged Western women yearn for youth, while young wives in India look forward to being middle-aged? In these essays, one of the advocates of cultural psychology reminds us that cultural differences in mental life lie at the heart of any understanding of the human condition. Drawing on ethnographic studies of the distinctive modes of psychological functioning in communities around the world, Richard Shweder explores ethnic and cultural differences in ideals of gender, in the life of the emotions, in conceptions of mature adulthood and the stages of life, and in moral judgements about right and wrong. Shweder, a cultural pluralist, dares readers to broaden their own conceptions of what is good, true, beautiful and efficient and to take a closer look at specific cultural practices - parent/child co-sleeping, arranged marriage, male and female genital modifications - that we may initially find alien or disturbing. He invites us to reject both radical relativism (the view that whatever is, is OK) and imperial visions of universal progressive cultural development...



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