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Japan called me! / D.R. Armstrong
On Rock Publishing, Japan 2018
64p. ; 21cm.
9784991058707
\$ 35.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614021>

Survivor for the Surviving / My Samedy (Translators) David Oliveira & Thong Vichheka

Dr. My Samedy, Cambodia 2019
272p.

\$ 35.00 / null

350 gm.

- 1.Samedy, My.
- 2.Cambodia -- Politics and government -- 1975-1979.
- 3.Physicians -- Cambodia -- Biography.
- 4.Genocide -- Cambodia.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534278>

Olorun Ku'Se : The Unquantifiable Life of Adesoye Asiwaju Of Offa, 1938-2017 /
Olamide Longe (Foreword) Dr Jonathan D. Soleye

Total Impact Publishing House Nigeria, Nigeria 2018

xviii, 176p.

Includes Index

9789789231980

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=527501>

Testing the Grit of the Public Service : An Autobiography / Adamu Liman Ciroma
Safari Books Ltd, Nigeria 2018

xviii, 450p.

Includes Index

9789785544879

\$ 70.00 / null

800 gm.

Testing the Grit of the Public Service is as much an autobiography of Liman Ciroma as it is a history of the Nigerian public service. Alhaji Dr. Liman Ciroma tell us here, in impeccable prose, the story of his origins and of his journey to the topmost position in the civil service of the Nigerian federation, and beyond. It captures all the momentous events and landmark of the period that spanned his time within the service, and especially those years which he headed it.

This book gives us a great insight into the places and peoples of Nigeria, and it is an observant-participant account of some of the memorable epochs in the history of Nigeria, particularly the years leading up to the tragic civil war and the restructuring that followed.

Testing the Grit of the Public Service is enriched by the comment and tributes of a spectrum of Nigerians whose paths had crossed Alhaji Liman Ciroma's and there is remarkable unanimity in the picture of the subject that they present. If he was a role model in his lifetime, this book should enable Nigerians now and in the future to raw inspiration from Alhaji Liman Ciroma's life and character

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566327>

Victor Banjo: An untold account of the Nigerian Civil War / Deji Yesufu

Joe – Tolalu & Associates, Nigeria 2018

xx, 100p.

97897824158

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

Victor Banjo is the tragic account of a Nigerian military officer who was caught in the crises that engulfed Nigeria following the first military coup of January 15th, 1966. The man, Victor Banjo, would eventually find himself in Eastern Nigeria during the Nigerian civil war. He sought to bring a quick end to the war and to reduce the loss of lives to a minimum. In the process, his own life was cut short. September 24, 2017 marked fifty years since the untimely death of Victor Banjo. This book tells the story of the final twenty months of the life of this gallant officer and recalls the ideals he lived for. Fifty years on, those ideals still beckon. In the heat of several issues that confront present day Nigeria – a generation that knows little about the travails of the past – those ideals are a likely solution. Victor Banjo provides a correct reading of the Nigerian story and holds out a hope for the purging of souls and the healing of the wounds of history.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566329>

Triumph of Destiny: Biography of Moses Olusanya Olaoluwa (Olaiya) Adejumo, aka Baba Sala, MON, Nigeria's Consummate Entertainer and Foremost Comedian / Babatunde O. Akinola, Collins A. Oyedokun & Kunle Ajayi

Sunshine Educational Consult, Nigeria 2017

xxx, 176p.

9789789606573

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566328>

An Enigmatic Reformer: Olusegun Obasanjo / Tanu Ejenavwo

Risafu Publishers, Nigeria 2018

128p.

9789786775

\$ 10.00 / null

200 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566330>

Atiku: A Compassionate Leader / Tanu Ejenavwo

Risafu Publishers, Nigeria 2018

92p.

9789782299985

\$ 10.00 / null

100 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566333>

Goodluck Jonathan : A Transformative Leader / Tanu Ejenavwo

Risafu Publishers, Nigeria 2018

104p.

9789789645084

\$ 10.00 / null

100 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566332>

A Giant of a Man: Tributes to Professor Abdullahi Smith (1920-1984): Scholar and Teacher / Modibbo Ahmed Mohammed (Ed)

Department of Political Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria 1986

94p.

\$ 20.00 / null

100 gm.

1. Smith, Abdullahi, 1920-1984.

2. Historians – Africa – Biography.

3. College teachers – Nigeria – Biography.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=566331>

Sounds of Joy (From Oke Bola to Jangbalajugbu): An Autobiography / Segun Akinlolu

EniObanke Music and Publishing (EniObanke Books), Ibadan, Nigeria 2018

356p.

9780973427035

\$ 80.00 / null

600 gm.

Nigeria's leading folklorist, poet and artist beautiful Nubia (Segun Akinlolu), has recently released a 355-page autobiography. The biography chronicles the artist's childhood memories and traces his story from birth to the release on his epochal Jangbalajugbu album in 2002.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=469022>

Mustafa Kemal / Yilmaz Ozdil

Kirmizi Kedi Yayınevi, Turkey 2018

513p.

9786052984802

\$ 70.00 / HB

650 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614872>

Sanath Jayasuriya : A Biography / Chandresh Narayanan

Vijitha Yapa Publications, Colombo 2019

xx, 196p.

9789556653960

\$ 18.00 / null

260 gm.

This is the first biography of the controversial cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya. Very rarely in history does one man shape the sporting fortunes of a nation. Sanath Jayasuriya did just that with the magic of his power packed hands. The manner in which Jayasuriya tamed any ball that came his way was, and remains, an art few batsmen possess. For a nation yearning to break into the big league, it required just the unorthodoxy of Sanath to shoot into the limelight. When lights shone brightly over Sri Lanka at Lahore Gaddafi Stadium in the 1996 Cricket World Cup, it was due to the brilliance of this young man from Matara. But while success proved easier as a foot soldier, the rise in the ranks was not always that profitable.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=528410>

Like Me or Hate Me: Rising from the Political Ashes (The Memoir of Chua Soi Lek) / Chua Soi Lek

Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia 2018

x, 638p.

Includes Index

9789674940010

\$ 45.00 / HB

1300 gm.

1.Chua Soi Lek, – Tan Sri – Biography.

2.Politicians – Malaysia.

3.Malaysia – Politics and government

Book Details:

In this candid, no-holds-barred autobiography, Chua Soi Lek, former president of the Malaysian Chinese Association (MCA), chronicles his life's journey thus far. In between are anecdotes of his life and his political career, along with the insights he gained and wishes to share.

The schoolboy from Batu Pahat became a doctor in his hometown, but he would rise to new heights in government after joining the MCA, first as state assemblyman for Bandar Penggaram and Johor exco member, all the way to Minister of Health—until a scandal prematurely ended his political career.

Nevertheless, he overcame numerous obstacles before staging a spectacular comeback and was elected president of the MCA in 2010 and chairman of the Penang Port Commission. He eventually retired from politics in 2013 after Malaysia's 13th general election.

This is a glimpse into the life of a long-serving politician and MCA stalwart, his thoughts on the current state of Malaysia and the hopes he has for the nation's future.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=467460>

Chosen from the Darkness : From the Bleakest of Beginnings to a Celebrated Life at the Apex of the Banking Industry in West Africa / Abiola Bawuah; Nana K Oware

Fine Precision Limited, Ghana 2018

xv, 231 pages : illustrations ; 21 cm

9789988283940

\$ 35.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614316>

My Path Leads to the Plateau / Shan Shi, Michael L. Cavey & John James Chapman.

China Intercontinental Press, China 2018

140p.

9787508538785

\$ 22.00 / null

300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=616092>

Shehu Malami : A Prince of Caliphate : Selected Speeches and Commentaries /
Alhaji Shehu Malami

Safari Books Ltd, Nigeria 2018

xxii, 566p.

9789785544817

\$ 90.00 / HB

1000 gm.

Shehu Malami: A Prince of the Caliphate is a magnificent book highlighting the compelling story of a detailed and successful entrepreneur, economist, former Nigerian Ambassador, an administrator and custodian of the cultural heritage of his people, The Sarkin Sudan of Wurno, Alhaji Shehu Malami, OFR, CON , a great Nigerian who experienced ups and downs with great courage and determination. The book is a collection of speeches, commentaries and advocacies which chronicle the personal experience of the Author, his reflections on Nigerian traditional institutions, using Sokoto caliphate as the background, national economy, international issues and most especially, the captivating account of the modern Nigerian nation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=527499>

Sun Yat-sen : The Man Who Changed China / Stella Dong

FormAsia Books Limited, Hong Kong 2018

32p.

9789881556295

\$ 30.00 / null

320 gm.

Today – millions of Chinese revere Sun Yat-sen as the 'father of the nation'. Although he spent the greater part of his life outside his homeland, much of it as a peripatetic wanderer, no one was more single-mindedly devoted to the cause of a free and modern China than this missionary-educated son of Chinese peasants. Despite repeated failures and disappointments, Sun refused to abandon his vision. Of all China's leaders, none is more enigmatic, a sometimes tragic but most often courageous and many-sided figure.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583864>

Lost China : Travel Classics From The Ages / Graham Earnshaw

Earnshaw Books, Hong Kong 2018

viii, 194p.

9789888552122

\$ 29.95 / null

300 gm.

Foreign adventurers have been tramping around China for centuries. This book presents some of the best of the stories from the dozens of travel memoirs published, particularly in the golden era of the late nineteenth century. These accounts, abridged and explained, concentrate on the gripping details with a constant commentary on the significance of what is being recounted. They are a window into old China and also into the mentality of the adventurers. Lost China is a digestible and exciting way of meeting some of the greatest travelers of a bygone age.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583865>

Shanghai Daisy : The Autobiography of Daisy Kwok / Tess Johnston and Graham Earnshaw

Earnshaw Books, Hong Kong 2019

116p.

9789888552399

\$ 26.00 / HB

200 gm.

Daisy Kwok's life spanned old Shanghai and modern Shanghai, old China and "New" China in a way that no other did. This book presents stories written by her of her life - stories from the high-flying years of Old Shanghai, and the desperate drama of the political campaigns in the 1950s and 1960s. Daisy was born in 1908 in Australia, and in 1918 moved to Shanghai with her father who built and owned the Wing On Department Store on Shanghai's main thoroughfare, Nanking Road. For three decades, Daisy led the life of the rich and famous in one of the world's most dazzling cities. Then, after the communist takeover in 1949, she spent three decades being denounced as a "capitalist." Through it all shines Daisy's effervescent personality.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583862>

The Accidental Prawn : "Interesting Times" – Policing 20th Century Hong Kong -
2nd Edition / Guy Sanderson Shirra

Sheriff Books, Hong Kong 2019

192p.

9789881453280

\$ 30.00 / HB

400 gm.

"The Accidental Prawn" - Interesting Times - Policing 20th Century Hong Kong is an autobiography by Guy Sanderson Shirra who arrived in Hong Kong in 1967 as a Probationary Inspector of Police fresh from a VSO teaching post in Sarawak. After a 3 month Cantonese course, he was thrown in the deep end of the 1967 Confrontation. The book covers his early years in the UK, his time in Sarawak and his 30 years in the Royal Hong Kong Police serving in CID, the Tai Kwun and Special Branch and commanding in Tsim Sha Tsui and both the West Kowloon Emergency and Tactical Units before taking voluntary early retirement as a Superintendent in June 1997.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583863>

Deep as the Ocean : An Auto-Photo-Biography in Three Cycles / His Royal
Highness Oba 'Gbenga Sonuga

Concept Publications Limited, Nigeria 2015

xvi, 460p.

Includes Index

9789785324105

\$ 150.00 / HB

1700 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614680>

A Story of Our Times: An Autobiography / Sylvanus A. Ekwelie

Rhyce Kerex Publishers, Nigeria 2018

xl, 424p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789788506096

\$ 70.00 / HB

850 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614681>

Footprints and Milestones: Teresa Chukuma – The Story of A Teacher Who
Through Hardwork, Discipline and Humility Found Herself On The World Stage /
Chief (Mrs.) Teresa Ebuzaju Chukuma

The Victor Company (TVC) Publishers, Nigeria 2018

xiv, 342p.

9789782333

\$ 70.00 / null

700 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614682>

The Living Legend : Sir (Dr.) Chief Gabriel Osawaru Igbinedion : A Biography / Victor Osaro Edo (et al.)

Ibadan University Press, Nigeria 2014

xvii, 490p. ; illustrations (some color), maps, portraits ; 23cm.

Includes Index

9789788456735

\$ 55.00 / HB

900 gm.

- 1.Igbinedion, Gabriel Oswaru, 1934-
- 2.Igbinedion, Gabriel Oswaru, 1934- – Childhood and youth.
- 3.Igbinedion, Gabriel Oswaru, 1934- – Friends and associates.
- 4.Benin (Kingdom) – Kings and rulers – 20th century – Biography.
- 5.Benin (Kingdom) – Kings and rulers – 21st century – Biography.
- 6.Statesmen – Nigeria – Benin (Kingdom) – Biography.
- 7.Businesspeople – Nigeria – Benin (Kingdom) – Biography.
- 8.Benin (Kingdom) – Politics and government – 20th century.
- 9.Benin (Kingdom) – Politics and government – 21st century.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614683>

Sand, Sun and Surprises : A Nigerian Expatriate in the Middle East : A Memoir / E S Akpata

Narrative Landscape Press, Nigeria 2018

xvi, 316p.

Includes Index

9789785610710

\$ 65.00 / null

550 gm.

Part travelogue, part insightful memoir, Sand, Sun and Surprises memorialises the decades that Prof ES Akpata spent living and working as a Nigerian expatriate in oil-rich Middle East. A top scholar in the field of dental surgery, he leaves Nigeria during the recession of the 1980s to take up, initially, a temporary job in the region, but ends up spending twenty-three years of academic activities in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Sand, Sun and Surprises demystifies the culture of the Arab world; it is a fascinating take, filled with moments of humour--like the one time when he thinks his car is stolen in Kuwait, and after searching for hours, finds it in the same spot he left it. The author describes a region transformed from harsh desert conditions to gleaming cities made of glass and steel, elegant buildings, and five-star hotels and restaurants; changes that seemed to have occurred in an instant. This is a practical book for those who wish to understand the Middle East or visit the region for work or leisure.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614684>

Shots from the Hip : Sex, Drugs and the Tao / Daniel Reid

Earnshaw Books Limited, Hong Kong 2019

xii, 348p

9789888552153

\$ 32.00 / null

480 gm.

(Book 1 of the Shots from the Hip Duology)

This is the long-awaited memoir of Daniel Reid, world-renowned expert on consciousness, holistic medicine and living life to the full. Unbound by convention and driven by a quest for new experiences on roads less-traveled, Dan takes us through the sex, drugs and rock & roll scene of Late Sixties America to the opium dens, bars and bordellos of far-flung Asian outposts, recounting his outlandish escapades in a rollicking narrative told with flair and candor.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=501515>

Betwixt and Between : A Memoir of New China / Margaret Sun

Earnshaw Books, Hong Kong 2019

xiv, 366p. ; 146x210mm.

9789888552368

\$ 30.00 / HB

500 gm.

This is a unique memoir of modern China, a story of courage, of despair and of hope.

Margaret Sun was born in Shanghai in 1935 into a poor Cantonese family but English was her main language almost from birth.

In 1956, she volunteered to go to work in China's far northwest region of Xinjiang, and she witnessed China's changes from the communist takeover in 1949 at the most basic levels of society, all the way through to today, with English running through her head. Margaret tells of how she sold cigarettes on the streets of Old Shanghai, of the bitter life in the most isolated parts of China in the late 1950s, of the Cultural Revolution and other campaigns, and then the shift towards normalcy at the end of the 1970s. Her story is inspiring and eye-opening, an evocative and highly-readable account of how the huge events in China's modern history impacted on ordinary people.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583842>

The Fu Tak Iam Story / Adrian Fu, Louise Wong

Next Publications Limited (Member of Next Media Group), Hong kong 2018

264p.

9789888269433

\$ 45.00 / HB

560 gm.

Renowned as Macau's casino magnate Fu Lo-yung, Fu Tak Iam made his fortune from opium and gambling before shifting his battleground to Hong Kong's finance and shipping industries in the 1950s and becoming a major property developer. From his impoverished childhood to his creation of a business empire, Fu Tak Iam's legendary struggles through a tumultuous era were interspersed with controversy such as allegations of treason during China's war with Japan. With an unparalleled understanding of his famous forebear, Fu's grandson, Adrian H.C. Fu, has provided access to family lore and valuable archival resources in hopes of unveiling the Casino King to the world as a person of flesh and blood.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583840>

A War Away : An American Woman in Vietnam, 1967-1974 / Tess Johnston

Earnshaw Books, Hong Kong 2018

236p.

9789888422869

\$ 39.90 / null

340 gm.

Tess Johnston has spent her life seeking adventure and excitement and she had plenty of that in Germany before the Wall came down and in China for more than thirty years. But the pinnacle of her experiences was seven years in Vietnam, 1967-74, during the war, where she found even Saigon too tame and snared a job with one of the most famous (or infamous) American wartime leaders, John Paul Vann. In her latest book, Tess recounts stories of her Vietnam years, including her eye-witness account of the Tet Offensive, and what it was like to be one of the few American women there during those harrowing years.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=583841>

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto : The Psychodynamics of his Rise and Fall / Shamim Ahmad
(Foreword) I. A. Rehman

Paramount Books (Pvt.) Ltd., Pakistan 2019

xxiv, 284p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789696375432

\$ 35.00 / HB

450 gm.

Bhutto had a great impact on the lives of innumerable young persons, including the author, Shamim Ahmad. He noted traces of every aspect of Bhutto and concludes that three elements of his psychohistory elucidate his successes and failures. People with keen interest in history and politics will find this work relevant and useful.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=494294>

Building the Nation : Seven Notable Ghanaians / Esi Sutherland-Addy; Mercy Akrofi Ansah

Digibooks, Ghana 2018

xxxv, 316 pages : illustrations (some color), maps (some color), portraits (some color) ; 24 cm.

9789988881764

\$ 70.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614614>

Conversations with my Father : A Biography of B. Yeboah-Afari, Ghana's First Minister of Agriculture & Brong-Ahafo's First Regional Commissioner / B Yeboah-Afari; Ajoa Yeboah-Afari

Digibooks, Ghana 2017

xxix, 300 pages : color illustrations ; 25 cm

9789988250454

\$ 65.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614615>

Rizal and the Bicolanos / Danilo Madrid Gerona
Bikol Historical Research Center, Philippines 2019

x, 114p.

9789719499211

\$ 18.00 / null

200 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=502079>

A Biography of Nana Ofori Kuma II (Ohene Kakraka) / Cecilia T Hastings
Published by Cecilia T. Hastings, Accra-Ghana : Printed by Buck Press, Ghana 2018

xiv, 98 pages : illustrations, portraits, 22 cm

9789988289805

\$ 25.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614611>

Abrewa Nana : A Trajectory of Life : An Autobiography / Robert Addo-Fening
Digibooks, Ghana 2018

x, 268 pages : chiefly color illustrations ; 24 cm

9789988285609

\$ 75.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614612>

African Visionaries / Mary Esther Kropp Dakubu
Sub-Saharan Publishers, Ghana 2019

336p.

9789988882990

\$ 65.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614613>

Dusking, Dawning (Agaw-Dilim, Agaw-Liwanag) / Lualhati Milan Abreu

The University of the Philippines Press, Quezon City 2018

xvi, 306p.

9789715428811

\$ 35.00 / null

450 gm.

1. Abreu, Lualhati M.

2. Communists – Philippines - Biography

A creative nonfiction autobiographical work on the communist underground.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=502081>

Spots of Time : Memoir of a Mind / Paulino Lim Jr.

Ateneo De Naga University Press, Philippines 2018

xxii, 116p.

9789719913719

\$ 20.00 / null

250 gm.

1. Lim, Paulino M.

2. Authors, Filipino -- Biography.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=502082>

L'heur de philosopher la nuit et le jour (1989-2015) Tome 1. Premieres meditations tilogiques / Djibril Samb

Les Nouvelles e'ditions africaines du Se'ne'gal, Senegal 2018

191p.; 22 cm.

9782368950142

\$ 40.00 / HB

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614133>

L'heur de philosopher la nuit et le jour (2016) Tome 2. La mesure des choses / Djibril Samb

Les Nouvelles e'ditions africaines du Se'ne'gal, Senegal 2018

215p.; 22cm.

9782723617208

\$ 40.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614134>

L'heur de philosopher la nuit et le jour (2017) Tome 3. QUAND PHILOSOPHER C'EST VIVRE / Djibril Samb

Les Nouvelles e'ditions africaines du Se'ne'gal, Senegal 2019

369p.

9782343171913

\$ 55.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614135>

The Wind at My Back : A Memoir of Cancer, Love and Endurance / Josh Komen
Mary Egan Publishing, New Zealand 2019

184p.
9780473464295
\$ 40.00 / null
450 gm.

'I was a lost little boy, trapped in a world where I didn't belong, one that would tear me apart and build me back into someone new . . .' Twenty-three-year-old Josh Komen is on track to represent New Zealand in running at the next Commonwealth Games when he is diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. In a single moment, the course of his life has changed irrevocably. What follows are years of excruciating pain, brutal treatments both in New Zealand and Australia, and shocking side-effects that send a young man to the brink of despair and back innumerable times. Ultimately, it is the enduring love of his close-knit family and friends, the incredible medical professionals who treat him, his spiritual beliefs, and his passion for nature that carry Josh through the hardest of challenges. The life lessons Josh gathers along the way are an inspiration for us all. This is an incredible story of courage, love and endurance.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534360>

Tan Kim Seng : A Biography / Vivienne Tan
Landmark Books Pte Ltd., Singapore 2019

148p.
Includes Selected Bibliography
9789814189965
\$ 25.00 / HB
460 gm.

It is remarkable that no biography of Tan Kim Seng has been published until now considering that his imprint on 19th century Singapore is so significant.

Most Singaporeans will associate him with the Tan Kim Seng Fountain, Kim Seng Road and Kim Seng Bridge. Others may be aware of how the fountain came to be and that Tan Kim Seng in 1849 founded Chong Wen Ge, the first Chinese school in Singapore. Or that he was pivotal in quelling the Great Riot of 1854 when Hokkien and Teochew secret societies clashed. And that he gave a ball that was so famous that it was reported in England in a journal published by Charles Dickens. Some may not even know these facts.

In the year when Singapore commemorates its bicentennial, it is timely that the life story of one of our most entrepreneurial pioneers is made known in a lavish book illustrated with rare images from the Tan family collection.

Tan Kim Seng was not the typical refugee from South China. His family had already been in the Nanyang for three generations when he arrived in Singapore in the 1820s. With business acumen and gaining trust with British merchants, he built an empire with warehouses, mansions and the largest single piece of property which stretched from the coast of Pasir Panjang to Ulu Pandan to Tanglin.

The details of his will, designed to repel "the curse of the third generation", is founded on his values and beliefs. But what he did not anticipate was how his well-thought-out plans would be unraveled primarily by English Law.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=522388>

Annette King : The Authorised Biography / John Harvey & Brent Edwards
Upstart Press Book 2019

272p
9781988516370
\$ 55.00 / null
600 gm.

Annette King is New Zealand's longest-serving women MP - 1984-2017 less three years in the wilderness from 1990-1993. In her 30 years in Parliament, she spent 15 in government (10 as a cabinet minister) and 15 in opposition. She is a former deputy leader of the Labour Party, and held a number of senior cabinet portfolios. This book will take a dual approach to her life and political career. Annette's career embraces a tumultuous time in New Zealand politics and Labour politics . . . Rogernomics and Lange's independent foreign policy; the 1990s and advent of MMP; the refinement of Rogernomics under Ruth Richardson etc; the rise and nearly fall of Helen Clark; the Clark government (where Annette served as Health, Food Safety, Police, Transport, Justice and Racing Minister); the subsequent 9 years of difficult and troubled opposition for Labour; and eventually the rise of Jacinda Ardern. Annette played pivotal roles in all these eras, often as the peacemaker or as Auntie Annette. She became a mentor for many of the prominent members of the Ardern government and, of course, played a lead role in the 2017 election campaign and subsequent negotiations. The book will give rein to Annette's voice, but also feature other prominent figures including Jacinda. The book will open with the 2017 campaign.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534359>

The Story of Singapore Teochews / Lim Kim Huat (Eds)

Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan, Singapore 2019

446p.

9789811400483

\$ 65.00 / null

1050 gm.

This is a book for the 700,000 Teochews in Singapore, and the book launch in 2019 marks a significant year for Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan as it commemorates its 90th Anniversary and also to mark the 200th year of the founding of Singapore. This book has brought together 80 Teochews from all walks of life, including political and business leaders. They come from the eight Teochew counties, from different fields such as education and culture, science and technology, and sports. It also includes a group of young Teochews who share their stories on their affiliation with the Teochew Poit Ip Huay Kuan and their personal journeys in business start-ups or professions.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=522389>

Keepers of History : New Zealand Centenarians Tell Their Stories / Renee Hollis

Exisle Publishing Pty Ltd 2019

viii, 280p.

Includes Index

9781775593805

\$ 55.00 / HB

In 2017, Renee Hollis interviewed 120 people over the age of 100, living in every region of New Zealand. Along the way, she had the privilege of interviewing 23 World War II veterans. Her goal in compiling the book was to preserve New Zealand history by sharing the stories and memories of our eldest citizens. She wants all people to value the elderly and to read and appreciate their stories and contribution to our society. Most importantly, she wants to ensure that they are not forgotten and do not become invisible in our communities, but instead are honoured and celebrated. In this collection of interviews, we meet opera singers and farmers, a politician and a racing car driver, a nun and a freedom fighter with Gandhi, and even a member of Hip Operation - the oldest hip-hop group in the world! They have witnessed momentous global events and technological innovations that have changed our world. From the everyday to the extraordinary, these are the stories of people who have lived through history and whose message of resilience and making the best of things has so much to offer the generations that have followed them.

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Lost at 15, Found at 50 : A Memoir / Ashwini Devare

Marshall Cavendish Editions, Singapore 2019

256p. ; 13x198mm.

9789814828826

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

From Russia's Iron Curtain to Burma's Bamboo Curtain, Sikkim to South Korea, this biography follows the struggle of a young girl whose life was a cross-continental roller coaster ride that soared and plunged from one country to another. By the time she was 15, Ashwini Devare had lived in 5 countries.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=522390>

Where Do I Begin : An Ordinary Woman With An Extraordinary Story / Angeline V Teo

Armour Publishing Pte Ltd., Singapore 2019

216p.

9789814807715

\$ 18.00 / null

Where Do I Begin? is an honest and revealing account of Angeline V Teo's journey from grief and heartache to self-discovery. Beneath her vibrant and positive exterior lies a determined woman who has weathered personal and public storms to emerge stronger than ever. Angeline continues to inspire many with her indomitable spirit and unwavering faith, embracing all that life has to give her.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=522391>

Paul Biya a la charniere de l'histoire : Essai politique / Jean Franc_ois Mebenga
E ´ditions Belles lettres, Cameroun 2018

163 pages ; 21 cm

9789956754463

\$ 40.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614182>

Mgr Bala : Un crime trop parfait / Leger NTIGA

Les Editions du Schabel, Cameroun 2019

169 pages

9789956637454

\$ 28.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614183>

Living Among the Northland Maori : Diary of Father Antoine Garine, 1844-1846 /
Peter Tremewan & Giselle Larcombe

Canterbury University Press, New Zealand 2019

600p. ; 190x258mm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781988503028

\$ 125.00 / HB

2000 gm.

A French Marist priest, Father Antoine Garin was sent to run the remote Mangakahia mission station on the banks of the Wairoa River. Living Among the Northland Māori is Garin's diary recording his experiences from 1844 to 1846 as he gets to know the Māori in the region. The diary provides vivid accounts of contemporary events, as Garin came dangerously close to the action of the Northern War, and wrote of such prominent figures as Hōne Heke and Kawiti as they opposed the new colonial authorities. Above all, the diary is an intimate record of life in a Māori community in which Garin describes the close relationships he formed with his new neighbours – from his young followers and local families to the chiefs who offered him protection while he lived among them. This is the first full English translation of Garin's surviving Mangakāhia journals and letters. Frank, open-minded and often humorous, Garin's diary is a major contribution to the early history of European settlement in Aotearoa and a compelling insight into Māori customs, values and beliefs of the time.

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Hey Woolfie : Welcome to the World / Ray Woolf & Roger Booth

Booth Woolf Productions 2018

230p.

Includes Index

9780473457754

\$ 55.00 / null

500 gm.

Ray Woolf - Singer, actor and television host • Ray came to New Zealand as a 17-year old pop singer from London • He joined the wave of young New Zealanders in the likes of C'Mon and Happen Inn on New Zealand's only television channel • He fronted Ray Woolf and the Avengers • He entertained a lot of us as a host of Play School television kids show • He broke new ground hosting Two on One, The Ray Woolf Show and The New Ray Woolf Show • He has appeared in a host of television dramas, including Shortland Street, Marlin Bay, and Nothing Trivial • He had a role in movies, including King Kong and The Insatiable Moon • He has starred in musicals, such as West Side Story and Blood Brothers • He's still around as everyone's favourite crooner • What a career! The book covers both Ray Woolf's career highlights and his performing secrets.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=494323>

Hello Darkness / Peter Wells

Mighty Ajax Press 2019

xii, 244p.

9780473451622

\$ 40.00 / null

500 gm.

Hello Darkness tells the story of facing a challenge and meeting it with grace, intelligence, wit and resilience. Wells has added new material (as well as the original Facebook posts) looking back on his life, including the time he became known as 'The Man Who Shocked The Nation'. This is a book for anyone who wonders who they will respond when the end is near.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=494322>

The Boneshaker' Politician / Alfred Kwasi Opoku

Digibooks, Ghana 2018

xiv, 229 pages : illustrations (chiefly color) ; 21 cm

9789988871444

\$ 28.00 / null

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=614511>

Rule of law : a memoir / Glynnis Breytenbach with Nechama Brodie (Ed)

Pan Macmillian South Africa, South Africa 2017

xii, 260p.

9781770104877

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

In Rule Of Law, Glynnis Breytenbach reflects back on her career as a prosecutor, including specific cases she has tried, and on her life to provide a fascinating commentary on the importance of the independence of judicial institutions and the precariousness of this independence.

Her current challenges are directly linked to how outspoken she is and how she continues to campaign fiercely for the rule of law in this country.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=250460>

Eat First, Talk Later : A Memoir of Food, Family and Home / Beth Yahp

Gerakbudaya Enterprise, Malaysia 2019

360p.

Includes Bibliography

9789670311227

\$ 20.00 / null

600 gm.

1.Yaph, Beth – Anecdotes

2.Anecdotes.

In this dazzling memoir Beth persuades her ageing parents to take a road trip around their former home, Malaysia. She intends to retrace their honeymoon of 45 years before, but their journey doesn't quite work out as she planned. Only the family mantra 'Eat first, talk later' keeps them (and perhaps the country) from falling apart. Around them, corruption, censorship of the media, detentions without trial and deaths in custody continue. Protests are put down, violently, by riot police. Eat First, Talk Later is a beautifully written, absorbing memoir that moves between Australia, where Beth lives, and Malaysia - a country considered one of the multiracial success stories of South-East Asia, with many fascinating, yet deeply troubling, sides to it. It's a book about how we tell family and national stories; about love and betrayal; home and belonging; and about the joys of food.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534389>

Trust Overboard: Memoir of Living with a Sadistic Cult in Malaysia / Liya Red

Silverfish Books Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia 2018

x, 232p.

9789833221882

\$ 25.00 / null

350 gm.

1.Liya Red – Anecdotes

2.Family violence – Anecdotes

3.Anecdotes.

It was 2014. Third culture kid, Liya, began a spiritual journey to explore various faiths, at seventeen years old. Five years into her spiritual exploration, she became intrigued with the beauty of Islam. At twenty four years old, Liya agreed to marry Adam, a Muslim college mate who began to satisfy her spiritual needs. Join Liya as she discovers that there's more to the world of Islam than its beautiful verses. Liya divulges into the deception, abuse and abandonment she personally experienced, and how she investigated her oppressors on the way out.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534388>

My Lost Butterfly / Janatul Islah Mohammad

USIM Press, Malaysia 2019

xvi, 166p.

9789674406172

\$ 19.99 / null

250 gm.

1. Janatul Islah Mohammad – Anecdotes

2. Cancer – Patients – Anecdotes

3. Anecdotes

This book brings readers together with the author, unveiling physical, emotional, and spiritual roller coasters of a thyroid carcinoma fighter. The author has written her unexpected greatest test in her life with a thoughtful, passionate, yet well-explained description of what thyroid cancer is, through her use of plain words for layman readers, or otherwise explained more in details in the glossary section of this book. This book will give great benefit for the general public to enhance their knowledge on thyroid cancer as newly-diagnosed patients, caregivers, their families, and friends.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534393>

Tropical Forest Scientist / Francis S.P. Ng & FRIM 1964-1991(Ed)

Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Kuala Lumpur 2018

200p.

Includes Index

9789672149071

\$ 18.00 / null

500 gm.

Trees are the largest, longest-lived and least understood of living things. The author led a scientific effort to document the 2830 species of trees of Peninsular Malaysia and carried out wide-ranging and unprecedented explorations on the growth, development and reproduction of tropical trees and forests. This book provides an integrated, comprehensive and otherwise unavailable overview of tropical trees and forests, and concise explanations of issues and concepts in tropical forest management.

This memoir is also about science in an ethnically and culturally complex developing country, from colonial handover, through a national Emergency, a hostile Confrontation with a neighbouring country and the separation of one of its component states. During this turbulent period, scientific research was done mostly in Government Research Institutes. It provides an inside view of one such Institute, and offers critical evaluations of scientific issues, research strategy, productivity, policy and organization at the individual, institutional and national levels.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534392>

The Road Less Travelled : Footprints From an Unconventional Journey / Tan Sri Michael Yeoh Oon Kheng

Kingsley Advisory & Strategic Initiatives Sdn Bhd, Malaysia 2019

224p.

9789671682807

\$ 35.00 / null

500 gm.

TAN SRI DR. MICHAEL YEOH is a public intellectual, social entrepreneur and thought leader Dr. Yeoh was appointed by the Prime Minister of Malaysia to be a Member of the National Unity Consultative Council, the Advisory Board of the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission and a Commissioner in Malaysia's Competition Commission. He was appointed by the Malaysian Government to be Malaysia's Representative with Ambassador status on the ASEAN High Level Task Force on Connectivity. He has served two terms as a Commissioner in Malaysia's Human Rights Commission.

With over 30 year's corporate experience, he sits on the Board of Directors of Pan Malaysia Corporation, Malaysia- China Business Council and MUI Properties and was a Director of Star Publications and the National Heart Institute. He also sits on the Board of Governors of the Wawasan Open University and the Research Advisory Committee of the University of Malaya. He is also Chairman of the World Chinese Economic Forum and the ASEAN Leadership Forum.

He graduated in Economics and Accountancy from Australia's Monash University and has undertaken senior executive programmes at Harvard Business School and Aresty Institute of Wharton School. He was conferred a Doctorate in Laws (honoris causa) by the University of Nottingham. He is a sought after speaker at international conferences and has authored several books on leadership, management and politics. Dr. Yeoh is also a member of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies London, the UK Institute of Directors and Fellow of the Malaysian Institute of Management.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534391>

FRIM : The Untold Story / Mohamad Zaki Mohd Isa (ed)
Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), Kuala Lumpur 2018

x, 98p.

9789672149347

\$ 44.00 / null

250 gm.

FRIM: The Untold Story by Tan Sri Dato Seri Dr. Salleh Mohd Nor is genuinely memorable anecdotes in 30 years at FRIM. Some of the time at FRI and FRIM were recorded in two previous publications, on his autobiography, Portrait of a Thousand Smile, and a booklet on the occasion of FRIM 25th Anniversary entitled A Journey Down Memory Lane: My Times in FRIM.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534390>

Riding the Zeitgeist : The Hemaka Amarasuriya Story / Savithri Rodrigo
Hemaka Amarasuriya, Sri Lanka 2018

264p.

9789553895707

\$ 60.00 / HB

1320 gm.

This is the fascinating biography of an outstanding personality in the field of business and entrepreneurship. He transformed corporate Sri Lanka's method of thinking and even Philip Kotler uses Singer Sri Lanka as a case study for marketing and branding in Asia. Hemaka Amarasuriya is the Chairman of Sri Lanka Insurance and was the Chairman of Singer Sri Lanka.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=468967>

Lalith : The First Sri Lankan on the Main Board of a Top 100 Company in the UK :
His Journey, His Writings / Deshamanya Lalith de Mel with Melanie Senanayake
Lalith de Mel, Sri Lanka 2018

392p.

9789553569301

\$ 50.00 / HB

965 gm.

This is the fascinating journey of Deshamanya Lalith De Mel, The First Sri Lankan On The Main Board Of A Top 100 Company In The UK. Former chairman of Sri Lanka Telecom and Board of Investment.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=468966>

Telling it like it is... Selected Writings Volume 1 / Anne Abayasekara

Bay Owl Press, Sri Lanka 2018

228p.

9789551723422

\$ 22.00 / null

280 gm.

This book, Telling It Like It Is – Selected Writings of Anne Abayasekara [Volume 1], covers the themes of the changing role of women, love of motherland, and family and home life. It also includes a section on how others viewed her. The book is bound to captivate readers – those acquainted with her writing or have no knowledge of it, stirring their hearts and minds. Even when they find her words controversial, it will make readers reappraise their thoughts. Her direct writing style will engage and challenge.

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Reminiscing Cricket With Tilak / S. Tilak. De Silva

S. Tilak De Silva, Sri Lanka 2018

x, 246p.

9789554334212

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=468964>

Sacred Life of Dr. Peter A. Pillai, O.M.I. Based on Some Unexposed Sources / Prof. Risiman Amarasinghe

S. Godage & Brothers, Sri Lanka 2018

192p.

9789553090751

\$ 22.00 / null

380 gm.

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One World, One Home, One Law for All : A Tribute to Judge Christopher Gregory Weeramantry on the Occasion of His Ninetieth Birthday / Arthur Eyffinger & Nilupul Gunawardena

Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., Sri Lanka 2017

xxxvi, 480p.

9789556584356

\$ 45.00 / HB

780 gm.

1. Weeramantry, C. G.
2. Judges -- Sri Lanka -- Biography.
3. Judges.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=468962>

Time Is Not The Measure: A Memoir / Vusi Mavimbela (Ed)

Real African Publishers, South Africa 2018

428p.

9781928341727

\$ 45.00 / null

600 gm.

Vusi Mavimbela is one of South Africa's foremost political adventurers and wanderers. A writer of singular verve, humour and descriptive power, his memoir provides penetrating pen portraits of many well-known South African and African political actors, including martyred UMKhonto we Sizwe guerilla Solomon Mahlangu, Nigeria's Olusegun Obasanjo, Robert Mugabe and a galaxy of senior ANC exiles such as Joe Slovo, Chris Hani, Josiah Jele, Joel Netshitenzhe and Mac Maharaj.

He touches on and illuminates the personalities of many influential men and women in South Africa's early democratic governments. But the heart of Mavimbela's narrative lies in his unique experience of working as a top administrator and counsellor in the offices of Thabo Mbeki and Jacob Zuma. In the most intimate detail, he describes the emergence and escalation of the conflict between those two flawed principals. He captures the drama of their struggle and its destructive fallout for the new South African state.

Mavimbela offers a potent warning: loyalty and long service to a political party is no guarantee of wise and effective leadership.

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The Blackridge House : A Memoir / Julia Martin

Jonathan Ball Publishers, South Africa 2019

264p.

9781868429646

\$ 32.00 / null

400 gm.

A quest is never what you expect it to be.

Elizabeth Madeline Martin spends her days in a retirement home in Cape Town, watching the pigeons and squirrels on the branch of a tree outside her window. Bedridden, her memory fading, she can recall her early childhood spent in a small wood-and-iron house in Blackridge on the outskirts of Pietermaritzburg. Though she remembers the place in detail – dogs, a mango tree, a stream – she has no idea of where exactly it is. 'My memory is full of blotches,' she tells her daughter Julia, 'like ink left about and knocked over.'

Julia resolves to find the Blackridge house: with her mother lonely and confused, would this, perhaps, bring some measure of closure? A journey begins that traverses family history, forgotten documents, old photographs, and the maps that stake out a country's troubled past – maps whose boundaries nature remains determined to resist. Kind strangers, willing to assist in the search, lead to unexpected discoveries of ancestors and wars and lullabies. Folded into this quest are the tender conversations between a daughter and a mother who does not have long to live.

Taken as one, The Blackridge House is a meditation on belonging, of the stories we tell of home and family, of the precarious footprint of life.

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The Other Story : A Fireside Chat With African Achievers / Judy Dlamini (Ed)

Sifiso Publishers, South Africa 2019

224p.

9780620823722

\$ 42.00 / HB

700 gm.

The Other Story is an invitation to fireside chat with African Achievers, men and women of different ages, different backgrounds from different parts of the continent.

These are the leaders and entrepreneurs that have achieved in their personal capacity but had also gone out of their way to lift others. These are trendsetters from different sectors – Gloria Serobe, Mama Zanele Mbeki, Sizwe Nxasana, Dr Richard Maponya, Fred Swaniker, Ali Mufuruki to mention just a few. This book seeks to tell the "The Other Story", a story of what Africans are capable of – no matter where you find them in the world, no matter what age, gender, qualification they hold and no matter what sector of the economy they operate in. It's not the complete story, because there are many other African stories that make one not to be so proud as an African. However, we read about these all the time. The purpose of this book is to tell the other story, a story that humanises us, that repairs our broken dignity, that empowers us and the generations that follow.

"These are the stories that I want my grandchildren to read over and over again, until they see themselves and other Africans in them." – Judy Dlamini.

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End of the Deadline: Behind the news 2 / Harvey Tyson

Print Matters Heritage (Publishing Print Matters (Pty) Ltd), South Africa 2018

352p.

Includes Index

9780639937809

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

"THE END OF THE DEADLINE is part follow-on of Tyson's easy to read and fascinating autobiography The Other Side — Behind the News 1, where the reader is taken on a vicarious, and often humorous, journey through the landmark South African and world events he witnessed on his watch. But it is much more than that, too. Unpacking the history of the printed press — and its imminent demise, hence the book's title — and the challenges that have and always will face the Fourth Estate, this book is a must-read for any journalist or student of journalism. Tyson also expounds on his vision of the future of credible online journalism and stresses the importance of online news portals and content providers subscribing to the tried-and-tested credos and ethics of leading printed newspaper brands such as The New York Times." "Harvey Tyson has been actively reporting, analysing and writing for 70 years, on subjects ranging from news, politics and socio-economics to book reviews, history and travel."

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In Search of the Elusive Zimbabwean Dream: An Autobiography of Thought Leadership, Volume II: The Path to Power (2003-2009) / Arthur G.O. Mutambara

Staging Post, South Africa 2018

xxii, 426p.

9781928440048

\$ 50.00 / null

900 gm.

This is the second of three volumes in a series that traces the leadership thoughts and philosophical disposition of Professor Arthur G.O. Mutambara over a period of 35 years. The dramatic removal of Robert Mugabe by a people-backed coup d'état in November 2017 was greeted with euphoria and high expectations. However, the ensuing goodwill was rapidly squandered – the dream was deferred. Zimbabwe's elections in July 2018 generated tremendous hope – the exhilaration for change was palpable. Alas, it was not to be. The vision of a peaceful, democratic and wealthy nation characterised by inclusive economic growth and shared prosperity – the 'Zimbabwean Dream' – has proven difficult to attain. In fact, this ambition has been hard to achieve in most African countries. Hence, Mutambara's work is in search of the elusive 'African Dream'. The trilogy constitutes a fascinating intellectual and political journey by the man who would become Deputy Prime Minister of Zimbabwe at the age of 42. It is a collection of grounded reflections presented together with selected autobiographical material. The work is a product of rigorous and peer-reviewed research and analysis. It contributes to the epistemology of thought leadership from the perspective of an engineer-cum-politician, bridging the knowledge gap between the two disciplines. This volume – The Path to Power – deals with Mutambara's return to Africa from the United States and his re-entry into Zimbabwean politics, leading to his swearing-in as Deputy Prime Minister. The book discusses the build-up to the disputed 2008 elections and the chaotic aftermath. An erudite and blistering speech Mutambara gave led to his arrest and detention. Neither SADC nor the AU recognised the sham and genocidal June 2008 run-off election. This led to the SADC mediation efforts, facilitated by SA's Thabo Mbeki. The intervention produced the GPA – the basis for the GNU. This well-researched book is the first literary contribution by someone intimately involved with both the GPA and GNU. In 2018, with the rigging of elections in Zimbabwe now at an industrial scale, the book articulates the lessons to be drawn from such polls. It proffers a strategic way forward – the path to power. The book is organised into three sections: Return to Africa and Re-entry into Politics (2003-2005); Building a Viable Alternative to ZANU-PF (2006-2007); and Journey Towards the GNU (2008-2009).

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