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Anthropology

Bujang Valley : Heritage, Archaeology, And National Identity / Bowen Liao
Selangor : SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2024
xvi, 108p.
Includes References
9786297575162
\$ 13.00 / PB
198gm

Malaysians across different generations are likely to have learned about the ancient site of the Bujang Valley in the state of Kedah from their historical textbooks and also recall from previous news reports in recent years involving a private developer which demolished a portion of its sacred Hindu-Buddhist shrines, known as candi.

Where does that leave Malaysians today, and what does it mean to understand the history of Bujang Valley and the role it plays in Malaysian national identity? Join heritage researcher Bowen Liao on a journey up north of Peninsular Malaysia and let your mind perceive a future informed by an understanding of the past.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=867671>

Sensing Others: Voicing Batek Ethical Lives at the Edge of a Malaysian Rainforest / Alice Rudge
Puchong Selangor: SIRD & University of Nebraska Press, 2023
xxx, 298p.
Includes Index
9786297575179
\$ 24.00/ PB
490gm

Sensing Others explores the lives of Indigenous Batek people in Peninsular Malaysia amid the strange and the new in the borderland between protected national park and oil palm plantation. As their ancestral forests disappear around them, Batek people nevertheless attempt to live well among the strange Others they now encounter out-of-place animals and plants, traders, tourists, poachers, and forest guards. How Batek people voice their experiences of the good and the strange in relation to these Others challenges essentialized notions of cultural and species difference and the separateness of ethical worlds.

Drawing on meticulous, long-term ethnographic research with Batek people, Alice Rudge argues that as people seek to make habitable a constantly changing landscape, what counts as Otherness is always under negotiation. Anthropology's traditional dictum to "make the strange familiar, and the familiar strange" creates a binary between the familiar and the Other, often encapsulating Indigenous lives as the archetypal Other to the "modern" worldview. Yet living well amid precarity involves constantly negotiating Otherness's ambivalences, as people, plants, animals, and places can all become familiar, strange, or both. Sensing Others reveals that when looking from the boundary, what counts as Otherness is impossible to pin down.

Alice Rudge is Leverhulme Early Career Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology at University College London.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=868678>

Solastalgia: Forest, Crafts, and the People / Wendi Sia (Illustration) Sharon Yap

GERIMIS Art Project

Malaysia, Subang Jaya: Wendy Sia (Self-Published), 2021

58p.

9789671882313

\$ 25.00 / PB

162gm

Gerimis Art Project is a collaborative artistic and archiving collective that co-produces artworks and cultural content with indigenous Malaysian (Orang Asli) artists and artisans. The collective primarily works with Orang Asli who are already leading their own efforts in promoting and preserving their arts, culture, and traditions. Gerimis advocates for the Orang Asli's customary territories and the return of these lands to their custodianship. 4. Book Description: 15 minutes away from our international airport, KLIA, live the Temuan tribe. In this book, Temuan Master Weavers Yau Niuk and her daughter Nadiawati Miah take readers through the step-by-step process of pandanus craft making, from harvesting to weaving the Mad Weave technique. In between, the mother- daughter duo shares anecdotes from the past, present, and their view of the future, all of which reveal their close relationship to the land and nature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870338>

Malaysian Telugus : Untold Stories Of Andhra Pioneers / Ramanan Malini; (Eds)

Manasi Dhanorkar, Khoo Salma Nasution

Malaysia, Penang: Areca Books, 2023

224p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789675719479

\$ 25.00 / PB

412gm.

Who are the Malaysian Telugus? In studies on South Indians in Malaysia, the Malaysian Telugu ethnic community is mentioned only in passing or ignored altogether. Indeed, Malaysian Telugus are a minority within a minority.

Telugus from Andhra Pradesh in British India came to British Malaya in the nineteenth century to work as farmers. The early Telugu migrants in Bagan Datoh and Teluk Intan, Perak, made unrelenting efforts to preserve their language and culture through Telugu schools, ritual worship and foodways. The early matriarchs proved themselves to be heroic pillars of strength and guardians of tradition; the next generations of Telugus derived immense pride from their remembered histories.

Today, the Telugu Association of Malaysia (TAM) organises language classes and activities to build Telugu ethnic identity in a multicultural Malaysia.

Written in a narrative style, this work describes the development of the Malaysian Telugu community and the identity contestations that inevitably occur in pluralistic environments. Based on a six-year PhD study, this book demonstrates that Teluguness is alive and well, and likely to flourish in Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870339>

Architecture

Conserving Our Heritage / (Eds) Mohd Ismail Isa, Azizi Bahauddin & Badaruddin Mohamed
Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sain Malaysia (USM), 2024

xiv, 114p.

Includes Index

9789674618384

\$ 13.00 / PB

232gm.

Conserving Our Heritage is a compilation of chapters on heritage conservation. Awareness on the valuable nation's assets is brought into light of its diversity and of many focuses. This book encompasses a broad spectrum, ranging from the architecture of the colonial era in the form of godown buildings, vernacular and traditional architecture, the intangible cultural and heritage, and to the heritage aspect of the urban settings. Interesting enough, these chapters cover not just in Malaysia but also in Indonesia by looking into the conservation activities relating to traditional houses. Above all, this book offers an insight into heritage relating to many aspects of culture and history.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870340>

6IX Appeal : To Read Between The Sheets / Suffian Shahabuddin (Ed) Dano Chow
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Projects, 2023

124p. ; ills colour & bw, 12x21cm.

9789672585961

\$ 50.00 / HB

262gm.

Architecture is an idea, one that begins with a spark of inspiration or even naivety, before developing and eventually manifesting in the form of a concept. But what and where is the limit for those who choose to stay within the practice of architecture? Who are the people behind the art of giving form to the buildings we dwell in? In 6IX APPEAL, Suffian Shahabuddin tells his story, beginning with his formative years as an architect in Melbourne, while shedding light on the many challenges 6IX Design Office has faced after being incorporated in Malaysia. He looks back at the years he has served as an architect and contemplates what it means to go beyond architecture.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870341>

Kaki Lima Stories: Life In The Five-Foot Ways Of Downtown Kuala Lumpur/
Camelia Kusumo & Lee Sze - Ee
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya : Suburbia Office Enterprise, 2023 (Reprinted 2024)
248p.
9789672585954
\$ 32.50 / PB
332gm

The Kaki Lima is a delightful little book that unfolds the urban aesthetics of the five-foot way that is a common typology to Asian cities. With urbanisation, the five-foot way has undergone many changes and challenges, leading to a series of spatial outcomes that add vibrancy particularly to: the Kuala Lumpur urban condition. This book provides a curated set of drawings and mappings of five-foot ways, in narrating these urban qualities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=867024>

Art

Dari Payarama Ke Garismega : 2013-2020 (from Payarama to Garismega: 2013-2020) /
Awang Damit Ahmad
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur: Henry Butcher Art Auctioneers Sdn Bhd, 2021
112p.
Includes Bibliography
9789671284537
\$ 125.00 / HB
914gm.

'The paintings are based on a 'reflective self-referential experience' - encapsulating a journey and traces of a humble livelihood as a farmer as well as the plight of fishermen facing the challenge of time and nature. They are based on the concept of simplicity, harmony and balance, as demonstrated through figuration and abstraction, with qualities veering between intimate and expressionistic, and intellectual and intuitive. These works speak of the essence of human value, society, culture and environment through research, experience and memories. In their entirety, the works can be viewed as a continuous journey that searches for meaning and value in life.' - Awang Damid Ahmad

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870342>

Serumpun: Crafts Across Borders / Wendy Teo (et al.)
Malaysia, Kuching, Sarawak: B. Crafts Atelier, 2024
160p.
English & Malay
9786299885702
\$ 50.00 / PB
324gm.

Serumpun means a bundle of grass that shares the same root. It helps us convey how knowledge, wisdom, and material cultures in craft across the borders of Kalimantan, Sarawak and Sabah connect together as a wider ecosystem. 'Serumpun' is also the title for this collective publication, which shares and reflects upon the process and outcomes from C&VM and the 11 craft projects that took place across Borneo in 2022. We explore craft and expand upon ways in which craft embodies knowledge and wisdom, drives activism and supports unity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870343>

Convergence of Research in Art and Design: A Source Book / (Ed) Sarena Abdullah
Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), 2023.
xii, 164p.
Includes Index
9789674617660
\$ 22.00 / PB
314gm.

A fundamental reading for new postgraduate students enrolled in any art and design field - this book provides a basic guide in tackling the fundamental aspects of research for postgraduates, especially for those coming from the art and design background. Included in this book are selections of writings that address some pertinent aspects of research fundamentals with exemplification of several actual case studies by academicians and researchers. Divided into two main sections - the first section highlights some core aspects of research that include topics that deal with thesis writing and literature review, critical thinking, reading, and writing, human ethics application, and polishing presentation skills. The second section of the book consists of chapters discussing real issues and case studies faced by academicians and researchers in the field. These chapters share the foresight of more creative and explorative possibilities, as well as thoughts of research initiatives, whether multidisciplinary or transdisciplinary study in the realm of art and design.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870344>

Rintis : A Rethoric Of Practice And Theory In Art And Design / (Eds) Mohd Alif Ikrami Mutti & Nur Hilyati Ramli
Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), 2024
xii, 68p.
Includes Index

9789674618094
\$ 15.00/ PB
300gm.

Innovation and creativity are not the acts that can be achieved in a single quick action. They are carried out through a methodical procedure that is founded on facts, theories, and practised skills, and they call for a thorough comprehension of the problem at hand. This book explores how creative practises and design may influence society for the better, from examining the educational benefits of performance design to using art to solve difficult societal concerns. The contributors offer unique perspectives on the human condition, highlighting the necessity of delving into difficult topics and utilizing the arts to promote book inclusivity and knowledge-sharing. This includes a variety of works from several fields, with a focus on innovation and creativity, including fine arts, drama and theatre, product design, graphic design, and new media design. The purpose of this book is to provide readers who are eager to investigate original and imaginative solutions to modern problems with a trustworthy point of reference, a wealth of knowledge, and a source of inspiration. The contents of this book are the result of in-depth analysis of the artworks shown at RINTIS, an annual exhibition of final-year students from the School of the Arts, Universiti Sains Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870345>

Somewhere In The Kuala / Lisa Goh & William Chew
Malaysia Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Projects, 2023
64p.
9789672585985
\$ 30.00 / HB
488gm.

Somewhere in Kuala Lumpur, Han and Mina take us on a playful journey away from the 'grown up' tour their parents brought them to. Join them on their whimsical journey as they explore the messy and lively concrete jungle and make new friends along the way.

This project is a recipient of the Thinkcity - PNB 118 Merdeka Grants Program.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870346>

Biography/Memoirs

My Life Journey – The Rugged Walk / Ed Mun
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur: Kanyin Publications Sdn. Bhd., 2022
256p.
9789672805410

Remapping the future of creative industry

1. Ed Mun – Anecdotes.
2. Designer - Anecdotes.
3. Interior decorators - Anecdotes.

4. Businessmen – Anecdotes.
 5. Anecdotes.
- \$ 40.00 / HB
520gm.

Ed Mun is the founder of S.U.A Virtuals Space Sdn Bhd and has 38 years of experience in the interior industry.

This book will share the story of his journey about his rugged walk since he was a child to the person he is today.

This book will also talk about the #NoFreeDesignMovement he has created solely to bring empowerment to the people in the creative industry to fight for their rights and values as creative person.

It will be filled with the truths of this industry is currently facing and how the movement will be the first step to make the world a better place for creative people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870347>

Trail of Lights – Where He Walks, Will Leave Marks: Journey of Tan Yew Sing / Tan Yew Sing

Malaysia, Subang Jaya Selangor: Yayasan Amal INTI, 2024

xviii, 270p.

9789671101025

\$ 30.00 / PB

532gm.

Some say he's an educationist first and foremost. Some say he's an entrepreneur. Others insist that he's a social activist driven by a deep unwavering desire to see a Malaysia that is just, equitable and fair to all who live here. The truth is, Tan Yew Sing's life encompasses all of the above. This book highlights his journey spanning public work focusing on strengthening the Chinese community within the country, to leading one of the nation's top tertiary private education institutes, shaping the skills of many young Malaysians in the past 35 years. With the spirit of national harmony, inclusiveness and democratic concepts, Tan has also worked actively in trans-ethnic civil society works to promote the reform as a pluralistic society to establish a harmonious civilization.

Written in a third person format, we get a glimpse of who Tan Yew Sing is, a true patriot who is unafraid to lead in his various capacities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870348>

General Qasem Soleimani : The Wayfarer Who Ended ISIS / Irma Abdurrahman, Alfian Hamzah & Musa Kazim

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: The Other Press Sdn Bhd, 2023

xx, 172p.

Includes Index

9789670957579

\$ 18.00 / PB

328gm.

Universally respected by friends and foes alike, the “shadow commander” of Iran’s secretive Quds special forces was the face of armed resistance in defeating ISIS and in reshaping the Middle East. For ceaselessly thwarting their ambitions, schemes and conspiracies, the United States and its allies regarded him as an “evil genius”. Obfuscation and bifurcation are critical tools of subjugation in the post-truth world, especially in the tumultuous region where seeds of discord, grips of greed, and tentacles of tyranny hide under the cry for liberty and in the guise of democracy. And yet, should the long agonising history of the Middle East be able to provide counsel and clarity, an entirely different picture may emerge of a thoroughly selfless multifaceted “commander of the hearts” who resisted oppression, fought against injustice, and was purely devoted to the ideals of the Islamic revolution.

General Qasem Soleimani was an embodiment of the notion of a complete person—a renowned strategist, an astute charismatic revolutionary, and a spiritual wayfarer whose life incessantly bore witness to divine love. This book is an invitation to think critically and conscientiously on the complex inextricable interplay of actors, structures, and powers of the interminable conflicts and enduring catastrophe in the Middle East. But more importantly, it is an attempt in all modesty to do justice to the distorted portrayal of the general and to present particular aspects of Soleimani—his genius, his humanity, and his path of love.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870349>

Nik Aziz : The Giant of a Little Man / Zakiah Koya
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: The Other Press Sdn Bhd, 2023
xvii, 89p.

Includes Index

9789670957531

1. Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat, Dato', 1931- 2015 – Interviews.
2. Muslim politicians.
3. Thought and thinking.
4. Political Culture.

\$ 12.50 / PB

234gm

A collection of media interviews of the late PAS Spiritual Leader and Kelantan Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Nik Abdul Aziz Nik Mat. Conducted by senior journalist Zakiah Koya over a period of more than two decades, the interviews portray the way Nik Abdul Aziz revealed himself to the English media.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870350>

An Elated State Of Mind: Memoir Of A Bipolar Person / Chow Ee Tan
Malaysia, Cheras Selangor: Chow Ee Tan (Self-Published), 2023.

112p.

9786299886105

\$ 12.50/ PB

194gm

Chow Ee-Tan had her first onset of bipolar syndrome at 15. From then on, she had walked through peaks and valleys due to her mood swings, extraordinary and even bizarre experiences that she otherwise would not have encountered: from dropping out of school to false and failed romances to twice-warded in psychiatric hospitals. Her first book 'An Elated State of Mind: Memoir of a Bipolar Person' is written with brutal honesty and forthrightness, as Ee-Tan shares her life journey as a bipolar person – chronicling the episodes she went through – mainly a series of elations as well as a dark depression episode. Readers may empathise with her on what she has gone through, how she felt and how she coped before she returned to a normal state of mind, cyclically. But in the midst of all these trials and chaos, Ee-Tan found Jesus and had placed her trust in God. Her days had never been too bleak or hopeless despite the many hardships and heartaches he had gone through. Her faith in God has been her ankle and instrumental in helping her to eventually lead a normal life, and manage her illness with aplomb.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870351>

Confessions Of An Old Boy : The Dato' Hamid Adventures/ Kam Raslan
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Maya Press Sdn Bhd 2023
243p.
9789832737681
\$ 25.00 / PB
334gm

Shameless, exciting and funny, Dato Hamid charts his life and loves against the backdrop of economic and political changes that have created the Malaysia of today.

Dato' Hamid, 'Old Boy' and retired civil servant, burst into public prominence in 2007 when his rib-tickling confessional memoirs quickly sold out. Fifteen years on, this revamped edition is back to tickle the funny bone of readers afresh and introduce a new generation to just how cosmopolitan yet curmudgeonly, suave yet self-serving, poised-for-anything yet prepared-to-shirk-everything and ultimately unwittingly hilarious and Empire-educated Malaysia can be.

Get ready to reel at his hapless adventures from the Forties to the Noughties, from Paris to Parit Chindai, London to Los Angeles with pit stops in Algiers and the Temerloh Rest House. Revel and tut along with Dato Hamid as he reveals how he was seduced by beautiful Russian diamond thief, corrupted by a ruthlessly ambitious banker, beguiled by the rhythms of the disco era, and reluctantly helped solve the murder of a billionaire businessman- when all he ever wanted was to be at home with The Wife tending to his orchids and perusing obituaries in the New Straits Times.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870352>

PhD: The Amazing Journey, Volume 2 / Muhammad Ashraf Bin Fauzi, Cheng Jack Kie & Puteri Fadzline Muhammad Tamyaz (Ed) A R Aria
Malaysia, Pahang: Universiti Malaysia Pahang, 2023
xxviii, 208p.
9789672831792
RM 43.00 / PB

266gm

You are enrolled in a university of your choice, excited to quench your thirst for knowledge, and thrilled to stand among renowned scholars pursuing academic and intellectual activities. You can't wait to develop expertise in a topic you are passionate about. However, as you enter the second year of your PhD study, that enthusiasm starts to fade. Fear and anxiety crept in. The struggle is real for sure. Following the success of PhD: The Amazing Journey Volume 1, Volume 2 is back to uplift and guide you through your challenging PhD moments. Seventeen authors penned their PhD memoirs in the hope of sharing their heartwarming stories and great practical suggestions that you will find relatable throughout your PhD journey. This book is also a gem to those considering pursuing a PhD as you will get a glimpse into the life of a PhD scholar. So, grab a cup of tea and let the following seventeen stories mesmerize you.

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Racket Boy / Philip George & Geetha K
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya, Selangor: Gerak Budaya Enterprise, 2024
xviii, 442p.
9789670076355
\$ 30.00 / PB
486gm.

Do you marvel at people who seemingly have it all only to drop everything for life in a remote village? Have you wondered about leaving your roots for migration to the unknown?

'Fit only for climbing coconut trees.' The mockery invented by Philip's father because he was badminton-mad and useless (said father) at all else, lingered with him through school in Malaysia. It travelled with him on an Aeroflot to England in 1970, aged 18, functioning on adrenaline. It stuck through his navigation of parochial middle England – washing backsides in a mental hospital, law practice, sports, and professional and personal relationships.

Toughened by an Indian father and a Chinese coach, lifted by a messiah-like Englishman and grounded by a Labrador soulmate, Racket Boy – Where's My Country, explores Philip's life over six decades. From being ordered by the British government to leave England, accosted in Bombay, mugged in Barcelona to horse-trading with a petro giant in Ecuador and thrilling in a World Cup in military-ruled Argentina, to list just a few. Philip is now a spectator in the hills of Tuscany, more than just fit to be climbing coconut trees!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870354>

Ethos : Biographical Essays, 2015-2023 / Huat Lim (Eds) Gareth Richards & Ery Tan
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Projects, 2023
xviii, 166p.
9789672585978
\$ 29.00 / PB
256gm.

It all begins with a memory of childhood, more sharply drawn than usual, and then another. And so, the journey starts and a life is traced over a span of more than four decades. In this collection of essays, the architect Huat Lim offers a deeply personal recollection of a very particular kind of trajectory. At its heart is the story of a long engagement with architecture — through rigorous training at the Architectural Association in London to working with some of the greatest practitioners such as Peter Cook, Norman Foster, Zaha Hadid and Ron Herron, before establishing his own innovative practice in Malaysia with Susanne Zeidler. It's an engagement that is profoundly influenced by a cultural hinterland that offers the possibilities of an intimate dialogue — with literature, art, film, travel, philosophy and much more. Generously accompanied by photographs that illustrate the life, these essays offer an insightful exploration of Huat Lim's world view of the people he's met along the way, and of the ethos that animates his creative commitment to architecture and to itself.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=867023>

Ecology/Environment

A Preliminary Guide to Pyraloid Moths of Borneo, Part 2 – Pyraloidea : Crambidae (1st Part) / Terry Whitaker, Stephen Sutton & Henry Barlow
Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu/Kuala Lumpur: Natural History Publications (Borneo) & Southdene Sdn Bhd. 2023

viii, 82p.

Includes Index

9789838122085

\$ 60.00 / PB

798gm.

The Preliminary Guide Part 2 is a comprehensive resource dedicated to the Family Crambidae of the Superfamily Pyraloidea, offering detailed information and around 940 images of about 838 taxa from global locations. This guide is an invaluable tool for understanding the biology, ecology, and distribution of these species, with insights from 751 recorded in Borneo, and a selection from Peninsular Malaysia and other regions. This extensive handbook is completely dedicated to Family Crambidae, a component of the Superfamily Pyraloidea. Explore an index of every existing name and related terminology, a register of officially recognized titles and their status, and additional insights about the biology, ecology, and global distribution of these fascinating creatures at our online information system, GlobIZ. Our publication also comes with a generous array of bibliographical resources, making it an ideal companion for global readers. Our product, aptly titled 'The Preliminary Guide Part 2', presents a selection of imagery, some making their premiere appearance outside of official species descriptions. We've included images from the Superfamily Pyraloidea as per Regier and associates' 2012 interpretation and subsequent authors' amendments. Our guide showcases an impressive collection of about 838 taxa—inclusive of roughly 452 identified species and 386 unidentified species-level morphotypes, nearly half of which are believed to be unnamed. Most of these species (751 to be precise) are recorded in Borneo.

Besides local species, our guide also includes species predominantly from Peninsular Malaysia (62 to be exact) that are likely to be found in Borneo, along with 21 species from other areas to highlight possible lookalikes that may cause confusion. We've also featured 6 species with uncertain distribution data, especially when species have been divided into separate categories.

Altogether, our handbook comprises approximately 940 images of pyralids, including duplicates. This is a must-have resource for anyone interested in the world of Pyraloidea!
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A Taxonomic Guide to the Stick Insects of Java: Volume 1 / Francis Seow-Choen
Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu: Natural History Publications (Borneo), 2023
xii, 652p.
Includes Index
9789838122108
\$ 150.00 / HB
2280gm.

This volume is the eighth in a series of Taxonomic Guides to the Stick Insects of South East Asia and the eleventh book on stick insects by the author. This book follows the concept of the first seven books in this series. This eighth volume is once again lavishly illustrated with colour photographs of stick insects from Java, both life and dehydrated. This book enables anyone with any interest in stick insects to identify any stick insect one may come across in Java. This identification is possible through scanning the numerous colour photographs or with the use of the carefully constructed keys laid out throughout the book. This latest volume, A Taxonomic Guide to Stick Insects of Java, Volume 1, lists seven new species, two new genera, 37 new synonyms, twelve new combination names, two nominate subspecies, 41 lectotype designations, eight new revised statuses, and five newly described unknown sex of known

This latest publication on the stick insect fauna of Java extends our understanding of the stick insects of South East Asia. It will help conservationists, entomologists, and amateur naturalists worldwide to better identify, understand and research these insects. A more accurate taxonomy will only help foster and streamline efforts to preserve wildlife habitats, conservation efforts and scientific studies, not just on stick insects but on the entire ecology of the natural world in Java and beyond.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870356>

Primus: The Primates of Peninsular Malaysia / Peter Ong; (Foreword) Dr. Jane Goodall (Ed)
Junji Delfino
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Monyet Ventures, 2023
188p.
9786299822127
\$ 150.00 / PB
1120gm.

Wildlife photographer Peter Ong takes the reader on a journey through the various terrain of Peninsular Malaysia - from the urban parks of Kuala Lumpur to the montane cloud

forests of the Central Forest Spine, to the tip of the ancient Nakawan Range which borders Thailand - in search of the twelve species of primate found on the peninsula. Peter introduces the reader not just to the primates and the terrain, but also to the communities who live with and the work towards conserving our closest living relatives in the natural world. This travelogue and photography book aims to shed more light on the shy primates that can be found here and brings the reader on an adventure of discovery through the landscapes of Peninsular Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870357>

Economics

Emerging Technologies During The Era Of Covid-19 Pandemic / Mazlina Abdul Majid, Khalid Adam & Husnul Ajra.

Pahang: Universiti Malaysia Pahang, 2023

xii, 300p.

Includes Index

9789672831778

\$ 25.00 /PB

458gm

In this book, these technical issues are the key elements that attempt to cover empirical and review studies that mainly focus on the use of emerging technologies and their impact on healthcare, education, and society. In addition, this “Emerging technologies during the era of COVID-19 pandemic” book presents their recent and ongoing research activities concerning the use of recent applications and techniques during the era of the COVID-19 pandemic by scientists, researchers, practitioners, and students from academia and industry. Also, it provides a collection of high-quality research works that address broad challenges, constraints, and opportunities in both the theoretical and application aspects of several technologies.

The book would benefit future researchers, laymen, academics, students, and working professionals using emerging technologies during the pandemic.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870358>

Readings in Islamic Social Finances and Economics / (Eds) Mohd Zulkifli Muhammad, Hazriah Hasan & Nur Farahiah Azmi

Malaysia, Kelantan: UMK Press, 2023

xvi, 208p.

Includes Index

9789670021867

\$ 25.00 / PB

328gm.

This book aims to discuss issues about Islamic social finance and economics. Among the topics discussed in this book is baitulmal, usage of ar-Rahnu, zakat institutions, wasiyyah

among micro-entrepreneurs, Islamic social finance issues, consuming halal products, hibah giving behaviour, ar-Rahnu versus conventional pawn shops, takaful among non-Muslims, awareness of cash waqf and other significant issues related to Islamic social finance and economics. Given this situation, it is appropriate for this book to be written to compile the results of studies and ideas from the Faculty of Entrepreneurship and Business, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), relevant to Islamic social finance and economics. As a result, this book is ideal for general reading and reference at universities, colleges, secondary schools, financial institutions and research institutions specialising in Islamic financial economics and banking. This book can also serve as a personal collection for readers, as the information contained within is precious and difficult to obtain through other sources of information. Based on the titles of the chapters in this book, it is hoped that readers will be able to take lessons in enhancing their knowledge by benefiting from current issues and trends in Islamic social finance and economic development.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870359>

Readings in Islamic Banking / (Eds) Mohd Zulkifli Muhammad, Noormariana Mohd Din & Siti Rohana Mohamad

Malaysia, Kelantan: UMK Press, 2023

xvi, 204p.

Includes Index

9789670021805

RM 50.00 / PB

330gm.

This book aims to discuss Islamic banking-related issues. Among the subjects covered in this book are the following: customer acceptance of Islamic banking products, the selection of Islamic banking products, e-banking, customer satisfaction with Islamic banking services, the output of Islamic banks in Malaysia, differences between Islamic banking and conventional banking, issues of requirements for hiring Islamic banking and finance graduates among financial institutions and other significant issues related to Islamic banking. This book is ideal for general reading and reference at universities, colleges, secondary schools, banking institutions and research institutions specialising in Islamic finance, economics and banking. This book can also serve as a personal collection for readers, as the information contained within is precious and difficult to obtain through other sources of information. Based on the titles of the chapters in this book, it is hoped that readers will be able to take lessons in enhancing their knowledge by benefiting from current issues and trends in Islamic banking development.

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Readings in Islamic Business and Entrepreneurship / (Eds) Mohd Zulkifli Muhammad, Azwan Abdullah & Farah Hanan Muhamad

Malaysia, Kelantan: UMK Press, 2023

xvi, 240p.

Includes Index

9789670021874

\$ 25.00 / PB

368gm.

The focus of this book is to discuss Islamic business and entrepreneurship issues. Among the subjects covered in this book are the following: Islamic business ethics in Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), financial management practices and business performance among market traders, halal food industry among entrepreneur, the relationship between Islamic spirituality and entrepreneurship among women entrepreneurs, spending habits of university students, the obstacles that SME owners face when leading change, awareness and comprehension of Islamic financial planning, saving behaviour of UMK students about SSPN-i, factors that influence students' saving behaviour at university, the impact of the Good and Services Tax (GST) on low-income earners, financial literacy and spending habits of students from B40 households, the factors that influence Muslim students attitude towards halal cosmetic products, the exposure of entrepreneurs' use of cashless tools and the relationship between their use and the realisation of Maqasid Shariah and other significant issues related to Islamic business and entrepreneurship. This book is ideal for general reading and reference at universities, colleges, secondary schools, business and entrepreneurship entities and research institutions specialising in Islamic business and entrepreneurship. This book can also serve as a personal collection for readers, as the information contained within is extremely valuable and difficult to obtain through other sources of information. Based on the titles of the chapters contained in this book, it is hoped that readers will be able to take lessons in enhancing their knowledge by benefiting from current issues and current trends in Islamic business and entrepreneurship development.

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Education

A Genre-Based Pedagogy to Promote Orang Asli Students' Writing Performance / Malini Ganapathy (et al.)

Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), 2023

106p.

Includes Index

9789674617592

1. Teaching – Methodology.
2. Lesson planning.
3. English language – Writing.
4. English language – Composition and exercises.

\$ 30.00 / PB

216gm.

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Facilitating Transfer of Local Knowledge / (Eds) Nor Asniza Ishak, Salasiah Che Lah & Norizan Esa

Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), 2024

xii, 84p. ; 44x32x10cm.

Includes Index
9789674618568
\$ 10.00 / PB
180gm.

This book is a publication effort of the Local Knowledge Secretariat, Universiti Sains Malaysia. It is an appreciation to the researchers and scholars who have presented their papers at the International Conference on Local Knowledge organised by the Local Knowledge Secretariat. The theme of this book, Facilitating Transfer of Local Knowledge brings local wisdom as part of an effort to convey the local knowledge to the society particularly to the young generations. In addition, the book aims to provide knowledge and experience in preserving and conserving local knowledge to the societies. Local wisdom in society is very important in maintaining culture, religion and race. Undoubtedly due to the rapid development, modernism has greatly influenced the young generation to forget about the culture that our ancestors had inherited earlier. It is hoped that this book will act as platform to encourage the societies to preserve and conserve the local knowledge as to be further inherited from one generation to another generation. Besides, this book will give readers the opportunity to get some way or help to restore the practices of past societies in preserving and conserving knowledge, artistry, and the teachings of the previous generation for the sake of sustainability of the future generation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870363>

Higher Education and Digital Learning in the Disruptive Era / (Ed) Muhammad Muftahu (et al.)

Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), 2023

xiv, 142p.

Includes Index
9789674618605
\$ 20.00 / PB
272gm.

Higher Education and Digital Learning in the Disruptive Era is a compilation of works on higher education at the crossroads undergoing numerous challenges. Resultant of the coinciding of the digital revolution, IR 4.0 and the COVID-19 pandemic, this book is accessible and helps those interested in higher education governance and application to understand the nuances of this era's contemporary challenges to higher education institutions.

This book provides an insightful analysis of the impact of digital disruption on higher education globally. From the acceptance of digital skills to governance of online education, it covers a range of important topics and offers valuable insights for educators, policymakers, researchers, students and other stakeholders in higher education seeking an overview of contemporary challenges in the field.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870364>

Higher Education In The ASEAN Region : Shaping Future / Glenda Crosling, Graeme Atherton & Siti Norbaya Azizan

Malaysia, Selangor Darul Ehsan: Sunway University Press, 2024.

xvi, 282p.

Includes Index

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562gm

Higher Education in the ASEAN Region: Shaping the Future presents views on the topic from various regional writers. It is built on the idea of progress in higher education, emphasising the ongoing evolution and transformation of the sector.

Framed by the dynamic settings of both ASEAN and higher education, the perspectives offered in the book cluster under the themes of higher education sustainability, learning and teaching approaches, post-graduation employment, access and equity, and curriculum development.

As higher education institutions move forward to tomorrow and to the future, the themes form an ecosystem for future pragmatic direction, which in turn is supported by guidance points emerging from each of the book's chapters.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870365>

History

Alor Setar – Historic Capital of Kedah / Khoo Salma Nasution & Abdur-Razzaq Lubis

Malaysia, Penang: Areca Books Asia Sdn Bhd, 2024

1v.

A Guide to Heritage Sites and Historic Buildings (Heritage Map)

\$ 5.00 / PB

34gm.

A guide to heritage sites and historic buildings. Featuring 30 historic locations and a brief essay on the town's history.

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Forgotten Heroes: The True Story of Sarawak People Who Fought and Died Assisting Allied Forces in WWII / Paul Malone

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2024

xiv, 98p.

9786297575155

\$ 15.00 / PB

216gm.

In March 1945 an advance party of Allied special operations forces parachuted into Sarawak's mountains in preparation for a major Allied landing to retake Borneo from the Japanese. Thankfully, the special forces were welcomed by the locals, the highland-dwelling Kelabit people. As the guerrillas moved down-river towards the coast, tribal warriors

enthusiastically joined the cause. The locals provided intelligence, engaged in denial of supply operations and finally engaged in an outstandingly successful guerrilla war. There are few accounts of the locals' actions, without whose support the operation could not have succeeded. In 2023 Paul Malone found a trove of documents in the National Archives, (UK) containing the citations for Awards to Civilians for the King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom. Based on these records, this book recounts the courageous role played by Sarawak people who made the operation a great success.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=867434>

Islam in Malaysia: An Entwined History / Khairudin Aljunied
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Cendekia, 2023
xviii, 326p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9786299801412
\$ 32.50 / PB
606gm.

Islam has maintained its presence in Malaysia for over a millennium, giving rise to highly pluralized and complex communities. In this richly textured portrait, Khairudin Aljunied explores the overlapping waves of Islamization and conversion in Malaysia across ten centuries, through the Hindu-Buddhist period, the age of Muslim kingdoms, the colonial interregnum, and the contemporary era. The book offers a new approach to studying Malaysian Islam—entwined history—that will be useful for scholars specializing in historical Islam in other contexts. It is an approach that considers how states and societies, scholars and ordinary Muslims, and, more crucially, non-Muslims have all contributed to the embedding of Islam in the everyday lives of Malaysians. Providing a gripping and sophisticated account of these various driving forces, Aljunied also explores the roles of global movements and currents of thought, offering perceptive insights into how local actors appropriated and reinterpreted a world religion to suit their unique customs and circumstances. *Islam in Malaysia: An Entwined History* is at once an original and an authoritative take on the manner in which Islam has been infused, lived, expressed, enforced, and debated in one of the world's most developed Muslim-dominated nations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870367>

Shapers of Islam in Southeast Asia : Muslim Intellectuals and the Making of Islamic Reformism / Khairudin Aljunied
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Cendekia, 2023
210p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9786299801405
\$ 25.00 / PB
352gm.

Shapers of Islam in Southeast Asia: Muslim Intellectuals and the Making of Islamic Reformism captures the progressive and pluralistic nature of Islamic reform in Southeast

Asia from the mid-twentieth century onward, a period that can now be regarded as the age of networked Islam. Offering a fresh conceptualization, the book shows how several influential Muslim intellectuals have given rise to an “Islamic reformist mosaic” in Southeast Asia. Representing different strands of reformist thinking, these shapers of Islam have constructed a unified and coherent frame of thought that distinguishes itself from the ultra-traditionalist and ultra-secularist leanings. This fascinating study is indispensable to anyone interested in understanding the challenges facing Islam and other religions in the modern world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870368>

Tracing Persian Sufi Literature in Hamzah Fansuri’s Writings / Amir H. Zekrgoo & Leyla H. Tajer

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: The Other Press Sdn Bhd, 2023
xii, 92p.

Includes Index

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1. Sufi literature, Persian.
2. Sufi literature, Persian – History and criticism.

\$ 12.50 / PB

186gm.

Traces of intellectual and spiritual connection between the Persian and the Malay world became prominent in 16th century, through the works of Ḥamzah Faṅṣūrī—a renowned Malay scholar and mystic who is also revered as the father of Malay literature. Ḥamzah’s contributions may be regarded as an intellectual gateway that connected Southeast Asian Muslims to the rest of the Muslim world. His writings exhibit a command over Arabic and knowledge of Persian language, in addition to his mother tongue, Malay.

In his three outstanding treatises: 1) *Asrāru’l-‘Ārifīn* (The Secrets of The Mystics); 2) *Sharābu’l-‘Āshiqīn* (The Drink of Lovers); and 3) *Al-Muntahī* (The Adept), there are numerous references to the writings of Persian poets and thinkers. In between his discussions he often quotes passages and verses from renowned personalities such as Fakhr al-Din Iraqi (d. 1289), Abd al-Rahman Jami (d. 1492) Muhammad Ghazali (d. 1111) Jalal al-Din Rumi (d. 1273), Sa’di-e Shirazi (d. 1291), and Mahmoud Shabestari (d. 1340). In 2018 the first ever translation of Ḥamzah Faṅṣūrī’s works into Persian by the present authors, was published. The translation provides a platform upon which the Persian reader could familiarize himself with Ḥamzah’s thoughts, and realize the extent of presence of Persian sources in the formation of such literature. This book presents the outcome of a detailed survey of Ḥamzah’s aforesaid treatises, highlighting the remarkable presence of Persian poetry and prose in his writings. It will also discuss the context in which such passages were used, and how they fit in Ḥamzah’s worldview and teachings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870369>

The Imperial Agenda: The British In Malaya From 1786 to 1957 / Devinder Raj

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Devinder Raj (Self-Published), 2024

300p.

9789671510759

\$ 30.00 /PB
476gm

The Imperial Agenda: The British in Malaysia from 1786 to 1957 is a look at Malaysia's imperial past through the lens of Britain in its pursuit to exert control over the Malay Peninsula. Devinder Raj delves into the implications of imperialism on the Straits Settlements, the Federated Malay States, and the Unfederated Malay states, which eventually came to be known collectively as the Federation of Malaya, and then, as the nation is called today, Malaysia.

The British presence introduced systems of administrative policy and growth in terms of industries, plantations, and infrastructure which brought about economic advantage. Nevertheless, the unsavoury aspects of this agenda which last till this day begs recognition as well, such as the employment of gunboat diplomacy – the use of naval strength and military intimidation to secure strategic locations along the Straits of Melaka on the islands of Penang, Singapore, and Pangkor.

Devinder discusses intertwined subjects in this section of Malaysian history such as immigration, education, opium trading, and the practice of bringing convicts to the Straits Settlements, offering a comprehensive understanding of the complex historical context in which the Imperial Agenda unfolded and impacted the country of Malaysia as she stands today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870370>

Perjuangan: Malaysia's Forgotten Struggles For Freedom / Khairudin Aljunied
(First Published, 2015)

Malaysia, Selangor: Cendekia, 2024
xviii, 228p.

Includes Index : Bibliography

9786299801450

\$ 32.50 / PB

444gm

Perjuangan: Malaysia's Forgotten for Freedom tells the story of a group of radical Malay men and women from ordinary social backgrounds who chose to oppose foreign rule of their homeland, knowing full well that by embarking on this path of resistance, they would risk imprisonment or death. Their ranks included teachers, journalists, intellectuals, housewives, peasants, preachers, and youths. They formed, led, and contributed to the founding of political parties, grassroots organizations, unions, newspapers, periodicals, and schools that spread their ideas across the country in the aftermath of the Great Depression, when colonialism was at its height and evident in all areas of life in their country. But when their efforts to uproot foreign dominance faltered in the face of the sanctions the state imposed upon them, some of these radicals chose to take up arms, while others engaged in aggressive protests and acts of civil disobedience to uphold their rights. While some died fighting and hundreds were incarcerated, many lived to resist colonialism until their country attained its independence in August 1957, all of these Malay radicals were devoted to becoming free men and women and to claiming their right to be treated as equals in a world riddled with prejudice and contradictions.

Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied's innovative study brings to light the less charted and unanalyzed terrain of the radical experience—becoming and being radical. He argues that the experiences and histories of radicals in colonial Malaya can be elucidated in a more nuanced way by interrogating them alongside evolving local and global circumstances and by analyzing them through the lenses of a set of overarching and interconnected mobilizing concepts—a set of ideas, visions, and notions that the radicals used to reason and justify their advent—that were internalized, lived, and utilized in the course of their activism. These mobilizing concepts were their weapons and armor, employed to organize, strategize, protect, and consolidate themselves when menaced by the tentacles of the colonial state as they embarked upon the agonizing path towards independence. Those interested in Malaysian history, colonial history, radical movements, and resistance groups will enjoy this fascinating study.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870371>

Teluk Intan Historic Gateway to Perak / Khoo Salma Nasution & Abdur-Razzaq Lubis
Malaysia, Penang: Areca Books Asia Sdn. Bhd. 2022.

1v.

\$ 5.00 / PB

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A 2022 guide to heritage sites and historic buildings of Perak's renowned port town. Featuring 27 historic locations and a brief essay on the town's history. Also available in Malay.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870372>

Weathering The Storm: How One Hospital Navigated the COVID-19 Pandemic / Dr Kamal Amzan

Kuala Lumpur: Kanyin Publications Sdn. Bhd. 2023

124p.

9789672805564

\$ 27.50 / PB

234gm

As the delicate tendrils of an unfamiliar coronavirus began unfurling in the twilight of 2019, neither Malaysia nor the rest of the world could have foreseen the cataclysm about to cascade across the upcoming years.

These are more than mere anecdotes. These are the heart-stopping chronicles of the frontliners who stood unflinchingly on the precipice of an unseen abyss, combatting the initial onslaught as the pandemic dared to breach Malaysia's borders. Carrying the weight of their sworn duty, medical staff were mobilised into a fortress of resilience and compassion. As the hospital corridors echoed with uncertainty, an unparalleled synergy sparked between management and clinicians, orchestrating adaptive strategies to confront a future blooming with human suffering.

The steely tenacity and sheer resilience exhibited by the Malaysian medical fraternity amid history's deadliest pandemic should be eternally etched in our collective memory. By chronicling the agonising struggles and valorous efforts that unfurled within the hallowed corridors of Gleneagles Hospital Johor, our objective goes beyond mere documentation. We intend to preserve the essence of collective resilience that reverberated against the fearsome spectre of the virus.

Our aspiration is to serve as a lighthouse of lessons learned, guiding, and illuminating the path for future generations. We hope that the echoes of this intense battle continue to resonate, inspiring wisdom, courage, and fortitude in humanity's future confrontations. Let us eternally remember this raw testament of human spirit in the face of overwhelming odds

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870374>

Literature

Catan Sopan: Catan dan Puisi dengan Terjemahan Puisi ke Dalam Bahasa Inggeris =
Paintings and Poems with Poems Translated into English / Jalaini Abu Hassan
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur: Rogue Art, 2022

56p.

English & Malay

9789672807179

\$ 40.00 / PB

208gm.

Catan dan puisi oleh Jalaini Abu Hassan / Paintings and poems by Jalaini Abu Hassan with
poems translated into English by Muhammad Haji Salleh

Dalam karya Jalaini puisi mentakrif lukisan dan lukisan pula mendapat suara dan makna
daripada dialog di antaranya.

In Jalaini's work, poetry defines painting and painting finds its voice and meaning from the
dialogue between them. - Muhammad Haji Salleh.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870375>

Risks and Other Poems / Vernon Daim

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Maya Press, 2023

xii, 76p.

9789832737698

\$ 10.00 / PB

126gm.

Risks and Other Poems takes you on a rollercoaster ride of experiences and emotions.
Within the pages of this collection, you'll discover poems that delve into the ordinary,
mundane moments in life, ruptured by discoveries and epiphanies. These poems not only

shed light on personal struggles but also illuminate the unsettling facets of contemporary society. If you find the poems resonate with you – perhaps they are about you.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870376>

Elaha! Elaha! : Malaysian Hybrid Ghazals / Elizabeth Marshall

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Maya Press, 2023

xiv, 178p.

9789832737711

\$ 12.50 / PB

246gm.

Within these covers are 100 ghazals with themes of teenage love, Malaysia, family, spirituality, celebration, and food. Each couplet of a ghazal is meant to stand alone, encapsulating the various disjointed events recounted in a ghazal, like a quick succession of fragmented images.

While many of the ghazals in this collection are melancholic, others are more joyful in tone, recounting the author's childhood in a small Catholic Malayalee community describing the sweets and curries that were savoured, the clothes that were worn, and the celebrations that were held.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870377>

The Dragon of Kinabalu and Other Borneo Stories / Owen Rutter

Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu Sabah: Opus Publications Sdn Bhd, 2023

116p.

9789833987757

\$ 15.00 / PB

208gm.

Immerse yourself in the rich culture and enchanting scenery of Borneo with Owen Rutter's classic, "The Dragon of Kinabalu and Other Borneo Stories." The book delivers a collection of captivating narratives that circumscribe the heart and soul of Borneo's vibrant traditional ethos and mystical charm.

This remarkable collection showcases the breadth of Rutter's storytelling adeptness. With different stories woven intricately and exotically around Borneo's customs, traditions, folklore, and landscapes, every page offers a unique journey, whisking readers away to a far-off land teeming with mystique and wonder.

"The Dragon of Kinabalu" story is a standout, providing readers with an exciting foray into the realm of dragons and mythical beasts. Its intricate narrative, filled with thrilling quests and unforgettable characters, is a riveting exploration of age-old legends that will keep you spellbound from start to finish. But the allure doesn't stop there! Rutter's other stories incorporate a rich tapestry of Borneo's captivating flora and fauna, its vibrant tribal communities, plus the occasional romantic intrigue, all peppered throughout with warm familiarity and astounding authenticity.

This book is an absolute delight for adventurous readers and lovers of Asian literature. Comics, mythology, folklore, and classic storytelling interlock ingeniously in this anthology, giving readers fascinating insights into a world often unseen and unexplored. Each story, whilst fiction, captures the essence and beauty of Borneo, offering vivid imagery of the landscape and culture that's as educational as it is entertaining.

This paperback edition maintains the original charm of Rutter's work, packaged in a sleek, easy-to-read format. Whether you're planning a trip to Borneo, educating yourself on its culture, or simply fancy an armchair adventure, "The Dragon of Kinabalu and Other Borneo Stories" is a must-have addition to your personal library.

Unearth the hidden gems of Borneo's rich history, folklore, and scenery by delving into this engaging collection, and let Owen Rutter transport you to a world filled with enchanting tales and narratives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870379>

A Chance Encounter at Sungai Chiling and Other Stories / (Ed) Malachi Edwin Vethamani & Sharon Bakar

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: Maya Press, 2023

xii, 156p.

9789832737704

\$ 12.50 / PB

220gm.

A collection of the fourteen award-winning stories from the Malaysian Short Story Writing Competition 2022.

The stories are fresh and surprising with characters we can believe in and care for; and strong writing that flows beautifully. ... It is a bonus to find deeper truths about what it means to be Malaysian revealing itself through the storytelling.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870380>

Crises / Faisal Tehran (Translator) Yana Rizal

Malaysia, Bangi Selangor: Cerekayasa (Kawah Buku), 2024

xx, 114p.

9789672640561

\$ 15.00 / PB

138gm.

Crises is a translation of novella "Kegawatan" by Faisal Tehrani. This fiction framed within a semi-biography is an experimental structure that sets imagination within a present-day context. Crises examines the various layers of crises: the psychological and physical crises in times of apocalypse, the ideological crises of opposing characters, and the internal crises of an individual confronting his past self and embracing his transformation. The fictional apocalyptic Crises epitomizes Faisal's attitudes in his early years of writing. Replete with aspirations of Islamic purity and glory, this is posited as an alternative to a Western-centric

conception of modern life that only promises disillusionment. It hints at postcolonial indignation, where the vestiges of that history are embodied by the newly-minted elite of English-educated Malays, while the native language and culture are relegated to second class. Hence, the central theme of the fictional Crises is hegemony of the mind, a reaction against the prevailing inferiority complex of indigenous cultures. The search for pride and inspiration is apparent in the final chapter of the fictional Crises, which presents a vision of the fulfilled Malay potential and celebrates the diaspora that has spread across the world.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870381>

The Best of Malaysian Short Fiction in English: 2010-2020 / Zhui Ning Chang & JY Tan
Malaysia, Penang: Persatuan Penulis Malaysia (Malaysian Writers Society), 2022
336p.
9789671659946
\$ 25.00 / PB
314gm

A wish for better weather has unexpected consequences. A pianist finds an unlikely audience in her next-door neighbour. A girl attempts Mount Kinabalu only to regret it. Curated by editors Zhui Ning Chang and JY Tan. The Best Of Malaysian Short Fiction in English 2010-2020 spans the speculative and realist to thrillers and drama. It explores the bold new directions of contemporary Malaysian writing and hints at the new heights of our future national literature.

The Best of Malaysian Short Fiction in English 2010-2020 includes: Hugo Award winner Zen Cho; 2019 Commonwealth Short Story Prize Regional Winner Saras Manickam; Fixi Novo Contest winners Terence Toh and Chua Kok Yee; and USA Today bestselling author Cassandra Khaw.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=850505>

The Unexpected Finisher / By YEE SZE MUN as told to Bob Holmes
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya Selangor: Gerak Budaya Enterprise, 2024
184p.
9789670076379
\$ 20.00 / PB
274gm.

Yee Sze Mun defied doctors, age and size to become an IRONMAN legend in his 60s & 70s. Told by a doctor and a palmist that he wouldn't live a long life, Yee Sze Mun has made the most of his 'twilight' years. After becoming an IRONMAN at 58, he achieved legend status in his 60s and 70s. Just 1.57m tall, this 'Cina Ah Pek' – as he calls himself – was hailed an IRONMAN celebrity in Hawaii and Hall of Famer in Malaysia. At 50, he went to the gym to lose weight, and spent his golden years tackling the world's epic challenges. He completed the 226km swim/bike/run event 16 times, ran across the Sahara Desert and finished the Japan Strong Man among some 200 races. This is his story of how he overcame the odds, elements and doubts – organisers didn't always have a trophy for him. And all at an age when many of his peers are resigned to the couch. Following his first book, The Bumblebee

in Me, this tale is more graphic than biographic: you feel the pain as well as the glory. A Malaysian hero, he is an inspiration for people of all ages.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870382>

Official Publications

MITI Report 2022 [Malaysia]

Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur: Strategic Planning Division, Ministry of International Trade and Industry, 2023

1v.

ISSN: 0128-7524

\$ 60.00 / PB

354gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=867776>

Banci Malaysia 2020: Mukim/ Bandar/ Pekan = MyCensus 2020: Mukim/ Town/ Pekan
Malaysia, Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia = Dept of Statistics Malaysia, 2024

1v.

9789672537069

\$ 60.00 / PB

936gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870384>

Performing Arts

Persembahan Ghazal Malaysia = Malaysian Ghazal Performance / Sohaimi Abdul Aziz
(Translation Ed) Dr. Atikah Zabir

Malaysia, Penang: Persatuan Karyawan Pulau Pinang, 2023.

80p.

English & Malay

9786299816232

\$ 55.00 / HB

458gm.

Ghazal Malaysia terdiri daripada dua jenis ghazal iaitu, ghazal Johor dan ghazal parti. Ghazal Johor terdapat di selatan Semenanjung Malaysia, iaitu di negeri Johor, manakala ghazal parti pula terdapat di beberapa buah negeri di utara Semenanjung Malaysia seperti di Pulau Pinang, Kedah dan utara Perak. Buku ini membincangkan dua jenis ghazal itu, dari segi persamaan dan perbezaannya. Di dalam Festival Ghazal Malaysia yang pertama kali diadakan pada 2022, dua kumpulan ghazal telah membuat persembahan iaitu, Ghazal Sri Putera dari Johor dan Ajinda Ghazal Parti Kepala Batas dari Pulau Pinang. Buku ini membawa satu pendekatan baharu di mana membaca dan menonton menjadi satu entiti di dalam buku ini dan akan membuat satu apresiasi seni persembahan gharal Malaysia yang

luar biasa menerusi satu media sosial. Dengan membuat imbasan pada foto-foto tertentu di dalam buku ini, pembaca akan menonton persembahan mereka di dalam festival tersebut.

The Malaysian ghazal consists of two types of ghazal performed by two different types of ghazal groups. The first type is ghazal Johor. Ghazal Johor is found in Johor, the south of Peninsular Malaysia. The second type is ghazal parti. Ghazal Johor is found in Johor while ghazal parts is found in several states in the north of Peninsular Malaysia such as Penang, Kedah and northern Perak. This book discusses the similarities and the differences of the two ghazals. In the first Malaysian Ghazal Festival which was held in 2022, two ghazal groups, Ghazal Sri Putera from Johor and Ajinda Ghazal Parti Kepala Batas from Penang were invited to perform. This book introduces a new approach of the appreciation of performance art where readers and audiences, became one entity in this book. From this new entity, they will make an extraordinary appreciation of the performance of Malaysia ghazal in a social media.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=870385>

Philosophy

A Saudi Tale : Readings And Encounters In Search For Consciousness/ Iyad Ameen Madani
Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: The Other Press Sdn. Bhd., 2022

x, 326p.

9789670957562

\$ 18.00 / HB

630gm.

“Can those populating the non-West synthesize their identities, culture, set of values and understanding of history with the all-powerful narrative of a Western world whose economy is capitalist, politics is liberal; and where the banner of the achievement oriented individual is highest? Do the conditions and challenges of overpopulation, poverty and harsh environment leave room for intellectualizing an alternative mode of defining life, social structure and a narrative all their own? Is it possible for the newly independent entities that had lived under centuries of foreign military, cultural, ideological and political domination, find a voice distinct and original, to shake off these decades of subjugation? Is a society of multiple languages, politically charged religious identities and multitude of ethnicities capable of crystalizing an example of synthesis?” —from Chapter Nine

“He could not but hear an echo of Protagoras (c. 490 BC – c. 420 BC) the rhetorical theorist and a sophist who is believed to have created a major controversy during ancient times through his statement that, “Man is the measure of all things”, interpreted by Plato to mean that there is no objective truth; whatever individuals deem to be the truth is true. By man “Protagoras did not mean mankind at large. He meant the individual man. And by measure of all things he meant the standard of the truth of all things. Each individual man is the standard of what is true to himself. There is no truth except the sensations and impressions of each man. What seems true to me is true for me. What seems true to you is true for you.” —from Chapter Seven.

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The Mystical Philosophy Of Avicenna / Parwiz Morewedge
Malaysia, Selangor Darul Ehsan: Centre for Advanced Irfan Studies, 2024
240p.
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Studies In Global Perspectives of Irfan
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354gm.

This collection of essays focuses on the ontology of the most important medieval Muslim philosopher, Ibn Sina (980-1037), proffering the theses (a) his ontology is incompatible with monotheistic theologies; (b) his cosmogony is not derivable from either Aristotelian or Neoplatonic systems; and finally (c) the mystical dimension of his system is in accord with monistic "nature mysticism," as classified by R. C. Zaehner. In contrast to the views of a majority of contemporary scholars, that Ibn Sina's philosophy essentially follows monotheistic or Greek philosophical systems, this collection emphasizes his original contributions to ontology and meta-mysticism.

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Facilitating Collaboration of Research on Global Dialogues on Irfan, Gnosis, Mysticism, and
Processes of Self Realization.

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Politics/Current Affairs

The Working of Malaysian Foreign Policy: A Historical Survey with Case Studies / Azhari Karim
Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sains Malaysia (USM), 2024
viii, 88p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789674618155
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180gm.

This book focuses on new approaches to understanding the changing context of foreign policy decision-making in the country, historically and for the future. The traditional mode of the domestic, external, and personality traits of the respective prime ministers and their governments over the years, and the nature of their responses to keep up with the changes and to maintain continuity with the past, all have a big influence on their decisions. In the four case studies presented, the factors of political continuity managed by the leadership and those that emphasize history, decision-making, key issues, and big-picture and paradigmatic analysis, are considered together with the DIY foreign policy of Prime Minister Najib Razak, and the change in continuity foreign policy framework of Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad and the short-lived Pakatan Harapan government. The book closes with a look at the future of diplomacy in the world and the region amid the

COVID-19 pandemic and the political uncertainties in the present government in the country.

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The United States and the World: Lessons from American Politics and the Presidency /
Azhari Karim

Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sain Malaysia (USM), 2023

x, 86p.

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184gm.

This volume argues that the whole 'American Dream' is not about to fade away, while to many Americans, a 'New America' takes shape every time a president is changed. Both are in fact, the two sides of the same coin. On one side, in pursuit of the New America, all the three Presidents featured here - Obama, Trump, and Biden (in his first one hundred days) - have focused on as above in their domestic and foreign policies. On the reverse side, these can also function as guide posts for the respective administrations in their pursuit of the American Dream presented as efforts at nation branding, focusing on domestic and foreign affairs, the quest for greatness and democracy, and the Rule of Law. Despite what has occurred in the United States during the presidencies of Obama, Trump, and Biden, the book's perspective on the future of American politics and the presidency discussed will still remain valid for there is always 'a little bit of the old in the new'.

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Misguided Democracy In Malaysia And Indonesia: Digital Propaganda In Southeast Asia /
Nuurrianti Jalli & Ika Idris

Malaysia, Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre,
2024

xviii, 162p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

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1. Disinformation – Malaysia.
2. Disinformation – Indonesia.
3. Propaganda – Malaysia.
4. Propaganda – Indonesia.
5. Digital media – Political aspects – Malaysia.
6. Digital media – Political aspects – Indonesia.
7. Digital media – Social aspects – Malaysia.
8. Digital media – Social aspects – Indonesia.

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Misguided Democracy in Malaysia and Indonesia: Digital Propaganda in

Southeast Asia examines the weaponization of the internet in Southeast Asia. Nuurrianti Jalli and Ika Idris meticulously unpack the intricate strategies and tactics used by propagandists, state entities, and political factions to manipulate and mislead public opinion through social media. The topics discussed cover the role disinformation plays in altering electoral behavior, political dialogue, societal unity, regional stability, and global diplomacy. By guiding readers through the convoluted landscape of internet propaganda in Southeast Asia, this book aspires to stimulate thoughtful discourse on the influential role of the digital revolution in molding the future of our societies.

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Psychology

Facilitating Emotional Change: Use of Single-Subject Research Design for Evidence-Based Practice / (Eds) Mohamad Hashim Othman, Syed Mohamad Syed Abdullah & Yasmin Othman Mydin

Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sain Malaysia (USM), 2024

xii, 140p.

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264gm.

Counselling intervention is a strategy and technique introduced by the counsellors to help the clients to deal with various issues and to move toward the goal. Recently, emotional and feeling issues are often faced by clients regardless of age, status, culture, or religion. Various strategies and techniques have been implemented in counselling sessions to help improve the clients' orientation to the environment and to help them move into action. However, there is a new interest in the professional counselling community requiring counsellors to provide evidence of the effectiveness of interventions to clients, families, and administrators. Information on the effectiveness of the intervention allows the clients, families, and administrators to continue treatment with confidence and trust in the treatment the clients receive from the counsellors. For this purpose, the single-subject research design (SSRD) approach is widely used in evidence-based practice in counselling and conducting research. SSRD has been described as any research involving one subject or one group that is treated as a single entity. The essence of single-subject design is using repeated measurements to understand an individual's variability to determine what are the effects of the treatment. The SSRD approach can assist counsellors in preparing evidence-based practice and scientifically conducted reports on the effectiveness of interventions and determining which treatment procedures result in the most effective and efficient emotional change. This book discusses various cases of emotional issues and techniques carried out by counsellors in counselling sessions. Details on the implementation of counselling strategies and techniques for each case are discussed in each chapter of this book. Therefore, this book is suitable for reference by undergraduate and postgraduate students in counselling, psychology, nursing, social work, pharmacy, and other areas in the helping professions.

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From Surviving to Thriving: Discovering the 'Human' in You / Sharifah Nadirah
Malaysia, Penang: Penerbit Universiti Sain Malaysia (USM), 2023
xvi, 176p.
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234gm.

Neglecting one's need to survive and thrive is one of the most frequent barriers that people face on their path to recovery. Understanding our needs is the first step toward realizing our humanity. To live a satisfying and meaningful life, these needs must come first in life. These needs are frequently disregarded and have started to stand in the way of fulfilling one's ultimate purpose in life. The path to achieving self-actualization and self-transcendence, which is one's fundamental purpose in life, will lead from basic needs, psychological needs, and self-fulfillments.

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Unapologetically Her: Global Perspective Of Women's Triumphs, Strategies, and Resilience / Dr. Noorul Ainur Mohd. Nur (et al.)
Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur: Kanyin Publications Sdn Bhd, 2024
184p.
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258gm.

Dive into Unapologetically Her, a global tapestry of women's stories transcending borders—from Malaysia to the United States. These narratives resonate with triumphs over adversity, addressing challenges like gender pay gaps, discrimination, and violence. Witness the resilience that emerges amid struggle. This anthology is more than a book; it's a movement for gender equity and justice. Connect with shared experiences that inspire action. Join the transformative journey towards a more equitable world. Read, reflect, and contribute to change.

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From Hero To Zero: How To Cope With Emotional Roller Coasters And Thrive/ Suzana Saleh
Malaysia, Cyberjaya Selangor: Suzana Saleh (Self-Published), 2024
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Life is volatile. At one point, you are the hero of your life where you have everything you desired. Then, comes the storm and everything you've built crumbles before your eyes. The last thing you know, you are at rock bottom and you have nothing left to call your own. So,

how could you possibly thrive from there? This book is about the power of hope, and being vulnerable, but yet strong, amidst the emotional roller coaster struggle from the state of having (hero) to nothingness (zero). This is not your ordinary self-help book. With you in mind, a page is dedicated for you - a sanctuary for introspection, to reflect on your own journey as you explore each chapter. By turning pains into wisdom, this book will inspire you to emerge as the very best version of yourself.
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Religion – Islam

Islamic Research: Theory, Methodology and Thesis Writing / Muhammad Mumtaz Ali
Petaling Jaya, Selangor: Islamic Book Trust, 2022
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2. Dissertations, Academic
3. Sustainable development

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The book argues that Islamic research is not religious research. It does not deal merely with so-called religious issues and disciplines. The subject matter and scope of Islamic research include all aspects of life and society, and as such manifests its concern for the development of people, society, culture, and civilization. The Islamic research is motivated and influenced by True, Authentic and Universal Knowledge generally known as Islamic revealed knowledge. The book contends that it stands for change from materialistic view of life and society to spiritually oriented life and society. The Islamic research is necessary to change the condition of life and society. It is indispensable and crucial for solving the issues of contemporary concern. The book, hence, clarifies the relationship between Islamic research and sustainable development.

The book contends that Islamic research is different from modern and conventional research in theory, methodology, scope, and objectives. It explains the need of the Islamic Research Grand Theory. It deals with the theory, methodology of Islamic research.

This book is designed to serve as a guide to researchers in all fields for conducting research in all disciplines. It also provides new guidelines to young researchers for conducting research and writing their theses at the Master's and PhD levels.

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Al- Ghazali's: Moderation in Belief / Aladdin M. Yaqub
Petaling Jaya, Selangor: Islamic Book Trust, 2023
xxviii,312p.

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Centuries after his death, al-Ghazālī remains one of the most influential figures of the Islamic intellectual tradition. Although he is best known for his *Incoherence of the Philosophers*, *Moderation in Belief* is his most profound work of philosophical theology. In it, he offers what scholars consider to be the best defense of the Ash'arite school of Islamic theology that gained acceptance within orthodox Sunni theology in the twelfth century, though he also diverges from Ash'arism with his more rationalist approach to the Qur'ān. Together with *The Incoherence of the Philosophers*, *Moderation in Belief* informs many subsequent theological debates, and its influence extends beyond the Islamic tradition, informing broader questions within Western philosophical and theological thought. The first complete English edition of *Moderation in Belief*, this new annotated translation by Aladdin M. Yaqub draws on the most esteemed critical editions of the Arabic texts and offers detailed commentary that analyzes and reconstructs the arguments found in the work's four treatises. Explanations of the historical and intellectual background of the texts also enable readers with a limited knowledge of classical Arabic to fully explore al-Ghazālī and this foundational text for the first time. With the recent resurgence of interest in Islamic philosophy and the conflict between philosophy and religion, this new translation will be a welcome addition to the scholarship.

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Al-Ghazali: The Ascent to the Divine Through the Path of Self-Knowledge / Yusuf Easa Shammās

Petaling Jaya, Selangor: Islamic Book Trust, 1964.

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2. Sufism.

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Ma'ārij is not completely different in substance, vocabulary and/or style from some other writings by al-Ghazali. Most of his *The Wonders of the Heart* (*Ajā'ib al-Qalb*), for instance, is almost identical with most of the first half of the book.

In a general way it can be considered as a somewhat more developed combination of a number of ideas and views found scattered in several of al-Ghazali's other writings. The section on prophethood, for example, is more developed and exhaustive in *Ma'ārij*. The preface offers a clear concise description of the book's aim and content, namely the knowledge of the Divine through the knowledge of the soul—a psychological approach to theology. The keynote is the hadith quoted more than once in the preface itself, which reads, "Whoever knows himself knows his Lord."

The book is intelligible. Moreover, it exhibits a refined religious sense that some portions of Ihyā' fail to exhibit. His theological views and interpretations are lofty and advanced. One example is his belief concerning the bliss and misery in the life to come, which he completely places on a spiritual level. The bliss, according to him, is a sublime spiritual experience of God—the enjoyment of meeting and witnessing Him, while misery is deprivation of that experience. All carnal pleasures and compensations mentioned in the Qur'an are ignored.

Yusuf Easa Shammas, the translator, was born in 1908 of Arabicspeaking Protestant parentage in Midyat, a Syriac-speaking town in the section of Mesopotamia that is in Turkey. In 1947, he attended the School of Religious Education of the Hartford Seminary Foundation, where in 1949 he earned an MA degree in Religious Education. The subject matter of this book is his theses he submitted to Hartford Seminary for his PhD in 1958. His unique and vast multifarious life, in his own words, has been added on pages ix to xvi in this book.

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Halal Issues In Malaysia Volume 1 / Zuraina Ali (Ed)
Pahang : Universiti Malaysia Pahang Al-Sultan Abdullah 2023.
xvi, 144p.
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250gm.

This Research Book Series 2022 Focuses on Halal Issues in Malaysia. It provides readers with an understanding and awareness of matters concerning halal in the country. Researchers in this book discuss halal from the perspectives of halalpreneurship, halal toyyib and Muslim personality. The concerns about slaughterhouses are also debated in this book. The popular use of social media advertisements is also discussed regarding halal products. Last but not least, researchers talk about MyeHALAL, which concerns the ability to master technology for halal certification. More generally, this book suggests edging forward in the field of halal in Malaysia.

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Negotiating Meanings: Engagement with Problematic or Contradictory Hadiths in Medieval and Modern Times / Khairil Husaini Bin Jamil, Muhammad Adli Bin Musa & Muhammad Fawwaz Muhammad Yusoff
Selangor: Islamic Book Trust 2023.
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Negotiating Meanings: Engagement with Problematic or Contradictory Hadīths in Medieval and Modern Times is the first serious study in English on the subject of mushkil al-hadīth (problematic hadīths). Within the pages of the book, readers will encounter the tradition of engaging with contradictory hadīths, traversing the realms of law, theology, and science. This volume emphasises the significance of the riwāyah (transmission) and dirāyah (comprehension) traditions, which provides understanding of the interpretive process. Going beyond historical investigation, the book also examines the contemporary problematisation of hadīth, investigating the external and internal causes that have shaped discussions surrounding these texts. This volume invites scholars to explore the hidden aspects of the interpretive tradition, offering new insights and shedding light on problematic and contradictory hadīths.

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