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My Life as a Jew / Gawenda, Michael  
Scribe Publications, Australia 2023  
288 pages, 22cm  
9781761380471  
\$ 42.00 / null  
360 gm.

A multi-award-winning journalist and former editor-in-chief of a major Australian newspaper searingly explores his Jewish identity at a time when a substantial - and growing - part of the left is opposed to the very existence of Israel as a Jewish state.

Born in a displaced persons' camp two years after the end of the Holocaust, Michael Gawenda spent his childhood and teenage years in a left-wing non-Zionist Jewish youth group in Melbourne. This shaped the sort of Jew he became - a secular Jew who loved the Yiddish language and Yiddish culture.

Gawenda went on to become a public figure during his 40 years as a journalist, including his role as editor-in-chief of The Age - the only Jewish editor-in-chief in the newspaper's history. Throughout this time, and since, he became dismayed and pained by the growing hostility of the left to Israel and to Jews like him who were not prepared to declare themselves as anti-Zionists. This has also forced him to examine his own Jewish identity and his relationships with his Jewish friends, and to forensically examine the basis of the critiques of Israel.

At a time of rising anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism, My Life as a Jew is a controversial book. It is also a vital book. It should be read by activists for Israel and Zionism, as well as for the Palestinians. It should be read by readers of all political stripes. It should be read by journalists, as it is in part about journalism and its failings. And it should also be read by people interested in the remarkable life and career of its author, Michael Gawenda.

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The Hero Takes A Walk: A Childhood, An Education and A Country in the Sixties /  
Robert Nery  
Seismograph, Yarraville, Australia  
viii, 270p.  
9780646884769  
\$ 30.00 / null  
300 gm.

The Hero Takes a Walk is a memoir of childhood and teenage and an essay on the Philippines in the sixties and seventies, an extraordinary evocation of a time and place and a re-examination of the culture and thought of the period. Robert Nery was born in the Philippines and has lived in Australia since 1974. He has made films and videos, including two feature documentaries, Black Nazarene and In 1966 The Beatles Came to Manila.

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Fortress of Poverty / Delia Jose Comedis

Rex Printing Company, Inc., Philippines 2023

464p.

9786218167360

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

Fortress of Poverty is a guidebook. The author's personal story emerges from every line and is meant to be an example to readers. Difficulties and perseverance mark this path. Domestic workers will find food for thought, advice, and useful instructions to do their job better. With practical guidance, concrete examples and general discussions, this text immerses us in a reality to be discovered. Finally, the whole and last section devoted to cooking provides a challenge for all those who want to experiment with new flavours. There is no shortage of traditional and innovative recipes. However, this text presents the reader with much more than that. It discusses personal growth, career and life goals, losses, and wins. In short, everything that is part of everyone's life and that makes it impossible not to empathise.

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From the Shadow of the Rising Sun / Jerry Francis

Jerry Francis (Self-Published), Malaysia 2023

240p.

9786299802419

\$ 20.00 / null

400 gm.

This autobiography is dedicated to my late mother, who had defied all odds to ensure the survival of her young children through the brutal years of the Japanese Occupation of Malaya and beyond.

Had it not been for her sacrifices and determination, my siblings and I could not have emerged from the Shadow of the Rising Sun.

Many of the things I wrote here had never been told to anyone and I hoped this book would give readers a glimpse into our family and Malaysia's past.

The autobiography is in two parts. Part I traces the trials and tribulations of the Francis family during the Japanese Occupation and the pre-Merdeka period while Part II is about my career as a journalist covering the "Second Insurgency" in Perak and South Thailand.

"I remember how I had to dash through security-sensitive areas to beat the curfew and meet the deadline for my stories in the days before mobile phones and laptops.

"I also recalled the excitement and danger I experienced during my frequent trips into areas known to be infested by communist insurgents, particularly in Betong, South Thailand, and visits to the security forces' forward bases in the jungle from 1973 till the signing of the Peace Accord with the Communist Party of Malaysia (CPM) in 1989."

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The Genesis of My Battles in Life / Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa

Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa (Self-Published), Nigeria 2023

180p.

9781801287609

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

A life tale etched with pain and suffering. Little did Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa know it would be the doing of his own family. His existence was unwanted from the very start. However, the sole fact that he was not a female saved Smart's life and his parent's relationship.

Little did Smart know his life would soon be held on trial for crimes he did not commit. The author's body still stings from the lashes he had to face every time. Smart's life had been difficult from the very start, yes. However, the accusations led against him for the crimes he did not commit were enough to send the bane of his existence through entirely new trials.

However, life did change, hope did prevail, and Smart finally found love, the one thing he had deserved the most all this time.

Smart Oluwabamise Akinmejiwa life's account is not easy to stomach, and living through it was nothing short of experiencing his own personal hell.

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From Cambridge to Ibadan: The Story of a Chartered Chemist and a Fellow of the Academy of Science / Timothy Isioma Odiaka

University of Ibadan Printery, Nigeria 2022

iv, 60p.

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

A Valedictory lecture delivered at the Trenchard Hall, University of Ibadan on Monday, 26th September 2022 by Timothy Isioma Odiaka, FAS, Professor of Organometallics and Coordination Chemistry, Faculty of Science, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria.

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Awoism: Exemplary Integrity and Welfarism / Layo Adeniyi

Titlas Inc., Dubai, United Arab Emirates 2020

242p.

Includes Bibliography

9780956550354

\$ 35.00 / null

350 gm.

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The Big Break: The Birth of a Star / Barr. Orbby Agwuncha

The Big Break Moment Africa Ltd., Nigeria 2023

xv, 213p.

9789787986134

\$ 25.00 / null

300 gm.

So much societal pressure is on the youth today. The tertiary institutions keep pouring out graduates who have big dreams and little competencies with far fewer opportunities to create a platform where their talents can be seen or heard. This is why we jumped on this challenge.

The Big Break: The Birth of A Star is a book that presents the three most important elements that birth a star out of anybody and details a guide on how they work together to make you a success. Africa has untapped talent and mismanaged success. The cycle will go on unless we educate our youths to stop waiting endlessly for a job offer and tap into the goldmine sitting within them yearning to be explored. What this book offers is the right mental approach to the talents embedded in every individual, supplying the right driving force to bring it to the limelight.

This book provides you with the right attitude and practical steps to bring you to stardom and help you retain it, for stars do fall. Whatever industry you categorize your talents into, this book walks you through the path to your big break. Consider this the manual life finally gave you.

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Unleash: The Blueprint for a Life that Attracts Uncommon Opportunities / Topsy Kola-Oyeneyin

Venia Publishing, Nigeria 2023

xiv, 162p.

9789787828069

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

You are not too young! At the age of twenty-eight, I became a General Manager in Nigeria's oldest Bank — a position typically held by individuals in their fifties. Opportunities that were rare then are about to become more common. We are coming into a time of unprecedented growth and opportunities - driven by technological advances, cultural shifts, and a new dawn of geopolitics. Time will tell if the growth in the 2020s will mirror that of "the Roaring 20s" – but two things are there will be a generational shift of power and influence, and new wealth will be created. UNLEASH is a blueprint to help you prepare and position to take advantage of this season of transition and uncommon opportunities. It is filled with practical principles on how you operate, relate, and work that are guaranteed to help you achieve your desired results – irrespective of your location, age or starting position. I have applied these principles and seen results in supporting Fortune 500 and government leaders in successfully executing large-scale transformation programs over the past two decades. Furthermore, I continually apply these insights in my ongoing efforts to build a mutually beneficial marriage partnership and raise two highly opinionated young girls. If these principles worked for me, they will work for anyone who applies them. Bottom line, the question is not your age. The question is, are you ready to UNLEASH?

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Waifor Boy: An Autobiography / Patrick A. O. Modebe

Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Nigeria 2020

x, 74p.

9789788548379

\$ 30.00 / null

200 gm.

Waifor Boy is a retrospective view of the life of Patrick Modebe. It is his modest contribution to the efforts being made to promote the reading culture in Nigeria. The book written in a simple, straightforward way to mark his 70th birthday, is a compilation of some of his experiences as a public servant. At the end of the book the reader will appreciate why he gives God all the credit for his modest success in life.

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Son of a Railwayman: An Autobiography of Chukwudi Ukwuegbu / Chukwudi Ukwuegbu

Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Nigeria 2022

340p.

Includes Index

9789788557203

\$ 35.00 / null

500 gm.

Chukwudi Ukwuegbu's Son of a Railwayman is the honest portrait of an unrepentant iconoclast. It relates how he progressed from the early exhibition of his intellectual gifts to the heights of educational achievements.

We are presented with his remarkable ability to recall the events in and around Mushin, where he spent his early and teenage years, in the sixties. The primary and secondary schools' experiences are told with candid innocence. The unfortunate Civil War years are told lovingly, albeit, without the accompanying gory details.

Barrister Ukwuegbu's career in the West African Examinations Council is given full treatment. It highlights his unflattering commitment to duty and his unflappable resolve to succeed.

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Zero Balance: A Compelling True Life Story on Hitting Rock Bottom and Finding Your Balance / Titilope Ibilola

Femperial Publishing, Nigeria 2020

172p.

9789789885893

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

Zero balance is a story that chronicles how debt almost got the best of the writer. While it is a summation that reflects the writer's personal journey, it would be familiar for anyone who has struggled with financial challenges and indebtedness.

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Vantage: My Life, Starting Up and Startups / Olumide Soyombo

BGX Publishing, Nigeria 2023

xliv, 312p.

Includes Index

9789787994832

\$ 50.00 / null

450 gm.

Africa is now the land of unicorns, but before unicorns, there were numerous stories that captured the power and pioneering spirit of the continent's techpreneurs. Enter Olumide Soyombo who discovered the Personal Computer as a teenager and with the nudging of his father, became an entrepreneur. Set against the backdrop of the evolution of Africa's emergence on the tech scene and the pivotal role and leadership offered by Nigerians and the country's contemporary culture, Vantage tells the story of Olumide's pioneering role. With rare insights into the backroom of ventures, balanced with the candour of playing hard, the tales speak to the spirit of partnerships being both business and personal.

Our story starts from the historic Benin where Olumide is born and spends his early years. It then takes us to Lagos where the family moves to from Benin and we catch a glimpse of Olumide's entrepreneurial spirit as well as the mischief he is capable of, before docking in Iyana-Offa in idyllic Ibadan where he got his baptism of fire at the Airforce Comprehensive School. We return to Lagos, after which we pivot briefly to the United Kingdom for a vacation job and a master's degree before finally berthing in Lagos.

Vantage tells of a life that has been instrumental in creating billions of dollars in value. We follow Olumide's formation from mischievous boy to a young adult pursuing hedonism and academic excellence side-by-side, to his softening as father and mentor. We learn about setting up his first business with his friend, the growth and expansion of the business from Nigeria to Africa and Europe, and his accidental foray into angel investing and capital venture.

Across its three books and spanning four decades, Vantage is a candid narration of what has worked for Olumide Soyombo. It tells of the effect of a loving family, faith, books, relationships, and mentorship of good people on his life. However, as is oft repeated throughout the book, it is not a prescription.

Vantage is Olumide Soyombo's business memoir. However, it is also a mirror. How so? Because what you see in his stories is influenced by your interpretations.

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Nigeria Heroes and Sheroes: Diary of a Journalist of Courage / Ken Ugbechie

Godson & Godman Limited, Nigeria 2022

644p.

Includes Index

9789787952344

\$ 75.00 / null

800 gm.

Nigeria Heroes and Sheroes is a compelling chronicle of the imprints of Nigerian men, women and institutions on the sands of development; a journalist's audacious assessment and verdict on Africa's largest economy. The author's generous laudation of some persons is matched by his sharp rebuke of those whose leadership inefficiency helped to tar the nation in the most dour colours.

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Celebrating Chinua Achebe: Essays on His Life, Legacy and Works /  
Chukwuemeka Bosah (Ed)

Ben Bosah Books, Nigeria 2013

xiv, 218p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780977339853

\$ 50.00 / HB

450 gm.

In essays, verse and questions, twenty-two contributors representing a plethora of endeavors discuss Chinua Achebe's life, works and legacy. These contributors who were Achebe's friends, peers, colleagues, scholars, protégés, and yet others who were influenced by him and come from different generations discuss the man and his influence in this uniquely remarkable book. Wole Soyinka and Ngugi wa Thiong'o lead an ensemble cast of outstanding individuals, that include two up and coming young writers, Ugo F. Edu and Chiderah A. Monde, in celebrating Chinua Achebe. The picture that emerges from reading this book is a beautiful mosaic of a mild mannered, but powerful man who made a difference to the lives of many people.

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Navigating Change – My Story: Timeless Secrets for Growth in an Ever-Changing World / Niyi Borire (Foreword) Rev. George Adegboye

Niyi Borire (Self-Published), Nigeria 2020

132p.

9780645043303

\$ 30.00 / null

250 gm.

Why do people lose their identity in a time of major change?

Why do some people grow in a time of change, while others groan and grumble?

In Navigating Change, Niyi Borire takes us on a captivating journey to uncover some of the timeless secrets that promise growth in a time of change. From surviving sexual abuse as a child and his failings as a young man, to the financial hardship he suffered in his university days, to his migration to Australia against all odds, Niyi illustrates how an underdog can win. Indeed, his story proves how a powerless person, if intent on the pursuit of his purpose, can navigate change and achieve a fulfilling life.

Niyi Borire shares his personal, candid story of overcoming disadvantage to then thrive and achieve success as a Neurologist in Sydney, Australia.

This memoir speaks to everyone struggling through rapidly changing or frustratingly slow-moving situations. Navigating Change is not just another memoir. It is an inspirational book that will build in you the capacity and courage to sail through stormy seas. It will teach you the principles to become a pioneer of your own desired change, without losing your identity, purpose or individuality.

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My Life Journey: An Autobiography / Olatunde Aluko

Gaskia Media Limited, Nigeria 2023

xxii, 470p.

Includes Index

9789787973639

\$ 75.00 / null

750 gm.

Olatunde Aluko, through the pages of *My Life Journey*, has presented an African story of global relevance and timeless lessons that would be cherished by generations yet unborn. When he sets out in 1954 as an impressionable teenager from the bucolic environment of Ado-Ekiti to the burgeoning city of Ibadan, it was the first step in a life of adventures and great achievements that would take him to every corner of the world. His well-written odyssey, presented with clarity, pithy prose, and mellifluous cadence, is an affirmation of the indomitable spirit of man to triumph against almost impossible odds. A tour de force!

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*My Father Cemil Meriç: A Turkish Intellectual of the 20th Century* / Ümit Meriç  
(Ed-in-Chief) Abdulkadir Ozkan

Kopernik Inc., Turkey 2023

456p.

Includes Index

9786256994102

\$ 65.00 / null

400 gm.

Cemil Meriç (1916-1987) was a Turkish intellectual who has become one of his country's best-loved and most widely-read leaders of opinion. After becoming blind at the age of 38, he produced a corpus of work in which he introduced his fellow-countrymen to both European and Eastern thought, and carried out a trenchant analysis of modern Türkiye and its relationship with its Ottoman past. This book, written by his daughter, gives an outline of his life story and the development of his thought, setting out his views on Westernisation, globalist 'deterritorialisation' and cultural assimilation.

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*Justice Stories: Meet Nepal's Frontier Women* / Barbara Nimri Aziz

Sanri-La Media Group Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2023

100p.

9789937775564

\$ 10.00 / null

100 gm.

Fighting for justice is never easy. But long, long ago, two women, both from villages deep in the hills of Nepal, dared to call for fairness and equality, and an end to corruption. They struggled for their own rights; then they fought to win justice for others. They needed courage and a steadfast belief that change was possible.

Records of their brave actions almost disappeared. But some traces remained. Yogmayo's and Durga Devi's excavated little-known history is hereby presented to young readers. They will learn how these Nepali women were part of a worldwide struggle of people seeking justice at the same time as them.

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*A Nepali's American Odyssey* / Ramesh Shrestha

Himal Kitab Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2023

xii, 108p.

9789937597760

\$ 25.00 / null

200 gm.

"This evocative memoir takes you on time travel as a young Fulbright scholar explores the wide expanse of the U.S. in the mid-70s. Ramesh Shrestha's clear-eyed account of the journey is filled with poetic touches as he recalls his culture shock but also deep interest in traversing the country and absorbing experience wherever it presents itself. While Nepal has provided the stage for plenty of foreigners to document their adventures, there's very little in the way of literature about the reverse perspective – a Nepali chronicling life on the other side of the globe. This unique, sometimes subtle, voice glides across the scene while providing small sensory details that illuminate his cultural expedition in America. An academic assignment took him far from home but this book is anything but an academic read."

– Brent Wiley

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"Ramesh's tale of his two years as a Fulbright student scholar at Michigan State University is a mirror image of my own experiences as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nepal from 1967 to 1970."

– Mike Gill

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"Fun, honest, and thoughtful, Ramesh Shrestha's Odyssey gives us a special view into the adventure and heartache of a Nepali free spirit's travels to distant shores fifty years ago. A great way to see Nepal and the USA through a new set of eyes."

– Tom Robertson

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Blind Flight / Gültekin Yazgan, Zafer Parlak (Ed); Enver Dokuzoguz & Can Goksel (Translator)

Elma Publishing, Turkey 2023

240p. ; 13.5x21cm.

9786257112772

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

I am the son of Gültekin Yazgan, the author of The Blind Flight. Thanks to this book, I realized two important characteristics of my father beyond being a "person who overcame obstacles" caused by blindness and the vicissitudes of life. A curiosity that does not reject anything that is incomprehensible to his mind, but on the contrary, pursues it in order to understand and learn what it is. A passionate commitment that ignites and sustains this curiosity and allows him to finish what he has started, to go all the way to the end. I think those who read Blind Flight will also feel a strong desire to find their own curiosity and passion. – Yankı Yazgan

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Excommunicated: A Multigenerational Story of Leaving the Exclusive Brethren / Craig Hoyle

HarperCollins Publishers, New Zealand 2023

336p. ; 24cm.

9781775542018

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

A heart-wrenching multigenerational family memoir by an excommunicated member of the Exclusive Brethren

After coming out as gay, Craig Hoyle was excommunicated from the New Zealand Exclusive Brethren and forced to say goodbye to his family forever. The conservative sect was everything he'd ever known - a childhood where television, pop music, sports and even pets were against the rules.

Joining public society - the 'worldlies' - for the first time, Craig sets out to meet his grandfather who was excommunicated in the 1980s and, using his diaries and letters, uncovers two centuries and seven generations of the family's tangled and often cruel relationship with the Brethren.

Weaving their past with Craig's own upbringing in this secretive and oppressive religious group, Excommunicated charts the evolution of the Exclusive Brethren in New Zealand and the heartwrenching stories of a family torn apart.

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Every Effing Inch: Fear and Loathing on Aotearoa New Zealand's Long Trail – The 3012km Te Araroa / Tim Pankhurst

Panky Press, New Zealand 2023

402p.

9780473685089

\$ 49.99 / null

300 gm.

When an elderly trio decided to tackle Aotearoa New Zealand's Te Araroa Trail from Cape Reinga to Bluff, they were asked if they were going to do EFI. What's that? they asked. Every F...ing Inch, was the response. Many Te Araroa walkers skip road sections or gnarly mountains or inconvenient rivers or estuaries but Tim Pankhurst, his wife Sue and former Wellington mayor Dame Kerry Prendergast decided that if they were going to take up the challenge, they needed to be true to the entire Trail. Over 141 days across two summers, Tim and the two dames (one upper case) did cover every inch but not without injuries, fears of drowning and falls and endurance tested to the limit. Every Effing Inch, written by former newspaper editor Tim Pankhurst (The Dominion Post, The Press, The Evening Post, Waikato Times), is an entertaining journey through our cities, towns, rivers, mountains and back country and its characters and history. It is summed up as an epic read of an epic deed.

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Life Done Differently: One Woman's Journey on the Road Less Travelled / Lisa Jansen

High Tide Ltd, New Zealand 2023

282p.

9780473682651

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

What do you do when everyone around you is embracing parenthood or focused on their careers, and you're not sure either path is right for you?

Lisa Jansen decided to find out.

At 33, Lisa had everything she ever wanted; A successful career in marketing, amazing friends, and the great outdoors of New Zealand as her playground. She was happy. Until one day, doubts started creeping in, and Lisa found herself at a crossroads.

Unsure about whether she wants to embrace a career-focused life or follow in her friends' footsteps and start a family, she began to wonder what else there is.

Desperate to find answers, Lisa decided radical change was needed. She quit her job, bought a campervan and set out to explore beautiful New Zealand. On her five-year journey, she met incredible people, explored breathtaking scenery, conquered obstacles, challenged society's norms, navigated a global pandemic - and discovered what life has to offer when you don't want to follow the traditional path.

In Life Done Differently, Lisa shares her epic journey.

Fans of Eat Pray Love and Cheryl Strayed's Wild will love this adventurous, thought-provoking and inspiring memoir.

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A Gent In Overseasia / Tony Simpson

Blythwood Press, New Zealand 2023

184p.

9780473694005

\$ 40.00 / null

400 gm.

In 1973 then 28 year old writer Tony Simpson journeyed overseas for the first time. Rather unusually his destination was Stockholm followed by several weeks as a guest of the Russian Cultural Workers' Union. There he found himself at lunch with a member of the then Politburo and a Colonel in the KGB. He also caught the travel bug for which there is no known cure. As he says himself: "The more I saw of the world the more of it I wanted to see."

Over the intervening fifty years he has found his way to many strange places and had strange experiences there. The result is his latest book, *A Gent in Overseasia*.

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*Stateless* / Chen Tienshi Lara; (Translator) Louis Carlet

NUS Press, Singapore 2024

xvi, 236p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789813252325

\$ 34.00 / null

400 gm.

"In the springtime of the year that I was twenty-one, I found myself stuck at the border between two familiar countries, unable to enter either. I had never felt my statelessness so keenly."\*\*\*Japan's 1972 termination of diplomatic ties with the Republic of China left 9,200 Chinese residents stateless. Tienshi "Lara" Chen was one of them, born to Chinese parents in Yokohama's Chinatown. What does it mean to be stateless? What does it feel like? In a lively blend of life writing, auto-ethnography, and study of stateless communities around Asia, this book unpacks the idea of citizenship by showing the hidden everyday narratives and lived experiences of stateless persons who have no legal ties to any nation state. Originally published in Japanese, this adapted and updated English edition critically engages with questions of borders, mobility, belonging, and identity. We follow Chen's engaging autobiographical account of her bi-cultural upbringing and Japanese education, and how her experience of statelessness eventually led her into a career spanning academia and activism. Across different levels of analysis, the author points out the contradictions inherent in the concepts of nationality, nation-state and citizenship, in a world where individual nationality, identity and experience are increasingly complex. She concludes that the current system of regulating individuals with citizenship is unworkable in the long run. *Stateless* is a fascinating read on borders, states and identities.

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*Drawn to Satire: Sketches of Cartoonists in Singapore* / CT Lim (Art) Koh Hong Teng (Ed) Heidi Yeo

Pause Narratives, Singapore 2023

144p.

9789811880919

\$ 40.00 / null

450 gm.

Eight cartoonists. Eight lives of indomitable spirit. Artists who pursued their vocations, drawing the cartoons of our lives, and becoming the mirrors of our times.

Eight stories of creative non-fiction. A journey into the comics worlds of our cartooning heritage. The untold stories, the unheard secrets of the cartoons that you have seen in books but cartoonists you have not met.

Eight stories of their trials, tribulations, struggles and history.

A comic book about our pioneering cartoonists.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=858517>

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*Beacons of the Ummah: Tracing The Footsteps of Singapore's Islamic Religious Leaders* / Pergas

Singapore Islamic Scholars & Religious Teachers Association (Pergas), Singapore 2023

192p.

9789811868191

\$ 35.00 / null

550 gm.

A record of the vast contributions of Islamic religious leaders in Singapore, who consist of religious teachers (asatizah), scholars, and Muslim leaders. They helped in spreading the message of Islam, served as beacons of knowledge and were at the heart of the development of Islam in Singapore from as early as the 15th Century.

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The Vicar of Wakefield / Oliver Goldsmith

Worldview Publications, Delhi 2023

xxiii, 278p.; 22 cm.

9789382267386

\$ 20.00 / null

550 gm.

Oliver Goldsmith's only novel The Vicar of Wakefield (1766) has been loved by generations of readers and remains one of the most popular works of eighteenth-century literature. It depicts domestic life, socio-economic faultlines, morality, and aesthetic conventions of the time in a sentimental and satirical mould. This unique perspective on the ethical, political, and aesthetic ethos of late eighteenth-century England makes it indispensable for understanding the evolution of late modern literature, culture, and society. This edition of The Vicar of Wakefield presents the complete and unabridged text to its readers. It has an introduction that places the work in the various contexts of its production, circulation, and reception. It also contains relevant extracts from "The Book of Job" that merit comparison and contrast with Goldsmith's novel. Additionally, there are four critical essays in this edition that present contemporary viewpoints about The Vicar of Wakefield.

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Glimpses of Myanmar Personages : Vol 2 / Dr. Myint Zan

U Myint Thu, Myanmar Heritage Publications, Yangon, Myanmar 2023

474p. ; 474p. ; 15x22cm.

9789998651418

\$ 37.50 / null

576 gm.

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Scholar Activist Khoo Khay Jin: Reflections on the Penan Sarawak and Malaysia : An Anthology / Francis Loh Kok Wah (Edited)

SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Petaling Jaya & ALIRAN, Penang, Malaysia 2023

xxiv, 348p.

9786297575117

\$ 20.00 / null

550 gm.

Scholar Activist Khoo Khay Jin: Reflections on the Penan Sarawak and Malaysia is a tribute to a towering yet unassuming intellectual, Khoo Khay Jin, one of the best-read scholars of his generation in Malaysia and a brilliant statistician. Undoubtedly, 'Scholar-Activist' is a very appropriate description of the man, Khoo Khay Jin. So too the title of this book. He was never an arm-chair critic confined to providing analytical input from behind a desk as he personally took part in a number of focus group discussions with communities across the two states to obtain and analyse data and input from various stakeholders including grassroots communities and to ensure their voices were heard and taken into consideration in national and state planning. His commitment towards providing a voice to these communities continues to be inspiring and noteworthy for all Malaysian development practitioners.

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Building History: An Architectural Legacy / Gan Eng Oon

Gan Eng Oon (Self-Published), Singapore 2023

128p.

9789811866111

\$ 25.00 / null

300 gm.

Singapore is no stranger to iconic buildings, with a landmark growth of audacious, inspired, and innovative structures. While her inhabitants are familiar with prominent and acclaimed developments such as the Esplanade, Golden Mile Complex, People's Park Complex, Wisma Atria, Suntec City, and Nanyang Polytechnic, most are unfamiliar with the architects who designed and created them. Gan Eng Oon is one of Singapore's most prolific architects and one of four longterm partners of Design Partnership since 1975 before DP Architects succeeded it.

This memoir chronicles Gan's younger days, and his personal and professional experiences while leading Design Partnership and subsequently, DP Architects. DPA is one of the world's top 10 most innovative building designers with offices in Singapore, China, India and Indonesia, clients all over the world and global respect for their projects. Having managed a multitude of projects, Gan recollects and surveys his most memorable projects that have included the island state's most iconic structures and analyses the craft and thought process behind these distinctive buildings. Building History is an expansive view of how architecture has shaped Singapore's physical, living, and social environment, and how both culture and architecture are interdependent and inseparable.

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Art of Joy: The Journey of Yip Yew Chong / Woon Tai Ho

World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., Singapore 2024

248p.

9789811278716

\$ 28.00 / null

450 gm.

How does a certified accountant become an artist? How did the world of finance instruct his art to make him the unlikely artist that he is today? How has his art been able to bring so much joy to Singaporeans and foreigners alike? Art of Joy unravels the fascinating story of Yip Yew Chong, from the moment his ability to draw was spotted in kindergarten, his early humble years in Chinatown, the strong bond with his mother, grandmother and aunt, to his marriage, children and corporate success.

This book tells the story of planning for one's second act, and how that can be more successful and more fulfilling than the first. Few know that Yip only started painting murals in 2015, or that he only devoted himself to his craft full-time in 2018. Yip's success in painting came only after his success in the world of finance, but painting was his first love. He cradled this love through his corporate life, never letting go, and switched to paint full time only when he was ready. The art of joy is also the art of knowing what makes us and keeps us happy, and how that happiness is shown and shared.

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Routes 2: A Singaporean Memoir 1976-2000 / Robert Yeo

World Image Pte. Ltd, Singapore 2023

216p.

9789811866234

\$ 25.00 / null

350 gm.

Routes 2 continues the story of Routes: A Singaporean Memoir 1945-75. This book occasionally disrupts the narrative to take in dramatic digressions into the events that the author considers people he knows or events that are politically important. In this stage of life of his family, cultural and literary activities take on an important focus as well.

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There are No Falling Stars in China and Other Life Lessons from a Recovering Journalist / Marga Ortigas

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2023

xx, 212p.

9789815127898

\$ 20.90 / null

300 gm.

In this collection of poignant and uplifting essays, seasoned international journalist Marga Ortigas shares what she's learned from over two decades of covering conflict, humanitarian crises, and political turmoil. Each chapter explores a different assignment location, taking you up-close as the author reflects on what endures after life's triumphs and tragedies.

Ortigas' engaging writing style and wealth of experience will transport you from the war-torn Iraqi desert to the snow-covered steppes of Mongolia, bustling Brazilian beaches, rugged Irish cliffs, and even a pop concert in South Korea, leaving you with a newfound understanding of the human condition.

Heartfelt and humorous, *There Are No Falling Stars in China* is a must-read for anyone interested in storytelling, global affairs, or simply gaining a richer appreciation of the world we live in. It's a true gem you won't want to put down, filled with insight and inspiration that will stay with you long after you've turned the final page.

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Wais Na Misis: The Wise Homemaker / Neri Miranda

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2023

x, 162p.

9789815127980

\$ 18.90 / HB

450 gm.

If you have enjoyed and learned from the snippets of my life as a 'Wais Na Misis', through my Instagram and Facebook posts, you'll most certainly get a kick out of the untold stories you'll find in the pages of this book.

It wasn't always easy for me, but when life threw me lemons I didn't dodge or flinch. Instinctively, I caught every piece and turned the bunch into lemonade, lemon meringue pie, lemon-scented hand soap, and home deodorizer, and sold them all! Sometimes, I'd wonder when another lemon would come my way just so I can use it to my advantage again.

You get the picture.

As a mompreneur, I was never given any manual on how to effectively navigate through life. But it somehow knew what it needed to teach me, through experiences and the people around me, at the right moment.

So, here I am paying it forward to you, my fellow wais na misis.

Being wise takes time. It takes a lot of experience and a load of crushing and pruning in order to reach the stage of becoming fine wine that everyone can enjoy.

May this book serve as your bestie; the handy dandy survival guide you're looking for as you journey into the intimidating yet marvelous world of motherhood and entrepreneurship. Each page is brimming with meaty tips and tricks that I have learned from the best mentor I've ever had-LIFE.

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Eggs for Dinner: A restaurateur who sees the world differently / Guy Wachs

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2023

196p.

9789815058925

\$ 24.90 / null

250 gm.

Eggs for Dinner encompasses business innovation through a touching personal journey.

This book is timely addressing the impact of COVID-19 and the essentials on how to survive in this precarious environment. Guy's journey via Israel, Europe, the USA, Thailand, and finally the opening of the highly successful restaurant, Wild Honey in Singapore, has given him a wealth of experience in the restaurant business.

Wachs gives a vivid and touching account of growing up in Israel the son of a restaurateur, failed ventures, the rigours of hotel school in the Black Forest in Germany, and his time working in New York. Accounts of meeting movie stars to driving Russian presidents to secret locations are some of the colourful experiences he shares. His journey took him to Thailand where a successful stint in Bangkok and a move to Singapore culminated in his lifelong dream of opening his own restaurant. Surviving the worst of the pandemic focuses Wachs on the future of both his business and his personal life.

A must-read for anyone who wants to go into the restaurant business, this is also ultimately a story about navigating difficulties coping with failure and how a humble dishwasher managed to achieve his dream. While so many restaurants have become casualties of COVID-19, Wild Honey continues to be a popular destination, and the reasons for its continued success can be found in the pages of this memoir.

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Six Saturdays of Beyblade and Other Essays / Ferdinand Pisigan Jarin  
(Translator) John Leihmar C. Toledo

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2023

x, 134p.

9789815058994

\$ 20.90 / null

200 gm.

Quinabuangan and the glorious marching band.

Cembo, Makati and the burning Ship.

Baclaran, Manila at night, for the lost and homeless.

In these ten personal essays, a father confesses in gripping narratives his coming of age without a father, of working at an early age, of finding love in hopeless places, of losing a son to leukemia, and of accepting the language of pain. In *Six Saturdays of Beyblade and Other Essays*, bestselling author Ferdinand Pisigan Jarin brings us back to memories of being a tennis ball picker in a lavish country club, of achieving his dreams as the smallest member of a countryside marching band, and of drinking Michael Jordan and Olajuwon as breakfast juice inside a walk-in freezer with fellow service crew members. He also introduces us to his exes and lost first loves. He lends us a list of his fist fights, those he knocked down during drinking sessions or brawls, his antics in the field of love, and the truth behind escaping the convent. Sometimes he is a son, sometimes a father, and sometimes a friend who vividly shares without beating around the bush. Written with a cinematic eye, Jarin bares it all, fair and square, no more or less. Most of all, no entrance fee.

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Writer's Postcards / Dipika Mukherjee

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2023

x, 198p.

9789815058772

\$ 18.90 / null

300 gm.

Part travelogue, part memoir, and part commentary, *Writer's Postcards* is a collection of essays that examine imagination and culture through the lens of geography. A flaneuse and person of the world, Dipika Mukherjee takes readers through various encounters from her highly mobile life: the lugubrious literature of Brazil; the linguistic diversity in China and Tibet; and meeting the Dalai Lama while travelling as a lone woman through New Delhi. She examines the political unrest in Myanmar after the brief international reach of Burmese books; weighs in on Chicago's literary landmarks and famous writers; reminisces on the languid feasting of Diwali celebrations at Port Dickson by the Malaysian-Bengali community; and finds new notions of home, identity, and belonging in the Netherlands-among many others.

Thought-provoking and unabashed in its entirety, this is a collection of essays that goes beyond the personal and communal to examine issues of international concern.

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Miss Uhuru 1963 : Working for MzeeJomo Kenyatta : An Autobiography / Elizabeth MumbiMadoka

Kenya Literature Bureau, Kenya 2016

xxiv, 232p.

9789966101921

\$ 25.00 / null

400 gm.

Her autobiography "Miss Uhuru 1963" captures a rich history of her interaction with the first family and includes snippets of her interaction with the current president Uhuru Kenyatta growing up and how she met her husband as they both worked for the first president of Kenya. Gatundu Kiambu County, he and her dad were close acquaintances way before Kenyatta became president. Her beauty is to behold which explains why she was crowned miss Uhuru on 14th December 1963 in a beauty pageant organized by the Daily Nation and graced by the President and first lady Mama Ngina Kenyatta.

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Biographical Account of Indian Anthropologists / P.C. Joshi and Prasanna K. Nayak

Concept Publishing Company Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi 2023

xix, 380p.; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9789355941688

\$ 37.50 / HB

750 gm.

Anthropology is one of the very vibrant subjects in India and Indian anthropologists will be second to American Anthropologists in terms of numbers. The institutions teaching anthropology are nearly touching a half-century. India has already completed a century of teaching of anthropology. Besides, India is one of the few countries to have an exclusive public funded research organization named Anthropological Survey of India completing 77 years of its glorious existence. In the present volume, comprehensive information is being given on many important anthropologists who have made significant contribution in enriching the theory and subject matter of Indian anthropology. Most of the entries have been penned by the colleagues and students of the anthropologist making the present volume a very unique memoir in anthropology.

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Articulations / Henrietta Bollinger

Tender Press, New Zealand 2023

134p. ; 20cm.

9780473678265

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

A well-known writer, activist, and disability rights advocate, Henrietta Bollinger's debut essay collection speaks to their experiences as a queer, disabled person, and as a twin. *Articulations* is a timely, personal, and poignant appraisal of life in Aotearoa New Zealand. Soundtracked by the Topp Twins, Anika Moa, Woody Guthrie and more, Bollinger's essays take us on a journey from first crushes and first periods to parliamentary reform and Disability Pride. They challenge the norms of our ableist society, asking us to consider better ways of being with each other and ourselves.

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Snorkelling The Abyss: One Woman, Striving To Survive, Fighting For Survivors / Jan Jordan

The Cuba Press, New Zealand 2023

326p. ; 20cm.

9781988595733

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

Emerita Professor Jan Jordan: successful academic and passionate advocate for survivors of sexual violence. Janet Robinson: despairing cutter and overdoser, excluded from university 'for failure to make satisfactory progress'. 'Snorkelling the Abyss' explores the two worlds of one woman and the apparently unnavigable void between them. With searing honesty, Jan Jordan shows how she fought to free herself from an inner culture of self-loathing and the external culture of a suburban childhood that repressed 'feelings' and ignored psychic pain - and only then could she work towards transforming the rape culture and gender inequities of Aotearoa. This is a powerful story that affirms the importance of connection and the imperative of speaking out.

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The Sturdy Centenarian: Aging and thriving with Doris Carnevali / Rachel McAlpine

Rixon Books, New Zealand 2023

129p.

9780992259976

\$ 35.00 / null

350 gm.

Have you ever thought you'd rather die than live to 100? Let a centenarian tell you about her life.

What are her challenges and pleasures? How does she cope with an aging brain? Why does she talk to her hands? What does she mean by "nose and toes"? How can she bake when she needs a walker? How does she maintain self-esteem? What matters most to her?

A retired professor of nursing. Mrs Carnevali scrutinizes her own aging both as a scientist and a very wise woman. Her New Zealand fan Rachel McAlpine has selected, abridged, edited, arranged and illustrated some of her blog posts. McAlpine is the author of 30 other books and at 83, has a vested interest in aging positively.

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Meet You At The Main Divide: A Family's Story Of Life On Lake Hawea Station / Justine Ross & Geoff Ross

HarperCollins Publishers, New Zealand 2023

xiv, 336p. ; 25cm.

9781775542278

\$ 50.00 / HB

700 gm.

An inspirational memoir from the authors of *Every Bastard Says No* about the peaks and troughs of a life in the high country. In 2017 the Ross family left behind their inner-city lives in Auckland and their successful vodka business, 42 Below, to follow their dreams of a life on the land. Risk-takers and innovators, when they bought the run-down 6500-hectare high-country sheep station at Lake Hawea, they embarked on a journey of discovery to rewrite long-held farming principles and ask whether sustainability could also be profitable. If we look after the land, will it look after us? Life in the mountainous landscape of the Main Divide isn't for the faint hearted. But despite the freezing winters and scorching summer heat, the demands of fitting in with the locals and managing 10,000 merino sheep, the Ross family has never looked back. 'A fascinating and rollicking read' Al Brown 'An essential book about what successful and sustainable farming can look like' Helen Clark 'The honest portrayal of the Ross's farming journey shares many similarities to passionate NZ farming families who are all searching for intergenerational identity, relevance, and prosperity in the face of rapid change' Sarah Perriam.

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Finding Frank: The Life of Frank Erceg – New Zealand Deer Hunter, Mountaineer, Photographer / Louise Maich

David Bateman Ltd, New Zealand 2023

336p. ; 24cm.

Include Index.

9781776890644

\$ 55.00 / HB

1200 gm.

By 1965 at the age of thirty, Frank Erceg had established an impressive reputation as a marksman, mountaineer and photographer, with his work widely published in newspapers and magazines of the day. That same year, Frank and his mate Johnny Cumming were killed in New Zealand's first helicopter hunting accident, sending shockwaves through the tight-knit hunting community. Frank's story began with the migration of the Erceg family from the former Yugoslavia to New Zealand. Growing up in the small settlement of Aukopae near Taumarunui, Frank was strongly influenced by three older brothers who taught him hunting, fishing and bushcraft skills. In his early twenties, Frank headed south, first enlisting as a government shooter before becoming an independent meat hunter. The magnificent Arawhata Valley in South Westland was his hunting ground, his base, a purpose-built log cabin on the edges of the Arawhata River. Author Louise Maich has spent over two decades piecing together her uncle Frank's previously untold story through family research, letters, compelling recollections and yarns from Frank's contemporaries - the last of the great hunters of that era. Illustrated with rare images from his photographic archive, Finding Frank is a heartfelt tribute to one of New Zealand's true hunting legends.

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Untouchable Girls The Topp Twins' Story / Jools and Lynda Topp

Allen & Unwin, New Zealand 2023

320p. ; 24cm.

9781991006387

\$ 45.00 / HB

1000 gm.

The incredible story of how a couple of country kids from Huntly became much-loved Kiwi icons and TV stars, with their own unique brand of original country music and comedy that has captivated audiences in New Zealand and overseas for more than 40 years. Jools and Lynda Topp aka The Topp Twins tell this story in their own words, describing their adventurous lives through laugh-out-loud anecdotes and heartwarming tales. As well as enjoying long careers as country music stars and comedians, with their characters like Camp Mother & Camp Leader and Ken & Ken, the twins have always stood up for their political beliefs and have been embraced by New Zealanders from all walks of life. Including never-before-told stories and images, this is a nostalgic and important historic record of the lives of two ground-breaking and inspiring women, and of the times through which they've lived.

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The World Administered By Irishmen: The Life and Times of Robert Hart and Contemporary Irish in East Asia / Robin Masefield

Special Collections & Archives, Queen's University Belfast, Belfast, Ireland 2023

xii, 268p.

Include Bibliography & Index

9780995588622

\$ 40.00 / null

1000 gm.

This richly-illustrated book is the product of extensive research that initially focuses on the Chinese Maritime Customs Service, and the Ulsterman Sir Robert Hart who led it for 45 years, until 1908. But it also brings together a treasure trove of other, largely untold, lives of Irish men and women in East Asia - men from around Lisburn working with Hart in the Customs Service; a nurse from Roscommon; a doctor from Cork; a diplomat from Meath; Hong Kong governors from Dublin; a railway engineer from Westmeath, and many more. Some served the British Government overseas, while others were journalists, academics, doctors and engineers who did not all see themselves as part of the Imperial machinery. In using first-hand accounts where possible, the book vividly brings to life their many fascinating stories and the special contribution that Irish people made to developing relations with China, Japan and Korea in the nineteenth century.

It is published by Special Collections & Archives, Queen's University Belfast which includes a unique source of papers and artefacts relating to Robert Hart in their holdings. The book could not have been completed without the guidance of the Head of Special Collections & Archives, Deirdre Wildy, and expert historical research from Karolyn Cooper.

The author lived for three years in Hong Kong and has previously written about Hong Kong and Macau. He is an enthusiastic local historian living in Northern Ireland who has also published a number of historical books about County Down. Profits from the sale of the book will go to charity.

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Harsh Realities / Connie Jean Aremlí

BookBuilders Edition Africa, Nigeria 2023

viii, 164p.

9789789212422

\$ 25.00 / null

250 gm.

Connie Jean Ama Abeni Aboagye Aremu is Ghanaian by birth. She went to England to study for her A Levels and then read law in 1964. She met Dr. Latif Oladepo Aremu of blessed memory in London, fell in love and got married to him in August 1969. She has been living in Nigeria since 1975 and considers her husband's home town of Iwo, Osun State, as her own home town, where she attends the Church at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, Onilete, every Sunday after Holy Communion Service in Ibadan. She has previously published three books, viz: The Criminal Responsibility to Homicide and Supernatural Beliefs, A Rhapsody of Essays on Nigerian Law and A Portia Comes to Judgement.

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She Gave Me Roots: Me and My Mum | He Gave Me Wings: Me and My Dad (Dual Books) / Funso Adegbola

Purplebloom Publishers, Nigeria 2023

1v.

9789786024806; 9789786024813

\$ 40.00 / HB

400 gm.

He Gave Me Wings – Dad was so proud of me, he thought I was a whiz-kid and “made me believe I was the best thing since sliced bread!” This brief memoir by ‘Funso Adegbola recounts a unique and special relationship of a daughter with her very famous Dad, Chief Bola Ige. Herein we find a new image of Bola Ige, not only the consummate politician but also a father who was unabashedly crazy about his children. In the author’s own words: “I feel I owe it to my children and posterity to share some of these joyful moments so that we can learn invaluable lessons and thereby improve our lives and filial relationships.”

She Gave Me Roots – The life of an extraordinary woman whose strength, determination, and support shaped the course of her family’s destiny. Justice Atinuke Ige emerges as a role model for women. Her strong presence, both within and outside the home, leaves an indelible mark on the lives she touched. Written with love and admiration by her daughter, this captivating memoir offers an intimate glimpse into the extraordinary life of Justice Atinuke Ige. Her resilience, grace, and commitment to her family serve as a confirmation of the power of love and the pursuit of dreams. She Gave Me Roots is a touching tribute to a remarkable woman who left an indelible legacy of strength and determination.

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The First Five Years: From Book-Smart to Streetwise: A Memoir / Ayodele Ashiata Kadiri

Griots Lounge Publishing Nigeria, Nigeria 2023

260p.

9789786008820

\$ 35.00 / null

350 gm.

The ‘First Five Years: From Book-smart to Streetwise’ largely documents the early career journey of a young professional in Nigeria. The author, a Nigerian lawyer in a leading Nigerian law firm, holds nothing back in sharing details of her career trajectory, infusing lively anecdotes and authentic narrations.

Replete with vulnerability, every young professional looking to navigate the first five years of their career will find it very relatable. The memoir is set out in Eight (8) Chapters, garnished with extracts from the author’s journals, personal statements or motivation letters and several other published writings.

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Yanju Adegbite : His Story / Abimbola Lagunju

Berlitser Books, Nigeria 2022

xvi, 224p.

9789787904794

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

Yanju Adegbite, His Story is a narrative of the life of the veteran broadcaster and documentary producer. Born in Ibadan, Nigeria in 1955, Yanju fortuitously overcame the early vicissitudes of life when his father died to become one of Nigeria’s ace broadcasters and a household name. His Story celebrates his art and tells of the challenges and triumphs of the man behind the microphone. Yanju is married to Tomi Adegbite and together, they have five children and several grandchildren.

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Tai Solarin : Africa's Greatest Educationist and Humanist / Dele Babalola

Dele Babalola (Self-Published), Nigeria 2023

160p.

9789787803448

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

An inside account of the life story of Tai Solarin, the late headmaster of the famous Mayflower School, Ikenne , Nigeria. It is a truly moving story written by an old student of Mayflower in the days of Tai Solarin as principal, depicting the communal /socialist activities of the students in a religiously -free atmosphere . Tai lived his life as Africa's greatest educationist, humanist , atheist and one of the foremost social critics of the various governments of Nigeria. He was the defender of the defenseless; an ombudsman extraordinaire for the people ; a perpetual gadfly goading on the Nigerian government to provide egalitarian social services for the people.

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Struck Down But Not Destroyed: ... From Adversity to Advocacy / Temilade Favour Adesina

Reconciliation House Books, Nigeria 2023

viii, 96p.

9789785721218

\$ 25.00 / null

200 gm.

Struck Down but Not Destroyed is a story of survival, recovery, resilience, and inspiration of a vibrant young lady who faced an unexpected life issue of quadriplegia as a result of a vehicular accident during her final year in her undergraduate days. This is a story of hope in hopelessness and turning her adversity into Advocacy. It is a memoir of a lady who remained optimistic despite her severe spinal cord injury coupled with her challenging and overcoming stories in life.

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Sani Abacha: Nigeria's Most Powerful Defence Minister and Head of State / Adebayo Adeolu

Kraft Books Limited, Nigeria 2023

viii, 164p.

9789789187928

\$ 35.00 / null

350 gm.

Written from an unusual point of view, this biography documents the life of Sani Abacha as one of the most powerful figures not only in the Nigerian military but also in the country as a whole. Beginning as a young officer in the Army, he rose to become a prominent general through diligence and hard work, eventually becoming the Country's Head of State.

The book also serves as an insight into the life of a rather misjudged man, dispelling myths and revealing facts rather than rumours.

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The Challenge of Good Governance and Leadership in Nigeria: 8 Years of Mr. Peter Obi in Anambra State / T. Uzodinma Nyala (Ed)

The Alaigbo Development Foundation (ADF), Nigeria 2022

xvi, 152p.

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

A book that describes the challenges His Excellency, Peter Obi faced during his 8 year Tenure as the Governor of Anambra State, Nigeria.

It has a total of 7 chapters which can be summarized into three segments:

1. Mr. Peter Obi's early beginning, his philosophy as a leader, his ascendancy to politics.
2. Triumph of the Judicial System.
3. Achievements of Peter Obi in his 8 years as governor of Anambra state that stands him out from his contemporary.

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Steel Woman: Heroic of the African Woman and the Pursuit of Gender Justice / Michael Buraimoh

Diaspora Publishers Ltd, London, UK 2022

xii, 216p.

9781838469207

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

THE TRUE LIFE STORY OF ONE WOMAN'S STRUGGLE TO OVERCOME THE PERILS OF PATRIARCHY, INTERWOVEN WITH A CRITICAL LOOK AT SOCIETY'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WOMEN AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS.

Wasilat Amoke grew up in Nigeria in the 1950s at a time when the prevailing culture normalized misogyny and gender-based abuse. Poor attitudes towards women and girls consigned her to a life of severe hardship. Her hopes for escaping misery rested on her children, whom she raised within a society that stood aloof yet would have condemned her had she failed.

Steel Woman serves as a powerful lens through which many of today's injustices are examined. It challenges the normalisation of female suffering and will hopefully inspire you to join the fight for gender justice.

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Unleashed Dreams: A Thorny Journey to Tranquillity / Titilope Tawakkaltu Anifowoshe

Writers Occupy, Nigeria 2023

136p.

9789787803509

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

"Unleashed Dreams" is an extraordinary memoir that encapsulates the essence of resilience and unwavering determination in the face of daunting adversity. Titilope's life journey is a tapestry of triumph over devastating losses and societal pressures, ultimately sculpting her into the remarkable person she is today. Through her heartfelt anecdotes, she unveils the remarkable journey of self-discovery, where perceived differences are transformed into dazzling strengths that redefine the very fabric of her being.

Furthermore, Titilope boldly confronts the staggering double standards that plague the realm of youth politics. She unearths the profound discrimination and marginalisation that young individuals encounter within this arena, weaving her personal encounters into a vivid tapestry of struggle and resilience. With profound wisdom and unwavering conviction, she guides fellow young minds towards an empowered path, revealing the untapped potential that lies within them and offering invaluable insights to surmount the seemingly insurmountable hurdles. "Unleashed Dreams" is not merely a memoir, but a remarkable testament to the indomitable human spirit and the transformative power of embracing one's true self. It invites readers on an exhilarating journey, one that resonates with the deepest corners of the soul and ignites the flame of hope within.

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African Odyssey of a Lebanese Emigrant: An Autobiography of Sorts / Habib Jaafar

Bookcraft, Nigeria 2023

xvi, 272p.

Includes Index

9789786004440

\$ 45.00 / null

400 gm.

Beirut, Lebanon — 1982...no sooner had I stepped out of the car when a bomb exploded right next to where we had parked; I was not even fifty metres away. Without thinking, I immediately rushed back to the car... What I saw still haunts me. I saw horrible burns all over Ghazi's face and upper body...After the death of Ghazi, I was emotionally disturbed; part of me had died with him. At the cemetery, offering our condolences, the atmosphere was extremely tense as Ghazi's mother approached me and said with a broken heart and in a tone I will never forget, 'why did God take Ghazi and not you, Habib?' At that moment, I knew it was time for me to leave Lebanon.

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A Shred of Fear: A Memoir / Uche Nwokedi

Narratives Landscape Press, Nigeria 2022

xvi, 220p.

Includes Index

9789785849257

\$ 30.00 / null

350 gm.

Fifty years after the Biafran War ended in 1970, and as memories of the war fade and cultural, religious and tribal divisions rear their heads, Uche Nwokedi's childhood memories of that time are presented in this memoir. Aged seven when the war began, he and his family would spend the next three years as refugees in their own country. A Shred of Fear brings dramatic events vividly to life. Moments of fear, sadness, tragedy, and family solidarity are told with pathos and humour. More than a war story, this compelling narrative shines a fearless light on a dark period.

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Book of Consolation / Olusegun Ayodeji Diayaolu Osinowo

Sophie Academic Services Ltd, Nigeria 2020

210p.

9789785588484

\$ 25.00 / null

250 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859906>

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Undaunted: The Journey and Lessons of 20 Years of Media Practice / Adebisi Adetunji

Crown Delight Communications, Nigeria 2022

126p.

9789787925935

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

Undaunted tells the story of daunting milestones in the author's media career progression. It's a tale of how unwanted career events have been shaped into lessons and prospects. It's the perfect memoir that any young person interested in the media industry should read, especially at a time when several excellent media practices have gone with the wind. The author's work ethic, resilience, and relational skills are left for the curious eyes of any reader to see; particularly from her time at Radio Nigeria. This book presents practical steps that young media professionals in the core or soft media stream can adapt to better their acts. However, this book, unlike the opportunities the author has described isn't wearing an overall! Thankfully, it is laid bare for readers.

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This Is Pastor Adeboye / Koko Kalango (Illustrator) Raphael Agboola

Rainbow Publishers Ltd, Nigeria 2022

120p.

9789785480757

\$ 30.00 / null

200 gm.

A boy from a very poor family in a village that was not on the map.  
A star student who got an education against all odds and was a university lecturer with the ambition of becoming the youngest vice chancellor in Africa.  
A layman who became a minister of the gospel, pastor of one of the fastest growing churches in the world and convener of the world's largest, regular, in person prayer meetings.  
One of the most influential people in the world.

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Emeka / Frederick Forsyth

Spectrum Books Limited, Nigeria 2011

vi, 154p.

9789780294885

\$ 15.00 / null

200 gm.

Emeka is the dramatic, powerful and moving life-story of CHUKWUEMEKA ODUMEGWU OJUKWU. It is the story of a rebel, general, head of state, governor, philosopher and Igbo leader. A story never told before about Emeka's youth, his army training, the civil war, his exile of more than twelve years and his return home on 18 June 1982. The writing was authorised by Ojukwu and written by his close friend and confidant Frederick Forsyth, the author of Dogs of War, Odessa File, The Day of the Jackal and The Biafra Story. Frederick Forsyth's fifteen years association with Ojukwu makes Enzeka an honest, truthful and very readable book. Mr Forsyth stayed in 'Biafra' as a war correspondent throughout the civil war, kept in close touch with Ojukwu during the years in exile and returned with him to Nigeria. Ojukwu — the new Nigerian image. The fascinating story of a selfless, ambitious, highly intelligent, courageous and honest man. Enzeka — the symbol of Igbo-ness. Dikedioranma of Igboland. Enzeka should be read by every Nigerian.

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Suleman G. Abro – Green Land's Man: Autobiography / Salman Rashid

Sang-e-Meel Publications, Pakistan 2023

424p.

9789693535365

\$ 75.00 / HB

800 gm.

This book "Green Land's Man" as a biography of Muhammad Suleman G. Abro is true inspiring story for the new generations as they can understand how to be a man of consistency, how to work for deprived communities when you are also deprived, how to articulate dreams to make them true and how to set the goals and achieve those even you have mountains of challenges and rivers of obstacles.

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Between Commas and Full Stops: Story of an Army Wife / Zeenat Azra Khan

Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., Pakistan 2023

xii, 140p.

9789692107266

\$ 30.00 / HB

350 gm.

Between Commas and Full Stops is an engrossing narrative of an army wife who has been in ascendance from a Major's spouse to a General's. She has brought out the essence of the twists and turns, the ups and downs of a happy but rigorous life of military gypsies where call of duty takes them all over Pakistan and often abroad. Major General Shujaat Ali Khan is a colleague and a personal friend. The book is also a reflection of his laudable military achievements and personal qualities. Highly recommended for wide circulation in military families. – Lt. Gen. Ali Jan Aurakzai

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Zeenat Azra Khan's delightfully written memoir is not only an account of the vicissitudes of her life as the wife of an aspiring army officer, but it is also a travelogue and an expression of her compassion and innate wisdom. It describes the career path of her distinguished husband, Shujaat Ali Khan, reward bestowed upon her as the wife of a diplomat, and the contribution they both made to the cause of education and public welfare in our country.

A remarkable book exposing many myths. Highly recommended. – Dr Masuma Hasan

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One Hundred Saris and Servants Galore: My Life in Lahore / Lillian Greene  
Ferozsons (Pvt.) Ltd., Pakistan 2023

176p.

9789690028525

\$ 25.00 / null

250 gm.

It all began with the closing behind her of the heavy Gothic doors of the East London grammar school, ending the final chapter of her schooldays; and the uplifting tune and lyrics of 'I know where I'm going' that strangely possessed her mind, enthusing her with intoxicating optimism. With newfound confidence, Lillian knew exactly where she was going. But did she? A surprise encounter was about to change the course of her life forever, and the bizarre events that followed completely turned the tide in a way that even she, in her wildest of dreams, could never have imagined.

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Frank Moorehouse - Strange Paths / Lamb, Matthew  
Penguin Books, Australia 2023

480 pages, 24cm

9780143786122

\$ 54.99 / HB

740 gm.

A cultural history of the times that shaped Frank Moorhouse and which Moorhouse himself helped to shape.

"My writing allows me flight from society through solitude while permitting me to rejoin society on some of my own terms through the trading of the finished work with the society.

My imaginative narrative gives me relief from prevaility and strident ideologies by allowing me the heresy of decadence (as in erotica).

Namely, revenge against normality, reversal of normality and regression from normality.

My imaginative narrative is relief from prevailing self by allowing the potential self, the discarded self, the rejected self and the non-self to have play.

My imaginative narrative is relief from privacy by allowing exposure of self and the network of self."

- Frank Moorhouse, 1985, private telex

Frank Moorhouse was legendary in Australian literary and cultural life, the author of a huge and diverse body of work - essays, short stories, journalism, scripts, the iconic Edith Trilogy - an unapologetic activist, intellectual, libertarian and champion of freedom of speech and sexual self determination. Though he lived his life publicly, his private stories have not been shared, the many paths he forged left unexamined, until now.

Matthew Lamb shared many a luncheon table with Moorhouse and immersed himself in the archived life and cultural ephemera of Frank's world. This landmark study, from Moorhouse's own publisher, the first in a projected two volumes, is the fascinating and comprehensive story of how one of Australia's most original writers and pioneer of the discontinuous narrative came to be.

Fearless, sardonic and utterly dedicated to his creative life, his relationships with friends, other writers and lovers were complex and long-lasting. Lamb shares the strange paths that Frank traversed and gives us a cultural history of the times that shaped Moorhouse and which Moorhouse himself helped to shape.

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This is Afghanistan : 2014-2021 / Andrew Quilty

Miegunyah Press 2023

355 pages : colour illustrations, maps, portraits ; 32 cm.

9780522879681

\$ 100.00 / HB

2120 gm.

Exceptionally produced and visually striking, This is Afghanistan captures life in a war-torn nation through the lens of one of Australia's great war reporters, Walkley award-winning photo-journalist Andrew Quilty

This is Afghanistan is award-winning photo-journalist Andrew Quilty's visual record of his nine years in this vibrant, complex and war-ravaged country. Quilty was one of a small number of journalists who remained in Kabul to witness the withdrawal of international military forces from Afghanistan, the collapse of its government and the return to power of the Taliban. In the years leading up to this moment he had travelled to all parts of the country, documenting the war and its effects on the lives of Afghans. As someone who had come to love Afghanistan and to call it home, Quilty's images and commentary provide a unique, powerful and personal insight into a land and a people who, having lived and died, withered and thrived for five decades, are once again isolated from much of the rest of the world.

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Paul and Paula / McNamara, Tim

Monash University Press, Australia 2023

288 pages, 23cm

9781922979377

\$ 39.99 / null

265 gm.

'In fifty years...nobody will then know anything about our troubles.'

1939: Paul Kurz engineer, refugee from Vienna and Dunera Boy is separated from his wife, Paula, and his mother at the outbreak of World War II and interned in Australia.

Late 1960s: an Australian student from an Irish Catholic family railing against his alcoholic father, struggling with his religious upbringing and coming to terms with his sexuality strikes up a profound friendship with Paul, two generations older.

Decades after Paul's death, he pieces together Paul's incredible story from surviving family letters, and travels to Vienna to discover Paul's history and that of the city its beauty, its violence, its cruelty, what Paul loved and how he suffered there. The letters reveal Paul's heartbreaking separation from Paula, his life in exile in England and Australia, his desperate attempts to reconnect with his wife and the eventual fateful outcome.

This lyrical, poignant account combines memoir, biography and history to explore the enduring influence of one elderly Holocaust survivor and the intergenerational impact of the famed Dunera.

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A Brilliant Life / Unreich, Rachelle  
Hachette Australia, Australia 2023  
336 pages, 25cm  
9780733650178  
\$ 44.99 / null  
400 gm.

As her mother, Mira, nears the end of her life, journalist Rachelle Unreich wants to find out more about how Mira survived four concentration camps, including Auschwitz. There was a mystery to her survival, it seemed - which perhaps had something to do with the strange things that always happened around her. Incredibly, when she gave testimony about the Holocaust decades later, Mira said that it was during this time that she learned about 'the goodness of people'.

Born in Czechoslovakia, Mira Blumenstock was twelve years old when World War II broke out. She would live a full life in Paris and Australia. Then, at eighty-eight, she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Rachelle interviewed Mira to distract her from her illness, and what she discovered about her mother was breathtaking. Not only did Rachelle begin to understand Mira's past, but she was able to fit together the jigsaw puzzle pieces of her own life.

A story of love, loss, wonder and the deepest kind of faith, A Brilliant Life questions the role of fate and chance, and reveals an unbreakable connection between mother and child. It will capture hearts, spark important conversations and show us that one small act of kindness can, quite literally, save a life.

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The Schoolgirl, Her Teacher and his Wife / Hazel, Rebecca  
Vintage Books, Australia 2023  
400 pages, 23cm  
9780143796336  
\$ 46.99 / null  
495 gm.

'Long before The Teachers Pet, Rebecca Hazel was enquiring into the unexplained disappearance of Lynette Dawson. ' MALCOLM KNOX

The Teacher's Pet podcast was a phenomenon with more than 80 million downloads across the world.

Teacher and former rugby league player Chris Dawson appeared to have it all – a loving family and a beautiful home in Sydney's Northern Beaches. But in the summer of 1982 his wife Lynette disappeared and not long afterwards Dawson married a much younger woman a former student.

Less than a decade later this young woman escaped the marriage and went to the police to record her suspicions that Dawson had been involved in Lynette's disappearance. A homicide investigation followed but got nowhere until 1998, when Detective Sergeant Damian Loone was handed Lynette's file. For nearly two decades he made it his business to honour Lynette and to find out what had happened to her. His work led to two coronial investigations, but no charges.

Around this time Rebecca Hazel was working in a women's refuge on the Northern Beaches when a colleague shared her story of enduring coercive control at the hands of Dawson, when she was his student, and then wife and she shared her suspicions about the fate of his first wife Lynette. These revelations affected Rebecca, and eventually she decided to investigate.

Over years, coroners, police and journalists all shared with Rebecca their knowledge of the case, and disappointments that it remained unsolved. Until, in May 2018, Hedley Thomas launched the Teacher's Pet podcast, and in December 2018, Chris Dawson was charged with murder. He was convicted in August 2022.

Rebecca Hazel has spent ten years working to ensure that the stories of two women who were misused by Chris Dawson are heard, that their perpetrator was brought to justice and that Lynette's family can properly honour their much-loved sister, aunt, cousin and mother.

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Clanlands in New Zealand / Heughan, Sam & McTavish, Graham

Hachette Australia, Australia 2023

272 pages, 24cm

9781804190777

\$ 44.99 / null

365 gm.

Buckle up, grab a dram, and get ready for another unforgettable wild ride.

They're back! Stars of Outlander, Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish are no strangers to the rugged beauty of Scotland. But this time they're setting their sights on a new horizon: New Zealand.

Join our intrepid Scotsmen on their latest epic adventure across The Land of the Long White Cloud in this thrilling follow-up to Clanlands. Setting out to explore a country that Graham calls home, and that Sam has longed to visit, these sturdy friends immerse themselves in all that New Zealand has to offer: stunning landscapes, rich history, world-class food and drink, and - much to Graham's mounting anxiety and Sam's deep satisfaction - famously adrenaline-fuelled activities! As ever there's not nearly enough space in their trusty camper van and with plenty of good-natured competition and tormenting to go around, Sam and Graham's friendship is put to the test once again. Along the way we learn about the length and breadth of this jewel of the Southern Seas, exploring the fascinating story of its people while testing the very limits of Graham's sanity.

Like the very best buddy movie sequel, this latest instalment is full of unforgettable experiences and loveable characters and promises to be an even more memorable ride with two of the most entertaining travel companions around.

So, say goodbye to your inhibitions and kia ora to New Zealand like you've never seen it before.

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Recollections: An Eye-Witness Account of Kenya's Journey from Colony to Multi-Party Democracy / Habel J. Nyamu

Longhorn Publishers (K) Ltd., Nairobi, Kenya 2010

xv. 336p. ; 21cm.

9789966361464

\$ 40.00 / null

500 gm.

Mwalimu Habel John Nyamu's Recollections constitutes a chronological commentary of Kenya's Public Service. This book spans a significant period in the history of Kenya: from the colonial era through the heady post-independence years up to the dawn of the 21st century. The 70-odd years covered in this collection of memories and reflections represents a valuable opportunity for the reader to take a glimpse into Kenya's past, as seen through the lens of an eye-witness, in order to gain insights that may help shape the hope-filled future that is within the grasp of the youth today

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Moi, L'Auvergnate De Népoui / Ghislaine Nékirai

O Editions, Pacifique Sud, New Caledonia 2023

142p. ; 21cm.

9791096986064

\$ 50.00 / null

200 gm.

À l'aube de mes 55 ans, mon passé est de plus en plus présent.

J'analyse ma vie et j'en arrive à me dire, aussi absurde que cela puisse paraître, que j'ai puisé ma force dans la violence physique et morale que nous faisait subir notre père et la tendresse inexistante de notre mère.

Ce départ dans la vie m'a forgé une carapace afin de faire face aux nombreuses embûches que j'ai dû surmonter au cours de ma vie.

Une histoire vraie.

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Australia According to Hoges / Hogan, Paul

HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023

288 pages, 20cm

9781460762301

\$ 32.99 / null

275 gm.

Stories and yarns about my favourite bits of Down Under

Paul Hogan's ancestors were a couple of Irish blow-ins who arrived in the colony of New South Wales by boat, with a little assistance from the judges of the Old Bailey. Blow-ins from everywhere have been coming ever since, and while it hasn't always been a walk in the park, Hoges reckons this mixed-up mob of old and new inhabitants works most of the time. In fact, according to Hoges, Australia may well be the best country on earth.

In Australia, According to Hoges, the comedy legend explores some of the highways and byways of his country's past and present to map out all that is strange, marvellous and majestic about his homeland and why Australia qualifies as the Eighth Wonder of the World.

From the rich and ancient culture of the island continent's Original human inhabitants to its prison-farm phase, from a baptism by fire through wars and depression to a passion for sport, gambling and outdoor cookery, and from the influence of Marlon Brando on a teenager from Sydney's western suburbs to the culinary wonders brought by new arrivals from all around the world, Hoges portrays a nation that believes in a fair go for all and never takes itself too seriously.

Full of laugh-out-loud yarns from Hoges' and the nation's past, Australia, According to Hoges is a love letter to Down Under. As Hoges says, 'We're not perfect, but we're working on it.'

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100 Successful Omani Women: Experiences. Thoughts & Inspirations How to Empower! / Kathleen Nejad

Presence Publishing, Salem, Germany 2021

267p.

9789996938191

\$ 125.00 / HB

1150 gm.

This empowering book from Kathleen Nejad shares the inspiring experiences, thoughts and advice of 100 successful Omani women. You will be moved, motivated, humbled, and amazed by the stories these women tell about their life and carrier.

It is more and more vital that we understand and learn from each other in our global society. This book gives its reader worldwide insight into what motivates, inspires, and drives 100 of Oman's top successful women. Based on a selection of questions that the women personally answered, the author has put together a deep reflection of their journey to success, all people can learn from.

Be inspired, moved, and empowered by these stories!

"Great stories with amazing inspirational touches. Everyone should read this book as they will definitely find something in it that will inspire and empower them."

"This book is a credit to the author and the 100 successful women who participated in the project.

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Mme Ruth Mompoti : A Life of Courage and Service / Mongane Serote (Ed);  
Isabelle Delvare

Seriti sa Sechaba Publishers NPC, South Africa 2023

344p.

Includes Index

9781776404803

\$ 55.00 / null

500 gm.

This is the life story of an exceptional person and African National Congress (ANC) cadre, Ruth Mompoti. It will be of interest and an inspiration to a wide readership in South Africa and beyond the country's borders, where she made numerous contacts and friends during and after South Africa's struggle against apartheid and colonialism.

The book covers Mompoti's early life and political awakening; her personal and political life while in exile as one of the very first women members of the ANC's military wing, uMkhonto we Sizwe, and as a strong leader in the ANC's senior leadership. It also deals with her role in the negotiations to end apartheid in the early 1990s and her contribution to the reconstruction of the country after 1994 in various roles in government.

The factual narrative and powerful reflective passages in Mongane Serote's portrait of a revered leader, draw on a great deal of original research and material. Mme Ruth Mompoti: A Life of Courage and Service, however, is much more than the average biography. The tale spun by its author is a rich tapestry of interwoven strands. On more than one occasion, Mongane pauses to describe, lovingly and carefully, one of the wellsprings of Ruth Mompoti's strength: the rich facets of African philosophy and traditions of her Setswana heritage, including beliefs about relationships between people, attitudes to the natural world, and the ancestral presence of the numerous warriors of both genders who gave their blood for freedom.

Because this is in part a book honouring the contribution of women in the struggle, the author has paid special attention to the pain and strengths of women from the development of mining and throughout the twentieth century. This is a theme he returns to, then expands on in some of the most lyrical writing in the book.

More than a tribute, Mme Ruth Mompoti: A Life of Courage and Service is a means of salvaging and reviving the grandeur of various South African philosophical and political traditions. It offers readers a positive vision of enduring humanity.

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Painting A Life in Africa: The Story of Joan Van Gogh / Joan Van Gogh

Rockhopper Books, South Africa 2023

342p.

9780639792675

\$ 35.00 / null

500 gm.

Painting a Life in Africa is the vibrant story of Joan van Gogh, who has lived an unusual and adventurous life close to nature –even making her home amidst ancient caves and under majestic trees that thrive in the heart of the untamed bush. As a direct descendant of legendary artist Vincent van Gogh and an artist herself, Joan wielded the adversities and trials she encountered as her very own brushes, painting a vivid and extraordinary existence: from being a city girl who adapted to roughing it, to exploring some of the most remote and secretive places in southern Africa. With artful descriptions and a sprinkle of humour, you will be immersed in the wonderful feeling of sleeping under wild and silent African skies and experience a wilderness with few fences and many friendly people. The story also touches on anthropology, archaeology, the fascinating customs of Africa's tribal heritage and is altogether a kaleidoscope of one life. Painting a Life in Africa paints a mesmerizing portrait of one woman's remarkable journey through a land teeming with wonder and uncharted horizons.

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Bwana, There's a Body in the Bath! / Peter Whitehead & Tony Park

Rockhopper Books, South Africa 2023

viii, 324p.

9780639792699

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

Born in Shanghai and shipped to England as a child, Peter Whitehead then made his way to Australia, solo, at the age of 13 in 1938, in order to save his family money. Alone and working in near slave-like conditions as a farm labourer, Peter learned the art of breaking wild horses and so began a lifelong love affair with animals.

After wartime service as a horse breaker for the army and a gunner on a Liberator bomber, Peter headed to Africa and a richly varied career as an agricultural officer, national parks ranger, big game hunter, animal wrangler and rancher.

He worked on the sets of several big-name movies, including *Hatari!* with John Wayne, and handled lions for the smash hit film, *Born Free*.

Peter survived two aircraft crashes, as well as encounters with man-eating lions, zombie witches, and killer hippos, and nearly drowned in a crocodile infested river. Along the way, he also helped save an endangered species and found a woman who would put up with him. *Bwana, There's a Body in the Bath!* is Peter's story of nearly a century of incredible adventures.

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Diplomacy of Changes: From Apartheid to Democracy / Dawie Jacobs

Malan Media (Pty) Ltd., South Africa 2021

x, 174p.

9781920335878

\$ 40.00 / null

350 gm.

David (Dawie) Jacobs' journey began with a carefree childhood in the rural north-eastern Free State and took him to foreign capitals around the world – from close involvement with issues of justice, race, religion and politics in his own country to high-level discussions on these matters with foreign presidents.

After a career in the Department of Justice, Dawie served as South African diplomat under apartheid and democracy. He held senior positions under both, among others as ambassador to various countries. A golden thread running through his journey is his passion for building bridges between individuals, communities and nations.

Dawie is well known for his political commentary in various South African news-papers over the years, as well as for his sports diplomacy – he has arranged a number of rugby tours to and from South Africa.

He speaks English, Afrikaans, German and Spanish and enjoys photography, painting, writing, poetry and wildlife.

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Flinders - The fascinating life, loves & great adventures of the man who put Australia on the map / Kieza, Grantlee

ABC Books, Australia 2023

496 pages, 24cm

9780733341557

\$ 52.00 / HB

805 gm.

The extraordinary life, loves and voyages of the man who put Australia on the map

Fearless, sharp-eyed and handsome, Matthew Flinders was one of the greatest of all maritime adventurers and undertook one of the most important voyages of discovery - to circumnavigate and map the famed Great Southern Land.

Together with his Aboriginal interpreter and guide, Kuringgai man Bungaree, and his beloved rescue cat Trim, Flinders explored the furthest reaches of Australia and meticulously recorded its rugged coastlines on maps so accurate they are still used today.

He also gave our vast island continent its name, turning the centuries-old title 'Terra Australis' into 'Australia' and making the name widely popular through his writing.

Growing up in rural England, Flinders became fascinated with the sea, inspired by the adventure story of Robinson Crusoe and the history-making explorations of Captain James Cook. While not much more than a boy, Flinders fought in great naval battles against the French, and from a young age was at the forefront of major maritime voyages that took him right around the globe. With Sir Joseph Banks, England's foremost scientist as his mentor, Flinders set off in 1801 to discover and map the vast reaches of the great continent of the southern ocean.

Flinders recorded his work, voyages and adventures in what would become his famous book and atlas, which announced to the world the true nature of the Australian continent's treasures - and its Indigenous people.

But rather than bask in the accolades of his extraordinary feat, Flinders then spent years as a virtual political prisoner trapped off the coast of Africa when rushing home to his beloved wife, Ann, in England. His love for her, and his heart-breaking fight to escape his prison bonds to be with her again, was the last great adventure of a fascinating life.

From the bestselling, critically acclaimed author of *Banks*, *Banjo*, *Hudson Fysh* and *Monash*, Flinders is a rollicking adventure tale of a man who loved the sea, and adored his family - and pushed himself to the limits of human endeavour to show it.

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From the Heart / Cotchin, Trent  
HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023  
352 pages, 24cm  
9781460758298  
\$ 54.99 / HB  
620 gm.

When Trent Cotchin was handed the reins of Richmond Football Club's team in 2013, he was a 22-year-old star, skilful and fearlessly hard at the ball. Coming off a Brownlow Medal-winning season, he embraced the captaincy and continued his quest to get the most out of himself for the benefit of the club.

Yet by the end of 2016, Trent was suffering from serious self-doubt. The media and fans were circling, questioning the club's leadership and culture, demanding answers for their poor performance in finals.

With nothing to lose and facing down his own fear of failure, Trent put himself on the line in a new way. He laid himself bare and asked his teammates to do the same. Vulnerability - a foreign word to tough footballers back then - gave the players an incredible connection that resulted in the 2017 premiership, breaking a 37-year drought. Trent went on to lead the team to two more flags in 2019 and 2020, cementing his place in Tiger history.

Trent's personal journey involved doing the hard work to shift his focus from 'me' to 'we', abandoning the hunt for perfection in his own game for a more selfless - and ultimately more fulfilling - role. By leading with love and empathy, he brought out the best in those around him.

With unflinching honesty and generosity, Trent shares the lessons he learnt in the hope that it will help others to live more authentically. This book is his legacy.

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A Lifetime Of Dissent: A Memoir / I. A. Rehman

Folio Books, Pakistan 2023

xviii, 186p.

9789697834617

\$ 25.00 / HB

350 gm.

'As a public intellectual, I. A. Rehman devoted his whole life to the cause of oppressed classes. Besides campaigning against religious extremism and the violation of human rights, he actively participated in democratic movements, generating political consciousness in Pakistan and beyond. His work (and this memoir) is worth remembering in the days to come.'

—Dr Mubarak Ali, Historian and Author.

'This book is a testament to how a seemingly modest man lived and sneaked his way to the status of a legend.'

—Amin Mughal, Scholar, Activist and Journalist.

'As a young man, I. A. Rehman experienced the hopeful tumult of national liberation. For the next seven decades, he stood shoulder-to-shoulder with all those who sought to keep the dream of decolonisation alive. This memoir is a must-read for young people on the left today, a reminder that revolutionary humanism can and must be sustained unflinchingly for as long as one lives.'

—Aasim Sajjad Akhtar, Academic, Political Organiser and Author.

'Rehman Sahib had the ability, like my father, to be at ease across generations. Witty, compassionate and a man with infinite patience, he would engage with unknown young people as much as his known contemporaries. What also astonished me was his ability to comment on the latest developments in art, poetry, theatre, medicine and constitutional law. His vision was far-reaching and always attendant to life around us. This memoir is a beautiful glimpse into the life of South Asia's iconic thinker, journalist and activist.'

—Salima Hashmi, Painter and Artist

'I was introduced to I. A. Rahman by his associate and admirer and my good friend Amin Mughal. Rahman Sahib's track record as a legendary human rights campaigner and eminent journalist had made me curious about him. His balanced and dispassionate analysis of politics in Pakistan was invaluable. Every time he visited London, a meeting with him was a must. He was the toast of Indian progressives and diplomats who had served in Islamabad. To obtain an insight into his fascinating life, lucidly told in his own words, is as refreshing as it was conversing with him.'

—Ashis Ray, formerly editor-at-large of CNN

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Heartbeat: An American Cardiologist in Kenya / David Silverstein & Mary Anne Fitzgerald

Dr David Silverstein (Self-Published), Kenya 2023

x, 346p.

Includes Index

9789966757807

\$ 40.00 / null

500 gm.

In this must-read memoir, David Silverstein not only tells us about how and why he became a cardiologist and settled in Kenya in 1974, but through his high-level exposure he also offers unique insights into the country's political and social scenes. He talks about cardiology strange diseases and pandemics, as well as his Jewish upbringing in America and his leadership of the Jewish community in Kenya.

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Moulded For Service: My 50-Year Journey Of Priesthood: An Autobiography / Archbishop Emeritus Peter Joseph Kairo

Big Books Ltd, Kenya 2020

208p.

9789914702057

\$ 25.00 / null

300 gm.

Archbishop Emeritus Peter Kairo has had an illustrious career as a priest, having served as the first Bishop of Murang'a, Bishop of Nakuru and Archbishop of Nyeri. He made history as the first African priest to be ordained in Nakuru Diocese and, over the next 50 years, he went on to serve the Catholic Church in various leadership roles. He also played an important role in the training of priests when he was the Spiritual Director, formator and lecturer in Catechesis and Pastoral Studies at St Thomas Aquinas Seminary in Nairobi. Besides his role in the Church, he also helped to shape political and national leadership in the country when he served in the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops and as vice-chairman of the Ufungamano Initiative, which was critical in driving legal and political reforms during Kenya's darkest political era under the Kanu administration.

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Dr. William Ruto – The Journey From Kamagut Village to State House: An Inspiring Story of a Village Boy, a Chicken Seller and a Hustler Who Became Kenya's 5th President : A Biography / Mzee Warsame

Habado Publishers, Kenya 2023

564p.

9789914408812

\$ 60.00 / null

700 gm.

His Excellency President Dr. William Samoei Ruto is the current President of the Republic of Kenya from 13th September 2022 on United Democratic Alliance party (UDA) under Kenya kwanza Coalition. He is a Kenyan politician who is serving as the fifth and current president of Kenya. Prior to becoming president, he served as the 11th deputy president of Kenya from 2013 to 2022. He previously served in several cabinet positions such as the Ministry for Home Affairs, the Ministry for Agriculture and as Minister for Higher Education. The journey from Kamagut village to State House, is a biography of it's kind. It clearly pictures the life of Dr. William Samoei Ruto from his humble beginnings in Kamagut village, his education journey and his political career. This is the first book to be written about Dr. Ruto.

This is the official biography of Kenya's fifth President Dr. William Ruto. Some of the insights you need to expect in this biography is the full inspirational story of how a chicken seller and a hustler who had no connection rose to power and became Kenya's fifth President. Of course, the full story of the handshake, the grand Uhuruto fallout, Kenya's general elections (especially 1992, 1997, 2002, 2017, 2022 and 2027), YK-92, Cambridge analytica and many more interesting stories about Dr. William Ruto and Kenya's politics.

This is one the most serious books ever written in this country. It digs deeper into Kenya's history and politics. This book answers a lot of questions about the current situation of our country, Kenya.

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The Odyssey of an African Man : Memoire / Edward J. Mburu

Spydeprint Ltd, Kenya 2023

vi, 114p.

9789914498660

\$ 25.00 / null

200 gm.

The Odyssey of an Africa Man is a well written story of an ordinary man who grew up in rural Kenya. Mr. Gachina has written a very interesting autobiography depicting courage, strength, hard-work and resilience. Captivating and intriguing is the story that this book presents.

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The University Drop-In : The Life of Calestous Juma in His Own Words / Calestous Juma

Headline Books, Inc., Terra Alta, WV, USA 2023

192p.

Includes Index

9781958914076

\$ 30.00 / null

500 gm.

Writing in pen and ink the year before his untimely death at age 64, Calestous Juma sought to illuminate the personal path he took and to encourage others to make their own. He was always an influencer (what else would you call someone with over 100,000 Twitter followers?) long before the term became common currency. Whether as a science teacher, journalist, scholar, or policy pioneer, he sought to bring knowledge and vision to the hard work of making development sustainable.

In this very personal account, Juma takes us from his childhood in a fishing town on the shores of Lake Victoria, through his adventures in journalism, to his intellectual growth and emergence in the corridors of power in national and international environmental policymaking and academia. His trademark humor and sharing of political cartoons opened the door to frank exchanges and too many partnerships to count.

read the manuscript agreed: it must be shared with the world. We hope it will inspire you to contribute to the work ahead.

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Early Bird : A Memoir / Beth Mugo

Kenya Literature Bureau, Kenya 2023

xxxii, 608p.  
9789966659095  
\$ 50.00 / null  
850 gm.

Early bird is a story foresight, hope and determination of a woman who went ahead of time to mine and refine opportunities that positively impact the society. It is a useful read and reference material for scholars, teachers of history and anthropology and policy makers across the world.

Beth Mugo has, for more than five decades, been a consequential figure in Kenya's social and political space.

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A Moving Horizon: A Memoir / Francis Muthaura

Kenway Publications (East African Educational Publishers Ltd), Kenya 2023

xxiv, 456p. ; 229x152mm.

Includes Index

\$ 65.00 / null

650 gm.

A Moving Horizon is the life journey of Amb. Dr. Muthaura, spanning from his childhood on the slopes of Mt. Kenya to his retirement from public service. The book follows the career of Amb. Dr. Muthaura as he rises through the ranks, taking on diplomatic assignments in European capitals and at the United Nations before assuming a leading role in the re-establishment of the East African Community. It tells about his return to the Kenya Civil Service where he rose to the office of Head of the Civil Service and Secretary to the Cabinet. The reader is then taken through his heartrending moment when he is indicted for crimes against humanity at the International Criminal Court (IC). The journey of Amb. Dr. Muthaura exemplifies focus, loyalty, resilience, commitment, and patriotism - inspiring both aspiring and current civil servants.

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Kimulwon: The 630 Life Story / KC Rottok Chesaina (Foreword) Governor Anyang' Nyong'o (Ed) Linda Pretorius

KC Rottok Chesaina (Self-Published), Kenya 2023

xxiv, 308p.

9789914499957

\$ 50.00 / null

500 gm.

At 10 p.m. on July 11, 2022, a deafening explosion on Langata Road echoed through the air as a car somersaulted over the tarmac, careening through three different roads before coming to a rest, an overturned wreck. Kimulwon Chesaina's life ended abruptly, leaving a trail of mourning hearts in its wake. What were the events that led to this calamitous incident? Who was Kimulwon, beyond the headlines and the accident report? What were the triumphs and tribulations that defined his forty-eight-year existence? In this unvarnished narrative, meticulously documented by his sole brother, we journey through the intricate tapestry of Kimulwon's life.

We delve into themes ranging from a historical connection with the formidable Moi family, to the scars of childhood trauma, the dynamics of political patronage, the complexities of love and separation, the battle for mental well-being, the shackles of generational patterns, the trials and triumphs of entrepreneurship, the call to public service, and the quintessence of 'I went to Alliance'.

This compelling account lifts the veil on a life that was both celebrated and challenged and will leave an indelible imprint on the hearts and minds of those who immerse themselves in this must-read narrative.

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Long Walk To Presidency / Hon. Issa Isack & Adan Madey

S.N., Kenya

vii, 137p.

9789966955906

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

"Long Walk To Presidency" is a captivating and insightful book that explores Ruto's journey of becoming a president. Written in a narrative style, the book takes the reader on a journey through the intricacies of leadership, from the initial steps of destiny to the mechanics of democracy. With real-life examples and anecdotes, the book provides a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities that come with pursuing a career in politics.

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Tender Soul, Warrior Spirit: A Story of Love, Resilience and Legacy / Lydia Muthoni Kabinga & Lesalon Kasaine

Qazini, Kenya 2023

180p.

9789914495416

\$ 22.00 / null

250 gm.

Prepare to be inspired and moved by the riveting story of Lydia Muthoni Kabinga, a courageous cancer survivor and warrior for humanity whose outstanding service was rewarded with a state commendation by the late President Mwai Kibaki.

Lydia's narrative weaves through her early days when sending a girl to school was almost taboo, a teenage pregnancy that rocked her world, and a blissful marriage that was soon followed by heartache and pain.

Yet, even in the face of trials and tribulations, Lydia found the strength to fight for her education, nurture her family, and selflessly serve those afflicted by the HIV/AIDS pandemic - a crisis that invoked fear, judgment, and exclusion.

And just when you begin to think Lydia's toughest days are behind her, the book takes a poignant turn and delves into her battle with colon cancer. In the face of yet another heart-wrenching trial, Lydia's warrior spirit continues to shine through.

Her unwavering faith in God, solid family values, and commitment to serving others provide the foundation for her resilience. Ultimately, this is a tale of triumph over adversity. It will leave you with a renewed sense of hope and inspire you to discover the warrior spirit within yourself.

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A Short History of Desperation / Dominic Walubengo

Dominic Walubengo (Self-Published), Kenya 2023

vi, 116p.

9789914496437

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

In this book, everyone has something that makes him or her desperate. The book offers the reader a short history of desperation. It invites the reader to think deeply about what it means to be desperate and how a person becomes desperate. Desperation is the feeling that arises when one is in a bad situation and is willing to try anything to change it. This feeling is characterized by impetuosity, recklessness, torture, and unhappiness.

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A Saint to Behold with Rev. Philip Kinyinga M'Inoti / Engineer Kiruki Mwithimbu & Kimathi Kinyinga

Eureka Publishers, Kenya 2023

xiv, 204p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789966182289

\$ 55.00 / null

450 gm.

A Saint to Behold is the story of the birth and growth of the Methodist Church in Meru captured through the life history of Rev Philip Kinyinga M'Inoti. He was born around the turn of the 19th century, joined the Kaaga Mission in his teen age and survived death as the mission was burnt down by infuriated Miiru warriors in 1914.

As Kenya was raided and subdued by the British Empire, many things were happening that threatened to upset the sanctity of the traditional society - even as the newly arrived Christians made room for themselves. As the two rival forces clashed, the proverbial grass was trampled down, culminating in the open warfare that was to be the Mau Mau rebellion. From the story, it is clear that the Mau Mau uprising was not only a battle for land, but also a divine fight for our souls!

Philip M'Inoti lived through this period of transformation. He was, indeed, a member of the cast that played a key role in the ensuing transition. He found himself a confidant of both sides of the divide; a Reverend on one side, and a Njirincheke Elder, on the other. By telling his story, the book captures the authentic account of this transformation through the pen of a master storyteller. The book also rekindles the true African spirit of family as M'Inoti's genealogy is traced 200 years back to Igembe, the eastern slopes of the Nyambene Hills. The dispersal that followed was like the legendary mustard seed that dies to regenerate a forest.

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Creating a Cash Cow in Kenya: Adventures in Starting a Social Business and Living in Africa / Nat Robinson

Nat Robinson (Self-Published), Kenya 2015

300p.

099711360X ; 9780997113600

\$ 50.00 / null

500 gm.

What started as an eight-month assignment turned into a six-year adventure and the creation of a social business to help Kenya's farmers lift themselves out of poverty. The social business, Juhudi Kilimo, provides microloans to enable smallholder farmers to buy productive assets, such as cows, tools and so on. Since its foundation in 2009, Juhudi Kilimo has provided over 50,000 loans worth \$30 million and financed the purchase of 23,100 cows by some of Kenya's poorest farmers. In its six years Juhudi managed to rack up an impressive list of international investors - The Rockefeller Foundation, The Ford Foundation, Acumen Fund, Soros Economic Development Fund, Grameen Foundation, Deutsche Bank and Kiva.org. The company also won a Charles Schwab Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award and part of CIO Magazine's top 100 list. The challenges faced by the company in its early years reveal a dark underbelly of investor greed, corruption and the deep multicultural misunderstandings that can lead to conflicts. The company was driven by a young entrepreneur from the US, who admits he had no idea what he was doing but learned along the way. The lessons he presents here can help guide those starting new ventures or trying to defy the odds with a new social business in East Africa. The business stories are intertwined with his adventures, racing camels, running from rhinos and much more.

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Resilience: Stories in the Lives of Nairobi Women Hawkers / Makumi Mwagiru (ed)

Three Legs Consortium, Kenya 2023

148p.

9789966123831

\$ 30.00 / null

200 gm.

The stories in the book are true real-life stories of the tough realities of the lives of the women hawkers in the Nairobi streets. The women tell of their struggles as they wrestle to earn a livelihood from the hard pavements and concrete jungles of the Nairobi metropolitan area.

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Healing the Mind: Conversation with Dr Frank Njenga / Frank Njenga

Longhorn Publishers PLC, Kenya 2022

vi, 330p.

9789966643728

\$ 50.00 / null

500 gm.

When people experience emotional, psychological or social stress, it often affects how they feel, think or act. Mental health issues affect human beings at every stage of life, from childhood and adolescence through adulthood.

Healing the Mind Conversations with Dr Frank Njenga compiles various questions that people normally ask regarding their mental health, family issues, career progress and how to manage businesses without stress. What would an experienced psychiatrist say about them?

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Hope Made A Way: A Memoir / Lucy Wanjiku Njenga (Ed) Lucas Omino

Lucy Wanjiku Njenga (Self-Published), Kenya 2023

136p.

9789914495638

\$ 18.00 / null

150 gm.

She walks the streets of New York and other countries like she walked the slums of Nairobi growing up. She knows the depths of poverty, the scars of abuse inflicted at a tender age, the trials of teenage motherhood, the unbearable loss of a child, and the agony of living with an abusive partner. As if it wasn't enough, she got diagnosed with a chronic condition all before she was 21 years old.

But now, she stands tall as a beacon of resilience and triumph. Leading a successful community based organization, serving on influential boards, and speaking alongside renowned figures in global health. Her dedication being to empower girls and women across Africa.

This inspiring memoir offers solace, comfort and a path forward. It reminds us all that no matter where we come from or how dire our circumstances may be, hope has the power to guide us through the darkest of times. Brace yourself for a remarkable story that will captivate your heart, uplift your spirit, and leave you yearning for more.

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Estorias De Izmir = Stories From Izmir: My Illustrated Memories / Albert N.

Contente (Eds) Karen Gerson Sarhon & Sarit Bonfil (Photographs) Selim Bonfil (Translator)

Gozlem Gazetecilik Basin Yasin A.S., Turkey 2023

72p.

\$ 65.00 / null

400 gm.

Albert N. Contente first compiled his memories of Jewish life in Izmir in the 1930s -40s in a book titled Mis Memorias ilustradas. The book, which featured his own illustrations, was published as a one-off point in 2004. When we first read the book, we were very moved by the warmth of Contente's Ladino, as well as the fact that most of his stories matched our own memories of Jewish life in the city. In this new edition, we present the original Ladino-language texts, alongside English translations and photos of Izmir's past and present. We hope that this version will reach a wider audience, bringing joy and nostalgia to the hearts of all readers in Izmir and across the world – Sarit-Selim Bonfil

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Living / Cahit Zarif Oglu (Ed-in-Chief); Duran Dogan (Translator) Mukadder Erkan

Kahramanmaras Metropolitan Municipality Culture Publications, Turkey 2021

190p.

9786057064790

\$ 40.00 / null

400 gm.

Cahit Zarifoğlu, one of the great poets of Turkish, carried the tired, injured, courageous, and impulsive weight of the past and he noted his travels and memories in *Living with a wonderful perspective and a subtle touch*. To watch and read how a poet deepens with everything he sees and encounters will allow us to look at this world from a different angle...

SARIKAMIS 1979, what a lot of pain.

ANKARA 1970. I am not thinking of talking about happiness.

BIARRITZ 1972. this isn't the first time I saw the Atlantic Ocean.

BORDEAUX 1972. the lights of the drawbridge were illuminated.

MARAŞ 1973, FEBRUARY 6. my mother is well. She has minor aches just like back in the day when we were able to sit together.

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*Being An Armenian in Turkey* / Hayko Bagdat (Ed); Alin Ozinian

SRC Yayin Yapim Tic. Ltd. Sti., Turkey 2023

140p.

9786259962511

\$ 36.00 / null

200 gm.

HAYKO BAGDAT was born in Istanbul in 1976, as the fourth child of an ethnic Greek mother and an Armenian father. After attending the Armenian schools Esayan and Mkhitaryan, he began studying history at Istanbul University in 1994. Due to the unexpected death of his father, he was unable to complete his studies. He began his journalism career in 2002 with a program on a radio station covering minority issues for the first time in Turkey, and worked as a journalist, columnist and commentator for Turkey's mainstream media.

In 2007, Bagdat was among the founders of the "Friends of Hrant" group, which was formed after the murder of journalist Hrant Dink and which continues its search for justice.

Bagdat's first book on being an Armenian and "the other" in Turkey, *Salyangoz (Snail)* was published in 2014, his second book, *Gollik*, in 2015, and his third book, *Kurtulus Cok Bozuldu*, in 2016.

His one-man stage performance "*Salyangoz*," based on his book, thrilled audiences in many cities across Turkey in 2016 and received critical acclaim with tours all over the world. In 2017, Bagdat moved to Germany and continues to work as a journalist and scriptwriter in Berlin.

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*The Dominatrix Next Door / Mistress Jane*

Melbourne Books, Australia 2023

256 pages, 23cm

9781922779083

\$ 39.99 / null

285 gm.

Mother by day, Dominatrix by night.

When a cash-strapped single mother of two in suburban Melbourne has a fun idea to start a side hustle running workshops for hens' parties, she has no idea it will lead her on a surreal adventure (or twenty) through the debaucherous underground world of kink clubs and swingers' parties. Nor does she know that it will bring her out on the other end as one of Australia's most recognised Dominatrixes.

But how do you juggle such an extreme double life? Especially with a scorned ex-husband on your heels baying for blood, and the local school mums needing you at the bakesale on a Saturday morning?

In a tale far too extreme to have been made up, Mistress Jane has penned a memoir that is both a salacious tell-all and a love letter to Melbourne's BDSM community. Complete with celebrity encounters, exciting opportunities, and lessons in kink, love, and parenthood, she shows us how having multiple identities is not only possible, but incredible, and that some mums really are superheroes—they might just use their rope and masks in a different way than you'd expect.

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Right Story, Wrong Story / Yunkaporta, Tyson

Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023

292 pages, 24cm

9781922790439

\$ 42.00 / null

380 gm.

The award-winning author of Sand Talk returns with a formidably original yarn with Indigenous thought leaders from around the globe.

Sand Talk, Tyson Yunkaporta's bestselling debut, cast an Indigenous lens on contemporary society. It was, said Melissa Lucashenko, 'an extraordinary invitation into the world of the Dreaming'.

Right Story, Wrong Story extends Yunkaporta's explorations of how we can learn from Indigenous thinking. Along the way, he talks to a range of people including liberal economists, memorisation experts, Frisian ecologists, and Elders who are wood carvers, mathematicians and storytellers.

Right Story, Wrong Story describes how our relationship with land is inseparable from how we relate to each other. This book is a sequence of thought experiments, which are, as Yunkaporta writes, 'crowd-sourced narratives where everybody's contribution to the story, no matter how contradictory, is honoured and included...the closest thing I can find in the world to the Aboriginal collective process of what we call "yarning".'

And, as he argues, story is at the heart of everything. But what is right or wrong story? This exhilarating book is an attempt to answer that question. Right Story, Wrong Story is a formidably original essay about how we teach and learn, and how we can talk to each other to shape forms of collective thinking that are aligned with land and creation.

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Krish: Struggle Lawyer / Krish Naidoo

Krish Naidoo (Self-Published), Johannesburg, South Africa 2019

xii, 308p.

Includes Index

9780620834568

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

Krish Naidoo practised as a human rights lawyer in Johannesburg, South Africa in the 1980s.

This book records his life, the political trials he was involved in and his activities in sport, culture and the legal fraternity.

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Jacinda Ardern: The Full Story of an Extraordinary Prime Minister / Michelle Duff  
Allen & Unwin, New Zealand 2023

351p. ; 24cm.

9781991006622

\$ 40.00 / null

450 gm.

What made Jacinda Ardern such an incredibly popular New Zealand prime minister? And why did her popularity then fall so dramatically? What happened during her leadership, and how did the unprecedented events of her tenure eventually lead to her resignation?

This in-depth analysis of Jacinda Ardern's extraordinary leadership from award-winning journalist Michelle Duff examines these questions, and much more.

Substantially revised to provide a comprehensive overview, this edition of the bestselling biography covers Ardern's rise to power and her nearly six years as Aotearoa New Zealand's prime minister, a period that included a global pandemic, a devastating terrorist attack and a deadly volcanic eruption.

Covering the turbulent time between Labour's historic landslide election victory in 2020 and Ardern's shock resignation in early 2023, Duff also looks at the increasingly misogynistic pushback experienced by Ardern. Pandemic-induced tensions led to a rise in social and political polarisation in Aotearoa, having major ramifications for Ardern's time as prime minister.

This is an engrossing and powerful exploration of one of the most intriguing political stories of our time — telling us as much about an extraordinary prime minister's ascendancy and fall as it does about the country that elected her.

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Murray Ball: A Cartoonist's Life / Mason Ball

HarperCollins Publishers, New Zealand 2023

287p. ; 24cm

9781775542490

\$ 45.00 / HB

650 gm.

The long-awaited biography of cartoonist Murray Ball, creator of Footrot Flats In Murray Ball: A Cartoonist's Life, Murray's son Mason Ball shares all the hits and misses and long years of hard graft that went into what would become the wildly successful creative enterprise: Footrot Flats. From his unique viewpoint and with candid honesty, Mason reveals the real-life backstory to Murray's most iconic characters and themes, telling the story of the man - and father - who could see the quirks of human nature and capture them with the stroke of a pen.

Richly illustrated with family photos and cartoons by the bloke who brought us that most lovable character, the Dog.

Let me show you how my dad became a leading cartoonist of his generation, how his endearing characters evolved and where the insightful and humorous ideas sprang from. Let's see the man behind the drawing desk and delve into the workings of his mind. - Mason Ball

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A Cancer Survivor: Struggle and Success / Minoti Barthakur

B.R. Publishing Corporation, Delhi 2023

xviii, 82p.; ill. 22 cm.

9788176466554

\$ 3.75 / null

250 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855064>

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Ishwar Chand Vidyasagar: Life and Thoughts / Shivendra Pathak

Innovative Imprint., New Delhi 2023

viii, 208p.; 23 cm.  
Bibliography Includes Index.  
9788195669202  
\$ 44.00 / HB  
600 gm.

Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar was a legendary educationist, a Sanskrit scholar and a social reformer who not only changed the Bengali alphabet and type but also challenged Hindu orthodoxy by playing a pivotal role in passing the Widow Remarriage Act. He also fought for women's education and vigorously challenged the barbaric practice of child marriage. Standing tall against the conservative power centres of Hindu society, Vidyasagar was a man who was way ahead of his times. In light of the desecration of his statue, it is time to remind ourselves about this visionary of modern Indian history. Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's pioneering work in Bengali prose certainly deserves the very best of appreciation. He mostly devoted his time writing reformist literature and textbooks.

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LIM KIT SIANG – Malaysian First, Volume Two: Bold to The Last Battle / Kee Thuan Chye

SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2023

xviii, 550p.  
9786297575131

\$ 44.00 / null

750 gm.

In this continuing account of Lim Kit Siang's life and 56-year political career, dramatist-journalist Kee Thuan Chye picks up from the cliffhanger at the end of Volume One to present a story full of intrigue, heart-tugging moments, dramatic twists and turns – and even some laughter and joy.

What comes through unmistakably is Kit Siang's resilience in fighting for his Malaysian Dream – his lifelong vision for a united, democratic and prosperous nation in which all citizens will have the opportunity to achieve success and find fulfilment.

We see in this story how he is able to set aside deep-seated political differences and forgive the political enemies who had unfairly inflicted pain and suffering on him – and his son – for the sake of realising that Dream.

We also see the important role played by Kit Siang's devoted wife and children in giving him the support he needs as he battles the forces set on dividing the nation, stealing from the people and destroying the rule of law.

Malaysia would not be what it is without the political struggles and sacrifices of Lim Kit Siang and his fight for his Malaysian Dream. As this biography shows, he has proven unfailingly throughout his long career that he is not only someone who truly cares for his country and its people, but is also a visionary ahead of his time.

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In Search of Answers: A Memoir / K. Saradmoni

Tulika Books, New Delhi 2023

viii, 250p.; ill. 23 cm.

9788195839407

\$ 35.00 / HB

700 gm.

As an economist turned social scientist, K. Saradmoni, who grew up in Kerala, worked in the Indian Statistical Institute, Delhi and then moved back to work in Kerala post retirement. This memoir takes us through modern Indian and Kerala history, both of which the author had a ringside view of. Using simple language, the book discusses issues of caste, class, land, labour, gender and agriculture, all of which the author studied academically. She also writes about her travels to Paris and London for her doctoral work, to the US, Africa, parts of Asia and Latin America. In this memoir, Saradmoni draws upon her life as an academic and activist to narrate a gripping story with keen observation and insight.

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Agnes Smedley: The Life and Times of an American Radical / Janice R. Mackinnon, Stephen R. Mackinnon

Primus Books, Delhi 2022

xx, 486p.; ill. 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391144319

\$ 45.00 / HB

1000 gm.

"The authors skillfully blend a thorough grasp of the first half of the century with a sensitive use of psycho-biographical technique." —GADDIS SMITH (YALE), *Foreign Affairs* Agnes Smedley's (1894–1950) career as an activist journalist began in the 1910s and 1920s, with a commitment to the Indian Independence movement. Her anti-imperialism was based on the Jeffersonian tradition of the American Revolution. In New York, she was close to the Lion of the Punjab, Lala Lajpat Rai, writing for his publications until his death. In California, she was involved with the Sikh-led Ghadar party of insurrectionists. Her complicated relationship with the European movement leader Virendranath Chattopadhyaya in Berlin in the 1920s is better known. Smedley left Europe for China in 1929 in an effort to reach India through the backdoor.

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Macbeth as Macbeth Mirror / Santanu Das (ed)

Kalyani Kalamandalam, West Bengal, India 2022

xiii, 232p.; ill. 22 cm.

9788195480517

\$ 10.00 / null

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852942>

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Sarala Devi Chaudhurani / Rakhi Mitra

Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, India 2018

75p.; 22 cm.

9789384566104

\$ 7.50 / null

150 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=857733>

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Ivy On Stone / Matthew Thomas

Matahari Books (Buku Fixi), Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2023

240p.

9789670042749

\$ 17.50 / null

300 gm.

The Malaysian lawyer and author Matthew Thomas was introduced by his family to Anne when he was 29. Despite their initial trepidation, they got along very well and within a year they were married. Decades later, she would lie in a coffin at the same church they were married in.

Ivy on Stone is his memoir of their marriage, and of how he has struggled to come to terms with her death. This deeply personal tribute is not only a record of love and grief, but of a humanistic faith that transcends orthodoxy as he recounts the life they had.

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Sure, I'll Join Your Cult : A Memoir of Mental Illness and the Quest to Belong Anywhere / Maria Bamford

Gallery Australia (Simon & Schuster, Inc.) Sydney, Australia 2023

xii, 276p.

9781668034712

\$ 44.54 / null

304 gm.

From “weird, scary, ingenious” (The New York Times) stand-up comedian Maria Bamford, a brutally honest and hilariously frenetic memoir about show business, mental health, and the comfort of rigid belief systems—from Dale Carnegie’s *How to Win Friends and Influence People*, to Suzuki violin training, to Richard Simmons, to 12-step programs.

Maria Bamford is a comedian’s comedian (an outsider among outsiders) and has forever fought to find a place to belong. From struggling with an eating disorder as a child of the 1980s, to navigating a career in the arts (and medical debt and psychiatric institutionalization), she has tried just about every method possible to not only be a part of the world, but to want to be a part of it.

In Bamford’s signature voice, *Sure, I’ll Join Your Cult*, brings us on a quest to participate in something. With sincerity and transparency, she recounts every anonymous fellowship she has joined (including but not limited to: Debtors Anonymous, Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, and Overeaters Anonymous), every hypomanic episode (from worrying about selling out under capitalism to enforcing union rules on her Netflix TV show set to protect her health), and every easy 1-to-3-step recipe for fudge in between.

Singular and inimitable, Bamford’s memoir explores what it means to keep going, and to be a member of society (or any group she’s invited to) despite not being very good at it. In turn, she hopes to transform isolating experiences into comedy that will make you feel less alone (without turning into a cult following).

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Fact and Fiction / Hasluck, Nicholas

Arcadia 2023

380 pages, 23cm

9781923068254

\$ 54.95 / null

585 gm.

What are said to be the facts of a matter can be affected by pieces of fiction, as in testimony flawed by an imperfect memory or tales prompted by self-interest.

Alert to the ins and outs of the trial process, Nicholas Hasluck, a former judge and accomplished novelist, has drawn upon his personal diaries to explore the relationship between law and literature, as he did in his earlier work about judicial life, *Bench and Book*.

Judging isn’t just about finding facts and applying law. It involves getting to grips with individual stories and dilemmas. A mind alert to the complexities of human nature won’t accept too easily what is simply alleged or said to be true. At its best, law is truth in action, a story showing what actually happened and what should be done.

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Variations : A More Diverse Picture of Contemporary Art / Tristen Harwood, Grace McQuilten & Anthony White

Monash University Publishing, Victoria, Australia 2023

256p.

9781922979223

\$ 70.00 / HB

1508 gm.

'Variation' is a term that embraces difference, and is core to the excitement and uniqueness of art practice. This book gives much-deserved attention to the work of artists with exceptional and varied lived experiences – including neurodiversity, diverse mental health, incarceration, and refugee, migrant and Muslim backgrounds – to transform how we understand contemporary visual art.

The book's goal is recognising, appreciating and analysing artistic variation – a process in which artists' voices are central to their stories, including how their lives and works are presented, discussed, framed and theorised. The essays, profiles and images in this hardback, lavishly illustrated volume have been co-produced, and in many cases co-authored, with artists and writers who have direct lived experience of social and cultural variation.

These profiles include short texts, many written by the artists themselves, accompanied by high-quality reproductions, to ensure the text is accessible to a range of readers. Interspersed between these profiles is a series of longer texts, co-authored by artists and writers, to provide a layered understanding of the contexts in which the works might be understood. These include essays and interviews that address questions of structural and social marginalisation, while exploring the important role of collectives, supported studios and arts organisations.

To understand art-making in Australia, it is essential to listen to the voices of artists who live complex forms of social diversity. Engagingly written and beautifully produced, this book introduces readers to a new picture of contemporary Australian art.

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Tell Her She's Dreamin' : A Memoir for Ambitious Girls / Simone Amelia Jordan

Hachette Australia, Sydney. Australia 2023

xii, 306p.

9780733649752

\$ 40.00 / null

408 gm.

Growing up on the whitewashed Central Coast in the 1980s and attending an elite school as a scholarship student from the wrong side of the tracks, Lebanese-Cypriot Simone Amelia Jordan felt like an outcast among her peers for years. Her lifeline was hip-hop, then in its golden age. From girlhood, Simone recognised the art form's pro-Black consciousness, and the rappers' resonant words inspired her to embrace her own identity and back herself.

From founding Australia's most successful hip-hop and R&B publication to moving to New York City and interviewing the biggest stars of the time as the editor of the world's most beloved rap magazine; falling in love and getting her heart broken; grappling with her family ties to culture; and struggling through illness and sexual grooming, Simone's inspiring story is about defying the odds to reach for your dreams. But it is also about figuring out those dreams can change as you do.

Tell Her She's Dreamin' is a deeply personal story of family, culture and music that disrupts the long-held view that women, and racially diverse women especially, are limited in their power as bold, playful explorers. It is a timely manual for those hellbent on going places and an inspiration for anyone who has ever been told they can't. (Spoiler alert: you can!)

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Dzulkifli Abdul Razak and His Evolving Concepts of Higher Education / Muhammad Haji Salleh

IIUM Press, Malaysia 2024

xvi, 208p.

Includes Index

9789674911737

\$ 40.00 / null

600 gm.

1. Dzul kifli Abdul Razak, Tan Sri, Dato', Prof., 1951-.
2. Educators – Malaysia.
3. Education, Higher – Malaysia.
4. Universities and colleges – Malaysia.

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Three dancing stages of life: from TV man to stage art, and to a man looking at the blind spot in journalism / Hiroaki Ukai

22nd Century Art, Japan 2023

98 p ; 21 cm

9784867269596

\$ 18.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856521>

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Living Life as It Comes: Post-Disaster Reflections of a Zen Priest in Fukushima / Gen'yū Sōkyū

Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, Japan 2022

224p. 21cm.

9784866582184

\$ 56.00 / HB

It was the 2011 Tōhoku earthquake and tsunami, which had a particularly profound impact on my home prefecture of Fukushima, that made me painfully aware of the need to live life as it comes, without fixed goals, which tend to be imperfect and grounded in desire.

This book consists of a selection of short essays penned by Gen'yū Sōkyū, chief priest at a Zen temple in Fukushima Prefecture. Beginning in April 2012, he began writing a newspaper column that ran for seven and a half years. Embracing the ever-changing nature of the world, he took up a wide range of topics inspired by his daily activities and experiences, including events in post-disaster Fukushima, temple renovation and soil improvement, Japanese customs, observations about nature, and encounters with people from all walks of life. With a mindfulness sometimes accompanied by a wry sense of humor, he reflects upon the surprises those events and encounters brought and what they taught him. His insightful essays are sprinkled with wisdom on how we should cope with life and death, derived from Buddhist and Taoist teachings. He encourages each of us to follow our mind as it changes according to the circumstances of the moment; the result will be experiences far more valuable than the simple achievement of our initial plans.

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The Legacy of Kano Jigoro: Judo and Education / The Committee for the Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Jigoro Kano; Translated

Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, Japan 2020

344p.; 21cm.

9784866581361

\$ 60.00 / HB

The founder of judo, Kanō Jigorō, is a highly revered figure amongst those who pursue the sport. Little is known, however, about his various other achievements, from how he laid out the foundation for sports in Japanese education to his immense devotion and commitment to bringing the Olympic Games to Japan.

Born in 1860, Kanō showed his brightness from a young age and studied hard from childhood. After graduating from Tokyo Imperial University, the most prestigious school, he embarked on a teaching career which eventually led him to become the headmaster of the Tokyo Higher Normal School for a total of twenty-three years. This was just one of the many roles he undertook; aside from this he was chairman of the Japan Amateur Sports Association and became the first Asian member on the International Olympic Committee. And all the while he never ceased to develop and promote his creation, judo.

For the first time, this comprehensive biography written by a team of Kanō experts and researchers sheds light on the many dimensions of the legendary figure. It depicts how he truly lived life to the fullest by living out his own words—seiryoku zen'yō and jita kyōei—the best practical use of one's energies and putting one's efforts to good use for the benefit of both oneself and society.

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Providence Was with Us : How a Japanese Doctor Turned the Afghan Desert Green / Nakamura Tetsu; Translated by Carl Freire

Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, Japan 2020

224p.; 21cm.

9784866581477

\$ 54.00 / HB

Starting in 1984 and continuing until his untimely passing in 2019, Dr. Nakamura Tetsu carried out relief work in Pakistan and Afghanistan both as a physician and as a humanitarian trying to improve living conditions for the people he met. With nature and the bonds of fate that link humans together setting the tone, this unique memoir recounts the travails and triumphs of Nakamura's three and half decades in those two countries. How did this Japanese doctor who traveled to the region to provide medical care end up digging more than 1,600 wells and building a 25.5 kilometer-long canal? In a foreign land struck by civil war, bombings, and drought, miracles could still happen.

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A Daughter of the Samurai / Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto [ ]

, Japan 2023

271p ; 21cm

9784805317556

\$ 44.00 / HB

A Daughter of the Samurai is written by Etsu Inagaki Sugimoto. Her story, as Sugimoto tells it, is: "How a daughter of feudal Japan, living hundreds of years in one generation, became a modern American." In this book, intriguing intimate episodes involving love, duty, and family ties are revealed even as there was clash of cultures and misunderstandings between Japanese and Western ways. While living between a semi-mythical past and a resurgent international scenario, the author recounts the personal impact of the profound social changes brought about by Japanese-American relations during the Meiji period. Sugimoto offers an insider's view of traditional Japanese samurai family life as it is in the process of being brushed off.

Although the book contains several chapters, it starts with author's description of Japan. In the very first chapter 'Winters in Echigo,' Sugimoto tells, Japan is often called by foreign people a land of sunshine and cherry blossoms. Among her delicate and significant anecdotes, she tells of the Japanese fiancée whose betrothed had a plum-blossom as his family crest.

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The Illusions of Freedom / Sarah Wijesinghe

Gerakbudaya Enterprise, Malaysia 2023

xxii, 234p.

9789670076317

\$ 19.00 / null

300 gm.

"Tweet, Tweet, a little birdie told me you got the scholarship"

It all began with hope on a bright sunny day. An email that changed the course of my life. I set foot in the world of academia with a utopic image of it being a place where great minds gathered to understand and better the world. I left having realized everything I thought to be true was an illusion. This is a true story about a young Asian scholar in the highly capitalistic, industrialized, colonial, and patriarchal walls of higher education, that shifts through hope, inner dialogue, challenge, loss, abuse, and letting go. This is a story about a journey that pushed me to realize that freedom, as it is told, is simply an illusion.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=861063>

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Why Can't We Stay Here Forever: Musings from The Nest / Liew Suet Fun with Frens of The Nest

Liew Suet Fun (Self-Published), Malaysia 2023

184p.

9789671968130

\$ 30.00 / HB

350 gm.

From October 2016 till March 2023, the author and her husband, Peter took up residence at The Nest, a colonial hill bungalow built in 1887 in Taiping, Malaysia. In the early years until landslides rendered road access impossible, they took in guests to sustain the building and its surroundings. The Nest, located in a remote setting of pristine highland forests, proffered extraordinary experiences of the breathtaking natural world that surrounded them.

This collection of essays, photographs and extracts of sketches and guest notes depicts the various aspects of these experiences; from real and imagined meetings with creatures of the forests, lessons in the cycle of our existence, riveting kitchen visitors to the detailing of building a much-loved dining table. Together, they form a pastiche of recollections that remind us of this intricate web of life of which we are a part. In turns moving, humorous and scientific in detail, Why can't we stay here forever brings together these threads to form a tapestry of what our world is, and can be.

Underlying this collection is a compelling sense of wonder. It is this which spurs us to defend places like The Nest and her setting and leads us to re-imagine a world where we can live peaceably with the Earth and all her creatures, great and small.

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My Story: The Musings of An Estate Boy / Gobi Nathan

Gobinathan A/L U.K. Raman (Self-Published), Malaysia 2023

x, 110p.

9786299877004

\$ 15.00 / null

200 gm.

Time can never erase sweet memories. While we age as the years roll on, the memories of beloved people, places and precious experiences remain fresh, enthralling our hearts and minds, with each dear reminiscence. From time to time, cherished memories give rise to deep yearnings to relive the past, impossible though it may be. Yet, they keep springing forth as a fountain of unmistakable warmth radiating with hope and joy.

In this account of his childhood, Gobi fondly recalls events and experiences of growing up in a rubber plantation. Born into a large family, with his parents working as rubber tappers, his early days were marked by poverty. Yet, in an unassuming way, he learned to enjoy and savour every single one of those days. Simplicity and gratitude coloured the lenses through which he viewed his world then. And he is no different today.

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The Life In The Writing: Syed Hussein Alatas / Masturah Alatas

Gerakbudaya Enterprise, Malaysia 2024

xxx, 242p.

Includes Index

9789670076225

\$ 25.00 / null

400 gm.

The Life in the Writing is the first biography of Malaysian scholar and former National University of Singapore academician, Syed Hussein Alatas (1928-2007). The author has chosen to reconstruct her father's life by focusing on the very activity which brought his learning to the world: writing. Containing previously unpublished material and rare photographs, this biography also reveals for the first time how Syed Hussein Alatas' most famous work, The Myth of the Lazy Native, got published, what his connections to Edward W. Said and Virginia Woolf were, and more. Originally published in 2010, this new edition of The Life in the Writing contains exclusive new content about Alatas and Italy, previously unpublished samples of his poetry and letters, his contributions to the Rukunegara, his thoughts on May 13, censorship, and UFO sightings, and a contribution from Malaysian filmmaker and writer, Amir Muhammad. Masturah Alatas has attempted to portray Syed Hussein Alatas' life through the art of his writings so that readers may know him, and also know what it took for him to become known.

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Stories From Breast Cancer Survivors / See Mee Hong (et al.)

Universiti Malaya (UM) Press, Malaysia 2023

xxx, 138p.

9789674882921

\$ 19.00 / null

300 gm.

Pink Agent: Stories from Breast Cancer Survivors shares the narratives of eleven courageous women who speak of their battle with breast cancer. Supported by a dedicated team of medical professionals from the Universiti Malaya Medical Centre, they have proved that breast cancer is a challenge that can be overcome with hope, determination and the support of cutting-edge innovations. This book serves as an invaluable resource for anyone impacted by breast cancer. It covers a multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer management, offering medical insights, evidence-based treatment options, and dietary advice tailored to the needs of Malaysians. Additionally, there are special chapters that focus on the role of exercise as medicine for breast cancer patients and the importance of physiotherapy to support patients throughout their recovery.

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Anwar Ibrahim: Tenacious in Dissent, Hopeful in Power / Khoo Boo Teik

SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2023

xx, 440p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786297575124

\$ 39.00 / null

700 gm.

Over 50 years Anwar Ibrahim was a Malay nationalist student, a motor of Islamic activism, a co-opted rising star in government, an 'anointed successor' to the premiership, a persecuted reformist, and a revitalized Opposition Leader. He disdained comfortable irrelevance to rouse indignant masses against the regimes of five prime ministers. In September 1998 he was a political prisoner with a blackened eye. In November 2023 he became the Prime Minister. In the 21st century his anti-corruption campaigns fought ruling power structures that fused state, regime and party. His politics used his charismatic and chameleonic personality, and his complex ideas on Islam, a humane economy, coalition politics, and a reimagining of society. He outmanoeuvred his influential ethno-religious opponents through a parlous condition of Malay politics, and now leads a large Unity Government of which the deposed hegemon, UMNO, is only a subordinate partner. This book explores how a tenacious but hopeful Anwar seeks to transform society at an unsteady moment of Malaysian politics.

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Joel Selwood: All In / Selwood, Joel

Hardie Grant Books, Australia 2023

304 pages, 24cm

9781743799420

\$ 59.99 / HB

560 gm.

In his long-awaited, official autobiography, All In, Joel Selwood reveals the grit, determination, and personal sacrifice behind his AFL success at the Geelong Football Club.

Joel Selwood's remarkable leadership is well-known across AFL football. Announcing his retirement at the end of the 2022 season, Selwood will not only go down in history as an icon of the game – a record breaker – but also as a selfless leader who supported his team through one of the club's most successful periods in its history. After Selwood was made captain of the team in 2012, Geelong made the finals in all but one season, playing in seven preliminary finals and two Grand Finals – culminating in Geelong's tenth premiership in 2022. Easier said than done.

Now, for the first time, Selwood tells his story in his own words.

All In relives the highs of Selwood's proudest career moments, but also the lows battling the physical and personal challenges in his life, from his infamous knee injury and long recovery to the impact of COVID-19 on the AFL 2020 and 2021 seasons. For the first time, Selwood also describes the bravery, disappointment and celebration entering the IVF merry-go-round with his wife, Brit, to finally have their son, Joey Victor Selwood.

A Geelong supporter who grew up to play his entire professional career with the Cats, Joel Selwood is a true AFL legend of our times.

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Jimmy Little: A Yorta Yorta Man / Peters-Little, Frances

Hardie Grant Books, Australia 2023

272 pages

9781743799062

\$ 52.00 / HB

535 gm.

In this first biography of the man and his music, Jimmy Little: A Yorta Yorta Man tells the incredible story of one of Australia's most acclaimed Aboriginal pop and country music legends and icons, Jimmy Little.

At just 16 years of age, Jimmy Little travelled to Sydney to make his radio debut on Australia's Amateur Hour. The eldest of seven children and born on the Cummeragunja Reserve on the Murray River, Jimmy's entry into the entertainment industry came at a time when First Nations people were not counted in the census.

In the face of indescribable barriers and discrimination, Jimmy would go on to woo the nation. His immense talent, charm and heart saw him become a household name and national treasure. Jimmy's songs consistently topped the music charts of the 1960s, and he won several of Australia's most prestigious lifetime achievement awards, including the ARIA Hall of Fame, NAIDOC Person of the Year, and Officer of the Order of Australia.

And now his daughter, Frances Peters-Little, tells the full story behind her father's inspiring ascent to stardom. For though this is a story about a pop star and national celebrity, it is also the story of a gentle man who always stayed true to himself and his cultural identity – a man who believed in the power of living your dreams.

Weaving together stories both known and unknown to the public, Jimmy Little: A Yorta Yorta Man will take you on a remarkable journey through a life of music, love and advocacy.

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Samdech Techo – Hun Sen: Man of Cambodia's Destiny / Keo Baphnom  
(Translator) Chhom

Ariyathoar Publishing House, Cambodia 2022

464p.

9789924957126

\$ 45.00 / null

550 gm.

"Samdech Techo Hun Sen: Man of Cambodia's Destiny" is a biography that provides a detailed account of the life of former Prime Minister Hun Sen and his pivotal role in shaping modern Cambodia.

The book provides foreign readers with essential insights into Hun Sen's life and Cambodia's journey, helping them understand the Kingdom's role in regional and global politics. Many abroad may not fully comprehend how Cambodia managed to survive the genocidal regime, attain peace, and develop rapidly. Cambodia's diplomacy serves as a valuable lesson for the world.

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Lance Franklin - My Football Journey / Franklin, Lance

Hardie Grant Books, Australia 2023

272 pages, 29cm

9781743799864

\$ 62.00 / HB

1480 gm.

Lance Franklin: My Football Journey is a stunning celebration and companion to the career of one of Australia's most revered AFL players, Lance 'Buddy' Franklin.

Lance Franklin has held AFL fans in awe since his early days in the game – regardless of club allegiance. From his start, picked at no.5 in the 2004 draft by the Hawthorn Hawks, to his 1000th goal and the 2022 Grand Final with the Sydney Swans, this book relives the triumphs of an AFL icon.

Featuring awesome sports photography and action shots throughout, this book tells Buddy's story in his own words with contributions from his teammates, fellow AFL players and coaches.

A fully authorised publication, Lance Franklin: My Football Journey is a must have, must give, must read for footy fans everywhere.

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Tagpo: Right Place, Right Time / Florangel Rosario Braid  
Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC), Philippines

xxvi, 246p.

Includes Index

9789718502211

\$ 70.00 / HB

750 gm.

Tagpo: Right Place, Right Time is a book on the life story of Florangel Rosario Braid, writer, educator, constitutionalist, painter, pioneer and expert in the field of communication and media, and social activist for peace, development, and nation building.

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She is not just a "restless social activist," as she described herself, but one who genuinely ignites our hope for she lives a life where there is no gap between her principles and practice. This is how she differs from others, and it is the difference that matters. She has been fighting for the sanctity of her beliefs in the cloisters of classrooms, proclaiming them in the parliaments of the streets, etching them in the highest law of the land and relentlessly teaching all their syllables and polysyllables both to the literati and the illiterate in the agoras of ideas and ideals. And she has not paused. – Reynato S. Puno, Supreme Court Chief Justice (ret.)

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