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Anthropology/Archaeology

Ancient Beads and Jewellery of Myanmar : From Prehistory to Konbaung Dynasty
(Konbaung – The Last Dynasty of Myanmar / Terence Tan
Yangon: Duya Sarpay, 2023
300p. ; 25x24cm.
\$ 90.00 / PB
970gm.

Myanmar jewellery expert Terrence Tan outlines the history of ancient Myanmar jewellery from prehistory to the Pyu period, illustrated with examples from private collections.

Politics/Current Affairs

Waves of Upheaval in Myanmar : Gendered Transformations and Political Transitions/ (Ed)
Jenny Hedstrom & Elisabeth Olivius
Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2023
xx, 284p. ; 19 illustrations, 1 map.
Includes Index
9788776943226
Nordic Institute of Asian Studies – Gendering Asia, No. 17
\$ 90.00 / HB
556gm.
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This is the first comprehensive account of the multifaceted processes of gendered transformation that took place in Myanmar between 2011 and 2021, and which continues to shape events today. The period began with the end of direct military rule and the transition to a hybrid, semi-democratic regime, precipitating far-reaching political, economic and social changes across Myanmar. To date, the gendered dynamics and effects of this transition have not yet received sustained scholarly attention. Remedying this gap, this book provides a much-needed historical corrective through a careful, nuanced analysis of the gendered dynamics of transitional politics, institutions and policymaking; feminist

resistance, mobilization, and movement building; and their effects on labor, land, and everyday lives. Although the February 2021 military coup brought an end to this decade of experimentation and transition, in the richness of its analysis and detail, the book offers a deeper understanding of the current political situation in Myanmar. The gendered changes that the transition brought about have shaped both the current configuration of masculinized, military dictatorship, as well as the unprecedented role played by women in resistance to military rule after the 2021 coup. This analysis of the gendered dynamics and effects of the recent decade of political transition in Myanmar is therefore critical for understanding current events, as well as the ways in which Myanmar's political landscape might continue to be reshaped.
