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Anthropology

Indo – Sri Lanka Relations : From pre-historic to pre-colonial times / Mahinda Soathilake (Senior Professor)
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd. 2017
192p. ; 22.4x14.5x1.8cm
Includes Bibliography
9789553081957
\$ 18.00 / HB
432gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335775>

Curses Found in Sinhalese and Tamil Inscriptions in Sri Lanka / T.G. Kulatunge
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publication, 2017
viii, 120p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789556653519
\$ 12.00/ PB
156gm.

This book is an examination of a collection of such curses found in inscriptions.it discusses the nature and origin and the religious and social connotations of such curse found in ancient inscriptions. This is the First time that a book has been published on this Subject.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335776>

Architecture

Geoffrey Manning Bawa : Decolonizing Architecture / Shanti Jayewardene
Colombo: The National Trust Sri Lanka, 2017

xxii, 235p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789550093120

\$ 75.00 / HB

1480gm.

This is a long-awaited book presenting the great range of the architectural works of Bawa from a Sri Lankan perspective. Architect and historian Shanti Jayawardene reveals her lifetime interest in Bawa's work, and gives us a detailed analysis of how he was a creative product of his time, yet also a European-trained professional who quietly yet powerfully resisted colonialist trends.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335777>

Art/Art History

Sri Lankan Painting in the 20th Century / Senake Bandaranayake & Albert Dharmasiri

Second Edition

Colombo: The National Trust Sri Lanka, 2016

208p.

9789550093021?

\$ 75.00 / HB

1250gm.

This book is an overview of Sri Lankan painting in the 20th century. Its principle purpose is to present an image or transect of painterly activity in the past century. The spectrum of Painterly activity in the 20th century reflects in its own unique way the articulation of tradition and modernization in Sri Lanka society through that century.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335778>

Re-discovering Paradise : Painting Paradise in the Age of Conflict: A Case Study of Sri Lanka / Priyantha Udagedara

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017

xvi, 82p.

Includes Bibliography

97895531409781

\$ 22.00 / PB

246gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335780>

Cooking

Jaffna Vegetarian Cooking / N. Maheswari Devi

Colombo: N. Maheswari Devi, 2017

276p.

9789810970291

\$ 39.95 / PB

576gm.

More than just a collection of recipes, this book represents the food heritage of Jaffna, and preserves it for future generations. For the non-native reader, may it spark a passion for the cuisine of Jaffna. Some recipes in this book are marked as favourites of family members and friends, and these markers add a personal touch. As always, the preparation of food never fails to bond family, friends and the community together.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335782>

Tasty 'n Easy Sri Lankan Recipes / Beta Rajapaksha

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publication, 2017

xv, 177p. ;

9789556653564

\$ 22.00 / PB

316gm.

This book is the next best thing to a home-stay cookery course with Beeta Rajapaksha !Learn to achieve the authentic taste of traditional Sri Lankan dishes whilst using time-saving methods.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335783>

Amma's Cuisine : Traditional Sri Lankan & International Recipes and Island
Wedding Story / Lilanie Kadirgamar Geiger
Washington DC, USA: Pizana Group LLC, 2015
9780996608916
\$ 65.00 / PB
600gm.

This Cookbook is a Special Dedication to my mother Vasanthica, who developed into a unique and talented cook as she embraced the flavors of the Western World with the flavors of the Eastern World. The intent of this cookbook is for a global audience. It gives insights into the Sri Lankan culture and cuisine, as well as various flavors of American and International foods. Some of the recipes included in this cookbook come from her friends, as exchanging recipes played an important part in her life and some have come to me from my sister Ramani and my friends. It is more than a cookbook as it includes a story of an "Island Wedding". The pictures presented in this cookbook are of my parents' wedding day. It will illustrate a story of their wedding on the island of Kayts, off the Jaffna Peninsula in Sri Lanka.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335786>

Ecology/Environment Studies

Sanctuary : A Photographic Tribute to Sri Lanka's Enchanting Wilderness /
Isuru Gunasekera & Somanath Fernando (Ed) Anura Gunasekera
Colombo: Isuru Gunasekera & Somanath Fernando
280p.
9789553845306
\$ 120.00 / HB
2440gm.

A photographic tribute to Sri Lanka's enchanting wilderness by talented wildlife photographers Isuru Gunasekera and Somanath Fernando. The choice of name is linked to its original meaning denoting a sacred place of safety and holiness which must be treated with respect and devotion. This comes with the belief that all living things within these retreats, both protected and unguarded, must be offered the immunity to function as partners of a natural ecosystem. It is hoped through Sanctuary to convey the importance of protecting all the unguarded enclaves where many endemic species live.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335789>

An Atlas of Commonly used Pesticides in Sri Lanka / D Rathish & Channa
Jayasumana
Colombo: Samudra Book Publications, 2017
viii, 168p.
Includes Index
9789556805376
\$ 15.00 / PB
330gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335790>

Birds of Sri Lanka : An Illustrated Guide / Sarath Kotagama & Gamini Ratnavira
Colombo: Field Ornithology Group of Sri Lanka, 2017
ix, 541p. ;
Includes Index
9789558576434

- Birds - Sri Lanka
- Birds - Sri Lanka - Identification
- Birds - Sri Lanka - Pictorial works
- Birds - Sri Lanka - Classification

\$ 65.00 / HB
1500gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335791>

Economics/Development Studies

Policy Issues and Development / Herath Madana Bandara
Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2015
xx, 472p. ; 21cm.
9789556584134

1. Economic policy – Sri Lanka
2. Economic conditions – Sri Lanka

\$ 30.00 / PB
530gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335794>

Geography in Development : Issues and Perspective / S.L. Tilakasiri
Panipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
xviii, 494p.
9789556584462
\$ 25.00 / PB
548gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335795>

Tough Journey Great Destination : Nurturing Professionals and Building Leaders / Ronnie Peiris
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
102p.
9789553110145
\$ 15.00 / HB
324gm.

The book demystifies the art of Leadership and Management to simple and practical actions and spells the factors critical to the success of individuals aspiring to be respected professionals and effective leaders.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335798>

Tax Policing in Sri Lanka : Economy Perspectives / (Ed) Saman Kelegama
Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, 2017
300p. ; 28cm.
9789557397016

1. Fiscal Policy – Sri Lanka
2. Taxation – Sri Lanka

\$ 30.00 / PB
590gm.

In recent years, Sri Lanka's tax Revenue as a percentage of GDP has been declining against the increase in per capita income of the country; revenue ratio has averaged around 13 per cent far below the average of developing countries, which is generally close to 20 per cent. What are the factors behind the decline in tax revenue? Is the Tax regime characterized by low elasticity and buoyancy?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335800>

Better Schools for Better O-Level Results in Sri Lanka / Ashani Abayasekara & Nisha Arunatilake
Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, 2017
40p. ; 18cm.
9789557397054

Human Resources Development Series No. 06, November 2017

1. Education – Sri Lanka
2. Education – Sri Lanka – Economic aspects.

\$ 12.00 / PB
150gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335802>

History / Memoirs

Tradition Adapts to Modernity : A Personal Narrative / Nanda Pethiyagoda

Wanasundera

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd. 2018

xvi, 204p.

9789553086228

\$ 20.00 / HB

476gm.

NPW's volume is a fascinating story of Kandyan culture and society. It is a personal story, and not a scholarly work. She draws from many sources and especially from her family and individual experience, and distilling from those, she narrates an intriguing story of a changing Kandyan culture, largely based on her traditional village of Boyagama. It is delightful to peep into a lost world in a distant Kandyan village. Sixty years ago, the Economics faculty of the University at Peradeniya undertook research in a Kandyan village and came up with a study called the "Disintegrating Village". That was done by outsiders and NPW's study is based on her own experience. NPW's volume is divided into three parts – the first part dealing with her life in Boyagama, the second part addressing cultural aspects of life like food, arts and crafts and architecture, and always with a personal touch, and the third part dealing with several general issues – history of the Kandyan Kingdom, Kandyan identity, marriage and divorce, the caste system and land and cultivation. Many beautiful photographs and pictures adorn the pages of this volume. NPW is a well-known journalist writing her own weekly column, and she has been much more in her past. A teacher, librarian, novelist, social critic, she has written other books, and many and varied issues and subjects are grist to her mill and the object of her learned and learning curiosity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335803>

Emerging from the Backwoods : Autobiography of a Farmer's Son / Thosapala Hewage

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2018

298p.

9789553110640

\$ 16.00 / PB

336gm.

This book relate memories of a senior bureaucrat born to a rural peasant family and moved up along with his academic and professional career progressively, sometimes unintentionally, but steadily. Some of the major milestones in his life were exceptionally unusual.

Thosapala Hewage, born as a farmer's son in Kalawana with ten children in the family, had to face many a hardship not only in education but also in day to day life. He walked to school barefoot. However, he never gave up because he believed in hard work and commitment. Thanks to the free education system in the country, he was able to enter the University of Ceylon, Peradeniya for his undergraduate studies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335804>

Ruminations : Collected Writings of Men and Matters / Mervyn Fernando, Subodhi Institute

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd, 2018

400p.

9789553085177

\$ 20.00 / HB

752gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335806>

Kathirkamam / Dr. Vimala Krishnapillai
Sri Lanka: Thiruvadi Trust of Sivayogarswami, 2017
xxxii, 224p.

Includes Bibliography

9789557408002

\$ 18.00 / PB

336gm

Kathirkamam is an ancient and popular spot located in Sri Lanka. Mystical and miraculous happenings are common occurrences there. Spiritual Beings, Yogis and Sages from the Himalayan foothills, devotees and earnest seekers from far off countries are irresistibly drawn to this sacred spot. A growing interest has reawakened to rediscover its captivating divine power. Where lays its irresistible pull? This book opens a window to its genesis, prehistory and history A holistic perspective, anthropological, historical, psychological and religious has been corroborated here to portray its heritage.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335807>

The world first postage stamps issued in philatelic history / Dulshan Ellawela
Colombo: Dulshan Ellawela, 2017

22p.

\$ 5.00 / PB

60gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335808>

Great Royal Artificer of the Kandyan Kingdom : Devendra Mulachari / D. D. M.
Waidyasekera

Panipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2016

134p. ; 18cm.

Includes Index

9789556584240

\$ 15.00 / PB

202gm.

This book is a historical research study of the life and work of one of its brilliant artificers and designers Devendra Mulachari who contributed to the designing and construction of a number of prominent monuments in the Kandyan Kingdom. His achievements include the picturesque 'Pattiripuwwa' of The Dalada Maligawa, The 'Cloud Wall', 'Kirimuhuda' of Kandy Lake, 'Magul Maduwa', or Audience Hall apart from a number of Vihares, Maduwas, Carvings etc. that dotted the Kandyan Kingdom. He lived and worked under three kings, Kirthi Sri Rajasinghe (1747-1782), Rajaadhi Rajasinghe (1782-1798) and Sri Wickrema Rajasinghe (1798-1815).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335809>

Recollections of Indiscipline (misconduct) of the Undergraduates of Sri Lanka Universities : Their Right of Protest (strike action) : Responses from the University authorities and impacts on Campus Peace. / Prof. (Dr.) B. L. Panditharatna

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt). Ltd., 2017

xv, 144p.

9789553083463

\$ 12.00 / PB

200gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335811>

Ellawela's Ceylon/Sri Lanka Stamp Catalogue, Volume 1 : Pre-independent period (1857 - 1948) / Dulshan Ellawela

Colombo: Dulshan Ellawela, 2017

iii, 42p.

9789554382411

\$ 35.00/ PB

304gm.

This is the First Ever Stamp catalogue published in Sri Lanka with correct colour variations, specimen stamps and Gutter Pairs, This book contains stamps from the Queen Victoria era 1857 to King George VI 1948.

Also this book contains some important stamps not yet been identified and categories in a catalogue published to-date. Furthermore it contains very rear SPECIMEN stamps and Ceylon Gutter pairs for the first time publish in a catalogue.

This historical 56 page book is comprise with 635 Ceylon stamps from Sri Lanka/Ceylon 1st postage stamp which is issued in 1857, to Inauguration of new constitution stamp set which is issued in 24th November 1947.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335814>

Untold Tales of the Kings of Sri Lanka : King Devanampiyatissa / Kumudini Dias
Haputhandri (Translated) Lakshmi Perera
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
24p.
9789553107886
\$ 5.00 / PB
26gm.

Tissa, later Devanampiya Tissa was one of the earliest kings of Sri Lanka based at the ancient capital of Anuradhapura from 307 BC to 267 BC. His reign was notable for the arrival of Buddhism in Sri Lanka under the aegis of the Mauryan Emperor Ashoka. The primary source for his reign is the Mahavamsa, which in turn is based on the more ancient Dipavamsa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335815>

Untold Tales of the Kings of Sri Lanka : King Dutugemunu / Kumudini Dias
Haputhandri (Translated) Lakshmi Perera
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
34p.
9789553107893
\$ 5.00 / PB
26gm.

Dutugemunu also known as Dutthagamani Abhaya "fearless Gamini" was a Sinhalese king of Sri Lanka who reigned from 161 BC to 137 BC. He is renowned for defeating and overthrowing Ellalan, the usurping Tamil prince from the Chola Kingdom, who had invaded the Kingdom of Rajarata in 205 BC.

Dutugemunu also expanded and beautified the city of Anuradhapura and projected the power of his native Rajarata region across the island of Sri Lanka. Due to his significance as one of the most potent symbols of Sinhalese historical power, Dutugemunu's story is swathed in myth and legend. However, many aspects of the accounts of his life have been verified by contemporary inscriptions, and the basic account of his life is generally accepted as accurate.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335816>

Untold Tales of the Kings of Sri Lanka : King Dathusena / Kumudini Dias
Haputhandri (Translated) Lakshmi Perera
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
34p.
9789553108418
\$ 5.00 / PB
26gm.

Dhatusena was a king of Sri Lanka who ruled from 455 to 473. He was the first king of the Moriyan dynasty of Sri Lanka. In some records, he is also identified as Dasenkeli. Dhatusena reunited the country under his rule after twenty six years, defeating the South Indian invaders that were ruling the country at that time. Dhatusena made eighteen irrigation tanks, a large irrigation canal known as Yodha Ela, and the Avukana statue, a large statue of Lord Buddha.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335818>

Heritage Lanka / Neil Kiriella
Nugegoda: Nanila Publication (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
x, 346p. ; ill.(some col.);29 cm.
9789554850392

- Heritage -- Sri Lanka
- Sri Lankan -- Heritage
- Ancient kingdoms -- Sri Lanka
- Medical heritage -- Sri Lanka
- UNESCO -- Heritage sites -- Sri Lanka
- Handicrafts -- Sri Lanka
- Dances -- Sri Lanka
- Religious festivals -- Sri Lanka
- Endemic birds -- Sri Lanka
- National parks and sanctuaries -- Sri Lanka

\$ 50.00 / HB

1540gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335821>

Law

Sri Lanka : State of Human Rights 2017 (This report covers the period of January to December 2016)

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2017

xxiv, 320p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789551302771

\$ 30.00 / PB

450gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335822>

Acts of Sri Lanka 2017 : Medical (Amendment Act, No. 1 of 2017)

(Supplement to Part II of the Gazette of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka of February 23, 2017)

Colombo: Government Publication Bureau, 2017

1v.

\$ 110.00/ HB

796gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335824>

LST Review, Vol. 28, Issue 344, Dec. 2017 : Law Reform / Anushka Wijesinha (et al.)

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2017

60p.

\$ 10.00/ PB

162gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335825>

LST Review, Vol. 28, Issue 343, June 2017 : The Law, Society and the Legal Profession / Judge C.G. Weeramantry (et al.)

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2017

36p.

\$ 10.00 / PB

110gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335826>

The Evolution of Constitutional Governance in Sri Lanka, Revised Second Edition / Lakshman Marasinghe
Revised Second Edition
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publication, 2018
xl, 784p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789556653595
\$ 50.00 / HB
1130gm.

In this landmark book, Lakshman Marasinghe traces the evolution of constitutional governance in Ceylon/ Sri Lanka from the Colebrooke-Cameron Reforms, Through the Cree-Maccaullum Reforms, The Temporary Constitution, The Manning Reforms, The Donoughmore Reforms, Soulbury Reforms, The 1972 Constitution and into and including the 1978 Constitution.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335828>

Literature

Tamarind Sky / Thelma Wheatly
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2017
x, 462p. ;
9789556653472
\$ 18.00 / PB
534gm.

The fascinating story revolves around the saga of a British tea planter and his family who lived in the pre independence era of Ceylon and the political drama which unfolds soon after independence.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335829>

Channels, Volume 23 : Journal of the English Writers Cooperative of Sri Lanka / (Ed) Gnana Moonesinghe
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
112p.
9789553110428
\$ 10.00 / PB
100gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335830>

The life of the Poet / Jean Arasanayagam
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
122p.
9789553110756
\$ 10.00 / PB
150gm.

The Life of the poet, is it different to the lives of the ordinary anonymous person we pass the time of the day with, who jostles us on crowded streets or elbows us out in that hurried passage to reach the winning post to place the laurel wreaths upon their brows.

No, the true poet is never the victor, never seeks the cheers of vociferous voices or the applause of surging crowds drowning the voice of spontaneous utterance.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335832>

The Whinging Pome : To the Point / Paul Topping
Sri Lanka: R. Parker Publishing (LT Productions (Pvt) Ltd.), 2017
168p.
9789553664006
\$ 25.00 / HB
546gm.

In this collection of short stories reflective of a life spent taking the road less travelled, The whinging Pome is finally unleashed in this, his debut novel. For those who enjoy tales of places and people, from all walks of life and in no particular order, the whinging Pome to the point is your brutally honest guide to traveling, told through terrible but definitely British humour, by a man constantly on the move.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335835>

Ravanayana : Saga of Lanka / Mario Perera
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt). Ltd., 2017
184p.
9789553084606
\$ 15.00 / PB
500gm.

The Ravanayana is a retelling of the famous Indian epic the Ramayana. Written by Valmiki, especially, for the North Indians of his time, the Ramayana glorifies their hero Rama, believed to be the incarnation of Vishnu, the second person of the Hindu Trinity. As in all epics, the story also has a villain of the piece. In Valmiki's narrative, that villain is Ravana, dubbed the demon king of Lanka. Now, over whom can a demon king rule but over demons!

Ravanayana: Saga of Lanka is a unique piece of literature written by a very erudite writer who has imbibed from profound academic and religious sources of the world. Ravanayana highlights the glory of a nation whose antiquity and history are second to no other, whose civilization and achievements emerged from an incomparable religious teaching of a very distant origin—a teaching whose unique repository it is, and whose glory it has radiated far and wide across the globe. Ravanayana: Saga of Lanka, is all about the fabulous Ravana of glorious Lanka.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335836>

When a Cloud Left the Sky / Aditha Dissanayake
Colombo: M.D. Gunasena & Co. (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
280p.
9789552127045
\$ 15.00 / PB
284gm.

Thematically and characteristically, the novel is a sonata caging varied dimensions of falling in love, and generally, between six duos of middle class individuals; and further with a few other similar humanistic layers as well. Of the latter, primarily the illumination that all humans have the same colour of blood though they are of, different ethnicity, creed and breed, or whatever they are, morally they must be considered alike and dignify societally equal. This aspect is mainly portrayed in the novel through two characters of social eminence. One, a highly profiled professor Kanishke Yatawara researching and writing on the ethnic problem, and the other, Lieutenant Abhaya Devapriya, a naval officer sacrificing his time and soul for the promotion of its existence via his own deeds performed secretly, and on convictions he is embraced with like a sage.

It's a novel of dynamic imaginations, sentient but reflective characters impregnated with full of flesh and blood, sensuous psychic feelings of love, and their reversals of sensitivity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335834>

The Last Apple : A Science Fiction / Professor P.A. de Silva
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt). Ltd., 2017
208p.
9789553082169
\$ 18.00 / PB
390gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335833>

The Voice of the Turtle Dove / Jean Arasanayagam
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt). Ltd., 2017
97p.
9789553084224
\$ 12.00 / HB
264gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335831>

Stories / Charulatha Abeysekera Thewarathanthri
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
xiv, 250p.
97895531409231
\$ 16.00 / HB
430gm.

Winner of the Gratiaen prize 2016, 'Stories' is the Second novel of Charulatha. Her maiden attempt 'Autumn Leaves'. Was short listed for the Gratiaen Prize 2011.

Stories speaks to us through extraordinary happenings, flashes of magic, moments of nostalgia, repositories of memory and conversations with People and mythical Creatures.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335827>

The Square Circle / Sarath Jayasena
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
410p. ; 21cm.
9789553108654
1. English fiction
\$ 16.00 / PB
462gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335823>

Fortress / Gunasekera Gunasoma
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2016
204p.
9789553107220
\$ 15.00 / PB
236gm.

The writer fictionalizes an account of two families and their elderly guardian who live in a Village in the east constantly being harried by separatist war.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335820>

The Lotus Heart : Tales for your soul / Sachitra Mahendra

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt). Ltd., 2017

208p.

9789553084163

\$ 10.00/ PB

362gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335819>

Rawana the Great / Tennyson Perera; (Translated) Vijita Fernando

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017

200p.

978955313110534

\$ 12.00 / PB

238gm.

Winner of Fairway National Literary Awards 2016 Best Sinhala Novel

A concept of Super Human Relationship shone in a myth developed unto a Main Historical Narrative is now being misinterpreted and exaggerated into a certain belief b some people for the purpose of inculcating an idea to build a Super Human Race by accepting that concept as a truth.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335817>

Driftwood : An Anthology of Poems / Dilantha Gunawardana

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017

166p.

9789553110350

\$ 12.00 / PB

190gm.

This is poet Dilantha's second anthology of poems; His first collection of poems –(Kite Dreams/ Sarasavi) was also shortlisted for National Literary Awards too.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335813>

Samukka : A Novel / Jayani C. Pinnawale (Translated) Edmund Jayasuriya
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017
264p.
9789553109637
\$ 10.00 / PB
304gm.

(The translation of Sinhala novel "samukka")
'Samukka' depicts A Journey of a youth named wickrama, who abandoned his inherited luxury life, to tread on an unconventional path, he longed for... The author tries to bring before the readers a new view point on life, something fresh and provoking.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335812>

Names and Numbers : Stories / Chiranthi Rajapakse
Puttalam: Perera-Hussein Publishing House, 2017
112p.
9789558897294
\$ 12.00 / PB
104gm.

Enter a realm of occupational angst, parental abandonment and working class mentality...

Chiranthi Rajapakse gives us a fine collection of short stories with an unforgettable cast of small city characters who cope with life in a fast changing environment. Insightful and original, these stories offset relentless progress against guilty introspection. Her measured prose is subtle and sober, evocative of the yearnings of a country in flux.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335810>

Official Publications

Annual Survey of Industries 2015 : Final Report [Sri Lanka]
Battaramulla: Dept of Census & Statistics, Ministry of National Policies and Economic, Affairs, 2017
xiv, 150p.
9789557020518
\$ 40.00/ PB
454gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=335805>

Politics

Politics Sans Policies and Principles & Other Essays : A Collection of Selected Writings (2011-2015) / Charitha Ratwatte (Ed) K.A.N. Perera

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2017

288p.

9789553109804

\$ 18.00 / PB

328gm.

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The book starts with a series of essays on politics, in which Ratwatte analyses the concept of democracy in some detail. It is hard to argue with his conclusion, which is repeated in relation to several different contexts, that democracy is only viable subject to a series of checks and balances. He stresses the importance of the rule of law and avoidance of nepotism, again views which are difficult to dispute. The range of examples and evidence from around the world to support his reasonable conclusions in this area is impressive.

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Religion – Christianity

Memorials of James Chapman, D.D. : First Bishop of Colombo with a Prefatory Letter from the RT. Rev. Richard Durnford, Lord Bishop of Chichester / The Warden, St. Thomas' College, Mount Livinia
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2018
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The yellow flower of the Suriya tree, depicted on the cover, was adopted by early leftists in Sri Lanka to raise money for pressing local needs, which they left should have priority over poppy day collections introduced by the colonial power. Opposition to the caste system was spearheaded by the left movement, and the funds were used to educate a girl from the Rodi caste. This group was not merely the lowest in the Sinhala hierarchy, but was also regarded as something totally apart, to be shunned by the society. The leftists' intervention was frontal attack on the mindset that the Rodi were affected by some inborn characteristic that was immutable, making them forever 'outcasts'. The child, Kamala Ratnaveli, who lived in the home of Dr. S. A. and Doreen Wickramasinghe, was sent to English-Medium schools, and later qualified as a nurse and went to Britain. She worked in British hospitals, and stayed on, marrying a West Indian. In Later life she revisited Sri Lanka with Her daughter Melanie who developed a close attachment tp her mother's homeland. This Monograph by Kumari Jayawadena who knew Kamala, places her life in the context of the struggle against caste prejudice.

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Impact of Intimate Relationships on Livelihood Activities of Women Affected by War in Northern Sri Lanka / Iresha M. Lakshman

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Empowerment of women in areas adversely affected by several decades of internal conflict in Sri Lanka has paid considerable attention to economic and social aspects. Aid programmes continue to focus on providing financial capital to women and promoting gender equality by way of improved access to education and livelihoods. However, women affected by war are not only troubled by the unavailability of livelihood opportunities but also by their broken-down social networks, which form an integral part of their social capital. War has had several forms of negative impacts on marriage, resulting in widowhood, divorce, or abusive relationships. Breaking down of spousal relationships or being married to abusive husbands has played a crucial role in retarding these women's capacity for livelihood activities. Being married to an abusive husband seem to have had a far more debilitating impact on women's livelihood capacities than not having access to financial capital. Empowerment of these widowed and/or abused women demands psychological interventions simultaneously with financial and social intervention.

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Women living in the northern and eastern provinces became a driving force of the socio-economic development of the country after the termination of three decades of armed conflict. A huge network of women's groups such as NGOs, associations, and the CBOs at the grassroots level played a crucial role in providing livelihood and empowerment initiatives.

State and non-state actors use socio-economic development as an entry point for empowerment and reconciliation. Since 2009, women have participated in income-generating activities that contributed to building their socio-economic empowerment, which in turn is paving the way for the sustainable development of the country.

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The increase in female-headed households is one of the most significant post-war realities in Sri Lanka. In Northern Sri Lanka, many women are left in a fragile balance between being primary earners while also being the main caregivers within families. This has had wider implications for Sri Lanka's overall economic development where women remain on the outskirts of the country's development and many struggle to come out of poverty.

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