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Synopsis

Ka Honua Ola is a collection of twenty five chants from the epic tale of Pele and Hi'iaka. These mele reveal the richness of Hawaiian genealogy, migration, poetry and hula. Through skillful interpretations and ancestral memory, Pualani Kanakaole Kanahele summons ancient wisdom and renews our profound connection to the living earth. The voices of our ancestors reverberate through the brilliant insights of our foremost keeper of Hawaiian cultural knowledge. A timely reminder to respect and preserve the natural energy of the honua, on earth, which our ancestor and we honor as the Pele family of living deities says Devianna Pomaikai Mc Gregor.

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Aunty Pua delivers her vast knowledge of different chants about Pele in this book. A must for those studying hula, especially Hula Pele. The book comes with Hawaiian chant on one page, then the English translation on the next page. Followed by Aunty Pua's explanation and interpretation of the chant. Very informative, and easy to comprehend. Side note: the cover accidentally I fell off, to my delight it revealed a black cover with a simple red lined designs that were representative of lava. Which was beautiful and so I kept it that way- Sans cover. =)

wow.. what Kumu Pualani writes is amazing. this book appears to be so open to looking/seeing these chants w/ an open mind and my favorite line.....pg 117 "When translating, all definitions must be considered." Pure Joy.. I enjoy the book immensely..I'm learning a lot from this book.. the writing is so well done.. she explains Hawaiian words, phrases, etc, very quickly (few words) after using

them. Kumu Pualani appears to modify some of the Hawaiian words by altering the spelling and using the okina's and kahakos so it changes the translation and she presents that translation..wow.. she has opened my mind.. yes.. "Thinking occurs here." :-) As a life long student.. I'm somewhat leery by nature when some people will say.. "this is what it means!!! (mele, oli, etc.) "huh??.. from what I've read of a number of na oli (chants).. w/out okina's or kahakos or possibly words compounded.. how do they know the true meaning of the author's intent or the context of the writing and all of the author's knowledge and experience with the words and what it meant to them? As John Lennon wrote..and I'm paraphrasing here..soo please forgive me.. .."When I write something it means something to me.. what it means to you.. that's up to you!" How true of so much poetry, na oli, songs, etc.. True some na oli have been passed down w/ the oral tradition.. but these are new times and our experience is different in this modern world. Enjoy

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