NEW LIVES FROM USED GOODS: GARAGE SALES AS RITES OF PASSAGE

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Abstract

The U. S. garage or yard sale often serves as a secular rite of passage for Americans. Given the importance of consumer goods to the creation of personal identities, the public disposal (or acquisition) of such possessions can signal a major shift in life orientation. Moving, downsizing, selling baby items or grandmother’s effects after her death all constitute publically engaged rituals of transition to another status or identity. After selling possessions to the public, sellers are left with more space, both physical and psychological, as well as money that can be used to fashion a new life identity by generating resources to develop emerging “potential selves.”

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8. It's a rite of passage, but also one you want to do very infrequently. 9. Zuba: We will hold the rite of passage in the morning! 10. Marriage, though not the social imperative it once was, still stands for a major rite of passage into adult life. 11. This idyllic feeling of romance seemed too much like a temporary state, a schoolboy rite of passage. 13. It used to be that a paper route or an after-school job at the local grocer was viewed as a rite of passage for young people. 14. Tribal circumcision of young adolescents in many African nations is an important rite of passage into adulthood—another deeply engrained, essential tradition. 15. Nobody wants to remain a beginner. It is merely a rite of passage everyone must experience. Rites of Passage When an individual experiences movement, or a change from an affixed position in society to another position, that individual can easily... The boys are constantly trying to prove their power over the others. The mother seems to view these behaviors as rites of passage into the male dominated world. Olds uses literary devices such as figurative language, imagery, tone, and structure to show that boys ar... Words 757 - Pages 4. Walgreens vs Rite Aid Essay. Rite of passage, ceremonial event, existing in all historically known societies, that marks the passage from one social or religious status to another. This article describes these rites among various societies throughout the world, giving greatest attention to the most common types of rites; explains their purposes from the viewpoints of the people observing the rites; and discusses their social, cultural, and psychological significance as seen by scholars seeking to gain an understanding of human behaviour. Van Gennep saw such rites as means by which individuals are eased, without social disruption, through the difficulties of transition from one social role to another.