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The monograph is devoted to three groups of the Khants, living in Kargasok and Aleksandrovsk areas of Tomsk Region (the river basins of Vasyugan, Ob) and in Nizhnevartovsk area of Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous District of Tyumen area (river basin of Vakh). These groups belong to one dialect of Khanty language. The field materials of authors collected among researched groups in 1969-1972, the published data and museum collections are also put in a basis of the book.

The monograph consists of Introduction, 3 chapters, the Conclusion, list of literature, dictionary of special terms; 38 photos and figures.

In **Introduction** the general data about these groups and a history of their ethnographic studying are stated.

Chapter I Economy and material culture includes sections.

Economic activities.

Instruments of labor and domestic manufacture.

Transport.

Settlements and dwelling.

Clothes, footwear, headdresses.

Utensils and food.

Chapter II Spiritual culture consists of several sections.

National knowledge

Conception of world around and supernatural essences

Trade cults and reverence of animals

National creativity.

Chapter III. Social organization and family - marriage relations. Basic social units were family (big and small) and settlement. Larger associations (*poch*, *yah*) were connected by family structure, exogamy, general ancestor and a cult place. The public life was developed poorly. A marriage and family. A marriage was adjusted by norms of exogamy. A marriage was patrilocal.

In **the Conclusion** the results of research are generalized, the big commonness in culture of Vasyugan-Vakh Khanty is marked.