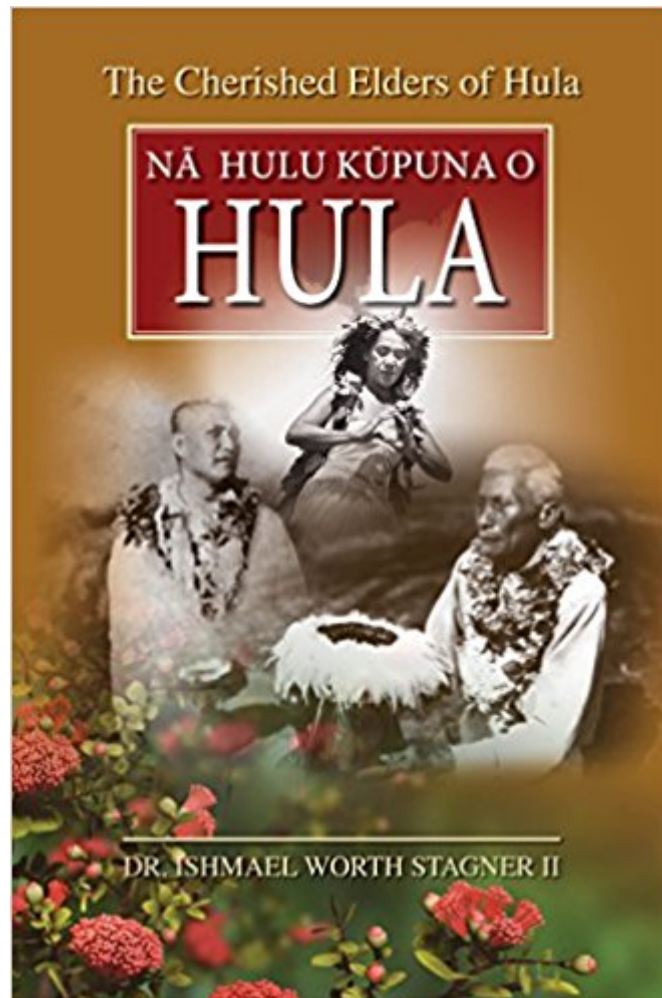




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Synopsis

The Cherished Elders of Hula generously offers a glimpse into the sometimes veiled world of Hula through a keen yet old school lens. It shares personal reflections of Hula masters, chanters, dances, and composers, both past and present, offering insight into the spiritual side of Hawaii's national dance, reminding us of Hula's sacredness. It is also a reminder that Hawaiian traditions, especially those of Hula are sometimes shared selectively, and require much time, patience, commitment and respect to learn and appreciate. For those just learning about Hula, here is an understanding of its non-visual and physical aspects.

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Dr. Ishmael Stagner, "Uncle Ish," is counted among a revered segment of island society known through the ages as poe Hula ardent keepers of Hawaii's dance traditions. The son of a Kumu Hula, he spent a lifetime meeting with, and learning from, kupuna.

Great memoir book by a member of the old-school circle of hula teachers who participated in the "cultural revival" of the '60s and '70s. This is one of a few references that teaches the importance of internalizing the story and feeling behind hula, which is a spiritual practice as well as a beautiful and entertaining art form.

This book was a wonderful sample of the thoughts, ideas and experiences of many revered kumu hula. I read every word with fascination, as access to these carriers of hula's history is limited or can

nevr occur thanks to their having passed on. I highly recommend it for every hula student.

Must information for serious Hula people. Great companion for his other book.

Book was okay. Not much in terms of interesting content.

The author shares personal never before-told stories of his time with kupuna who no longer are with us and so he has preserved those stories. The author was also a hula dancer and tells the history through the eyes of a performer combined his his deep knowledge of the hula culture. This is a book you will want for your hula library.

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