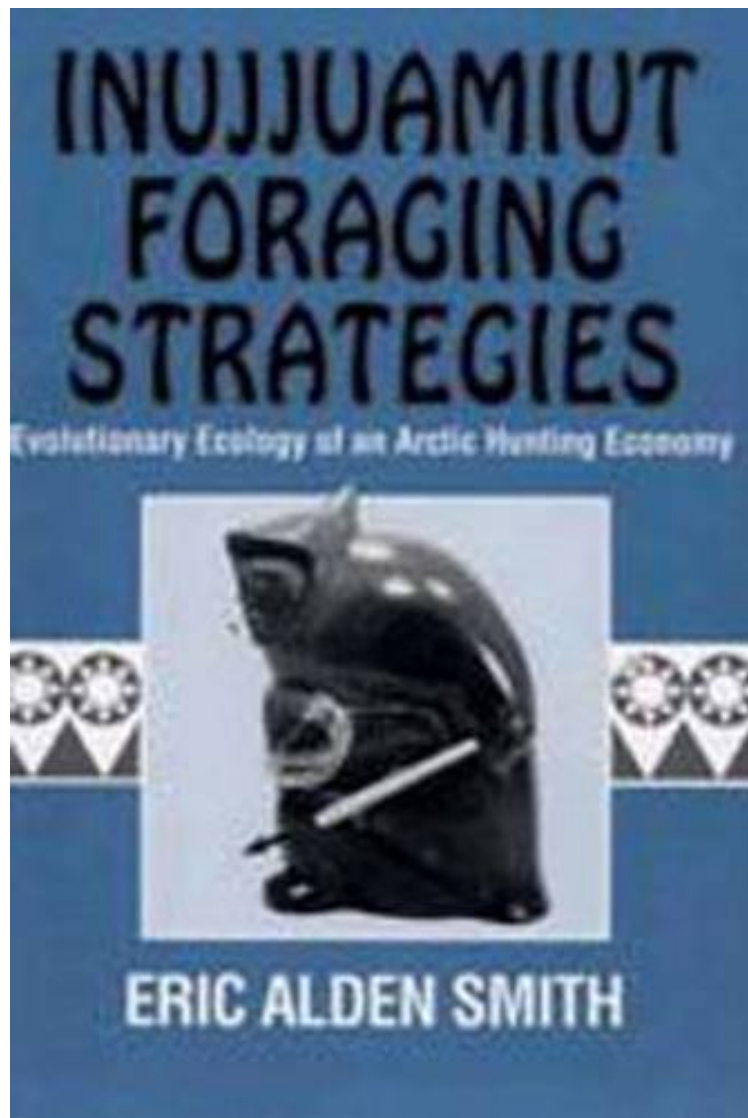


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"The most comprehensive anthropological application of optimal foraging theory to date. This book should serve as a basic text for OFT, Darwinian anthropology, and economic anthropology for years to come." *American Journal of Human Biology* Optimal foraging theory is one of the more interesting recent additions to ecological anthropology, and Eric Smith is one of its most devoted practitioners. . . . It is well organized and clearly written. . . . The book's value to both teachers and students is enhanced by its comprehensive review of the relevant theoretical and methodological literature. Smith criticizes much that is happening in contemporary hunter-gatherer studies, ecological anthropology, and even anthropology in general, and he responds to a variety of criticisms others have made of optimal foraging theory. . . . This is an important book, primarily for its theoretical and methodological contributions. I expect that it will prove to be a major landmark in ecological anthropology. Ernest S. Burch, Jr., *American Anthropologist* Smith has made a most serious effort to open Inuit research to a wider theoretical horizon. He has also, albeit to a lesser degree, contributed significantly to Eskimo ethnology, notably in his analysis of Inujjamiut cooperative foraging and by elaborating on the mixed economy concept. George W. Wenzel, *Arctic Anthropology* Smith provides a thoughtful exploration of alternative ways to combine energetic and monetary costs and benefits. Kristen Hawkes, *American Ethnologist* About the Author Eric Alden Smith is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington. Educated at University of California, Santa Barbara (B.A.) and Cornell University (Ph.D.), he is a specialist in Native American ethnography, ecological and economic anthropology, and evolutionary theory. He and Bruce Winterhalder have edited the seminal *Hunter-Gatherer Foraging Strategies*, and they are currently completing a volume surveying the application of evolutionary ecology to human behavior. Dr. Smith's next major project involves an analysis of the economic and demographic history of the Inujjuaq region.