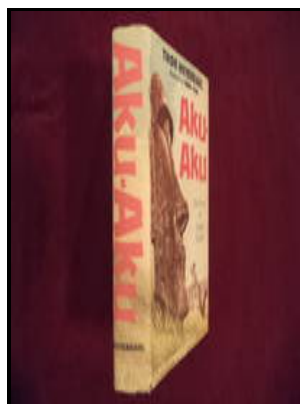


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## Easter Island Expedition

Do they solve the mysteries of how the statues were transported across the island and raised? Apparently, the ancient practice of cannibalism is so abhorrent to many of them, they lose all objectivity and descend into delusion, preferring to deny that practices like ritual human sacrifice and cannibalism actually occurred. I like how he maintained a strict adherence to science while trying to thread a needle between native lore, his own observations, and his understanding of the region.

## Easter Island Expedition

It is primarily this period of death and devastation that has buried the ancient history of even deeper under layers of time now topped with confusion. Heyerdahl recounts the events of his expedition to Easter Island in this popular account aimed at the general reader.

## Aku

There was ignorance as to what this meant, but by and large, superstition was used to break down superstition. Genetic testing and thorough laboratory analyses of the human remains discovered would solve many mysteries and would cascade blinding light onto this chapter of human history, but suspiciously, UNESCO policies and private, non-native landowners are preventing any possibility of such analyses.

## Thor Heyerdahl

It is fair to question why the lexicon has yet to be deciphered when there is ample academic interest and scholarly expertise to do so. The expedition team was also granted access to secret family-owned caves on the island. The giant statues were well known for their striking appearance, but the truth behind many of the ancient myths surrounding the island's peoples over the years remained to be corroborated by actual archaeological discovery, and much remained unknown of the culture that pre-dated or post-dated the giant statues.

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The 1st edition I found has a large number of color photos interspersed in the text, as well as a few excellent maps, which heightened my enjoyment. As he notes, between the time of the Europeans first visit to the island under Roggeveen in 1722, when many statues were still erect on platforms

and sporting their massive red topknots, and his own day, they had all been pulled down following a civil war.

#### **AKU THE SECRET OF EASTER ISLAND THOR HEYERDAHL**

It is estimated that in this time period the population dropped by ninety-four percent, plummeting from several thousand to only a few hundred.

#### **AKU**

The Enigmas of Easter Island: Island on the Edge, Oxford University Press, 2003, pp.

#### **Easter Island Expedition**

The book picks up in its final two chapters, as Heyerdahl and crew make it westward from Rapanui Big Rapa to Rapaiti Little Rapa , and once there, excavate the site of Morongo Uta. Nobody except the local population of Easter Island knew about these sculptures before the expedition.

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