



Family Life in a Northern Thai Village: A Study in the Structural Significance of Women (Paperback)

By Sulamith Heins Potter

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