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Art

ACM Treasures : Collection Highlights / (Ed) Richard Lingner & Clement Onn
Singapore: Asian Civilisations Museum (ACM), 2017
222p.
9789811152283
\$ 22.00 / PB
636gm.

ACM Treasures, a new collection highlights book from the Asian Civilisations Museum, follows the structure of museum's permanent galleries, with sections dedicated to Trade, Faith and Belief, and Materials and Design. Within each section, chapters mapping onto present and future gallery spaces present art objects from each gallery of the museum. The reader will find that many of the objects are cross-cultural, meaning that they are hybrid - "east-west" or "east-east" sorts of things - essentially mixed, just like Singapore and many of its resident. Nearly 200 objects in full colour , each with a short explanation, make this book a perfect gift or personal remembrance of a visit to the ACM.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329619>

52 Singapore Tales / Band of Doodlers

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017

120p.

9789814779586

1. Singapore – In art
2. Folklore – Singapore
3. Tales – Singapore

\$ 25.00 / HB

380gm.

52 Singapore Tales is a collection of unique illustrations. This compilation follows the Singapore narrative and is based on local legends, passions, fact, folklore, and idiosyncrasies, as interpreted through the perspective of artists from the Band of Doodlers. Like the many hands that built this country, each illustration is a co-created piece between two artists.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329621>

Between Worlds : Raden Saleh and Juan Luna / (Eds) Russell Storer, Clarissa Chikiamco & Syed Muhammad Hafiz

Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2017

206p.

Includes Time Bibliographies

9789811146848

1. Saleh, Raden, approximately 1807-1880 – Exhibitions
2. Luna, Juan, 1857-1899 – Exhibitions
3. Painting, Indonesia – 19th century – Exhibitions
4. Painting, Philippine – 19th century – Exhibitions
5. Painting – Southeast Asia – History – Exhibitions

\$ 50.00 / PB

1150gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329717>

Architecture / Urban Conservation

What to Keep? : Thoughts about Tearing Down a Housing Estate in Singapore
/ Sonny Liew (Ed) Li Li Chung (Photographer) Lau Eng Seng

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017

72p.

9789814779692

1. Historic preservation – Singapore
2. City planning – Social aspects – Singapore
3. Public housing – Singapore – Pictorial works

\$ 22.00 / PB

288gm.

567 households. 187 shops and stalls. Four iconic housing blocks. In 2011, Rochor Centre was given its demolition sentence. In the days of packing up that followed, residents confronted the question of what to keep, what to throw out, where to go.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329623>

Ecology/Environment Studies

Checklist of the Parasites of Fishes of Singapore / J. Richard Arthur &
Mohamed Sharif

Serdang, Selangor: Universiti Putra Malaysia (UPM) Press, 2016

xiv, 108p.

Includes Index

9789673445370

1. Fishes – Parasites – Singapore

\$ 18.00 / PB

222gm.

This checklist summarizes information on the parasites of Singaporean fishes contained in the world literature dating from the earliest known record (Heller,1865) to the end of 2014. Information is presented in the form of parasite-host and host-parasite lists. Both lists are accompanied by remarks and footnotes, as warranted, giving specific information on points of systematics, nomenclature, possible misidentifications, introduction, etc. Citations are included for all references and parasite and host indices are included. One new combination is made: *Callitetrarhynchus chironemi* (MacCallum,1921)n. comb.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329626>

Economics/Development Studies

Services Liberalization in ASEAN : Foreign Direct Investment in Logistics / (Eds)

Tham Siew Yean & Sanchita Basu Das

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2018

xviii, 376p.

Includes Index

9789814786188

1. Business logistics – Southeast Asia
2. Transportation – Southeast Asia
3. Investments, Foreign – Southeast Asia

\$ 35.00 / PB

518gm.

The services sector plays an important role in ASEAN economies as it accounts for about half of the regions GDP and more than 45 per cent of its total employment. ASEAN aspires to deepen integration in the services sector in order to enhance the sectors contribution to economic development and growth in each country. Despite this, services liberalization has progressed slowly compared to goods liberalization both at the multilateral and the regional levels. Different regulatory mechanisms across countries have contributed to the slow pace of liberalization.

Logistics is an important industry in the services sector. The integration of logistics is important for deepening economic integration in ASEAN as it facilitates the movement of goods, services and people within and across countries, among producers and from producers to consumers. In view of its importance, ASEAN has identified logistics as one of its priority integration sectors. It has also developed a Connectivity Master Plan and a Strategic Transport Plan, where logistics plays an important role.

This book examines the current state of services liberalization in the ten ASEAN economies. It also assesses the FDI enabling environment and the extent of FDI liberalization in the logistics sector as well as the liberalization challenges encountered in each of the ASEAN economies. The book, thus, provides a comparative picture of services liberalization as well as the state of logistics liberalization and development in each of the ten ASEAN member countries. All these have important bearings on deepening ASEAN economic integration for 2025 and beyond.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=369629>

Singapore & Singapore SME 1000 : Incorporating Singapore International 100,
2017

30th Directory Edition

Singapore: DP Information Group, 2017

1v.

\$ 398.00/ PB

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=323158>

The Criteria for Those Who Reach The Top : To Lead with Mind and Heart /

Toshio Egawa (Ed) Ooi Kee Beng (Translated) Ako Egawa

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2018

xxxiv, 158p.

9789814786386

1. Leadership.
2. Executives – Japan
3. Management – Japan

\$ 35.00 / HB

476gm.

The world is no doubt full of self-improvement books. What sets Toshio Egawa's book apart is that its focus is more about being at The Top than about getting there. Of course, the traits that get you there and the traits that keep you there overlap in many cases. One could go further to say that it is not always clear whether one is on the way to the top, is at the top or is on the way down from the top.

But there are ethical goals and self-reflections; social attitudes and pragmatic shrewdness, as well as a sense of time passing, which should be cultivated in any case if one is to live a full and meaningful life. The Top may not be a place that we can easily locate. As Egawa-san puts it:

"Being alive, we should, at least until we have aged too much, recompense and respect our situation by undertaking responsible work as human beings. Before we know it, we would have reached a certain age beyond which daily quietude, good health and physical safety become paramount. All the rest power, position, business results, assets, lust, et cetera are but brief moments, simply passing scenery."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329631>

General

Who's Who in Singapore 2018
Sydney, Australia: Asia Pacific InfoServe Pty Ltd, 2017
482p.
Includes Index of Names
9781925508254
\$ 225.00 / PB
1190gm.

Who's Who in Singapore offers comprehensive, accurate, up-to-date and impartial information on thousands of the most prominent and significant figures in Singapore. This superb reference work records the lives and achievements of men and women from every profession and activity. It is the reference work for anyone interested in Singapore.

Highly recommended, Who's Who in Singapore is an outstanding biographical reference work containing comprehensive information on the key figures in Singapore. Due to the strength of their achievements and their influential positions, these prominent individuals have become highly esteemed in public life.

The biographies include data and place of birth, career highlights, awards, academic education and special contributions to the public interest or economic progress which were instrumental in making these individuals well known.

Each honoree provides a role model of excellence whether in government, business, academic, religion, media or public service. These individuals exemplify the wealth of talent and leadership within Singapore, and it is fitting that their accomplishments are being acknowledged in this way.

The Who's Who also surveys the country in detail from a historical, political and economic perspective. Comprehensive background information such as details on the functions and activities of government, official awards and other relevant facts from the world of politics and economics further a fuller understanding of this country.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253318>

The Undefeated Parent: A Guide to Managing Children's Stress / Irena Kit
Phey Ling & Miranda Mulyana
Singapore: Armour Publishing, 2017
216p. ; 200x130 mm.
9789814807067
\$ 18.00 / PB

The phenomenon of stress arising amongst young children and adolescents is commonly discussed in parenting forums, newspapers and social media. The sheer volume of discussion has led to parents scrambling for techniques to alleviate their children's stress levels while ensuring that they continue to do well in school and life in general.

This book explores how common myths surrounding parenting stress have resulted in stressful parenting. The authors use a series of vignettes to illustrate dilemmas and decision points that parents encounter from pregnancy to adolescence. This book also helps parents apply psychological concepts on motivation and William Glasser's Choice Theory/Reality Therapy, to better understand themselves and their children, and make better choices to enable them to achieve their hopes and dreams. Each chapter includes a series of activities for parents to reflect on and engage with their children.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253352>

History

Tosho Egawa Private Archive Collection in the ISEAS Library, Singapore : A Catalogue

Singapore: ISEAS Library (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2017
xxxii, 288p.

Includes Index

9789814786195

1. Egawa, Toshio, 1935 Archives – Catalogs
2. Egawa, Toshio, 1935 – Books and reading – Catalogs
3. Archives – Singapore – Catalogs
4. ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute, ISEAS Library – Archives – Catalogs

\$ 23.00 / HB

864gm.

In September 2016, Mr Toshio Egawa, President of Egawa Strategics Laboratory, Japan, decided to give his life-long private archive collection to ISEAS Library. This followed an earlier and generous donation of close to 1,000 publications in 2010.

The core of this new collection includes 508 reference books that he had consulted for his own research; over 1,000 pieces of calligraphic works, historical letters and manuscripts, first day covers, photographs and paintings related to prominent figures in Japan predominantly Meiji-Taisho period; and some 500 research notes in manuscript form, ranging a wide spectrum of subjects including history, philosophy, economics, and arts.

This catalogue serves as a gateway to the study of many aspects of Japanese history and culture, from the eyes of Toshio Egawa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329636>

The Mystery of a "Yellow Sleuth" : Detective Sergeant Nor Nalla, Federated Malay States Police / Ronald Allan (Foreword) Paul H. Kratoska (Introduction) Philip Holden

Singapore: NUS Press (Ridge Books), 2018

xxii, 162p.

9789814722643

1. Crime – Malaysia – Malaya – History – 20th century
2. Criminals – Malaysia – Malaya – History – 20th century
3. Detectives – Malaysia – Malaya – Biography

\$ 20.00 / PB

282gm.

In 1931 a book appeared in London with the title *A Yellow Sleuth: Being the Autobiography of "Nor Nalla"* (Detective-Sergeant Federated Malay States Police). It was met with puzzled enthusiasm, *The Straits Times* commenting that the book "presents an interesting problem of distinguishing fact from fiction". The author claimed to be of mixed Malay and Sakai descent, fluent in many of the languages spoken in Southeast Asia, and able to pass as Malay, Sakai, Chinese, Javanese or Burmese. He began by stating that "this story will honestly recount the part I have played in the detection of crime", but added that he had changed personal and place names, and used a pseudonym because it would "be foolish of me to advertise my identity". He concluded, engagingly enough, "So there you have it! A true history! And, for a start you learn that it is largely untrue. "The name Nor Nalla is an anagram, and the author has been identified as Ronald (Ron) Allan, who worked on a rubber plantation in Malaya shortly before World War I. But many questions about his authorship remain. Nor Nalla is an "impossible fantasy of hybridity" in the words of Philip Holden's introduction. Like Kipling's famous colonial spy, Kim, the yellow sleuth is a master of the undercover operation, from the forests of Malaya, to the ports of Java, in London's Chinatown and with Chinese labourers in WWI Flanders. Contemporary readers will enjoy the book's stories of detection and adventure, but they can also savour the way the author and his narrator navigate and reveal the contradictions of late colonial society.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329639>

The Unfinished Revolution : Sun Yat-Sen and the Struggle for Modern China /
Tjio Kayloe

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017

xxxviii, 394p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814779074

1. Sun, Yat-sen, 1866-1925
2. Presidents – China – Biography
3. China – History – 1912-1928
4. China – Politics and government – 1912-1928

\$ 38.00 / HB

722gm.

The Unfinished Revolution is a superb new biography of Sun Yat-sen, whose life, like the confusion of his time, is not easy to interpret. His political career was marked mostly by setbacks, yet he became a cult figure in China after his death. Today he is the only 20th-century Chinese leader to be widely revered on both sides of the Taiwan Strait. In contrast, many Western historians see little in his ideas or deeds to warrant such high esteem. This book presents the most balanced account of Sun to date, one that situates him within the historical events and intellectual climate of his time. Born in the shadow of the Opium War, the young Sun saw China repeatedly humiliated in clashes with foreign powers, resulting in the loss of territory and sovereignty. When his efforts to petition the decrepit Manchu court to institute reforms failed, Sun took to revolution. Sun traversed the globe to canvass support for his cause. A notable feature of the book is its coverage of the overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia and their contributions to his uprisings on the mainland, which set the stage for the overthrow of two millennia of imperial rule in 1911. But Sun's vision of China was not to be. Within a few years the republic was hijacked and plunged into chaos. This fascinating and immensely readable work illuminates the man and his achievements, his strengths and his weaknesses, revealing how he came to spearhead the revolution that would transform his country and yet, at his death in 1925 and still today, remain agonizingly unfinished.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329642>

The Ostrich, the Ah Long, the Con Woman, and the Creepy Guy : The Story of Crime Prevention in Singapore / Susan Lim & Majeed Khader
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017

176p.

9789814751902

1. Crime prevention – Singapore – History
2. Crime prevention – Singapore – Citizen participation – History
3. Crime analysis – Singapore

\$ 24.00 / PB

712gm.

Since the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) was first established in 1981, it has played a valuable role in keeping Singapore safe. Yet what exactly is crime prevention? What are the theories and behavioural insights that inform the island-wide, multi-platform campaigns rolled out by the NCPC? This fascinating and eminently-readable study of the art and science of crime prevention interrogates these questions, and more.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329644>

Mute : Thoughts about Forgotten History in Singapore / Kenneth Tay (Ed)

Chia Aik Beng & Li Li Chung

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),

2017

72p.

9789814779685

1. Prostitution – Singapore – History – Pictorial works
2. Japanese – Singapore – History – Pictorial works
3. Prostitution – Singapore – History
4. Japanese – Singapore – History

\$ 22.00 / PB

288gm.

Can a photograph show what is absent, what has been erased? Through this illuminating series of images, we get to "see" Singapore's forgotten Little Japan, a once-flourishing enclave with a red-light district featuring "karayuki-san" - right where Bugis Junction stands today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329647>

Lions and Tigers : The Story of Football in Singapore and Malaysia / John Duerden
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017
188p.
9789814771719

1. Soccer – Singapore
2. Soccer – Malaysia
3. Soccer players – Singapore
4. Soccer players – Malaysia
5. Soccer matches

\$ 22.00 / PB
232gm.

Veteran football correspondent John Duerden explores one of the world's big rivalries in the world of football - that between Singapore and Malaysia, and what it means for both nations. It won't be just about the big games but about players from one country that played in another and the recent sojourn of Lions XII in Malaysia and Harimau Muda in the S-League. From meetings between the two national teams and clubs to tales from the times when they both sent teams to compete in the other's league, Lions and Tigers describes how Singapore and Malaysia feel about each other and how it all looks to an outsider between the two countries with comments from both nations - from coaches, players and key stakeholders, and also journalists and fans of the beautiful game.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329650>

Bagan and the World : Early Myanmar and Its Global Connections / (Ed) Goh Geok Yian, John N. Miksic & Michael Aung-Thwin
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2018
x, 230p.

Includes Index

9789814786027

1. Burma – History – Pagan period, 849-1287
2. Pagan (Burma) – History

\$ 34.00 / PB

314gm.

The archaeological site of Bagan and the kingdom which bore its name contains one of the greatest concentrations of ancient architecture and art in Asia. Much of what is visible today consists of ruins of Buddhist monasteries. While these monuments are a major tourist attraction, recent advances in archaeology and textual history have added considerable new understanding of this kingdom, which flourished between the 11th and 14th centuries. Bagan was not an isolated monastic site; its inhabitants participated actively in networks of Buddhist religious activity and commerce, abetted by the sites location near the junction where South Asia, China and Southeast Asia meet. This volume presents the result of recent research by scholars from around the world, including indigenous Myanmar people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329653>

Jean Marshall's Pahang Letters, 1953-54 : Sidelights On Malaya During The Emergency / (Ed) Mandakini Arora

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2017

220p.

9789811150296

1. Marshall, Jean – Correspondence
2. Medical personnel – Malaysia – Pahang – Correspondence
3. Medical social work – Malaysia – History
4. Malaya – History – Malayan Emergency, 1948-1960

\$ 16.00 / PB

220gm.

“Life generally is a bit hedged in with precautions at the moment,” Jean Gray wrote, with characteristic understatement, to her parents in England.

Twenty-seven years old, Jean was in rural Malaya working as a field officer with the British Red Cross for a year in 1953–54.

At that time, Malaya was in a state of Emergency. Communist insurgents, using the jungle as cover, engaged in guerilla war against the colonial state. Under the Red Cross scheme, Jean was appointed to provide medical and welfare services in the New Villages—guarded settlements of villagers relocated from the jungle fringes in a government move to cut off aid to the militants.

From west Pahang, where she was posted, Jean wrote weekly to her family and occasionally to her friends, sharing with them her impressions of Malaya and minutiae of her daily life and work while reassuring them that she was safe.

These all-but-forgotten letters with accompanying photographs were rediscovered and returned to their sender after 60-odd years. As historical documents, they illuminate the social and professional world of a young and perceptive Englishwoman who was in small-town Malaya at a historically critical time—during the Malayan Emergency and the last days of empire.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329656>

Project 0812 : The inside story of Singapore's journey to Olympic glory / Peh Shing Huei

Singapore: Singapore National Olympic Council, 2017

xviii, 182p.

Includes Index

9789811112652

1. Olympic – Participation, Singaporean
2. Sports – Singapore – History
3. Table tennis – Singapore

\$ 18.00 / PB

388gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329657>

Asia Betrayed : How Churchill Sacrificed the Far East to Save England / John Bell Smithback

Hong Kong: Earnshaw Books Ltd., 2017

268p.

9789888422609

\$ 16.00 / PB

336gm.

“Somebody knew. Who knew?” Did Winston Churchill lure Japan into attacking Pearl Harbor as a cynical ruse to pull the United States into the war against the Nazis to save England? Did he deliberately weaken the defenses of Singapore and Hong Kong to convince the Japanese to jump? Did he even run a double spy to feed information to Tokyo? John Bell Smithback examines the evidence in a shocking new assessment of the origins and backstory of one of the turning points of the twentieth century—the Pacific War 1941 to 1945. He looks at Churchill's role in how Japan came to make one of the biggest strategic errors in history, and the horrific consequences for tens of millions of people across East Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329660>

(Re) Presenting Histories : Experiences and Perspective From the National Museum of Singapore / (Ed) Stephanie Yeo
Singapore: National Museum of Singapore, 2017
159p.
9789811139352

1. National Museum of Singapore – History
2. Museums – Curatorship – Singapore
3. Museums – Singapore – History

\$ 22.00 / PB

432gm.

In celebration of the nation's Golden Jubilee, the National Museum of Singapore re-opened in September 2015 after an extensive revamp of its permanent galleries. Featuring interactive, contextual displays and immersive experiences, the updated galleries seek to both represent and re-present Singapore's rich culture and history, and to encourage meaningful connections and conversations with its visitors. (Re)Presenting Histories is an intimate glimpse into the experiences and perspectives of the National Museum's curatorial team, as they undertook this ambitious project over the course of one year.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253519>

Warring Societies of Pre-Colonial Southeast Asia : Local Cultures of Conflict
Within a Regional Context / (Eds) Michael W. Charney & Kathryn Wellen
NIAS-Nordic Institute of Asian Studies – NIAS Studies in Asian Topic No. 6
Copenhagen, Denmark: Nias Press, 2018
x, 230p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9788776942298
\$ 32.00 / PB

Why is it that warfare in Southeast Asian history is depicted so differently in various historical sources and representations? Why have scholars looking at different countries found so many exceptions to regional overviews of warfare? The present volume seeks to present a new approach to the study of warfare in the region by abandoning the generalizations made in the conventional literature. The contributors offer a range of new studies of warfare in local areas within the region, looking at warfare on its own, local terms rather than for what it says about warfare in the region as a whole. This approach for the first time lends Southeast Asia to comparative analysis in a way that avoids artificial and misleading regional attributes. The varied case studies, researched and written by a number of experts of local warfare within the region include naval warfare eighteenth century Vietnam, civil war in South Sulawesi during the Pénéki War, the art and texts of war in Burmese warfare, modes of warfare in precolonial Bali, war captive taking in Thailand, and kinship, religion, and war in late eighteenth century Maguindanao, and preparations for war in the Pacific rimlands. The volume makes an important contribution to the new literature emerging on the culture of indigenous warfare in North and South America, Africa, South Asia, the Middle East, and the Pacific Islands, by offering a new and robust Southeast Asian entry on the one hand and adds to the growing literature on early modern Southeast Asia a new approach to its premodern warfare. It will interest scholars and students of Asian history as well as armchair historians and military buffs seeking a better understanding of the precolonial roots of modern Southeast Asia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329663>

Linguistics

Bahasa : A Guide To Malay Language : Banjar Bawean, Buginese, Javanese, Malay, Minangkabau, Slitar and Tagalog / Hidayah Amin (Illustration) Idris Ali (Foreword) Professor Emeritus Abdullah Hassan
Singapore: Helang Books (Archipelago Consultancy), 2017
256p.

Includes Bibliography

9789811138836

1. Malay language – Vocabulary
2. Malay language – Malay Archipelago – Vocabulary
3. Malay (Asian people) – Social life and customs

\$ 25.00 / PB

562gm.

This work explains common Malay words and their equivalent meanings in eight Nusantara languages of the Malay Archipelago: Banjar, Bawean, Buginese, Javanese, Malay, Minangkabau, Slitar, Tagalog. Personal anecdotes by the author and charming illustrations are framed by a brief history of the Malay peoples, thereby offering a unique lesson and experience of these eight ethnic groups. As the presence of these languages continues to diminish in everyday conversations, this book hopes to revive interest in these languages and preserve the knowledge for the future generations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329665>

Literature

Coalition of the Savoury Spare Parts / Oh Yong Hwee & Koh Hong Teng
Singapore: Cosh Studios, 2017

1v.

9789811145360

\$ 12.00 / PB

212gm.

Graphic Novel

The annual Fifth Milestone Kway Chap Competition looms but the reigning champion old Mdm Lam is missing! Can LORR, her newly arrived intergalactic kitchen helper, defend her title? Or is he deluded by the Kitchen God? Is everything a ploy by Quek Kee Fishballs as the fledgling Hawkers' Party threatens its domination plan?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329666>

The Other Merlion and Friends / Gwee Li Sui

Singapore: Landmark Books Pte Ltd., 2015

85p.

9789814189637

\$ 16.00 / PB

152gm.

The Merlion is the official tourism mascot of Singapore, but The Other Merlion of this anthology introduces the Singapore and Singaporeans that only those who truly know them know. Witty, caustic, naughty, irreverent and full of fun, the poet laughs out loud with his people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=247385>

Lost Nostalgia : Stories / Mohamed Latif Mohamed (Translated) Nazry

Bahrawi

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2017

200p.

9789811153013

\$ 16.00/ PB

208gm.

A rainbow is glimpsed in the enveloping darkness of Mohamed Latiff Mohamed's stories. Precious because it is mostly fleeting-a herd of cattle finds deliverance from slavery in heroic resistance and death; a fisherman disappears of his own free will to escape the disintegration of island life. These and other characters experience conditions, often described in hyper-realistic detail, that speak to our appreciation of change, injustice, and other facts of life-religion, family, friendship, love, to name a few. While salvation does not come easy or even happen in Latiff's stories, there are exceptional moments that can push readers into the outer limits of their existence.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329668>

Poems for the Sound of the Sky Before Thunder / Topaz Winters (Ed) Ruth
Tang
Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2017
56p.
9789811137792
\$ 14.00 / PB
84gm.

Poems for the sound of the sky before thunder is a collection that tiptoes the infinitely blurred lines between hurting, hoping & healing. It speaks of sleepless nights & softened tongues, telling a story of dreaming & bone-bright & out of focus in the rain. These poems are only as much for losing as they are for finding, only as much for despair as they are for the light scattered within it, only as much for leaving as they are for finally coming home.

"Topaz Winters writes of the many different kinds of longing in the tenderest, most stunning ways. She longs for quiet, for girlhood, for the chance to forget and the chance to remember. This collection feels like home for so many that wants and bloom in the same way that Topaz does—it's comforting, in that we have someone describing what we may have never had the words for.

Poem for the sound of the sky before thunder gives the reader permission to try and find beauty even in the ugliest parts of their life. Chances like that are always opportune." — Lydia Havens, author of *Survive Like the Water*.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329669>

Apophenia : Forty-One Dada Dilemmas / Desmond Kon Zhicheng-Mingde
Singapore: Squiracle Line Press, 2017

110p.

9789811133954

Primer Life Series

\$ 17.00 / PB

174gm.

Prefaced by an epigraph from Plato, this book comprises poem riddles, written up as impossible puzzles. Apophenia is used as a central technique, the term referring to the human tendency to perceive patterns and meaningfulness in random data and unrelated phenomena. Invoking an assortment of literary figures - a diverse spread, from Akhmatova, Bishop, DeLillo, Diogenes, Eliot, Hejinian, Murakami, Niedecker, Plath, Derrida, Deleuze, Stein, Tzara, to Yeats - this book revels in conflation and catachresis in generating its suite of absurdist poems. This is a commemorative book, marking the publication centennial of Dada: The Art & Literature Review.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329670>

Beef : Poems / Nurul Amillin Hussain (Ed) Ruth Tang

Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2017

42p.

9789811140686

\$ 14.00 / PB

70gm.

BEEF is Nurul Amillin Hussain's debut collection of poetry. Consisting of 20 poems written over a decade, this book traces time through fresh explorations of nostalgia, recollecting the author's time spent in both Singapore and the UK. This collection is distinctly urban, and aims to translate the messy zig-zags of everyday discomforts into verse, focusing on themes of family, friendship and identity.

"Amillin plumbs and scales the extremities of living in a way that is both delicate and deliberate, sincere and poised. She deals equally deftly with the kinds of pain that make us 'flinch / around a conversation', and moments of consolation that help us 'find healing in between tea leaves / leave dust undusted, (and) speak softly'. Hers is an excitingly new poetic voice – fiercely unique as she charts her own course and amid her many identities, her verse in a perpetual, agile equilibrium between the power of form and the spark of adventurous innovation." — Aaron Maniam, author of Morning At Memory's Border

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253494>

Mother of All Questions / Gracie Chia
Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2017
94p.
9789811152856
\$ 14.00 / PB
120gm.

Mother of All Questions is Grace Chia's third poetry collection about womanhood exploring what home means, how personal identities intersect and the meaning of life by examining domestic psychodrama, childhood innocence, gendered rebellion and the intimate dynamics of love, desire and loss. In Chia's lyrical and elegiac poetry, she makes putty of the female body's vast and richly textured landscape to mould stories of sentiment and the sensuous into callused and tender truths.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253493>

Sikit-Sikit Lama-Lama Jadi Bukit : An Anthology / Annaliza Bakri (Ed) Ruth Tang
Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2017

158p.

9789811152863

In Malay and English

\$ 18.00 / PB

186gm.

When physical spaces make way for development, we risk historical amnesia. A place evokes a sense of belonging. It sustains our memory of who we are and where we are in the ebb and flow of humanity. Once lost, it can never be recovered. A person emptied of memory is one floating in an open sea without any anchor.

This anthology revisits lost places in Singapore. But not to reminisce or to evoke nostalgia. These poems express what these places mean to the poets and people who built this nation. They interweave social narratives with a strong desire to combat the loss of our memories, names, buildings, roads, trails, episodes, incidents, everything that is us and ours. They represent hope: of what was then, what we are, and what we can be.

Thought-provoking yet moving, these poems are the hidden gems of our literary tradition, unveiling a piece of our social tapestry with every turn of the page: a shared journey in which one rediscovers a lost fabric of our interwoven history.

This anthology features award-winning poets such as Cultural Medallion recipients — Mohamed Latiff Mohamed and Suratman Makasan, accomplished poet-painters like Abdul Ghani Hamid and Suraidi Sipan, our brilliant Sufi poet — Johar Buang, as well as young talents such as Zulfadli Rashid and Noorhaqmal Mohamed Noor. Our acclaimed female poets Hadijah Rahmat, Amanah Mustafi and Kamaria Buang, also illuminate this poetic journey. These voices have been nothing but enlightening and empowering as they bear witness to the challenges and concerns of the people in the midst of change and transformation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=254010>

The Minorities / Suffian Hakim (Ed) Shelby Sekar

Singapore: Suffian Hakim, 2107

328p.

9789814786812

\$ 20.00 / PB

378gm.

A quasipotent, biracial Singaporean inventor is struggling with the fact that his father had died - but did not come back as a ghost. Attempting to come to terms with it, he creates the Soundloft, a device that turns dreams into music. Helping him out are three of his best friends - Cantona, a promising Bangladeshi artist on the run from a construction company; Tights, a Chinese illegal immigrant with a pop culture fascination; and Shanti, a gifted lab technician hiding from her abusive husband. But when a powerful metaphysical entity begins haunting them, looking to find her way in the world of the living, he and his friends find themselves embroiled in a supernatural showdown that will result in either catharsis, or the end of the world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253514>

Deadline for Love and other stories / Catherine Lim

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International), 2017 (Previously Published 1992, 1999).

128p. ; 130 x 198 mm.

9789814779555

1. Interpersonal relations – Fiction
2. Man-woman relationships – Fiction

\$ 16.00 / PB

138gm.

The 12 stories in this collection electrify by their dazzling diversity of subject, relentless observation and adroit use of language. Through the dark labyrinths of the secret lives of men and women in Singapore, Catherine Lim once again uses her sharp powers of observation to comment masterfully on our complex relationships against the immense and brilliant backdrop of our society's achievements. Laying bare the infinite longing and inevitable weakness of the human heart, these stories celebrate the surprising power of love and its effects on every one of us.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329676>

A Shadow of a Shadow of a Dream / Catherine Lim
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017 (Previously Published 1987, 1999)

212p. ; 130 x 198 mm.

9789814779531

1. Romance, fiction, Singapore

\$ 16.00 / PB

216gm.

This collection of eight short stories combines Catherine Lim's sharp powers of observation with her insightful comments on the conflicts, both internal and external, brought about by love in the lives of men and women in modern-day Singapore. The result is a vibrant assortment of stories and voices brimming with courage, deep introspection and heartfelt emotion. Powerful and riveting, this collection will captivate, charm and tug at your heartstrings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329678>

Regrettable Things That Happened Yesterday : Stories / Jennani Durai
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2017

176p.

9789814785228

1. Newspapers – Fiction

\$ 16.00 / PB

214gm.

A teenager discovers his grandfather's secret identity only after his death. A young immigrant to 1940s Singapore is convinced the end-times are nigh. A man is tasked with bringing the corpse of his estranged brother home from Phuket. A reporter is torn between doing her a job and respecting her friend's privacy. From obituaries and job ads to crime reports and horoscopes, Regrettable Things That Happened Yesterday is a collection of ten short stories connected by the motif of newspapers, and the unexpected ways they end up affecting our lives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329679>

A Leap of Love : A Novella / Catherine Lim
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International),
2017 (First Published 2003)

172p. 130 x 198 mm.

9789814779562

1. First loves – Fiction
2. Man-woman relationships – Fiction

\$ 16.00 / PB

178gm.

There is a wonderful ancient Western tradition that allows a woman to propose to a man – but only on 29 February. Only once every four years, in a leap year.

On such a momentous day, late one morning in modern day Singapore, young and beautiful Li-ann catches sight of Jeremy for the first time in a busy part of town. She realises with a start that he is her dream man and makes the move allowed by the Leap Year tradition. It is the most creative, imaginative and brilliant move any girl can think of. Jeremy is totally enthralled. Their first meeting is radiant with love's promise.

But alas! Fate, ever mischievous, intervenes with her tricks, determined that love's path should never be smooth. She takes the lovers on an alarmingly bumpy roller coaster ride over the years, as each Leap Year comes and goes, leaving them by turns ecstatic and despondent, hopeful and despairing. But in the end, Fate is no match for the endearing power and ferocious tenacity of love.

Brimming with energy, A Leap of Love sparkles with joy and will leave you breathless with the sheer suspense of tracking the memorable twists and turns in the intertwined lives of two star-crossed lovers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329681>

Reading to Ted Hesburgh : An alphabet book of visual fields : Poems /
Desmond Kon Zicheng-Minde
Singapore: Squiracle Line Press, 2017
136p.
9789811124297
Birth Centennial Edition
\$ 17.00 / PB
234gm.

"A book for both poets and philosophers. Attractively designed, it captures Desmond Kon's meditative conversation with philosophers, writers, and painters. Hegel will be smiling in heaven as he has found new dialogical partners in this book." - Kwok Pui Lan, President of American Academy of Religion.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329684>

A Book of Hims / Ng Yi-Sheng (Ed) Ruth Tanng
Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2017
94p. ; 120 x 200 mm.
9789811152849
\$ 15.00 / PB
112gm.

In 2008, Ng Yi-Sheng won the Singapore Literature Prize for last boy, a debut collection which explored the poet's coming of age as a gay man. A Book of Hims is a spiritual sequel to this work, written with a voice that has grown older, but remains just as eccentric and reckless as before. Once again, he deals with the topics of male love and spirituality, recollecting current and past romances, odes to mentors and holy figures, as well as experiments with diverse poetic forms, including the haiku, the sonnet, the ghazal and the jueju. Heartfelt, surreal and evocative, these poems are a splendid addition to the growing body of Singapore literature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329685>

The Non-existent Lover and other stories / Yeng Pway Ngon (Translated) Goh Beng Choo
Singapore: City Book Room, 2017
132p.
9789811133855
\$ 14.00 / PB
228gm.

Featuring a selection of short stories written between the 1960s and 2000, this collection charts Yeng Pway Ngon's evolution in subject matter and style over time. The earlier stories, written at a time when Yeng was known for his modernist poetry, exude solitude and melancholy, and deal with themes such as the wanton rebelliousness of youth, or the poet's shuttling between death and dream. From the 1970s onwards, he turned his attention to societal concerns- depicting a lonely writer who falls in love with one of his own characters, an unhappy man yearning for life abroad who ends up in a mental hospital, an unemployed man who finds joy in his friendship with a white bird, and another, who worries that he might turn into a flower.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329688>

Eye/Feel/Write: Building Architectonics / (Ed) Desmond Kon Zicheng-Mingde
Singapore: Squirrel Line Press, 2017

152p.

9789811145384

\$ 14.00/ PB

238gm.

The building is but material structure. Within its architecture is imbued its aesthetic character. What happens when a writer confronts such a created space, and what texts emerge, themselves rendered as works of art?

Commissioned by the National Arts Council, the anthology, Eye|Feel|Write: Building Architectonics, features these twelve illustrious Singapore authors: Aaron Lee, Aaron Maniam, Amanda Chong, Clara Chow, Daryl Lim Wei Jie, Heng Siok Tian, Josephine Chia, Kirpal Singh, Nuraliah Norasid, O Thiam Chin, Toh Hsien Min, and Tse Hao Guang. Each author was invited to pen three ekphrastic pieces inspired by the heritage architecture of the Supreme Court wing at National Gallery Singapore. Each text remains singular in its charm, adopting a particular way of seeing and saying. These are feats of artistry, exceptional in their craft and insight. From one construct melding into another, witness these exquisite articulations that celebrate the making of the text, the forging of its architectonics.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=252485>

Jia Lat La: An Antiplay / (Ed) Desmond Kon Zicheng-Mingde
Singapore: Squirrel Line Press, 2017

128p.

9789811145315

\$ 14.00 / PB

196gm.

"Jia Lat Lah is an amusing, provocative collection of poems deliberately designed to shock and fluster the delicate Singaporean temperament. The author cleverly sticks to several themes throughout the poems - many written in the voice of a teenager. Will definitely strike a chord with anyone who has been to secondary school in Singapore. A must read." - Mary-Ann Russon, Broadcast Journalist at BBC News Online

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=252487>

Thirty-Seven Reasons Red is Rad, and What you Think / Desmon Kon Zhicehg-Mingde

Singapore: Squirle Line Press, 2016

104p.

9789810983581

Primer Life Series

\$ 17.00 / PB

162gm.

Prefaced by an epigraph from Stendhal, this collection remains unapologetically transparent with its varied expressions of sentiment. The poems are written up through eight devices: aphorism, anecdote, allegory, anaphora, envoi, ekphrasis, eclogue, and elegy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329694>

Gull Between Heaven and Earth : A Novel / Boey Kim Cheng

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2017

278p.

9789814785242

1. Du, Fu- – 712-770 – Fiction
2. Poets, Chinese – Tang dynasty, 618-907 – Fiction

\$ 22.00 / PB

428gm.

For Emperor and Country, or Love and Family? Zimei is faced with a bleak future. Despite his great potential and hailing from an illustrious lineage, he serves his Emperor as a lowly Tang Dynasty official, having failed the Imperial Examinations twice. He sets out on a lifelong journey, seeking out first hermits and sages, then peace and home while documenting in verse the sufferings unleashed by civil war, sealing a friendship with the infamous Li Bai that will leave a remarkable legacy to Chinese literature. Zimei's story is the life of Du Fu (712-770), China's first poet-historian and the nation's greatest poet, reimagined in this epic debut novel by multi-award-winning author Boey Kim Cheng.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329695>

Who wants to buy an expanded edition of a book of poems? / Gwee Li Sui
Singapore: Landmark Books Pte Ltd., 2015
76p.
9789814189620
\$ 16.00 / PB
136gm.

Nothing in Singaporean literature is quite like this book! Chock-full of craziness and Singlish sounds, it has entertained generations of brave readers. Now it's back – in an enlarged, original edition, the way it was always meant to be read!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=247386>

Politics

The Art of Leadership : Perspectives from Distinguished Thought Leaders /
(Eds) Ho Kwon Ping & Arnoud De Meyer
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2017
xvi, 244p.
9789813233485
1. Leadership
2. Political leadership
\$ 19.00 / PB
388gm.

Focusing on leadership and issues pertinent to our global landscape, The Art of Leadership: Perspectives from Distinguished Thought Leaders is an in-depth analysis and enriching collection of knowledge and perspectives from illustrious thought leaders who have spoken at the podium of Singapore Management University (SMU). SMU's thought leadership series seeks to inspire Asia and beyond with the views and opinions of internationally eminent and outstanding academics, scholars, business or political leaders who have achieved distinction in their respective fields. The book provides valuable insights on topics ranging from economics and politics to entrepreneurship and management.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=252482>

Walking With Singapore : The Workers' Party's 60th Anniversary / (Ed) Daniel Goh Pei Siong

Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd., 2017

224p.

Includes Bibliography

9789811151552

1. Workers' Party (Singapore) – History
2. Political parties – Singapore
3. Politicians – Singapore – Interviews
4. Singapore – Politics and government

\$ 25.00 / PB

47gm.

The Workers' Party marks its 60th anniversary in 2017. This commemorative book includes essays and interviews that trace the journey the Workers' Party has taken with the country. The chapters track the confident strides David Marshall had opened up and the tumultuous, heartbreaking run of JB Jeyaretnam. They witness the marathon work of Low Thia Kiang and his teams in pushing for the breakthrough of democracy in the service of Singaporeans. There is no revelling in glories, no indulging in righteous indignations. The book presents the facts in a history of growth and decline, disappointment and revival. By looking back honestly at the past, while celebrating the present and modest achievements against massive odds, the party hopes to learn to do better in empowering Singaporeans for the future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329696>

The Art of Advocacy in Singapore / (Eds) Constance Singam & Margaret Thomas
Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2017
viii, 344p.
9789811153198
\$ 25.00 / PB
442gm.

Advocacy is a tricky pursuit in Singapore. Your motives can be questioned, your activities monitored, and your scope for action limited. Despite the constraints, civil society activists have persisted, finding ways to pursue their cause and to try to bring about the changes they believe important for Singapore. In 2013 a small group of civil society stalwarts set out to acknowledge the contributions of these unsung heroes. The Singapore Advocacy Awards was launched, a 3-year project that saw a total of 18 individuals and organisations being honoured. In this book, 37 activists write about their causes and discuss the strategies shaped and lessons learnt as they practise the delicate art of advocacy in Singapore

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329697>

Singapore, Incomplete : Reflections on a First World nation's arrested political development / Cherian George
Singapore: Woodsville News, 2017
xx, 204p.
9789811147791

1. Singapore – Politics and government – 21st century

\$ 21.00 / PB
414gm.

As the government lays the ground for a transition to a fourth generation of leaders after the death of Lee Kuan Yew and its 2015 general election triumph, Cherian George considers the unfinished business of political liberalisation and multicultural integration. Singapore, Incomplete is a collection of personal reflections about the country's underdeveloped political culture and structure. "Ours is a middle-aged country with a maturing economy-but a political system that treats us like children," he argues. George calls for more open "rules of engagement" that will protect and celebrate a diversity of ideas and beliefs. He critiques Singapore's culture of fear, the lack of political transparency, and governmental groupthink.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329698>

The Peace Process and Civil-Military Relations During the NLD Administration's First Year / Lin Htet Aung (Series Ed) Ooi Kee Beng
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2017
40p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814786607

Trends in Southeast Asia, No. 13, 2017

1. National League for Democracy (Burma)
2. Peace-building – Burma
3. Civil-military relations – Burma
4. Burma – Politics and government

\$ 8.00 / PB

92gm.

Peace and political considerations are priorities in Myanmar as indicated by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's frequent pronouncements. While 2017 would not easily become the year of peace, stakeholders including ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) appear willing to engage further at the negotiating table although the Tatmadaw (military) has stuck to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) route reiterated by the National League for Democracy (NLD) government at the 21st Century Panglong Conference.

The Tatmadaw has softened its views on federalism, and although military operations drew criticisms, inter-elite relations especially between the NLD and the Tatmadaw appear to be improving.

Economic development is not high on the government's agenda as yet, and civil servant responses to the government-led reforms remain unchanged.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329699>

The Rising Politics of Indigeneity in Southeast Asia / Micah F. Morton (Series Ed) Ooi Kee Beng

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2017

32p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814786638

Trends in Southeast Asia, No. 14, 2017

1. Indigenous peoples – Political activity – Southeast Asia
2. Indigenous peoples – Southeast Asia – Government relations
3. Indigenous peoples – Southeast Asia – Politics and government
4. Indigenous peoples – Southeast Asia – Social conditions
5. Southeast Asia – Ethnic relations

\$ 8.00 / PB

80gm.

Amidst rising trends of nativism and xenophobia throughout Southeast Asia, a related yet distinct movement framed around altogether different notions of Indigeneity is occurring among various long-oppressed ethnic minorities. These groups and their distinct claims of Indigeneity and linkages with the regional and global Indigenous movements are all arising in response to the heightened incorporation of their communities and territories into expanding nation states.

The Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP) Foundation based in Chiang Mai, Thailand, is playing a key role in promoting solidarity, networking and capacity-building among Indigenous Peoples in Asia as well as linking local communities with international funders and advocates.

As highly marginalized communities residing predominantly in the regions natural-resource-rich areas, Indigenous Peoples are bearing the brunt of the downside of ASEAN's ambitious investment plan and resource-extractive model of development. Regardless of ASEAN's overall stance of non-recognition of Indigenous Peoples as a distinct community, Indigenous Peoples in the region are increasingly identifying in solidarity with a larger, distinctive collectivity of Indigenous Peoples within the framework of ASEAN.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329700>

The Growing “Strategic Partnership” Between Indonesia and China Faces
Difficult Challenges / Leo Suryadinata (Series Ed) Ooi Kee Beng
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2017
28p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814786775

Trends in Southeast Asia, No. 15, 2017

1. Indonesia – Relations – China
2. China – Relations – Indonesia

\$ 8.00 / PB

74gm.

Jakarta–Beijing relations have experienced significant progress, especially
since the Yudhoyono presidency.

Economic links between the two countries have expanded rapidly and
tourism and cultural exchanges have also shown improvements.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329701>

The Political Economy of Chinese Investment in Cambodia / Vannarith Chheang (Series Ed) Ooi Kee Beng
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2017
32p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814786799

Trends in Southeast Asia, No. 16, 2017

1. Investment, Chinese – Cambodia
2. Investment, Chinese – Southeast Asia
3. Cambodia – Relations – China
4. China – Relations – Cambodia
5. Cambodia – Politics and government
6. Cambodia – Foreign relations

\$ 8.00 / PB

78gm.

China suffers from a trust deficit in the region, and Southeast Asian countries have adopted hedging strategies, at varying degrees, aimed at diversifying their economic and strategic interests from Chinese investments and influence.

Cambodia considers China as an important strategic and economic partner in providing performance legitimacy and as a countervailing force against its immediate neighbours.

Cambodia's economic overdependence and power asymmetry have enabled China to exert significant political leverage over the Kingdom, especially on international issues affecting China's core national interest such as the South China Sea dispute.

Local communities are discontented with some Chinese investment projects, especially hydropower plants and land concessions, which have infringed on labour rights and environmental protection.

Given the public resentment and dynamic changes and transformations of politico-social environment in Cambodia, China needs to address the concerns and issues raised by local communities in order to sustain and enlarge its political and economic footprint. Promoting good corporate governance, as well as social and environmental responsibility, would help.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329703>

The Central Role of Thailand's Internal Security Operations Command in the Post-Counter-insurgency Period / Puangthong R. Pawakapan (Series Ed) Ooi Kee Beng

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2017
36p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814786812

Trends in Southeast Asia, No. 17, 2017

1. Internal security – Thailand
2. National security – Thailand
3. Administrative agencies – Thailand
4. Thailand – Military policy
5. Thailand – Politics and government

\$ 8.00 / PB

88gm.

The Thai military's Internal Security Operations Command (ISOC) was in charge of a wide range of civil affairs projects during the country's struggle with the communist insurgency between the mid-1960s and the mid-1980s. These projects — including rural development programmes, mass organizations and mobilization campaigns, and psychological operations — provided justification for the military to routinely penetrate the socio-political sphere.

Since the Cold War drew to a close, little attention has been paid to ISOC's role and power within the state apparatus.

Since the coups of September 2006 and May 2014 that toppled the elected governments, ISOC has been dangerously empowered and increasingly employed by the military regimes to dictate the country's political direction. The power of the Thai military is exerted not only through its use of force but also by means of its socio-political arms. ISOC represents a potent tool with which conservative elites can undermine and control electoral democracy and through which the military can maintain its power.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329704>

Sociology

Who Cares? : Thoughts about Caring for the Elderly in Singapore / Basu, Radha (Ed) Li Li Chung (Photograph) Kelvin Lim
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions (Marshall Cavendish International), 2017
72p.
9789814779715

1. Older people – Home care – Singapore
2. Older people – Institutional care – Singapore

\$ 22.00 / PB

276gm.

They are often mere statistics these days - the growing ranks of the elderly, whose care will be borne by ever fewer caregivers. But dive deeper into the people themselves and myriad stories emerge. Dreams, memories, fears, friendship, love, and loss. Photographer Kelvin Lim uses his remarkable visual storytelling abilities to explore the world of these old men and women, and the larger questions of an ageing population. The book also documents the responses of 70 viewers from all walks of life. Their opinions, recollections and musings triggered by the photos offer us a fascinating, multifaceted look at ageing, identity, and the challenges facing caregiving in Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329706>

Sociology of Tourism / Sim Jui Liang
Singapore: Sim Jui Liang, 2015
1v (44p.)
\$ 8.00 / PB
104gm.

First published as a zine in response to the limitations of mainstream travel magazines, Sociology of Tourism is a hand-sewn chapbook that explores the impact of tourism on societies and cultures, an issue that is too serious and sensitive to be pursued in advertising-driven travel magazines. Taking readers on a sometimes uncomfortable tour of various cities in Asia, including Bangkok, Hong Kong and Singapore, Sociology of Tourism is filled with vignettes illustrating the gentrification of historical neighbourhoods, the commodification of culture and the transient yet transactional relationship between locals and travellers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329707>
