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#### **ANTHROPOLOGY**

Indo Lanka Ethnic Affinities .1 / P. N. Cumaranatunga Maharagama : Printed by Tharajee Prints, 2001 iii, 224 p.; 21 cm \$ 15.00

This is basically a book of information on some ingredients of Lankan and Indian Ethnology, sociology and history.

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Sociological and Anthropological Writings / Desmond Mallikarachchi

Sri Lanka: Desmond Mallikarachchi, 2003

ix, 153 p.; 20 cm 955-97678-4-4

\$ 8.00

Revolving Hierarchical Pantheon of the Sinhalese Buddhist Traders

Class Dimensions of Religions What is the 'Spirit' of the Gift?

'Good Death': A Sociological Analysis

The Scrambling of the Sacred and the Profane by the Sinhalese Buddhist Traders

What is Political Anthropology?

Towards a more Positive Critique of Foucoult

In Defence of Bourdieu

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The Spirit of the Palmyrah / T.V. Wijeyaratnam

Colombo: Printed by E.S. Printer, 2003

x, 178 p.; ill.; 21 cm

\$ 10.00

Mainly a History of Sri Lankan Tamils

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Anusmrti : Thoughts on Sinhala Culture and Civilization Vol.1 / Anuradha

Seneviratna

Sri Lanka: Godage International Publishers (PVT) LTD, 2003

388 p.; ill.; 23 cm 955-20-6801-0

\$ 45.00

[The Articles included in these two volumes are the presentations made by the author at different conferences and seminars conducted locally and internationally. Some are contributions to learned journals and some are to felicitation volumes. The author wishes to thank all those organizations and editors for publishing these articles in their official bulletins. Some of the organizations responsible for inviting the author for their conferences to read papers includes the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, the Royal Academy of Letters in Sweden, the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences, the ASCA of Japan, the Pontificial Council of the Vatican, the UNDP for his visit to West Africa, the Mahabodhi Society of India, the Inter Religious Dialogue for his visit to Taiwan and Thailand, the Universities of California, Oxford and London for inviting to read papers at their seminars. The thirty odd articles listed in these two volumes are selected from among the hundred of such written and published papers over the last three decades.]

Life Cycle Rituals Among the Sinhalese / Deema de Silva, Ph.D. Sri Lanka : Mahendra Senanayake Sridevi Printers (Pvt) Ltd.,2002 x, 173 p.; 22 cm 955-9419-19-6 \$ 15.00

[In Kapuhempola, a Sinhala village in southern Sri Lanka-amidst green paddy fields, swaying coconut palms and tropical vegetation painting the dark blue skies with different shades of green-the villagers rise by 4 am to prepare for a day of work. Children go to school in whiter uniforms, mothers breast-feed infants, men till the soil and young men and women take the bus to the city for work. This book describes life cycle rituals performed by the people of Kapuhempola.

During the lives of each human, whether in Kapuhempola or in any other part of the world, identity crises occur at transitional stages of life. In Kapuhempola, villagers perform culturally prescribed rituals minimizing identity conflicts of men and women. Human development al processes require a high degree of social and psychological adjustment. Like other cultures of the world the Sinhalese, too has cognition of predictable crises and developmental rhythms and during its 2500 years of history, has formulated rituals to inform educate and lower the stress levels that accompany life cycle crises]

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Ethnomusicology and Ethnomusicological Aspects of Sri Lanka / C.de.S. Kulatillake Colombo : S. Godage and Brothers, 1992

104 p.; 21 cm 955-20-0722-4 \$ 10.00

### **ART**

Aesthetic and Cultural Aspects of Ambakke Devalaya in Kandy / R.C. De S. Manukulasooriya

Colombo : The Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, 2003

xiv, 182 p.; ill.; 30 cm 955-98-227-0-9

\$ 55.00

[In this book an attempt is made to describe the many salient features of the wooden architecture of the Kandyan era, which is perhaps the earliest period of the survival of examples of wooden architecture. J.P. Lewis writing in Cave's book of

Ceylon has drawn attention to the similarity in shape and design in the details of the carvings of the stone pillars seen in the Hindu temples in Southern India and North Ceylon which are traceable to a wooden origin. "It is true, he wrote that they" resemble Mudbirdri Pillars in having their angles partly square and partly octagonal, but after all this is an elementary shape for a wooden pillar to assume... the capitals to the pillars which usually consist of two blocks of wood or stone placed cross wise with drooping lotus flowers carved on the undersides appear to be of a Hindu Pattern".1

Singhala – Portuguese Art of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Centuries / O.M.da Silva Cosme

Nugegoda: Kuda Enterprises, c2002

viii, 93 p.; ill.; 21cm Includes Bibliography

\$ 18.00

[This book blazes a new trail in that hitherto Singhala - Portuguese art came under Indo-Portuguese Art, since Goa was the place where Portuguese and Eastern art influenced each other.

This study deals with the blending of Singhala and Portuguese art during the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, resulting in beautiful and exquisite creations in Ivory, wood, rock, crystal and tortoise-shell. Singhala jewellery-making was also influenced in the area of brooches, rings, necklaces and bracelets.

The art of furniture making more or less in its modern functional and ornamental forms were a full scale introduction as prior to the arrival of the Portuguese, it was limited to the chest, or Singhala pettagama, the throne and some chairs, stools and a miniature table of sticks for temple flowers. Singhala architecture restricted to temples; some palaces with some houses of wealthy merchants was greatly influenced by Portuguese Civil and religious architecture.]

Art of the Ancient Sinhalese / Senerat Paranavitana

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Boralesgamuwa: Visidunu Prakashakayo (Pvt) Ltd., c2003

141 p.; ill.; 30cm 955-9170-55-4

\$ 35.00

The Grandeur of Sinhalese Buddhist Art - Volume one - a classical period / Gamini Javasinghe

Ratmalana: Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, c2003

148 p.; ill.; 25cm Includes Index 955-599-301-7

\$ 70.00

[This work offers a rare insight into the excellence of Sinhala Buddhist paintings during Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa periods (classical period). The Main attention has been focused on the appreciation of Buddhist Art.]

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### **ECONOMICS**

Financial Reform: The Sri Lankan Experience / Arusha Cooray

Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2003

172 p.; ill.; 21 cm Includes Bibliography 955-8733-47-4 \$ 11.00

[This book traces the evolution of Sri Lanka's financial system from independence to year 2000, emphasizing its transition from a government regulated to a market oriented financial system. Sri Lanka provides a particularly interesting case for an investigation of market efficiency in view of the fact that financial sector reforms in Sri Lanka were among the earliest undertaken in South Asia.]

Tourism development planning in developing countries: A critique / Herath Madana Bandara

Colombo: Stamford Lake Publications, 2001 Xiii, 134 p.; 21 cm Includes Bibliography and Index 955-815-684-1

\$ 12.50

The main features of this book include comprehensive coverage of the role of Tourism as an Development strategy and formanties of tourism policies in developing countries and a critical analysis of Tourism Development Planning in developing countries.]

Why Should I Give A Damn For The Global Economy? / Gerard Dilhan Muttukumaru

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2003

136 p.: 22 cm 955-8095-41-9

\$ 15.00

The Port of Colombo (1940-2000) Vol. II / K. Dharmasena

2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Tokyo: Japan Overseas Ports Cooperation Association (JOPCA), 2003

xiii, 558 p.; 24 cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

955-599-309-2

\$ 25.00

Graduate Employment in Sri Lanka in the 1990s / Swarna Jayaweera, Thana

Colombo: Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR), 2002

124 p.; 24 cm 955-8610-01-1

\$ 10.00

[ Two issues have dominated the national scene for over three decades the unmet demand for higher education and the relatively high incidence of graduate unemployment.

This study examines the experiences of university graduates of the early an mid 1990s. It notes the spillover of frustration which earlier was mainly among the arts graduates to non arts graduates and the emergence of a layer of middle level graduate employment. These graduates were also affected adversely by the demand for English proficiency in the private sector. This study underscores the confluences of macro-economic policies, socio-economic inequalities, the social construction of gender and the slow pace of educational reform that call for policy and attitudinal changes]

Science and Technology for Socio-Economic Development / Granville

Dharmawardena

Colombo: Granville Dharmawardena, 2002

200 p.; ill.; 21 cm Includes Bibliography 955-96532-3-7 \$ 10.00

Policies and their Implications for the Domestic Agricultural Sector of Sri Lanka:

1995-2000

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies, 2002

iii, 30 p.; 28 cm

Research Studies: Agricultural Policy Series No.5

955-8708-10-0

\$ 12.00

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Forward Contracts: A Market Based Alternative to Government Intervention in Agriculture Marketing in Sri Lanka / Ananda Weliwita, Roshen Epaarachchi

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies, 2003

ii, 31 p.; 28 cm

Research Studies: Agricultural Policy Series No.6

955-8708-16-X

\$ 12.00

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The Delivery of General Education in Sri Lanka – An Alternate Approach / Shelton Wanasinghe

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies, 2003

37 p.; 28 cm

Research Studies: Human Resources Development Series No.5

955-8708-18-6

\$ 12.00

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Sri Lanka Electricity Industry: Long Term Thermal Generation Fuel Options / D.C.

Wijayatunga Priyantha, A. Attalage Rahula Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies, 2002

29 p.; 28 cm

Research Studies: Human Resources Development Series No.10

955-8708-12-7

\$ 12.00

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Tea and Health / W W D Modder, A M T Amarakoon

Talawakelle: The Tea Research Institute of Sri Lanka, 2002

180 p.; ill.; 22cm 955-9023-03-9

\$ 20.00

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Research Ethics From A Developing World Perspective: Sri Lankan Twin Registry /

Athula Sumathipala, Sisira Siribaddana Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, c2003 63 p.; 22cm 955-8095-27-3

\$ 10.00

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A Catalogue of PostGraduate Theses available in the University and Research Libraries of Sri Lanka / Compiled and Edited by N.Amarasinghe  $2^{nd}$  edition

Colombo: Sri Lanka National Library Services Board, c1982

105 p.; 25cm

Sri Lanka National Library Services Board Publications - No.3

\$ 10.00

A Bibliography of Bibliographies: A Guide to Catalogues – Indexes- Bibliographies and Bio-Bibliographies in Sri Lanka / Compiled by Leelangi Wanasundera Colombo: National Library of Sri Lanka, c1990

153 p.: 22cm

Includes Bibliography, Bio-Bibliography and Index

955-9011-55-3

\$ 10.00

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## History

With a Fistful of Rice : Buddhist Women and the Making of Mahamaya Girls' College /

Indrani Meegama

Colombo: Mahamaya Girls'College, Kandy, c2003

vii, 255 p.; ill.; 22cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

955-8904-00-7

\$ 15.00

Saranankara, the Last Sangha – Raja of Ceylon / Sir D.B.Jayatilaka 2<sup>nd</sup> edition

Boralesgamuwa: Visidunu Prakashakayo (Pvt) Ltd., c2003

64 p.; ill.; 20cm 955-9170-56-2

\$ 10.00

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The Chronicle of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Madhu (upto 1950) with The Life and Labours of the Missionaries connected with it / Late Rev.Fr.A.J.B.Antoninus

Jaffna: Jaffna Diocesan Literature Society, 1979

v, 311 p.; ill.; 22cm

\$ 10.00

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The Life Story of A Sri Lankan Demographer / Dallas F.S.Fernando

Colombo: Dallas F.S.Fernando, c2003

99 p.; ill.; 22cm 955-98186-0-0

\$ 5.00

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Women in the Kandyan Kingdom of the Seventeenth Century Sri Lanka / Kapila Pathirana Vimaladharma

Kandy: Varuni Publishers, c2003

v, 200 p.; ill.; 23cm

Includes Bibliography and References

955-566-001-8

\$ 20.00

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Directory of Office Holders of The Kandyan Kingdom, Sri Lanka / Compiled by Kapila Pathirana Vimaladharma

Kandy: Varuni Publishers, c2003

xvi, 200 p.; 23cm 955-566-000-X \$ 20.00

400 Years of Dutch-Sri Lanka Relations: 1602 – 2002 / Edited by Saman Kelegama & Roshan Madawela

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, c2002

viii, 595 p.; ill.; 24cm

955-8708-13-5

1. Sri Lanka – History

2. Sri Lanka - Foreign Relations

\$ 40.00

["400 years of Dutch – Sri Lanka Relations: 1602–2002 " is a comprehensive volume that covers most aspects of Dutch – Sri Lanka relations by exploring the complex relationship between the two countries, and the dynamic exchange of ideas that continues to influence the two countries even today.]

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Environmental Aspects of Sri Lanka's Ancient Irrigation System / C.G.Weeramantry Ratmalana : Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, c2000

iv, 35 p.; 21cm 955-599-222-3

\$ 5.00

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Sri Lanka and the Cholas / W.M.K.Wijetunga

Ratmalana: Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, c2003

viii, 239 p.; 21cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

Includes a Map 955-599-320-3

\$ 13.00

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Thirty Years In the Ceylon Civil Service (an autobiography) / G.R.W.de Silva

Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (PVT) Ltd, c2002

58 p.; 21cm 955-8733-05-9

1.Civil Service - Sri Lanka

\$ 5.00

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Portrait of a Sri Lankan Malay: Warisan Melayu Masih Hidup Di Sri Lanka /

B.D.K.Saldin

Dehiwala: B.D.K.Saldin, c2003

125 p.; ill.; 21cm 955-97050-1-6 1.Malays – Sri Lanka

\$ 10.00

Udakendawala Siri Saranankara : An Assessment of his role in the anti-imperialist struggle in Sri Lanka / W.A.Wiswa Warnapala

Colombo: S.Godage & Brothers, c2002

62 p.; 22cm 955-20-4868-0

\$ 5.00

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George Stuart & Co Ltd 1952 – 1973 A Personal Odyssey / Tony Peries

Sri Lanka: Tony Peries, c2003

vii, 226 p.; 21cm 955-8333-02-6 \$ 10.00

History of a Tea Company

Unravelling Her Stories: A Three Generational Study / Kamalini Wijayatilake

Ratmalana : Centre for Women's Research, c2001

176 p.; 21cm 955-9052-97-7 \$ 10.00

[The vast changes of the twentieth century exerted enormous influence on the lives of Sri Lankan women as never before in the history of the country. Her stories deals with the diverse experiences of women tracked through three generations. On the one hand, Kamalini Wijayatilake reviews women's roles, responsibilities, and status from childhood, during adolescence and to adulthood, while on the other, she investigates women's position vis a vis culture and traditional practices. Thus, from mother to daughter to granddaughter, the book narrates the private lives of women within the framework of the family, and constitutes an important record for feminist history.]

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The Events of Christian History in Sri Lanka: A Chronology of Christianity in Sri

Lanka / G.P.V. Somaratna

Nugegoda: Margaya Fellowship of Sri Lanka, 1998

x, 144 p.; 21cm 955-9165-04-6 \$ 15.00

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Memories of the Past 1952-2002

Colombo: National Institute of Social Development, 2003

xxxii, 387 p.; ill.; 22cm

955-8003-01-8

\$ 15.00

[Articles in English, Sri Lankan, & Tamil]

Commemorative Publication for the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Professional Social Work Education in Sri Lanka

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Innovation and Self-Reliance

Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka : History of Engineering in Sri Lanka – Vol 2, Part I : A.N.S. Kulasinghe Felicitation Volume / Compiled by D L O Mendis and A P Jayasinghe

Sri Lanka: Institute of Engineers, 2001

lxxx, 325 p.; ill.; 29cm

955-9119-01-X

1.Engineering – Sri Lanka \$ 50.00

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Water for People and Nature : Sri Lanka Water Heritage : History of Water Conservation – Volume 2 : Sanmugham Arumugham Commemoration Volume

/ Edited by Bhadra Kamaladasa

Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka Water Heritage, 2003

xxxiv, 260 p.; ill.; 29cm

955-8907-00-6

\$ 40.00

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The Indo-Lankans : Their 200 – year saga : A Pictorial Record of the people of Indian

origin in Lanka from 1796 / S.Muthiah

Colombo: Indian Heritage Foundation, c2003

xxiv, 315 p.; ill.; 35cm

Includes Bibliography and Index

955-8790-00-1

\$ 150.00

For 2500 years and more there have come from the eastern and western coasts of India, wave after wave of migrants to Lankadwipa who, over the centuries, have become absorbed as Lankans, Ceylonese and, in more recent times, Sri Lankans. The lost wave, which began with the British occupation of the Maritime Provinces of the Island in 1796, is of settlers officially described as "People of recent Indian origin", occasionally as "People of Indian origin" and in these pages as Indo-Lankans. This book, a veritable album of photographs accompanied by detailed annotation, is about them and their 200-year saga.

Theirs has been a blood-drenched epic of sweat and tears, of deprivation and high mortality, of daring investments ond risks few others would take. It has also been a story of decades of significant contribution and achievement.

In the pages that follow is told that story of diverse contributions in pictures 100 years old and more, as well as in the pictures of yesterday and today. It is told in pictures from long-forgotten family albums, from, museums and archives at home and abroad, and by those of today taken by one of the best photographers in the Island. The stories the pictures tell are detailed in the words of one who, himself, has straddled the Palk Strait for 70 years and written widely in both countries about the British period in this part of the world. A deeply researched book, in it the reader will find on page after page reminders of ages post, of events forgotten, of achievements no longer remembered, and even a new find or two. Of the waves of migration from earlier ages, there survive only myths '- and legends and few records, as settlers absorbed by Lanka lost touch with roots. Over the next few decades, the newest wave from India will also become absorbed into the mosaic of the Island. The Indo-Lankans: their 200-year saga will be all that will remain as a permanent record of their roots and contribution for generations to come. That record, beginning by recalling the distant past and looking at THE .. EARLY SETTLERS, goes on to look at : i THE TOILERS, who opened up the plantations on which the prosperity of the Island depended well into the 1970s, who built the roads, railways and harbour and maintained them, who provided numerous services and, most significant of all, helped create villages where there were none and made villages into towns that today dot the highlands of Sri Lanka;

THE EARLY TRADERS, who followed those pioneering toilers, provided services wherever they settled and developed a commercial economy where there had existed little before them;

THE PROFESSIONALS, who arrived in a country fast developing in the 20th Century and seeking on ever-increasing number of personnel for governance, education and development as it grew;

THE PLAYERS, who come from families from the highlands as well as from those in business in the plains and from across the Palk Strait, to contribute to the revival of the Arts in Lanka and to its numerous sports teams;

THE ENTREPRENEURS, who emerged from the ranks of early traders as well as from the plantations and, in recent times, from across the Palk Strait again to help Sri Lanka build on economy in which export and tourism play major roles;

THE FAITHFUL, whose faiths from across the Palk Strait today offer the Island a spectrum of faiths in whose festivals the people of all beliefs participate; and

THE LEADERS, who contributed significantly to the development of the labour movement and business associations in the Island and who- have gone on to ploy on important role in the ministerial councils of Sri Lanka over the last two decodes.

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### Law

The World Court: Its Conception, Constitution and Contribution
Ratmalana: A Publication of the Weeramantry International Centre for Peace
Education and Research (Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers), 2001
viii, 56 p.; ill.; 21cm
WICPER Educational Series No.1
955-599-290-2
\$ 6.00

[This Publication sets out in non-technical language the origins, structure and work of the court, of which comparatively little is known outside international legal circles. Its object is to make more easily accessible to students, lawyers, and public in general, information which might not otherwise be available to them, thereby stimulating interest in and strengthening this institution which is so central to global justice and peace.]

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Gender and the Law / A.R.B. Amerasinghe

Ratmalana: Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, c2003

xi, 90 p.; 21cm 955-599-337-8 \$ 10.00

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A Survey of Law of Parliamentary Privileges in Sri Lanka / D.M.Karunaratna 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Edition

Ratmalana: Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers, c2003

ix, 270 p.; 21cm Includes Index 955-599-328-8 \$ 20.00

[This is the first ever attempt made to study and analyze the Law relating to the Privileges of Parliament in Sri Lanka. The reference has been made to some other jurisdictions, where necessary, to set the subject in its comparative perspective. The study covers many aspects of the law including history, nature and scope of

privileges, breach of privileges, and allied matters, punitive power of Parliament, power of the Supreme Court in the area of parliamentary privileges, conflict of iurisdiction and the areas where the reforms are needed. The language used is simple and lucid. The book can be useful not only for lawyers but also for those interested in the values of a democratic society.]

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An Introduction to Legal System of Sri Lanka / L.J.M.Cooray

Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (PVT) Ltd, c2003

xxviii, 208 p.; 21cm 955-8733-18-0 1.Law - Sri Lanka \$ 13.50

Contains cases decided under Muslim law by the Wakfs Tribunal and M.C., D.C., CA and Supreme Court of Sri Lanka

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Al – Ameen Law Report: Vol.I / Edited by A.H.G.Ameen

Colombo: Al-Ameen Publications, c2003

XI, 228 p.; 21cm 955-8430-03-X

\$ 13.50

Customs Law of Sri Lanka 2002: A Manual / P.Weerasekera and T.Kananathalingam

Rajagiriya: P.Weerasekera, c2002

vii, 456 p.; 22cm 955-97884-0-X

1. Tariff – law and legislation

\$ 20.00

Selected Readings on Police Reforms in Sri Lanka / Compiled by The Asian Human Rights Commission Hong Kong

Hong Kong SAR: Asian Human Rights Commission, 2001

80 p.: 21cm 962-8314-17-3 \$ 5.00

A System Under Siege: An inquiry into the Judicial System of Sri Lanka?

Colombo: Marga Institute, c2002

135 p.; ill.; 22cm 955-582-095-2

\$ 8.00

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Armageddon or Brave New World ?: Reflections on the Hostilities in Iraq / C.G.Weeramantry

Ratmalana: A Publication of the Weeramantry International Centre for Peace Education & Research (Sarvodaya Vishva Lekha Publishers), c2003

xv, 173 p.; 21cm Includes index WICPER Publication No.2 955-599-324-5 \$ 16.50

Human Rights, Human Values and the Rule of Law: Essays in honour of Deshamanya H.L.De Silva, President's Counsel / Edited by A.R.B.Amerasinghe, S.S.Wijeratne

Colombo: Legal Aid Foundation, c2003

vii, 339 p.; ill.; 23cm 955-9250-02-7

\$ 16.50

### **LITERATURE**

Thursday's Child / Deirdre Jonklaas Cadiramen Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2003 103 p.; 22cm. 955-8733-14-8 1.English Fiction \$ 9.00

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The Road From Elephanta Pass / Nihal De Silva Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2003 359 p.; 21 cm 955-8095-38-9 \$ 16.50

[An Army officer's routine assignment to pick up a woman informant near Jaffna turns into a nightmare when the Tigers launch a massive attack on the peninsula and the camp at Elephant Pass. The two adversaries are forced to escape together through the rebel held Wanni and later, cross the abandoned Wilpattu National Park on foot.

Bitter enemies at the start of their journey, Captain Wasantha and the activist Kamala, face innumerable threats from wild animals and a gang of deserters who make determined and violent efforts to capture the woman. The constant external danger, and their enforced dependence on each other, gradually erodes their enmity and distrust.

But a shocking revelation confronts Wasantha when he finally reaches Colombo. He is now compelled to choose between his friend and his country.]

Out of the Darkness (Winner of the Gratiaen Award-2002) / Gunadasa Amarasekara ; Translated by Vijita Fernando

Sri Lanka: Visidunu Prakashakayo (Pvt) Ltd., 2003

vii, 149 p.; 18 cm 955-9170-58-9

\$ 13.50

["Vijita Fernando's actue and sensitive response to Gunadasa Amarasekara's slim but far from slight volume 'A Surreal Story of a Death' and its sequel 'A Surreal Story of a Love' has resulted in a Gratiaen Award and a timely gift to the reader in English, whose attitude to Sinhala novels might reflect Indira's reaction to the offer of Nimal's diaries after his death: 'No, there is no need for that. I don't think there is anything in those that I don't know about. Also, my Sinhala may not be up to my understanding what is written it them...

" However, for Indira, the reading of the diaries make her examine herself, the extent of her knowledge and ignorance, her motivations and brings intimations of a way out of the darkness. The translation is likely to reward the reader not only

because it is forceful and makes excellent reading but because it confronts him with realities that the may have missed or misinterpreted,...

"... The quality of a translation depends on something more than linguistic competence. Vijita Fernando, ... captures the tone and tempo of the socialect in which the characters live and which gives the book emotional validity and power and makes it compulsive."]

Colombo Diary / U.Karunatilake Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publisher, 2003 280 p.; 21 cm 955-573-251-5 \$ 11.50

["Colombo Diary" however is not only political comment. The political comment is only Karunatilake's quiet 'thinking aloud' now and then as the days of the first half of the nineteen seventies unfold in his own life in a story that flares with restrained poetry and drama.

The Thirteenth Labour of Hercules and Other Stories and Plays / John Weerasinghe Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2003

139 p.; 21 cm 955-8095-37-0 \$ 11.50

[There is a story of friendship so profound that even death cannot end it and the pledge each makes to the other of loyalty in any circumstances even progresses beyond death. A War Story reveals how skill in the wielding of a cricket bat could be exploited with telling effect to secure a victory in a military campaign whilst two companions with opposing views of life offer the reader several stories demonstrating the gentle philosophising of men who for the most part cannot agree on anything.

The novelette forming part of this compilation is an unusual story of the Old Wild West of North America containing intriguing matter about the identity of a Catholic priest who demonstrates his skill in the handling of a six-qun which earns him the reputation of being the "Fastest Gun in the West" in an era when it was the ambition of every gunman to acquire that title for himself. These and other stories in the collection constitute an original and absorbing work, the time spent in the perusal of which the reader will regard as time well spent.]

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A Comparative Study of Sinhala Literature (Polonnaru period) / Ven. Prof. Gatare Dhammapala

Colombo: Godage International Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2003

xxii, 288 p.; 22 cm Includes Bibliography 955-20-5297-1 \$ 29.00

Thin veils in the shadow of the gun & the wicked witch (performing act/ivism) / Sumathy

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studeies, 2003

xi, 64 p.; 22 cm 955-980-074-X \$ 2.00

Through my Asian eyes / S. Pathiravitana

Wellampitiya: Godage International Publishers (Pvt) LTD., 2003

399 p.: 21 cm 955-20-5697-7

\$ 11.00

- Collection of Articles of a Journalist -

Medha / G.B. Senanayake , Translated by Somaratne Edirisinghe Colombo: Godage International Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 1964 272 p.; 22 cm 955-20-5420-6 \$ 18.00

["Avarice slowly developed in him. He felt as if he was seeing the five hundred horses before him. He saw them not as having well-groomed coats of hair; he saw them glisten with coats of polished gold. He felt as if he was stroking their soft bodies with his hand. The horses moved in a bunch with their necks straightened as if in pride, and their mouths half open, jostling and pressing against one another. Their hooves hit the ground so hard that they created a ;roaring sound like a turbulent sea in a storm. (From Medha inner page"]

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Selected Sri Lankan Short Stories (1923-1983) Vol. I / Kusuma Karunaratne Wellampitiya: Godage International Publishers (PVT) LTD., 2003 308 p.; 21 cm 955-20-6239-X \$ 16.00

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