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Art

Chroy Changvar : A disappearing context / Chan Vitarin & Fernando Aceves Humana (Translator) Khun Sathal (et al.) Phnom Penh: Char Rufa Edition, 2017 76p. 9789996379932 \$ 32.00 / PB 280gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421775

Cookbook

From Indochina Bank to Van's Restaurant : 125 Years of Heritage, History and Food / Iain Donnelly Phnom Penh: Porleng Van, Van's Restaurant, 2017 110p. \$ 50.00 / PB 508gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421779

General

Dr. Mengly, Coffee and Me : Healthy Conversation / Dhanmendra S K Phnom Penh: Mengly J. Quach University Press, 2016 1v. ; 13.5x 21.5cm. English & Khmer Text 9789924508014 \$ 12.00 / PB 140gm.

Dr. Mengly, Coffee and Me is Dharmen and Dr. Mengly's compilation of positive thoughts which come out as a result of a series of open-minded

conversations held between a teacher and a student, and elder and a younger, an entrepreneur and an enthusiast, and between two good friends. Fractions of the past, realistic frames of the present and believable approaches towards a better future are found in this book. This book makes a leader looks more approachable than ever. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421783

History

The Royal House of Cambodia / Julio A. Jeldres Second Expanded Edition Phnom Penh: The Sleuk Rith Institute, 2017 317p.; illustrations (some color), genealogical tables, portraits (some color): 21x29 cm **Includes Bibliography** 9789924907855 1. Cambodia -- History -- 1444-1863. 2. Cambodia -- History -- 20th century. Cambodia -- Kings and rulers -- Genealogy. 3. \$90.00 / PB 1420gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421786

Literature

Mekong Shadows : Tales From Cambodia / John Daysh (et al.) (Ed) Iain Donnelly Phnom Penh: Saraswati Publishing, 2017 246p. 9789924914044 \$ 25.00 / PB 260gm.

A collection of short stories set in, or with connections to, Cambodia. There are tales of hope, of love, of despair, and even a sprinkling of black magic. Featuring stories from John Daysh, James Newman, Mark Bibby Jackson, Steven W. Palmer, Tom Vater, John Burdett, and many more. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421789

A River and A Valley Far Away : A Year in the Cambodian Wilderness / Wayne McCallum Phnom Penh: Kampot City Books, 2016 290p. xii, 290p. 9789924911005 \$ 29.95 / PB 352gm.

With the humour of Bill Bryson, the soul of George Orwell and the spirit of Indiana Jones, A River and A Valley Far Away is the tale of what befalls a volunteer, from small-town New Zealand, when he is assigned to a remote rainforest corner of Cambodia. Humorous, detailed and insightful, the story provides a captivating account of a time and place that is now fast disappearing. "An intimate portrayal of a conservationist's adventures in one of the last great wild places of Southeast Asia, McCallum's evocative account sees the rainforest jump off the page." - Nick Ray, author of Lonely Planet Cambodia.

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138p. 9781514300367 \$ 24.00 / PB 214gm.

Paul is a graphic designer with a history that has included organising events on the London rave scene and supplying recreational drugs across the capital. Disillusioned by the way the scene has been taken over by organised crime, he turns his back on it and, after a few years working for a prestigious design company, he leaves the UK to travel the world, picking up the odd bit of legal and illegal work on the way. After meeting some gifted Thai chemists, Paul sets up a lab in Northern Thailand producing high-quality LSD. When his new business comes to the attention of the local crime lord/army general he has to leave Thailand quickly and relocates to Cambodia where his friend has a bar. There he meets Aya and falls in love. But through Aye he meets her brother Chamreun, a former air force colonel who is now involved in the Cambodian drugs trade and who knows far more about Paul's life than he should. It's not long till Paul is pulled back into the world of drug trafficking against his wishes and is involved with the biggest drugs cartel in the region. But when things turn sour, Paul finds himself in a frantic hunt across South East Asia as they look for answers. But when they find them in a bloody climax, the answers are not at all what Paul had expected.

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Angkor Tears / Steven W Palmer Phnom Penh: Saraswati Publishing, 2016 204p. 9781535575188 \$ 25.00 / PB 318gm.

Someone is killing Cambodian children and leaving no clues behind. It's enough to draw English journalist Dave Bell back to Cambodia after an impassioned plea from an old friend, despite the country holding so many dark memories for him. Bell puts together an unlikely team of allies, including a social worker, a Cambodian General, and a young computer wizard from Bangkok. Together they begin to unravel the mystery that is striking fear across the Kingdom. But as they get closer to the truth they realise that they're in a race against time to save a child's life. Can they find the truth lurking in the shadows and stop a monster killing again? http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421804

My Driver Tulong : And Other Tall Tales from a Post Pol Pot Contemporary Cambodia / M P Joseph India : Partridge, 2017 332p. 9781482886696 \$ 36.00 / PB 438gm.

The author, M P Joseph, a Civil Servant from the distant Indian state of Kerala spent many delightful years in Cambodia working for the UN when the country had just morphed from a war-torn Communist moth into a fascinating free market butterfly.

Through mesmerizing characters who personify the ancient soul of Cambodia and epitomize its modernizing mind, the author conjures up a vision of contemporary Cambodia and its people. Their lives and loves, their joys and tribulations, their hopes and their anguish, and most of all their innocence is captured in these delightfully inter-connected stories. The characters come alive to etch a never-before known Cambodia. Written with a Maughamian touch, the book delves deep into the soul of Cambodia, a soul moulded by the ancient culture of Angkor and shaped by the more recent excesses of Pol Pot.

The fortitude of its people, their pluck and their courage in the face of adversities, their survival skills, as well as Cambodia's Indian past - both Hindu and Buddhist - and its present Indo-Chinese zest are woven seamlessly into the stories.

The book is an amusing essay into the modern soul of this ancient land. Now populated by a GenNext, who cannot yet forget their chilling past, the book is a journey into the heart of its people. A heart of innocence. The author's Valentinian love for Cambodia, his honed observation and delightful humour makes this fictional stretched-travelogue a genre apart.

A must read for everyone - whether a traveller or not – interested in South East Asia, Indo-China or Cambodia.

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Law

Series of Lectures in Public International Law / Hang Chuon Naron (Ed) Sipar

Phnom Penh: Sipar Publishing, 2018 264p. 9789924340324 \$ 24.00 / PB 248gm.

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\$ 45.00 / PB 368gm.

In this guide we aim to help investors from across the globe in reaping the vast benefits of doing business in Cambodia, and making the most of the vast opportunities the country offers, with its welcoming, entrepreneurial, and highly motivated people. Our role is not merely to advise on projects and transactions, but also to serve as a vital conduit between the economic and business practices of the developed modern world and those of a country determinedly striving towards a better and more prosperous future. We aim to assist and empower you, the prospective investor, in maximizing the untold opportunities that await in Cambodia, while ensuring that you establish lasting cultural and commercial ties with your local counterparts in both the private and public sectors.

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Official Publications

Politics

China in the 21st Century and its Challenges with the United States / Seng Phanna with Prof. Dr. Trond Gilberg Phnom Penh: Seng Phanna, 2018 vi, 186p. \$ 29.50 / PB 318gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421820

Travel / (Guides)

The Cambodia of Mister Rathanak / Justin Creddy Smith, Elsie Herberstein & Damien Chavanat (Ed) Sally O'Brien Paris, France: Jalan Publications, 2016 96p. Les 3 moustiquaires Series 9782849660263 1. Guidebooks 2. Cambodia --Guidebooks. \$ 40.00 / PB

At the beginning of this century, Elsie, Daien and Justin, the "Trois Moustiquaires", explored several areas of Cambodia through the point of view of their friend Benoît Duchâteau-Arminjon, aka Bénito, and the first Cambodian foundation helping disadvantaged children, Krousar Thmey. As the Foundation celebrated its 25th anniversary, Bénito invited his friends to repeat the experience. Led by th mysterious Mister Rathanak, he asked them to resurrect their best memories. Discover their story. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421822