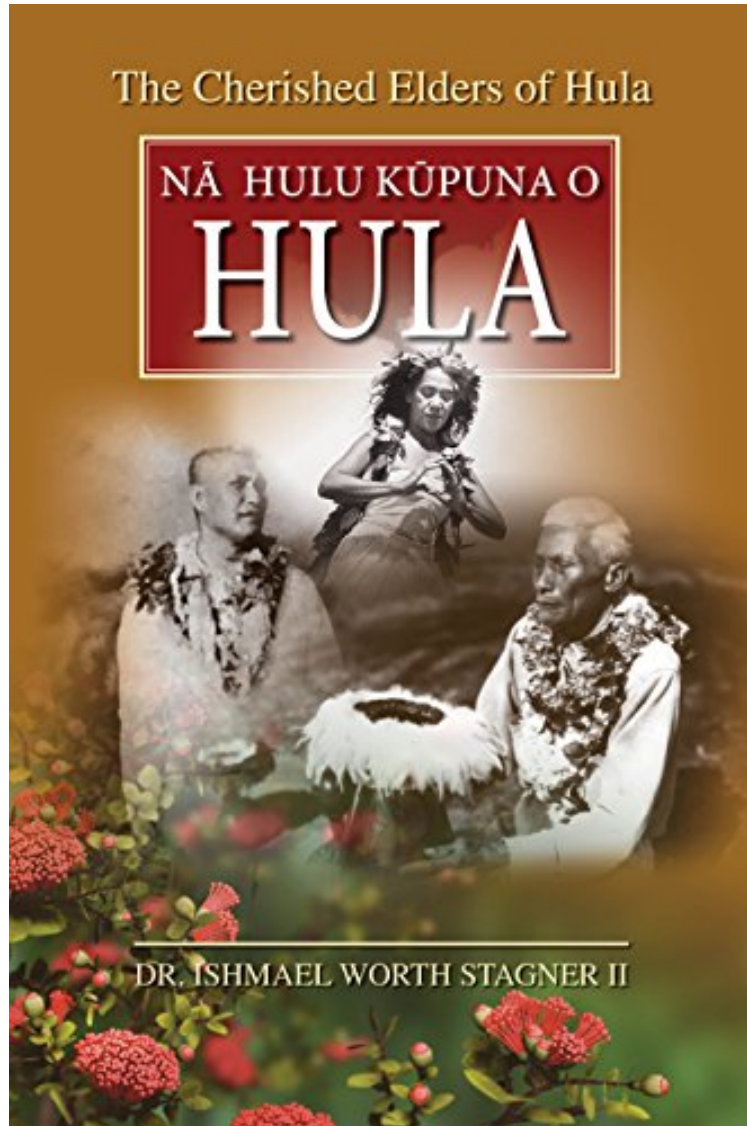


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About the Author  
Dr. Ishmael Stagner, "Uncle Ish," is counted among a revered segment of island society known through the ages as the Hula ardent keepers of Hawaii's dance traditions. The son of a Kumu Hula, he spent a lifetime meeting with, and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