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### **Architecture**

The Bungalows of Penang Hill / Mike Gibby  
Penang: Entropot Publishing Sdn Bhd, 2020  
x, 222p. ; 24.6x20.3cm.

Includes Index

9789671700846

1. Bungalows – Malaysia – Bukit Bendera (Pulau Pinang).
2. Bukit Bendera (Pulau Pinang, Malaysia) – Description and travel.
3. Bukit Bendera (Pulau Pinang, Malaysia) – History.

\$ 35.00 / PB

768gm.

A bungalow on Penang Hill has always been an aspiration and a dream. This book invites us to step into the exclusive world of Hill living. Explore these iconic homes, discover their secrets, and meet some of their owners. Featuring more than 400 photographs, many previously unpublished, The Bungalows of Penang Hill is a richly illustrated account of all 52 of Penang Hill's unique bungalows — from the first colonists to the towkays and millionaires of modern Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743648>

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Our Architecture : Gerakbudaya Essentials / Tajuddin Rasdi (Eds)

William Tham & Sheau Yun Lim

Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2020

x, 121p.

9789670311685

\$ 15.00 / PB

146gm.

Still relevant despite the passage of time, Tajuddin Rasdi's musings on the state of architecture in Malaysia remain essential readings for both experts and the public. There remains a relative lack of public discourse on architecture, since much of it circulates within the professional sector and academia. Here, the author presents blueprints for better architecture in a fast-changing milieu, studying practical, environmental and cultural facets. By discussing everything from shopping malls to the revival of ornamentation, this collection allows us to think more broadly about the kind of architecture that best suits a New Malaysia.

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### **Biography/Memoirs**

An Examined Life : Politics and Principles (Essays from Malaysiakini, the Nut Graph, and Hornbill Unleashed) / Sim Kwang Yang  
Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2020  
xii, 268p.  
9789672464167  
\$ 16.00 / PB  
424gm.

Sim Kwang Yang (1948-2014) was known as SKY to generations of readers and political admirers. SKY was a hermeneutic philosopher, a three-term MP for Bandar Kuching, and a columnist for Malaysiakini, The Nut Graph, and many other national and Sarawakian newspapers, writing in English and Chinese.

Sarawak's SKY meant light, and fresh air, to Malaysian society. He was Anak Sarawak, Bangsa Malaysia: a national leader respected by political allies and opponents alike. SKY's principles of universal concern and social justice remained solid, throughout four decades of political education and writing. SKY was incorruptible. His idealism shone through the cynicism of Malaysian politics.

His essays, full of intellectual curiosity and humour, offer us inspiration and insight today, at a time when sophistry and despair in our national life seem ever more prevalent.

"Those who thought that change in Malaysia could come overnight may do well to be prepared for a long haul ahead. History has often shown that those in power will not willingly surrender their monopoly on the control of appropriating resources. That power has to be

wrenched from their clenched fists, a little at a time, until they fall. Fall they will, because no political ruling class can rule forever...

“Whatever the outcome of these (elections), one should not be overjoyed or over-depressed. There will be many more battles ahead. Our desire for change will have no chance of immediate gratification. What we ought to do in the eye of the national storm is to reiterate to ourselves our very human and noble aspiration to freedom from corruption, abuse of power, and bad governance, and dream of democracy, transparency, accountability, and justice for all. Then we make our personal choice, and a sustained commitment to those ideals every time we vote, again and again. That is our only course forward, in this messy state of affairs.”

Sim Kwang Yang

February 2009

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=742895>

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Departure Points : My Life and Ministry Among the Indigenous Peoples of Borneo and Singapore's Sojourn / Tony Siew  
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Opus Publications Sdn. Bhd., 2020  
xiv, 192p.

Includes Bibliography

9789833987634

\$ 25.00 / PB

302gm.

This book is a narration of my life and ministry among the indigenous peoples of Borneo in Sabah from 1994-2019. The events told are based on my personal recollections and I have not referred to any notes, books or minutes of meetings except in a few places which I acknowledged in the footnotes. To the best of my knowledge the modern history of SIB Sabah has yet to be written (1990 onwards). My book is not a historical narrative nor historiography but a recollection of events from 1989 onwards. I leave it to the historians and research students to write SIB's modern history or evaluate what I have written here. Writing memoirs is a meditative and selective process. We choose what we want to remember and this is my interpretation of events, most of which I had participated in or possessed first-hand knowledge. I have started writing without an outline and without knowing what I was going to write, so what I wrote over two months (Oct 2014) with little revision afterwards, consists of what I remember to be important and significant in this first half of my life and ministry. According to the book of Numbers, the priests begin their duties when

they are 30 years old and retire from service when they turn 50. I was 30 years, four months and 5 days old when I started and I have reached 50 in 2014. These memoirs are my reflections of 25 years in active service of the ministry and service of the burden in the house of the congregation of the Lord (Numbers 4:47). I trust that the map shown in the book will give you a sense of the location where I had travelled into 100 villages and towns, almost all of which I had preached and ministered in. My prayer is that for all those who have heard me preached in Sabah, West Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, New Zealand and Hong Kong and believers around the world will find something helpful and spiritually edifying in this book. May the name of Jesus Christ our Lord be glorified now and forever.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743654>

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A Chemical Engineer in the Palm Oil Milling Industry : A Short Memoir / Hong Wai Onn  
Kuala Lumpur: Hong Wai Onn, 2020  
iv, 242p.  
Includes Index  
9789671818800  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
312gm.

Palm oil is a big business. Palm oil has been widely used in food and non-food industries. More than half the products on sale in supermarkets are made with palm oil—yet many people hardly know anything about this industry. They don't even know chemical engineers have a significant role to play in this industry. This book provides a series of episodes for you to discover the opportunities chemical engineers have in the palm oil milling industry. This book is an illuminating memoir that brings readers closer to the most enigmatic profession of all time.

It is a promise that Hong Wai Onn has fulfilled again and again. More people have gained a better understanding of the role of chemical engineers in the palm oil milling industry by listening to his sharing. You do not have to be a chemical engineer or work in this industry to enjoy his memoir. The insights are just as valuable for any discipline of engineering, and for any business, for the sake of inspiration.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743656>

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## **Ecology/Environment**

Orchids of Penang Hill / Remy Prakash Chacko & Santhi Velayutham  
Penang: Entropot Publishing Sdn Bhd, 2020

xii, 152p.

Includes Index

The Habitat Series

9789671700853

\$ 25.00 / PB

266gm.

This handy guidebook covers 50 species of orchids which occur on Penang Hill. Some are common, some hard to spot, and some are unique to the Hill.

- An introduction to orchids, their significance to the Hill and conservation concerns.
- Photographic identification of each species.
- Description of each species, including appearance, flowers, habitat and ecology.
- Handy notes, references and glossary.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743622>

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A Taxonomic Guide to the Stick Insects of Borneo, Volume III / Francis Seow-Choen

Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Natural History Publications (Borneo) Sdn. Bhd., 2019

x, 278p.

Includes Index

9789838121972

\$ 100.00 / HB

1120gm.

This volume is the fifth in a series of Taxonomic Guides to the Stick Insects of South East Asia and the eighth book on stick insects by the author. It is the third volume to report on the stick insects of Borneo. This book follows the concept of the first four volumes by the author in this series. The present account is once again lavishly illustrated with beautiful colour photographs of the relevant species of stick insects being discussed in the book.

A Taxonomic Guide to Stick Insects of Borneo (2016) listed 337 Bornean species or subspecies of which five new subgenera, 15 new genera and 52 new species were described. Together with these were

five subspecies, seven species, two genera with revised statuses, one generic synonym, 19 specific synonyms, 46 new combination names for Bornean taxa. A Taxonomic Guide to Stick Insects of Borneo, Volume 2 (2017) listed 373 Bornean species or subspecies from 92 genera of which there were four new genera with 37 new species. In addition there were four new combinations names, three new synonyms. This latest volume lists 369 currently recognised Bornean species or subspecies, with 14 new species or subspecies. There are 12 new synonyms, 11 new nomenclatural combinations, six nominate subspecies, 11 lectotypes designated, one neotype designated and nine revised statuses.

Even with the description of additional species, there has been a decrease in the number of Bornean species. This is because quite a number of synonyms were encountered during the course of this study. Many species of stick insects have been repeatedly described as new; therefore some names have had to be reduced to synonymy. Furthermore, some species were found during this survey to have been misidentified and are not of Bornean origin. These taxa are therefore removed from the Bornean list.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743663>

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Recalling Forgotten Tastes : Of Illustrated Edible Plants, Food and Memories / Syarifah Nadhirah

Malaysia: Syarifah Nadhirah, 2020

ix, 73p. ; 148x210mm.

\$ 20.00 / PB

120gm.

Recalling Forgotten Tastes : Of Illustrated Edible Plants, Food and Memories is an illustrative collection of edible plants, centred on environmental knowledge and traditional culinary practices by the Orang Asli communities in Peninsular Malaysia, primarily from the Semai and Temuan subgroups. The foreground of the book is to archive the disappearing knowledge of wild foraging and implementation into their diet. Dive into the unfamiliar world of indigenous plants and trees that are often times overlooked and allow yourself to be cradled into a tasteful journey of forest edibles, through spreads of colourful illustrations and conversations.

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## **Economics**

China in Malaysia : State-Business Relations and the New Order of Investment Flows / Edmund Terence Gomez (et al.)

Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2020

9789672464105

xx, 116p.

Includes Bibliography

9789672464105

1. Malaysia – Foreign economic relations – China.
2. China – Foreign economic relations – Malaysia.
3. International trade.
4. International cooperation.

\$ 15.00 / PB

214gm.

This book examines state-state relations and new forms of state-business relations that have emerged with an increase in China's foreign direct investments in Malaysia. Focusing on investments in the industrial sector and through in-depth case studies, this book adopts a novel framework to analyse these different types of state-business relations. These new forms of state-business relations are created from the different modes of negotiations between different key actors in each of the cases. Diverse outcomes were found, reflecting the disparate forms of power relationships and state cohesiveness with unique institutional architectures formed in each case. The book identifies a major shift in structural power in these new forms of state-business relations as China's large multinational state-owned enterprises increasingly invest in Malaysia. A well-constructed institutional architecture is needed, not just in Malaysia but for other Southeast Asian countries, if foreign investments are to be harnessed to promote effective industrial development.

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Socio Economic Issues From An Islamic Perspective / (Eds) Roza

Hazli Zakaria, Nur Annizah Ishak & Nurul Huda Mohd Satar

Kuala Lumpur: University of Malaya (UM) Press, 2020

xvi, 104p.

Includes Index

9789674881382

1. Economics – Sociological aspects.
2. Islam – Economic aspects.

\$ 20.00 / PB

198gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743666>

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Asian Family Businesses : Succession / Sally Cheong & Tan Li Shan  
Kuala Lumpur: Sparrow Publishing House, 2020

168p.

9789671439340

\$ 30.00 / PB

372gm.

Families are at the heart of Asian societies. May that never change? When families are torn apart, what is there really left? Patriarchs toil and sweat to build a better life for their children and the future generations. Most prefer that their children carry on the family legacy. But succession in family businesses, especially among highly affluent family conglomerates is a most difficult and sensitive matter. This book gives a broad insight into succession issues in Asia. The Yung Kee Restaurant family feud and Great Eagle Holdings family trust dispute, both in Hong Kong, show that Wills do not always work out as the testator intended. Emperor Kangxi started the practice of naming the successor to the throne in an Imperial Will to be revealed only upon his death worked well for the Qing dynasty for 200 years. It has influenced overseas Chinese inheritance practices.

The right succession to the first born son is common in Asian societies but the tradition is more entrenched in South Korea. In this book we have focused our study on Samsung, Hyundai Motor, SK, LG, and Lotte, the top five families dynasties (chaebols) in South Korea where the third and fourth generations are at the helm. In Hong Kong and ASEAN, the passing of batons to the New Generation is taking place. This book highlights the recent changes. We have also looked at the decimation of family-run bank after the Asian Financial Crisis (1997-1998) particularly in Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia. In the Philipinnes families still control the biggest banks. The old world of family-run banks and traditional banking is now giving way to the new world of digital currency and virtual banks of the 21st century. History is in the making before our eyes.

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## **History**

Johor : Local History, Local Landscapes, 1855-1957 / P. Lim Pui Huen  
Johor: Think City Sdn Bhd, 2020

240p.

Includes Index

9789671488126

1. Johor (Malaysia) – History – 1855-1957.
2. Johor (Malaysia) – Politics and government – 1855-1957.
3. Johor (Malaysia) – Social conditions – 1855-1957.

\$ 60.00 / HB

How Johor was transformed from virgin jungle into a vigorous economy and a harmonious society, and how Johor Bahru grew from a village on the shoreline into a bustling metropolis – that is the story of Johor told in this book.

Visionary leadership and the energy and enterprise of many people kept Johor a step ahead – whether as the world's largest producer of pepper and gambier, or as Malaya's largest rubber producer, or in the forging of the first state constitution, not to mention its leadership role in the struggle for independence. Johor was modern in its policies and multicultural in its outlook.

The story of Johor is told through old photographs and historical maps accumulated through careful archival research, fieldwork through the highways and byways of Johor, and through the lives and memories of many people.

It is a history of the interaction of people and landscape that has come together to make what Johor is today.

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The Legacy and Heritage of Loke Chow Kit / Junn Ng & Ch'ng Symn  
(Ed) Teoh Hock Siew

Petaling Jaya: CGB Consultants Sdn Bhd, 2020

278p.

9789671797006

\$ 65.00 / HB

1100gm.

"He spoke English, Malay and various Chinese dialects with equal facility, looked dignified and reserved and was a man of considerable

brain power, progressive and liberal in his views ... " On Loke Chow Kit, The Malay Weekly Mail. 5th September 1918

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Many Malaysians know of Chow Kit district, but not many know of the man it was named after. In this book, the vast history left behind by Loke Chow Kit and his contributions to the growth and development of the Malaysia that we know and love today, will finally be explored. Its contents, with more than 300 images, will let readers have a glimpse of Chow Kit's personal life and many businesses, and will go over the tangible cultural heritage that were associated to him in the past that can still be seen at present day. A beacon and figurehead of the Malayan Community, Chow Kit's contributions will finally be acknowledged and immortalised in this book, for you, the reader, and the next generations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=735227>

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The Borneo Graveyard 1941-1945 / John S.M. Tulloch  
Kota Kinabalu, Sabah: Opus Publications Sdn. Bhd., 2020  
xx, 472p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789833987658

\$ 65.00 / HB

1490gm.

Borneo, the land of the head hunters, was a World War II graveyard for POWs, internees, locals, Javanese and Japanese.

The narrative follows the raising of five Royal Artillery air defence regiments in 1939, their deployment in late 1942 to South East Asia, their short campaign in the Netherlands East Indies and eventual captivity as POWs in Java and North Borneo.

The account describes the invasion of Borneo and the subsequent four years of Japanese occupation. It depicts the sadistic treatment of Australian, British, Dutch and Indian POWs in the various POW camps in North Borneo at Jesselton, Sandakan, Ranau, Labuan and Batu Lintang. There were three Death Marches from Sandakan to Ranau. The internee account covers the men, women and children from all over Borneo interned in Batu Lintang. They experienced the unspeakable behaviour of the guards. Several internees were killed or massacred trying to escape the Japanese regime or gratuitously executed before liberation.

The locals of Borneo suffered terribly. Torture, executions and massacres occurred throughout. Malnutrition, starvation and death

were endemic. Tribes exacted their revenge and over 8,000 Japanese died during their withdrawals in Sabah.

The secretive Z Force gathered intelligence, trained local guerrilla fighters who harassed and exacted a heavy toll on the Japanese. The Australian military engaged in bitter fighting in the liberation of Borneo. Finally, convalescence at Labuan followed by repatriation to the UK and the dreadful wall of silence experienced by so many of the returning FEPOWs and internees to the UK.

This disturbing history portrays the horror of the Japanese occupation of Borneo. It is why the book is called The Borneo Graveyard, 1941–1945.

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Jambatan Victoria, Karai = Victoria Bridge, Karai / Ar. Hj. Mior Zawari  
Hj. Hassan

Perak: Hotel D'Village, 2020

36p. ; 21x21cm.

English, Malay

\$ 10.00 / PB

148gm.

Jambatan Victoria merupakan sebuah jambatan keretapi yang terbesar dan terpanjang di Tanah Melayu sekitar awal 1900. Jambatan ini telah siap dibina pada tahun 1900 dan sekarang merupakan jambatan keretapi tertua di Malaysia. Jambatan ini dibina melintasi Sungai Perak dari telah melengkapkan rangkaian landasan keretapi yang menghubungkan dari Sungai Siput ke Enggor pada tahun 1898 untuk menghala ke utara tanah air. Pada masa itu, pembinaan Jambatan Victoria telah membahagikan Karai kepada dua kawasan iaitu sebelah kiri dan kanan. Sebelum jambatan ini disiapkan, ia dikenali sebagai Jambatan Enggor kerana pihak Inggeris ingin menamakan kawasan kiri jambatan sebagai Enggor manakala sebelah kanan sebagai Karai. Itulah sebabnya hentian keretapi ini dinamakan hentian Enggor kerana ia terletak sebelah kiri landasan. Walau bagaimanapun, penduduk tempatan tidak mahu mengikut kehendak Inggeris dan masih ingin mengekalkan nama Karai di sebelah kiri landasan sebagai Pekan Karai sehingga ke hari ini.

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Victoria Bridge was the longest and largest railway bridge in Malaya at that time. It was completed in 1900 and now regarded as the oldest railway bridge in Malaysia. The bridge was constructed to connect the railway lines that had already linked Sungai Siput to Enggor in 1898 to

Kuala Kangsar in the north. The construction of the bridge and railway lines had divided Karai into two parts. Before the bridge was completed it was known as Enggor Bridge because the British wanted to rename the area located on the left side of the bridge as Enggor and on the right remained as Karai. The railway station was named Enggor as it was located on the left side of the railway lines, karai folks disagreed with the ideas and wanted Karai to remained on the left as it was known as Karai Town now.

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A History of Pahang / W. Linehan  
Kuala Lumpur: Silverfish Books, 2020  
Re-Edit Version  
220p.  
9789672438083  
Silverfish Malaysian Classics No. 18  
\$ 22.50 / PB  
316gm.

(Previously published as Volume XIV Part 11, Journal of the Malayan Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society in May 1936)

Pahang, the largest of the Malay States, has an area 14,000 squaremiles with a long sea-board on the China Sea. It is bounded on thenorth by Trengganu and Kelantan, on the west by Perak, Selangor andNegri Sembilan, and on the south by Johore. Before the rise of Malaccathe kingdom of Pahang embraced the whole of the southern part of thePeninsula. Majapahit used the name Pahang to designate the MalayPeninsula—an indication of the importance of this ancient State. In the16th century the southern boundaries of the country extended to SediliBesar, and on the west it touched Rembau and Selangor.To the north and west Pahang is encircled by hills. Its main water systems, the high-ways of communication in the past, are the river Pahang and its tributaries, and the Kuantan, the Bébar, the Rompin, and the Endau. The country to the south-west between the head-waters of the Bera and the Muar, where the ancient over-land route between the east and the west of the Peninsula passed, is only 180 feet above sea-level. The low-lying nature of the land at this point and the breadth and sluggishness of the Béra, over part of its course an elongated marsh, have led to the conjecture‘ that at one time this stream formed the bed of the Pahang river which then flowed, not, as now, east into the China sea but west into the Straits of Malacca. It

has been pointed out that the sharp bend in the Pahang river near Kuala Béra suggests river-capture by a stream flowing into the China sea. Colour is lent to the conjecture by old maps of the 16th and 17th centuries which show a river flowing between Muar and Pahang.

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Malaya and Its History / RO Winstedt & RJ Wilkinson  
Kuala Lumpur: Silverfish Books, 2020Re-Edit Version  
ii, 378p.

Silverfish Malaysian Classics No. 13  
9789672438038

1. Malaya – History.
2. Malaya – Politics and government.
3. Malaysia – Civilization – Tamil influences.
4. Tamil (Indic people) – Malaysia.

\$ 30.00 / PB

376gm.

(Malaya and its History was first published in Volume XXIII, Part 1 & 2 March & October, 1935 of the Journal of the Malayan Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society)

This book includes 'A History of Malaya' by RO Winstedt 'Early Indian Influence in Malaysia' (and other essays) by RJ Wilkinson  
A political system, art, science and literature may be taken to be the essential attributes of civilisation and even in 1511 when the Portuguese took Malacca, the Malay had them all. A social sense, arising out of tribal solidarity, has always distinguished him from the Chinese, who giving up to the family what was meant for the state is a strong individualist. Accordingly, even before the Hindu period the Malay had a system of government by village gaffers and tribal chiefs, while during that period he learned to combine a respect for the divine right of kings with an ineradicable manly independence and to accept a compromise between absolute monarchy and rule by elders. Old Malacca had, in theory, a system of government by the divine king, advised by a cabinet of ministers, a prime minister and commander-in-chief, a minister for police and customs, a treasurer, a court chamberlain, an admiral and so on. As for art, the early Malay colonies on the peninsula were too small and Malacca too late to develop the fine Buddhist and Hindu art of their kinsmen in Palembang and Java, and what art they may have had time Islam and the Portuguese destroyed, leaving only patterns of fabrics copied from Indian models

and some metal- work more chaste in design than most Indian pieces.  
— RO Winstedt, Chapter 1

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743671>

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British Borneo : Sketches of Brunai, Sarawak, Labuan, and North  
Borneo / W. H. Treacher

Kuala Lumpur: Silverfish Books, 2020

Re-Edit Version

186p.

Silverfish Malaysian Classics No. 15

9789672438052

1. Borneo – History.
2. Brunei – History.
3. Sarawak (Malaysia) – History.
4. Labuan (Wilayah Persekutuan, Malaysia) – History.

\$ 22.50 / PB

270gm.

(British Borneo was first published in the Journal of the Straits  
Settlement Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Singapore)

In 1670, Charles II granted to the Hudson's Bay Company a Charter of Incorporation, His Majesty delegating to the Company actual sovereignty over a very large portion of British North America, and assigning to them the exclusive monopoly of trade and mining in the territory. Writing in 1869, Mr. William Forsyth, Q.C., says: - "I have endeavoured to give an account of the constitution and history of the last of the great proprietary companies of England, to whom a kind of delegated authority was granted by the Crown. It was by some of these that distant Colonies were founded, and one, the most powerful of them all, established our Empire in the East and held the sceptre of the Great Mogul. But they have passed away and the Hudson's Bay Company will be no exception to the rule. It may continue to exist as a Trading Company, but as a Territorial Power it must make up its mind to fold its (buffalo) robes round it and die with dignity." Propheying is hazardous work. In November, 1881, two hundred and eleven years after the Hudson's Bay Charter, and twelve years after the date of Mr. Forsyth's article, Queen Victoria granted a Charter of Incorporation to the British North Borneo Company...

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Revisiting Malaya : Uncovering Historical and Political Thoughts in  
Nusantara / (Eds) Show Ying Xin & Ngoi Guat Peng  
Petaling Jaya: SIRD, 2020

xx, 532p.

Malaysian Studies Series

9789672165774

1. Malaya – History.
2. Malaya – Politics and government.

\$ 35.00 / PB

804gm.

"The contents of this volume go a long way to furthering our understanding of many dimensions of the difficult issues involved, including the national question." Jomo Kwame Sundaram.  
The concept of 'Malaya' continues to exert a powerful draw on our imagination, steeped in exotism and Orientalist reductions. Even decades after the end of the colonial period, it casts a long shadow over modern-day Malaysia and the rest of maritime Southeast Asia. How can we understand this constantly transforming subjectivity? Most importantly, how do we recognise the continuation of problems inherited from colonisation, and overcome these distorted discourses? Revisiting Malaya seeks to explicitly address these problems, taking regional Cold War divisions and historical links and fractures into consideration. By considering a wide range of topics presented by speakers at two landmark conferences, from the propaganda efforts of the Malayan Film Unit to the visionary writings of visionaries and revolutionaries, ranging from Usman Awang to Tan Malaka, this book uses 'Malaya as method' to better understand historical and contemporary realities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743673>

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Where Eighty-Four Languages Were Once Spoken : An Account of  
Melaka 1400-1824 / Devindere Raj

Petaling Jaya: Devinder Raj, 2020

154p.

9789671510711

1. Melaka (Malaysia) – History.
2. Melaka (Malaysia) – Kings and rulers.
3. King and rules – Malaysia – rulers.
4. Melaka (Malaysia) – Colonization.

\$ 12.50 / PB

184gm.

“Cycling to Malacca High School for my secondary education, I had to pass by the last remnant of the A Famosa fortress and St Paul’s Hill. Quite often in the afternoons, my classmate and I would go up St Paul’s Hill, to sit under the shade of the trees that were around the ruined church and do some quiet reading and studying ... Some weekends, we would go to Pulau Besar, an island off Melaka, steeped in myth and legend, visited by preachers and pilgrims for centuries.” In this short account of the history of Melaka, Devinder Raj weaves in letters, myths and oft-forgotten historical facts to craft an image of his home state during the Melakan sultanate and under the rule of the Portuguese, the Dutch and the British. Filling in the gaps in history textbooks, and piecing together accounts such as letters from Melaka’s Tamil merchants to the King of Portugal and the proposed British effort to demolish Melaka entirely, *Where Eighty-four Languages Were Once Spoken* revisits the storied history of a historic city.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743674>

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## Law

Counter-Terrorism Measures and Human Rights Violations :  
An International Legal Perspective / Behnam Rastegari &  
Rohaida Nordin

Selangor: Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia  
(UKMPress), 2020

202p.

Includes Index

9789672388845

1. Terrorism – Prevention.
2. Human rights.

\$ 17.50 / PB

310gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=743773>

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## Linguistics

### **Encyclopedia of Malay Language and Linguistics /**

**Asmah Haji Omar**

**Kuala Lumpur: Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka, 2020**

**xii, 428**

**Includes Index ; Bibliography**

**9789834914257**

- 1. Malay language – Encyclopedias.**
- 2. Linguistics – Encyclopedias.**
- 3. Encyclopedias and dictionaries, Malay.**

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Kuala Lumpur: Andrew Barber & Associates Sdn Bhd, 2020  
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Selangor: Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia  
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The Great Reset : 100 Days of Malaysia's Triple Crisis / Liew Chin  
Tong  
Kuala Lumpur: Research for Social Advancement, 2020  
226p.  
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332gm.

There is talk that Perikatan Nasional is going to call a general election, banking on the hope that Malays will vote for a Malay government, and even deliver a two-thirds majority to Perikatan Nasional.

Let me put it in simple terms, if I ever believe that only Chinese would vote for a Chinese party, I would not have joined the DAP in 1999; the year when Kit Siang and Karpal Singh both lost in constituencies with a high concentration of Chinese voters.

Back in the early 2000s, we believed that Chinese and Indian voters would eventually vote for a multi-ethnic party, and that would be the DAP, and that with a multi-ethnic coalition, the Malays would come on board.

Now, twenty years later, I still don't believe that Malays will vote for a Malay government simply because it is Malay in character, and without considering whether it is full of crooks or not.

I believe many of my colleagues and comrades are in politics because we believe in the Malaysian Middle. We believe that there is a sizable middle group among Malay voters and among all ethnic groups who want to achieve clean government, smaller income gaps, and a country that we can all be proud of.

It is our conviction that we can articulate a Malaysian civic nation or a new nationalism that every Malaysian can subscribe to and belong to. Malaysians who believe that the idea of Malaysia is one that is worth fighting for would have to rise to the occasion to lead the Great Reset for a better Malaysia.

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### **Religion – Islam**

Some Aspects of Sufism : As Understood and Practiced Among the  
Malays / Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas  
Kuala Lumpur: Ta'dib International Sdn Bhd, 2020  
132p.  
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While most of the examples in this research are based upon experiences and studies concentrated mainly, though not entirely, in the State of Johore, the findings are applicable to the Malays of Malaya (and Singapore) in general.

The work is divided into three parts.

In the first part a brief picture is presented, in historical as well as doctrinal perspective, of the origin, spread, development and culmination of Sufism in Islam concerning the central core of the Sufi doctrines which is the doctrine of the Unity of Existence (Wahdatu'l wujūd), based upon that of the Unity of God (tawhīd).

The second part is based upon personal conclusions drawn from readings in Malay prose and poetical works of famous Malay mystics of the 16th and 17th centuries, as they are likely to be the best representatives of theoretical and doctrinal Sufism among the Malays. The third part deals with the practical and ritual aspects of Sufism based upon the author's findings in existing textbooks and literature and on personal experiences of the ceremonies and practices of the Tariqahs and of their Shaykhs.

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On Justice and the Nature of Man / Syed Muhammad Naquib Al-Attas  
Kuala Lumpur: Ta'dib International Sdn Bhd, 2020  
x, 60p.

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In this monograph, the author selected and makes a commentary on verses in the Holy Qur'an, surah al-Nisa', verse 58 and surah al-Mu'minin verses 12-14. He argues that these verses convey the nature of justice and of man that may have not been elicited from them before in such way as to reveal the essential meanings intended by them.

The author starts with deliberating on the five fundamental key terms contains in surah al-Nisa': 58; amr (Divine command), amanah (trust), ahl (the Keepers), hakam (the arbitrator or judge), 'adl (justice) which the author believes these key terms intended meaning is to warn us

against our habitual tendency to stray from the right course in the exercise of power.

The author maintains that man is not a genus nor species but a new and a special creation, contrary to the evolutionist and positivistic theory which views man as a species that gradually undergone evolutionary process of natural selection from a common ancestor for hundred thousand of years.

The author then proves this claim by establishing the period of history of mankind i.e the arrival of Prophet Adam a.s to this world. In order to establish this historical timeline of mankind, he uses three sources in his rational estimation methodology; verses in the Holy Qur'an, prophetic tradition (hadith), and history and archaeological discovery particularly on period of Kings and Rulers. He asserts that the arrival of Prophet Adam and his wife was about 7000 or 8000 years ago and not tens and hundreds of thousands years for man to evolve to the stage of homo sapiens.

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