



Dreaming Anarchy: A Shut-Eye View of a Utopia (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Dreaming Anarchy describes my fieldwork and theoretical reflection in the autumn of 2001 on a back-to-nature community occupying a Pyrenean village in Spanish Territory. The self-conscious methodology I adopted was to record and analyse my own dreams while in the community, using The Interpretation of Dreams as a toolbox. I hoped to observe not only the transition from English (and Scots) to Spanish (and Basque) but also the Gestalt of resistance and attraction to my self-definition as a member of the community. Using Freud's theory of everyday events stimulating appearances in dreams, my dream analysis necessarily includes substantial ethnographic material of a more traditional kind. Thus my ethnographic work, while not pretending to objectivity, highlights the selection of data and hypotheses which objective studies do not. My data is my dreams, a fitting form with which to study a utopia. Today, when the very ability to learn is so challenged by relentless social distraction and an educational focus solely on grades, my innovative methodology of mnemonic excellence, using dreams as sticky webs of meaning, may be...

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