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Architecture

Achievements And Thoughts / Jeffrey Ho (Ed.) Singapore : Singapore Institute of Planners, 2016. 164p. 9789810998066 \$ 60.00 / PB

Achievements and Thoughts, published by the Singapore Institute of Planners, is a book for urban planners, architects and all who are interested and actively involved in issues of urban growth, evolution of communities, place-making, and in search for real world applications of new planning concepts and models. Featuring our design pioneers who have made significant contributions to the planning landscape of Singapore and other countries, the book highlights their innovative planning solutions, which are internationally recognised to be synonymous with the legacy of modern Singapore. The invaluable thoughts and views of the pioneer designers on urban planning and design not only help to raise awareness and interest in our planning fraternity, but also inspire us on how we can shape the world and transform our future with new ideas. Complementing the feature of our pioneers is a compilation of projects by notable urban planners and designers. It showcases the achievements of these professionals and reflects the application of their Singapore experience in solving planning issues that are confronting many developing cities in Southeast Asia, South Asia, China, Africa and the Middle East today. These projects have won the 4th SIP Planning Awards 2015 for their comprehensive and unique solutions in addressing issues of intra-regional influences, social disparity, traffic congestion, incompatible land uses, and many problems arising from poor infrastructure planning. The projects are excellent case studies for methodologies and principles for addressing the challenges and opportunities of our urbanising world.

The Harmony of Terraces (Living Treasures: Singapore's Heritage Homes Series) / Josephine Chia Singapore, 2017 96p. 9789811152412 \$ 16.00 /PB

Living Treasures: Singapore's Heritage Homes highlights the key architectural features of conserved houses. The editorial team, headed by former Member of Parliament Wan Hussin Zoohri, developed a list of historically significant types of homes in consultation with architectural historians and practising architects. Each of the 5 books in the series features one specific home style, and covers both the exteriors and interiors of the heritage houses, including those privately owned and seldom seen. There are also interviews of people who have lived in or are living in heritage houses, many of which are conserved. These pocketbooks are a boon to heritage buffs who want a visually appealing, bite-size introduction to Singapore's heritage homes. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334349

Housing The Majority (Living Treasures: Singapore's Heritage Homes Series) / Josephine Chia Singapore, 2017 96p. 9789811152429 \$ 16.00 /PB http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334350

The Functional Shophouse (Living Treasures: Singapore's Heritage Homes Series) / Josephine Chia Singapore, 2017 96p. 9789811152405 \$ 16.00 /PB http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334351

The Charm Of Compound Houses (Living Treasures: Singapore's Heritage Homes Series) / Josephine Chia Singapore, 2017 96p. 9789811152399 \$ 16.00 /PB http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334352 The Beauty Of Black & White (Living Treasures: Singapore's Heritage Homes Series) / Josephine Chia Singapore, 2017 96p. 9789811152382 \$ 16.00 /PB http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334353

Art

Latiff Mohidin : Pago Pago (1960-1969) / Catherine David; Shabbir Hussain Mustafa; National Gallery Singapore, Singapore : National Gallery Singapore, 2018 216p. 9789811145179

1. Latiff Mohidin -- Exhibitions.

2. Latiff Mohidin.

3. Painting, Malaysian -- 20th century -- Exhibitions.

\$45.00 / HB

Latiff Mohidin's life work has been discussed extensively within national and, to some extent, regional frameworks, yet his contribution to global modernism remains understudied.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334354

The Yi-Lu collection of Vietnamese ceramics = Yī Lu cǎng yuè nán táo cí/ Dick Richards; T S Loh; Kerry Nguyen Long; Kenneth Loh Singapore : KenSoon Asiatic Art Pte Ltd, [2016] 219p.; 28cm. 9789811114243

1. Pottery, Vietnamese.

2. Porcelain, Vietnamese.

\$110.00 / HB

Vietnam has a long tradition of ceramic production. The works featured in this catalogue have been chosen to celebrate the artistic and technical achievements of the designers and potters who worked at northern Vietnamese production sites for more than two millennia. The works are presented in related groups, much as a private collector might display them. With a catalogue essay by Kerry Nguyen-Long.

Place. Labour.Capital. / (Eds) Ute Meta Bauer & Anca Rujoiu Singapore: NTU Centre for Contemporary Art Singapore, 2018 456p.

9789811138430

- 1. NTU Centre for Contemporary Art Singapore
- 2. Arts, Modern 21st century
- 3. Arts Singapore Exhibitions
- 4. Arts Research Singapore

US\$ 70.00 /HB

2410gm.

Place.Labour.Capital. connects cultural production and artistic research to broader political and social concerns engaging readers with contemporary debates in Southeast Asia and beyond. The title of the publication refers to the framework employed at NTU CCA Singapore in its first cycle of activities (2013-2016). Singapore, as the world's second largest trading port and the economic epicentre for the region of Southeast Asia, served as an important point of departure to examine the intersections between locality and the global world, labour and flows of capital. Place.Labour.Capital. serves equally as a rear-view mirror that enables an art institution to review the parameters of its own position in times of a globalised art world and knowledge-production economies. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334361

Colours of Impressionism : Masterpieces from the Musee d'Orsay / (Eds) Marine Kisiel & Paul Perrin Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2018 206p. 9789811145155 Art/Painting Impressionism (Art) - Exhibitions 1. Neo-impressionism (Art) - Exhibitions 2. Painting, Modern - 19th century - Exhibitions 3. Color in art - Exhibitions 4. Musee d'Orsay - Exhibitions. 5. \$40.00 / PB

1160gm.

One of the great innovations of the Impressionists was their radical use of colour: their application of strokes of complementary or contrasting hues captured the shifting effects of light and foregrounded the nature of vision. Using colour as the lens through which to magnify the movement's intricacies, this catalogue sweeps us from Manet's rich blacks, through green and blue landscapes of Monet and Cézanne, to the sensuous pinks of Renoir. Along this journey, scientific discoveries and emerging definitions of modernity are explored, illuminating the profound innovations of the Impressionists and the shifting preconceptions of their art.

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Writing the Modern : Selected Texts on Art & Art History in Singapore, Malaysia & Southeast Asia 1973-2015 / T.K. Sabapathy (Ed) Ahmad Mashadi (et al.) Singapore: Singapore Art Museum, 2018 428p. Includes Index 9789811157639 \$ 48.00 / PB

T.K. Sabapathy has been writing on the art of Southeast Asia for over four decades (1973-2015), as a critic, curator and art historian. This collection of his work, representing the scope and depth of Sabapathy's output, and highlighting his most important and influential writings, is also a survey of the vast changes in the landscape of art in the region over the period. This publication provides an opportunity for more focused (re)reading, review and renewed consideration of T.K. Sabapathy's rich body of work, to further fuel modern and contemporary art writing, research and exhibition-making.

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Comics & Graphic Novels

Coalition of the Savoury Spare Parts / Oh Yong Hwee & Koh Hong Teng (Ed) Lim Cheng Tju & Dave Chua Singapore: Cosh Studios, 2017 1v. 9789811145360 Comics of Singapore Histories \$ 12.00 / PB

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 edgling Hawkers' Party threatens its domination plan? http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=329666

Economics

This is What Inequality Looks Like : Essays / Teo You Yenn Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2018 288p.

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1. Equality - Singapore
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- 2. Income distribution Singapore
- 3. Poverty Singapore

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$ 22.00 / PB
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352gm.

What is poverty? What is inequality? How are they connected? How are they reproduced? How might they be overcome? Why should we try? This book - an ethnography of inequality - addresses these questions. Formed by a series of essays, they are written to be read individually, but have been arranged to be read as a totality and in sequence. Each aims to accomplish two things: first, to introduce a key aspect of the experience of being low-income in contemporary Singapore. Second, to illustrate how people's experiences are linked to structural conditions of inequality. The way we frame our questions shapes the way we see solutions. This book does what appears to be a no-brainer task, but one that is missing and important: it asks readers to pose questions in different ways, to shift the vantage point from which they view 'common sense,' and in so doing, to see themselves as part of problems and potential solutions. This is a book about how seeing poverty entails confronting inequality. It is about how acknowledging poverty and inequality leads to uncomfortable revelations about our society and ourselves. And it is about how once we see, we cannot, must not, unsee.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=333744

Resurgent Indonesia : From Crisis to Confidence / Vasuki Shastry Singapore: Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2018 226p. Includes Index 9789814747783 1. Indonesia - Politics and government - 1998 2. Indonesia - Economic conditions - 1997 3. Indonesia - Economic policy Indonesia - History - 1998 4. 5. Financial crisis - Indonesia 6 Financial crisis - Asia \$32.00 / PB

340gm.

In 1998, wracked by financial turmoil and political upheaval, Indonesia seemed like a country on the brink of collapse. Yet it has more than turned its fortunes around. Resurgent Indonesia - From Crisis to Confidence is the gripping inside account of Indonesia's steep decline after the Asian financial crisis and its improbable recovery and rise in the ensuing two decades.

Giving readers a unique insight into Indonesia's journey is former journalist Vasuki Shastry, who covered the tumultuous fall of Suharto for The Business Times and continued to work on matters related to Indonesia at the International Monetary Fund.

Blending first-rate journalism with in-depth research, Resurgent Indonesia charts the country's difficult journey from a failing state to a confident young democracy and a fast-growing economy. Today, Indonesia is a powerful global symbol of how globalisation and democracy are perfectly compatible in the world's largest Muslim nation. Indonesia's post-1998 leadership and the country's 260 million people have figured out the "secret sauce" of blending democracy, stability, globalisation, and modernity -- providing powerful lessons for the world that the book describes as 'Indonesia Rules'.

The Ownership Cycle : Success in Any Situation, Any Role, Anytime ... an Helping Others to Do the Same / Soh Jian Yi Singapore: Patridge Publishing, 2017 216p. 9781543741834 \$ 22.00 / PB 286gm.

Ownership drives fulfilment, true happiness and success. This book describes how to take ownership of your life and future, and help others around you to do the same.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334369

In China's Backyard : Policies and Politics of Chinese Resource Investments in Southeast Asia / (Ed) Jason Morris-Jung Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute), 2018 xvi, 332p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography 9789814786096

- 1. Energy industries Southeast Asia
- 2. Power resources Southeast Asia
- 3. Investments, Chinese Southeast Asia
- 4. Investments, Foreign Southeast Asia
- 5. Southeast Asia Foreign economic relations China
- 6. China Foreign economic relations Southeast Asia
- \$32.00 / PB
- 446gm.

"In this fascinating multi-disciplinary and multi-sited volume, the authors challenge reductionist and oversimplifying approaches to understanding China's engagement with Southeast Asia. Productively viewing these interactions through a 'resource lens', the editor has transcended disciplinary and area studies divides in order to assemble a dynamic and diverse group of scholars with extensive experience across Southeast Asia and in China, all while bringing together perspectives from resource economics, policy analysis, international relations, human geography, political ecology, history, sociology and anthropology." - Erik Harms, Department of Anthropology, Yale University

The scourge of poverty and proselytism : socio-economic and cultural challenges facing Buddhist communities in Asia : a case study of Sri Lanka Publisher: Singapore : Lotus Communication Network, 2017. 177p. 9789811127748 \$ 16.00 / PB

This book is based on a report commissioned by the Bangkok-based World Buddhist University that focused on the socio-economic and cultural challenges facing Buddhist communities in Asia with a case study of Sri Lanka. The research also looked at Buddhist social services that function with very little assistance from abroad, and why they are unable to counter the activities of Christian and Islamic evangelical groups who have huge financial resources from overseas to target Buddhists for conversions exploiting their poverty. The report's conclusions and recommendation includes an urgent need for a well coordinated international Buddhist charity - similar to the Catholic World Vision - to help empower these grassroots Buddhist communities; strict monitoring of NGO funding from overseas; need for a Community Harmony Bill (not an Anti-Conversion Bill); strict zoning laws to control 'illegal' construction of churches, mosques and temples; and concerted efforts by the Buddhists to convince other religious minorities that Sri Lanka's unique and rich Buddhist heritage belongs to all Sri Lankans http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334371

General

The Straits Time Quiz Yearbook : 365 Awesome Questions Singapore: Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2017 136p. 9789814747745 \$ 9.00 / PB 140gm.

In 2017, which supermarket filed a police report over rumours that its rice was made of plastic?

Which was the first country to shut down its FM radio network in favour of digital radio?

Who topped Forbes magazine's 2017 list of the world's billionaires? When will commuters in Singapore be able to travel on driverless public buses?

These questions and more lie in wait for quiz gameshow fans and news junkies in The Straits Times Quiz Yearbook. The handy travel-sized book lets readers test their knowledge of Singapore and the world with a year's worth of trivia straight from the headlines: 365 questions or a question a day.

The Straits Times Quiz Yearbook is inspired by The Big Quiz, an annual event for pre-university students of which The Straits Times Schools is one of the organisers. The devious multiple-choice questions are based on current affairs covered by the 300-strong The Straits Times newsroom, with a handy appendix of article references included.

From movie stars to the South China Sea, local authors to global sporting events, The Straits Times Quiz Yearbook is a grabbag of fun facts and trivia for readers of all ages and interests.

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Indian etiquette : a matter of course / Raelene Tan [Singapore] : Landmark Books, 2017. 68p.; ill. 19cm. 9789814189743 Etiquette. Table etiquette. East Indians -- Social life and customs. \$ 9.00 / PB http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334373

History

Robert Kuok : A Memoir / Andrew Tanzer Singapore: Landmark Books Pte Ltd., 2017 376p. ; 140 x 210mm ; 32 pages of plates 9789814189736 \$ 42.00 / HB 890gm.

Robert Kuok is one of the most highly respected businessmen in Asia. But this legendary Overseas Chinese entrepreneur, commodities trader, hotelier and property mogul has maintained a low profile and seldom shed light in public on his business empire or personal life. That is, until now. In these memoirs, the 94-year-old Kuok tells the remarkable story of how, starting in British Colonial Malaya, he built a multi-industry, multinational business group. In reflecting back on 75 years of conducting business, he offers management insights, discusses strategies and lessons learned, and relates his principles, philosophy, and moral code.

Kuok has lived through fascinating and often tumultuous times in Asia from British colonialism to Japanese military occupation to post-colonial Southeast Asia and the dramatic rise of Asian economies, including, more recently, China. From his front-row seat and as an active participant, this keen, multi-cultural observer tells nearly a century of Asian history through his life and times. Readers interested in business, management, history, politics, culture and sociology will all enjoy Robert Kuok's unique and remarkable story.

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World War II Singapore : The Chosabu Reports on Syonan / (Translated & Ed) Gregg Huff & Shinobu Majima Singapore: NUS Press, 2018 xxii, 580p. Includes Index ; Bibliography 9789814722629 \$ 50.00 / HB 1020gm.

During World War II, the Japanese government created a research bureau, the Chōsabu, to study occupied Singapore. The bureau's reports on Singapore's economy and society, reproduced here in translation, covered population and living standards, prices, wages, currency and inflation, rationing, labour usage, food production and supply, and industrialization. Syonan's military and civilian administrators drew on Chōsabu research in formulating social and economic policy. The research takes on added importance because the Japanese destroyed most records of their wartime administration. That leaves the Chōsabu reports as one of the few first-hand Japanese sources to have survived the war.

The translation allows a fuller understanding of the impact of the war and occupation than hitherto possible. Introductory chapters by the editors analyse the reports in light of wartime events in Singapore and Japanese occupation policies, and discuss the Chōsabu authors and their place in the history of Japanese economic thought.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=333831

Witness to War : Remembering 1942 / Priscilla Chua & Sarah Yip (Ed) Stephanie Yeo Singapore: National Museum of Singapore, 2017 63p. 9789811144073 \$ 16.00 / PB 168gm.

A special publication released by the National Museum of Singapore in conjunction with the Witness to War exhibition, this catalogue and compendium features key artefact highlights and 14 stories of ordinary men and women who braved the fall of Singapore in extraordinary ways. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=333102 The Singapore Ethnic Mosaic : Many Cultures, One People / (Ed) Mathew Matthews Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018 xlii, 462p. 9789813234734 \$ 32.00 / HB 870gm.

Far from being a melting pot, multi-racial Singapore prides itself on the richness of its ethnic communities and cultures. This volume provides an updated account of the heterogeneity within each of the main communities - the Chinese, Malay, Indian, Eurasian and Others. It also documents the ethnic cultures of these communities by discussing their histories, celebrations, cultural symbols, life cycle rituals, cultural icons and attempts to preserve culture. While chapters are written by scholars drawing insight from a variety of sources ranging from academic publications to discussions with community experts, it is written in an accessible way.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=253231

My Memoirs - S A Nathanji : My Unbelievable Journey with Indian Cinema / S A Nathanji (Eds) Jacqueline & Pamela Arumynathan Singapore: S A Nathanji International Pte Ltd., 2014 318p. 9781630681258 \$ 25.00 / HB 870gm.

"The book considers the contributors of the pioneers who toiled in early Tamil cinema. Nathan has also showcased the most successful movies, prominent stars, directors, music directors and others from every decade since the inception of Tamil cinema in 1916 up to 2013 ... The highlights of this book are based on Nathan's personal interaction with the artistes." http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334380

Singapore : Nation Building and Indian's Legacy / S A Nathanji Singapore: S A Nathanji International Pte Ltd., 2017 482p. 9789810940355 \$ 18.00 / HB 1210gm.

Indians have made great strides in all stratum of society in their chosen profession, sports, social, cultural, civic, charity, politics, education and others. They have in the process contributed significantly to the Singapore Society

In the absence of a single entity chronicling all the Indians' major contributions and achievements, the author felt it was an opportune time in history to bring out a book as we would be celebrating, in 2019, the modern founding of Singapore's 200 year.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=330427

Singapore Chronicles : Urban Planning / Heng Chye Kiang & Yeo Su-Jan (Eds) Arun Mahizhnan & Asad Latif

Singapore: IPS-Institute of Policy Studies & Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2017

112p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references 9789814747356

1. City planning - Singapore - History

2. Urban policy - Singapore - History

\$12.00 / PB

156gm.

Singapore is a modern and global island-state, internationally recognised as one of the most liveable cities in the world. Since its independence, Singapore's journey towards its present-day urban landscape has been characterised by the political will to tackle pressing priorities together with bold professional initiatives in land planning. This book examines the significant role that land planning plays in Singapore's physical transformation and economic development, while also exploring future challenges in the light of demographic changes, technological advances and environmental pressures. These complexities will require more flexible and innovative land use policies and strategies to shape Singapore in the next 50 years.

Singapore Chronicles : Finance / Ignatius Low (Eds) Arun Mahizhnan & Asad Latif

Singapore: IPS-Institute of Policy Studies & Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2017

100p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references 9789814747233

- 1. Finance Singapore
- 2. Finance Singapore History
- 3. Monetary policy Singapore

\$12.00 / PB

142gm.

Singapore is one of the premier financial centres in the world. It is one of the biggest markets for the trading of foreign exchange and financial derivatives, and home to hundreds of global financial institutions, from banks and insurers to oil traders and hedge fund managers. This book traces the development of Singapore's financial sector from its early supporting role in a thriving British colonial trading outpost to its rapid expansion after the nation's Independence in 1965. It is the story of how policymakers here managed to maintain a reputation for regulation and supervision of a high standard, and yet take risks to innovate boldly and seize global opportunities when they arose.

Singapore Chronicles : Flora and Fauna / Wilson Wong (Eds) Arun Mahizhnan & Asad Latif
Singapore: IPS-Institute of Policy Studies & Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2017
116p.
Includes Index ; Bibliographical references
9789814747332
Biodiversity - Singapore
Natural history - Singapore
\$ 12.00 / PB
160gm.

The term "flora and fauna" refers to the plants and animals found in a particular region. Singapore's primeval vegetation has changed vastly over the past 200 years due to a range of human activities. Yet, Singapore is rich in plant and animal life - as found in the various terrestrial, coastal and marine ecosystems. This book introduces some of the interesting and notable native plants and animals, in addition to highlighting the physical characteristics of each ecosystem and revealing the challenges that plants and animals need to overcome in order to survive. Readers will also get to know what Singapore has done to conserve its unique and precious natural heritage.

Singapore Chronicles : Sports / Godfrey Roberts (Eds) Arun Mahizhnan & Asad Latif

Singapore: IPS-Institute of Policy Studies & Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2017

96p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references 9789814747448

- 1. Sports Singapore
- 2. Sports Singapore History
- \$12.00 / PB

136gm.

In 2016, Singapore's long-awaited dream of winning an Olympic gold medal was realised when Joseph Schooling touched the wall first in the 100m butterfly event. This quest for sporting glory was a stark contrast to the earlier mindset of using sports to produce fit and productive workers for a nascent economy. This primer charts the development of sports in Singapore, from the colonial days when playing football, cricket and hockey was an amateur pastime to the current emphasis on professionalism and commercialism. But ultimately, sports are about the stories of the sportsmen and sportswomen whose passion, dedication, struggles and accomplishments move a nation.

Singapore Chronicles : Policing / Asad Latif (Eds) Arun Mahizhnan & Asad Latif

Singapore: IPS-Institute of Policy Studies & Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2017

104p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references 9789814747202

1. Criminal justice. Administration of - Singapore - History

- 2. National security Singapore
- \$12.00 / PB

146gm.

Singapore is simultaneously praised for its extraordinary safety and criticised for its draconian laws. This primer seeks to explain Singapore's achievements in creating a law-abiding society by making public peace and wellbeing as well as security of life, limb and property a centrepiece of the good life. To that end, tough laws exist against crimes that attract capital and corporal punishment, narcotics, corruption, commercial crime and cybercrime. This book also examines the role played by the prison system, internal security laws, and border security in the state's overall approach to preserving a peaceful and secure nation.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=333567

The Basket and the Rope : a Baby-boomer remembers Singapore's oldworld charm / Jane Chew Littleton, Colorado, USA: Tradelinks International, 2017 viii, 88p. 9780692935569 \$ 15.00 / PB 104gm. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=333669 Lee's Lieutenants : Singapore's Old Guard / Kevin Tan & Lam Peng Er Revised Edition

Singapore: Straits Times Press Pte Ltd., 2018

328p.

9789814747677

- 1. Lee, Kuan Yew, 123-2015
- 2. People's Association Party (Singapore) History
- 3. Political leadership Singapore
- 4. Politicians Singapore
- 5. Singapore Politics and government History

\$ 28.00 / PB

600gm.

Lee's Lieutenants: Singapore's Old Guard was a national non-fiction bestseller when it was first published in 1999. Now this seminal work is back in a Revised Edition, with a new Preface and Epilogue that sets the book in the context of the last nineteen years.

A classic in the historiography of the city-state, Lee's Lieutenants argues that a sovereign and successful Singapore was not built by a single great leader but by a magnificent team; each a leader in his own right.

Across eight meticulously-argued chapters, filled with vivid photographs that capture key historical moments, leading scholars examine

Singapore's first generation leaders - affectionately and reverentially referred to as the Old Guard.

This Revised Edition reflects on the passing of most of the Old Guard and its implications for the contested Singapore Story. It also tells the story behind the book: its genesis, its controversy, how it became a national bestseller and its subsequent 'mainstreaming' in the Singapore Narrative. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=330435

Marbles, mayhem and my typewriter : the unfadable life of an ordinary man/ Mano Sabnani

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, [2018]

240p.; 22cm.

9789814794282

- 1. Sabnani, Mano -- Childhood and youth.
- 2. Sabnani, Mano -- Family.
- 3. Journalists -- Singapore -- Biography.
- \$18.00 / PB

In a world where so many people believe that they cannot go far because they were not born gifted or with a silver spoon, Mano Sabnani's story provides profound inspiration - showing how an ordinary man can achieve extraordinary things by following a very simple and ethical set of principles. As a top journalist, banker and activist investor as well as intrepid traveller, Mano offers over six decades of unique experience and special insight into a myriad of topics and life itself. This humble man has also enjoyed a front-row seat to the transformation of Singapore since independence and some of the painful trade-offs that have been made as his tiny island nation achieved its phenomenal economic development and physical transformation.

http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334388

50 Years Of Engineering In Singapore /Cham Tao Soon (Ed.) Singapore : World Scientific, 2018 185p. 9789814632294 \$ 22.00 / PB

An underpinning force in Singapore's remarkable 50-year transformation into a sophisticated world-class city, engineering has contributed significantly to the nation's economic, infrastructural and social developments. A vibrant record of engineering excellence, this book traces the goliath challenges impeding the nation's growth over the past five decades, and the engineering innovations that brought about wealth creation, higher standards of living, and enhanced liveability. This compendium covers air and sea hub; manufacturing in the areas of electronics, precision engineering, chemical and pharmaceutical/biomedical engineering; housing/cities/infrastructure and land use (reclamation and underground); transportation (ERP system, MRT and LRT, roads and buses system); water management and engineering; energy (supply and maintenance); and telecommunications, ICT and software.

Chasing The Dragon Out: An Inspiring Story Of A Drug Addict's Altered Destiny by Jix Sze Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Intl., 2018 141p. 9789814794404 \$ 16.00 / PB

This book is an honest no-holds barred biography. Author Jix Sze starts by sharing about the teenage years of his delinquency; his drug addiction, the illegal activities and the life he lived as a heroin addict. His account of the events, experiences and harrowing moments also offer a glimpse of the activities, happenings and culture in 1970s Singapore. He goes on to talk about the defining moment that saved him from several years of heroin addiction, a delinquent life and averted plausible criminal conviction. The account of his life after addiction focuses on the transformation that brought about purpose and empowerment. This influenced and altered his destiny in his journey through life. The book also touches on his accomplishments and successes, and is filled with moments of inspiration and encouraging liners. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334394

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Law

Pro Bono in Singapore : The PBG Story Singapore: Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore, 2016 102p. 9789810987985 \$ 20.00 / PB 190gm.

This is a history of the National University of Singapore Law Faculty's Pro Bono Group. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=334396

Linguistics

Spiaking Singlish : a companion to how Singaporeans communicate / Li Sui Gwee Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, [2017] 208p.; 18cm. 9789814794183 English language -- Variation -- Singapore. English language -- Spoken English -- Singapore. \$ 20.00 / PB

Singlish is a punchy and witty patois used in Singapore. It mixes English with words, phrases, and syntaxes from the languages of different ethnic groups living in the country. Spiaking Singlish doesn't just describe Singlish elements; there are already several such references books. Rather, it aims to show how Singlish can be used in a confident and stylish way to communicate. Gwee Li Sui's collection of highly entertaining articles shares his observation of how Singlish has evolved over the decades.

Literature

Travails of a Trailing Spouse : A Novel / Stephanoe Suga Chen Singapore: Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2018 336p. 9789814747547 1. Immigrants - Singapore - Fiction 2. Americans - Singapore - Fiction 3. Singaporean fiction (English) \$ 16.00 / PB

322gm.

Travails of a Trailing Spouse by Stephanie Suga Chen, a US expatriate based in Singapore, is a work of fiction that opens with Sarah, a successful but unhappy lawyer in the US who one day gets to gleefully throw her resignation letter onto her senior partner's desk when her husband Jason, a neuroscientist, gets a job in Singapore. Sarah and Jason sav their farewells and, with their two children, fly off to a new country, a new condo, and a completely new life. The country? Easy to adapt to, with familiar food and brands (at jaw-dropping prices - \$15 for a bag of shredded mozzarella!) And life in the condo is like freshman year all over again, a dorm where neighbours pop by at any time to say hello, borrow a bike pump, or drink themselves silly any old night of the week. There's Carys, the teacher, and good-looking Ian; Ashley, who keeps her apartment freezingly air-conditioned round the clock, and Chad, her amiable New Zealander husband; Sara, who, like Sarah, is Asian-American, and John. The couples form a close-knit group and their evenings are soon filled with poolside barbecues, Trivia Nights, dinners, drinks and more drinks. But is it time to put the brakes on the hedonism when Jason and Chad are arrested after a pub brawl? Why, with an unbelievably fantastic lifestyle, is Sarah starting to feel listless? Why does John keep taking solo trips and when will Sara's brave front finally crack? Who's that woman with Ian in the lift? And what secret is Carys keeping from her friends? Not a simplistic, straightforward novel of onedimensional characters, Travails of a Trailing Spouse will strike a chord with anyone, expat or not, who has ever found life more complicated, puzzling, thrilling, frustrating - and, ultimately, deliciously rich - than could ever have been imagined.

SQ21: Singapore Queers in the 21st Century / Ng Yi-Sheng (Ed) Jason Wee & Ruth Tang Singapore: Math Paper Press (BookActually), 2017 190p. ; 200 x 125 mm. 9789811151095 \$ 17.00 / PB 198gm.

First published in 2006, the groundbreaking collection of coming out stories was the first affirming non-fiction volume accompanied by real names and faces. Written in light, clear prose, SQ21 shows an unabashed straightforward honesty and finds inspiration in the lives of these ordinary Singaporeans.

Though a bestseller that won acclaim as The Straits Times non-fiction book of that year, SQ21 remained out-of-print for nearly a decade. This new reprint comes updates with fresh material - a new interview by Ng Yi-Sheng, and a new foreword by the editor Jason Wee. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=330324

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The HDB Murders / Daren Goh Singapore: Math Paper Press (BookActually), 2017 292p. 9789811152900 \$ 16.00 / PB 286gm.

An unexplained crime wave has taken over Singapore. Minister Chew is trying his best to end it, but the country's stringent structure is preventing him from his mandate: stop people dying from falling off HDB flats1. As he digs deeper, he discovers what is happening, and has to make tough decisions for himself and the task force he leads. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=330325

The Last Immigrant : A Novel / Lau Siew Mei Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018 269p. 9789814785129 \$ 22.00 / PB

Ismael, a transplanted Singaporean, lives on a bucolic suburban Brisbane street. His job is to decide whether asylum-seekers get to stay in the country, a dilemma that never fails to remind him of his own immigrant status. But then his life begins to take on the hue of a nightmare: his neighbour inexplicably commits suicide, his wife dies of cancer, his daughter abandons him for the United States, and his Siamese cat goes missing. In Lau Siew Mei's new novel, an enclosed Australian neighbourhood becomes a microcosm of a world increasingly hostile towards migrants.

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Framing Asian Studies : Geopolitics and Insitutions / (Eds) Albert Tzeng, William L. Richter & Ekaterina Koldunova
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Papers originally presented at a Conference on Framing Asian Studies, Geopolitics, Institution and Network, held in Leiden, The Netherlands, 18-20 November 2013.

This book explores the interconnection between geopolitical context and the ways this context frames our knowledge about Asia, highlighting previously neglected cause-effect relations. It also examines how various knowledge institutions promote and shape Asian Studies. The authors seek to explain why Asian Studies and its subfields developed in the way they did, and what the implications of these transformations might be on intellectual and political understandings of Asia. The book not only builds on the current debates on the decolonization and de-imperialization of knowledge about Asia; it also proposes a more multifaceted view rather than just examining the impact of the West on the framing of Asian Studies.

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This book brings together chapters by Burmese and foreign experts, and contributions from community and political leaders, who discuss the meaning of citizenship in Myanmar/Burma. The book explores citizenship in relation to three broad categories: issues of identity and conflict; debates around concepts and practices of citizenship; and interand intra-community issues, including Buddhist-Muslim relations. This is the first volume to address these issues, understanding and resolving which will be central to Myanmar's continued transition away from violence and authoritarianism.

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Faith Of Our Father - The Discipleship Walk Of Peter Yap Huat Tuan / David L T Yap Singapore : Armour Publishing,2017 xvii, 137p.; ill. 22cm. 9789814789622

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This book provides a close-up view of Yap Huat Tuan Peter, a man who responded to the call of God and who walked as a disciple of Christ, as recounted by his five children. They fondly recall observing Pa's regular appointment with God and recount how the faith of their father was lived out, in his giving attention to the family, serving as a school teacher and ministering as led and enabled by the Lord. They know him as an ordinary man who walked each step fully reliant on the extraordinary God. His life and legacy continues today, evident in the lives of the people he mentioned and touched.

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Recent events have resulted in attention being increasingly drawn to the link between terrorism and religious belief, as both those responsible for terrorist acts and those who launch counter-terrorist actions justify what they do by appealing to religious teachings. Questions addressed include: What are the roots of violent human behaviour? Why does religious fundamentalism have violent potentials? What do the Bible and the Quran each say about religious violence? How should inter-religious dialogue be pursued, and what are appropriate ways for religious believers to commend their faith to those who do not share it? The nine essays in this multi-disciplinary volume focus on these urgent and difficult issues, drawing on insights from the fields of the social sciences, biblical studies, pastoral theology, inter-religious dialogue and public theology. http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=265627

Sociology

Chinese Ways of Being Muslim : Negotiating Ethnicity and Religiosity in Indonesia / Hew Wai Weng Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2018 xxvi, 306p. Includes Index ; Bibliography NIAS - Nordic Institute of Asian Studies - NIAS Monographs 140 9788776942113 \$ 28.00 / PB 480gm.

Many recent works on Muslim societies have pointed to the development of 'de-culturalization' and 'purification' of Islamic practices. Instead, by exploring architectural designs, preaching activities, cultural celebrations, social participations and everyday practices, this book describes and analyses the formation and contestation of Chinese Muslim cultural identities in today's Indonesia. Chinese Muslim leaders strategically promote their unique identities by rearticulating their histories and cultivating ties with Muslims in China. Yet, their intentional mixing of Chineseness and Islam does not reflect all aspects of the multilayered and multifaceted identities of ordinary Chinese Muslims - there is not a single 'Chinese way of being Muslim' in Indonesia. Moreover, the assertion of Chinese identity and Islamic religiosity does not necessarily imply racial segregation and religious exclusion, but can act against them. The study thus helps us to understand better the cultural politics of Muslim and Chinese identities in Indonesia, and gives insights into the possibilities and limitations of ethnic and religious cosmopolitanism in contemporary societies.

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