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Ryle

Distinguished a twitch from a wink; Geertz made that the emblem of ethnography.

The Interpretation of Cultures

1973 collection that placed thick description at the centre of symbolic anthropology.

Cockfight

Balinese essay in which deep play reveals status and the social text of the village.

Java

Geertz's earlier field of syncretism, pesantren, and bazaar as interpretable systems.

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