

## Recent Books from Thailand – April 2019

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### **Anthropology**

Dancing For The Gods, Volume 2 : The Endangered Spirit Lineage of Nora Dance in Southern Thailand / Marlane Guelden  
Bangkok: White Lotus Co. Ltd, 2018  
xvi, 408p. ; ill. ; 150x205mm.  
Includes Index  
9789748434094  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
550gm.

Dancing for The Gods, Volume 2: The Endangered Spirit Lineage of Nora Dance in Southern Thailand tells the back story of a centuries-old Nora (Manora) lineage, famous in the South for its spirit possession and loud, colorful dance-drama. It is considered the basis of ancient Thai classical dance. Using never before translated Thai sources, Dr. Marlane Gurlden does a deep dive into history, rituals, Buddhism, spirit mediums, and gender to investigate the staying power of this tenacious religious community and answer the question: "Why has it survived?"  
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Bobogyi : A Burmese Spiritual Figure / Benedicte Brac de la Perriere & Cristophe Munier-Gaillard (Photographer) (Preface) Donald M. Stadtner  
Bangkok: River Books Co. Ltd., 2019

80p. ; illustration & 2 maps.

Includes Index

9786164510272

\$ 29.95 / HB

435gm.

Bobogyi – A Burmese Spiritual Figure is the first book dedicated to this outstanding spirit figure of contemporary Burma/Myanmar Buddhism. From ethereal tree spirits to established pagoda guardians, the book examines various trajectories of this ubiquitous figure. In Yangon particularly, bobogyi have been main actors of the city's Buddhist landscape through their prominent role in the Shwedagon pagoda founding legend from which so many local Buddhicisation tales have branched out. Bobogyi's growing presence since the 1990's has closely followed the recent expansion of urban establishments. Tis book also documents the daily changes experienced during a year by the Golden Valley's Bobogyi, fostered by multiple encounters that facilitate the spiritual figure's emergence from his urban surroundings and establish his presence.

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## **Cookbooks**

The Most Popular Thai Food / Srisamorn Kongpun

Bangkok: Asia Books Co., Ltd., 2018

254p.

9786168086025

\$ 20.00 / PB

442gm.

This unique and practical Thai cookbook offers you a varied selection of favorite Thai home-cooked recipes. While some dishes are easy to cook, some are more challenging. However, in Thai culture, cooking is an enjoyable activity joined by the whole family. This makes difficult things become easy.

Thai food is one of the healthiest cuisines because it contains no food additive. The flavorful taste comes from spices and herbs; for example, hotness from chili, sourness from lime and tamarind paste, saltiness from salt and fish sauce, and sweetness from sugar and coconut milk. The proportionally mixed components combined with appropriate cooking methods can result in nutritious dishes with medicinal benefits, as well as wonderful taste.

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## **Economics/Development Studies**

Cross-Border Production of Watermelon in Northwestern Laos / Shion

Fujita (Series Ed) Chayan Vaddhanaphuti

Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai University Press, 2019

xiv, 144p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786163983800

Critical Perspectives on Regional Intergration Series No.15 – Laos in Transition

1. Watermelons.

\$ 30.00 / PB

265gm.

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The Feminization of Modernity: A Case Study of Women Migrant Workers in a Lao Garment Factory / Latdavone Khamphouvong (Series Ed) Chayan Vaddhanaphuti

Chiang Mai: Chiang Mai University Press, 2019

xiv,144p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786163983879

Critical Perspectives on Regional Intergration Series No.13 – Laos in Transition

1. Women – Employment – Laos

2. Women employees – Laos

3. Migrant labor – Laos

\$ 30.00 / PB

260gm.

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Dhanin Chearavanont : Roots and Vision : How an Asian Family Business Transformed into a Global Powerhouse / William C. Kirby, William Mellor & Hiroshi Murayama

Bangkok: Truelife Publishing, 2018

176p.

9786169308904

\$ 35.00 / PB

390gm.

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## General

Settling in Thailand: An Expat Guide / Richard McCully & Stephen Saad

Bangkok: Arun Press, 2018

282p.

9781999674311

\$ 39.95 / PB

395gm.

(Based on a Combined 150 Years' Experience of living in Thailand)  
Planning your new life in Thailand isn't easy. There are many hurdles to jump and potential frustrations galore. From practicalities through to cultural issues, from finances to fitting in and making friends, there is so much to learn. Luckily, you will find all the basics explained in this book. Settling in Thailand takes a broad, insightful and balanced approach - neither too cynical nor evangelical, this book sets a precedent in terms of presenting a positive but realistic and non-judgemental description of Thailand life for foreign residents.

Written by two British expats in Thailand, and with interviews with another 13 expats from around the world, you will get first-hand experience, advice and explanations of expat life in Thailand. With a combined 150 years of Thai experience this book is the ultimate guide to making sure your move and settling in Thailand goes smoothly.

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## **History**

Siamese in Malaysia : Beyond Sixty Years of Heritage / Mala Rajo Sathian & Rosenun Chesof

Bangkok: Social Sciences and Humanities Textbooks Foundation, 2018

156p.

9786167202945

\$ 45.00 / PB

420gm.

The presence of the Siamese people or orang Siam in the northern states of Malaysia is not recent. They have been part of the northern Malay Peninsula region since the time when the Kings of Siam had relations with the northern Malay states of Saiburi (Kedah, incorporating Perlis and Pinang), Kelantan and Terengganu. Their long journey, mostly from the southern part of Siam to North Malaya, in search of land and jobs took place over a few waves of migration between the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Thereafter, many of the Siamese migrants settled in the northern states and continued their lives as orang Siam Malaya/Malaysia. They practiced their Siamese culture, language and religion. The Thai wat was an integral part of the culture of the Siamese in Malaysia.

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Slices of Thai History: From the Curious and Controversial to the Heroic and Hardy / Duncan Stearn

Bangkok: Proglan Trading Co. Ltd., 2019

180p. ; illus. ; 150x215mm.

Includes Index ; Select Bibliography

9786164560147

\$ 29.95 / PB

240gm.

In Slices of Thai History there are 35 stand-alone stories covering a range of historical moments from the early nineteenth century and through to the end of the twentieth century. Each is designed to give a perspective of events in Thailand at what might be termed a 'snapshot in time'. Did King Mongkut really offer US President Abraham Lincoln elephants to help fight the Civil War? Where and when did the Pacific Theatre of the Second World War start? Why did King Vajiravudh change the Thai flag in 1916 and again in 1917? Who was eventually convicted of stealing jewels which had been sent to a Thai Queen? What was the truth behind a purported picture of US service personnel holding a deceased Naga serpent? What was the British contribution to Thailand's war on Communism? Did the International Court of Justice issue the wrong verdict in its 1962 ruling in favour of Cambodia over Thailand in the Phra Viharn border dispute? These questions are either answered or explored in depth and a myriad of other events in Thailand covered in a way that is meant to entertain as much as they are to inform. You don't need to read this book from cover to cover. It is designed to be read like a series of short stories whose only consistent theme is that they represent an aspect of Thai history over the last 200 years or so.

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## **Law**

The Khmer Rouge Trials In Context / (Ed) Toshihiro Abe

Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2019

viii, 312p. ; 14x21cm.

Includes Index

9786162151538

\$ 29.95 / PB

375gm.

When a tribunal was set up in 2006 to bring justice for the atrocities of the Khmer Rouge regime, many expected that the Cambodian model for victim empowerment would open a new path in the history of international judiciary initiatives. However, the local reality of the justice intervention has been more complicated. Why and how have challenges beset the process, and yet why has the Khmer Rouge Tribunal still been significant in Cambodian society?

Rather than joining the success-or-failure debate about the court, this volume pays special attention to how the trials are perceived locally by the Cambodian people themselves. Particular inclinations in institutional design, favored or excluded political agendas, mismatched values between experts and locals, and unexpected local meaning-making all flow into the creation of current context in Cambodia. Through critical analysis by authors with on-the-ground experience, this collection—the first to address the tribunal through a sociological framework—provides insight into the tension between the global justice regime and local societal context.

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## **Linguistics**

Cindamani – The Odd Content Version : A Critical Edition / Peera Panarut

(Gen. Ed) Volker Grabowsky

Wurzburg: Zenos-Verlag, 2018

xiv, 188p.

ISSN: 2569-2879 ; 9783931018412

Hamburger Thaiistik-Studien (Hamburg Thai Studies), Band 1

\$ 55.00 / PB

615gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534297>

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P. Sethaputra English-Thai Dictionary : "A Guide to Practical Usage of Modern English / Kenneth Edwards

Thailand: P. Sethaputra, 2019

xvi, 1628p.

English & Thai Text

9786164852228

\$ 40.00 / PB

1320gm.

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Learning Thai with daai ใต้ : Book I, Secrets 1-14 : 22 Secrets of Learning

Thai/ Dhyan Manik

Bangkok: Dolphin Books, 2018

288p.

9789526651200

\$ 40.00 / HB

356gm.

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner, you certainly want to learn to speak Thai fluently. This book will take you a long way towards your goal. daai (ใต้) is one of the most common words in Thai. It is a multifunctional helping verb and is used by Thais in several different ways. It has many distinct meanings depending on where it is placed in a sentence and which other words are used with it. With this book you won't just learn how to use daai (ใต้) but will also acquire a deeper knowledge of the Thai language in general.

Included are :

- complete and informative written examples
- audio spoken by native speakers
- highlights and explanations of daai ใต้ usage
- sections of simple and easy to understand advice
- useful hints and tips on daai ใต้ and the spoken Thai language

Furthermore, you will get to see the language "through the eyes of daai ใต้".

Study this book and you will be rewarded; your Thai friends will be amazed at your deep understanding of the subtleties of their language. In the Book II (Secrets 15-22) you will learn how to use Thai tenses.

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Learning Thai Tenses with dâai ได้ : Book II, Secrets 15-22 : 22 Secrets of Learning Thai/ Dhyan Manik  
Bangkok: Dolphin Books, 2018  
284p.  
9789526651408  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
348gm.

Whether you are a beginner or an advanced learner, you will surely want to learn to speak Thai fluently. In order to do this, it is vital to use time words and tense markers correctly.

The English term tense is also a handy way to talk about past, present and future activities in Thai, even though there are no tenses as such in the Thai language. When compared to English, Thai tenses are expressed very differently.

It is often said that dâai ได้ denotes a past tense. However, it would be better not to think dâai ได้ as the past tense marker since it can also be used to refer to present or future events.

To help you speak Thai fluently the book II includes:

- complete and informative written examples
- audio spoken by native speakers
- highlights and explanations of dâai's ได้ usage
- sections of simple and easy to understand advice
- useful hints and tips on dâai ได้ and the spoken Thai language

Book I and II complement each other. However, each book has a different focus. In book I, Secrets 1-14, we introduced dâai ได้ and explained where it should be placed in sentences. dâai ได้ has several grammatical functions, it also has several meanings depending on the context. In Book II, Secrets 15-22, we focus on tenses.

Have fun while you study them both; then, you will understand how Thais express themselves in everyday life!

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Teaching English to Lao Learner : A Task-based Approach for Effective Classroom Instruction / Michael Thomas Gentner Ph.D

Bangkok: Bangkok University Press, 2017

vi, 142p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786164294615

1. English language – Study and teaching
2. English language – Textbooks for foreign speakers.

\$ 15.00 / PB

305gm.

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Teaching English to Vietnamese Learners : A Task-based Approach for Effective Classroom Instruction / Michael Thomas Gentner Ph.D

Bangkok: Bangkok University Press, 2015

x, 166p.

Includes Index

9786164062870

1. English language – Textbooks for foreign speakers – Vietnamese
2. English language – Study and teaching – Foreign speakers.

\$ 15.00 / PB

352gm.

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## Literature

Fahjem : Clear Blue Sky : The Story of Nongnooch Tropical Garden /  
Constantin Himmelried (Translator) Michael C. Blumenthal  
Bangkok: Constantin Himmelried, 2018  
80p.  
9786164744493  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
90gm.

(Based on a True Story)

Fahjem is the name of a little elephant girl who fell into a trap in January 2017, severely injuring her foreleg. The villagers had set up the trap to protect their crops. The injuries were so severe that part of Fahjem's foreleg had to be amputated. She received a prosthesis and, in addition, hydrotherapy to help her get accustomed to this prosthesis. Pictures of her went around the world. BBC, New York Times, Euronews, China Daily, Mirror, The Guardian, Independent, The Sun, Euronews, NTV, Reuters, Global News, The New York Post and many others reported on Fahjem and photographed her and her unusual therapy. All this was made possible by a man who spared himself neither expense nor effort to save little Fahjem. Journalists, of course, inquired as to why anyone would incur such immense costs to make it possible for the little baby elephant to survive. But the man did not answer. He merely smiled. The answer to that question may be found in the story of the man who saved Fahjem. Allow yourself to be touched by a story that evokes every aspect of human emotions. From sadness to joy, from compassion to the most profound happiness. It is a success story, a slightly different kind success story. This is a success story of humanity. Because the success of one of the most beautiful botanical gardens on our planet is founded on nothing else. The love of animals and plants, of fellow human beings, along with the unshakable belief in the goodness of all that is, enabled a man not only to live his dream, but to bring his dream to life. This is the story of a three-legged elephant baby, a man and a botanical garden, which today is one of the most beautiful botanical gardens in the world. This is the story of Nongnooch Tropical Garden Pattaya / Thailand. And the story of Fahjem, a three-legged baby elephant.

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Bangkok Delusions / Zach J Brodsky  
Bangkok: Brodsky Press, 2018  
226p.  
9781916493810  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
238gm.

Scott Marshall was something of a cliché. Divorced and alone he headed to Bangkok in search of something, anything. Ting, shy and innocent caught his eye. She smiled at him. For the first time in his life Marshall left his inhibitions to one side and dived in to an exciting new life. But was the delectable Ting all that she seemed? On his journey he meets the affable but hopeless Bob Lowe; economically trapped in Thailand and addicted to the sex and booze so readily available on the streets of the Big Mango. With equal amounts of joy, despair and even at times hope Zach J Brodsky takes us on a tour of an array of absurd characters all milling around a small area of Bangkok. Laugh out loud humour on one page and tragedy the next.

“These are stories direct from the seedy underbelly of the Big Mango. Grimy, corrupt and told with a verve and vivacity that brings them alive on the page.”

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Journey to Pukhaothong : A Poem by Sunthorn Phu / (Translator)  
Sawanee Nivasabutr  
Thailand: Chulalongkorn University Book Center, 2016  
176p.  
English & Thai Text  
Poem by Sunthorn Phu Series  
9786164130814  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
224gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=241728>

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Journey to Phra Buddhabaat : A Poem by Sunthorn Phu / (Translator)  
Sawanee Nivasabutr  
Poem by Sunthorn Phu Series  
Thailand: Chulalongkorn University Book Center, 2015  
200p.  
English & Thai Text  
9786163948205  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
254gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534324>

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Journey to Petchaburi : A Poem by Sunthorn Phu / (Translator) Sawanee  
Nivasabutr  
Thailand: Chulalongkorn University Book Center, 2015  
Revised (Second) Edition  
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The Bangkok Literary Review : Contemporary Art and Literature from Thailand : BKKLIT 01 / (Eds) James Hatton & Pariyapa Amon-Wanitsan Thailand: The Bangkok Literary Review (BKKLIT), 2019  
168p.  
ISSN: 2651-2378 ; 9772651237005  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
380gm.

The first issue of The Bangkok Literary Review – BKKLIT 01 – comprises of one hundred and sixty-six pages of some of the most outstanding contemporary art and literature from Thailand. It features rarely seen artwork from the likes of Bussaraporn Thongchai, Yuree Kensaku, and Imhathai Suwatthanasilp alongside award-winning literature translated into English for the first time. There is an exclusive short story from Prabda Yoon’s Moving Parts (translated by Mui Poopoksakul) and brilliant, sharply written fiction and poetry from SEA Write winners Jidanun Lueangpiansamut, Zakariya Amataya, Chiranan Pitpreecha, and Jadej Kamjordej. In addition, there are eye-opening interviews with the acclaimed artist Jakkai Siributr and the SEA Write Award nominated writer Jirat Prasertsup.

BKKLIT 01 is a beautifully designed and produced magazine printed on 100 gsm lignin-free paper with forty full-page colour reproductions.  
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### **Religion - Buddhism**

Buddhadhamma : The Laws of Nature and Their Benefits to Life / Bhikku P.A. Payutto (Somdet Phra Buddhaghosacariya) (Translated by ) Robin Philip Moore

Fourth Edition

Bangkok: Buddhadhamma Foundation, 2019

Xxx, 1584p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789747892710

1. Buddhism -- Doctrines.

\$ 100.00 / HB

2510gm.

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From the Fifty Janaka : Selections from the Thai Pannasa Jataka / Chris Baker & Pasuk Phongpaichit (Translated and Introduced by)

Chiang Mai: Silkworm Books, 2019

xxvi, 374p. ; 15x23cm.

Includes Bibliography

9786162151279

\$ 45.00 / PB

540gm.

For over two thousand years, jātaka—tales of the Buddha’s previous lives—have been popular as teaching and entertainment. Apart from the classical jātaka from India, many other jātaka appeared in Southeast Asia and were assembled in collections known conventionally as the “Fifty Jātaka” (Paññāsa Jātaka). Once considered minor and apocryphal, they are now acclaimed as the lifeblood of the region’s literature. This book offers the first published translations in English of twenty-one stories from the Thailand collection. The selections include some of the best-known Thai stories, such as Sudhana- Manoharā, the Golden Conch, and Rathasena (Twelve Sisters), among other adventurous quests, accounts of self-sacrifice, moral tales, strings of riddles, and story cycles. Here the tales are translated fully and faithfully in readable English prose with full annotation, an introduction on the background of the stories, and summaries of all sixty-one jātaka in the Thailand collection.

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## **Travel Books**

Bangkok : A Creative Guide / (Ed-in-Chief) Suzy Anneta

Hong Kong: Fifth Black Media, 2019

224p.

9789881463302

\$ 39.95 / HB

570gm.

At once chaotic and confusing, but also utterly magical, the inexhaustible capital continues to spellbind. Here, old merges seamlessly with new, the spiritual is balanced with the earthly and the sacred is on first-name terms with the profane.

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