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### Biography/Memoirs

Jaffna Boy: Colombo Diva / Danu Innasithamby  
Colombo: Samayawardhana, 2025  
264p.  
9786246605179  
1. Autobiography.  
2. Reminiscence.  
\$ 35.00 / HB  
454gm.

It's the unapologetic journey of a boy from Jaffna who grew up dodging bullets and side-eyes, only to land smack in the middle of Colombo's media circus-in heels, no less.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907207>

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Mahinda's Tea Journey / Mahinda Peduru Aratchi  
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2025  
xiv, 274p.  
9786242050515  
\$ 65.00 / HB  
720gm.

A memoir centered around tea could weave together personal experiences, cultural traditions, and the comfort that tea brings in different moments of life. Writing my tea journey have been both challenging and healing. If you feel lost in society, my book might help others who feel the same-showing them they are not alone. Sharing my story of discrimination through the lens of tea could make a deep impact on readers. It's a universal drink, but my experiences with it are personal and unique.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907208>

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Letters to the Editor / M. R. Pathirage  
Second Edition  
Sri Lanka: M. R. Pathirage (Self-Published), 2025  
x, 252p.  
9786249400108  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
340gm.

A collection of selected letters covering a diverse range of topics pertaining to social, political and economic issues and crises that prevailed in our country which ultimately affected adversely the majority of citizens, as never before, during a specific period from 2020 to 2024, has been compiled well into a book and aptly titled "Letters To The Editor" by its author M. R. Pathirage.

Well, this short memoir of the five years commencing from 2024 and going down to 2020, as arranged in the book, describes quite succinctly a plethora of events and incidents, under many striking and startling headlines.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907209>

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The Turning Point: The Naval Role in Sri Lanka's War on LTTE Terrorism: Admiral of the Fleet / Wasantha Karannagoda

Haryana, India: Penguin Random House India, 2025

xx, 348p.

Includes Bibliography

9780143469292

\$ 40.00 / PB

328gm.

The Turning Point is Admiral Karannagoda's account of the crucial years of the war from 2006 to 2009 when he was at the helm of the navy. It offers a ringside view of the war and acts as an instructive document about leadership and military strategy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907210>

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Footprints on Water: The Autobiography of W. T. Stace Colonial Administrator in Ceylon 1910 to 1932 / (Ed & Critique) Bernd Flug

Colombo: Sailfish, 2024

220p.

9786245993024

\$ 30.00 / PB

240gm.

'Footprints On Water' is the autobiography of W.T. Stace, a colonial administrator in Ceylon from 1910 to 1932. His writings reveal his lack of conviction about ruling over a subject race and share some insights into colonial life in British Ceylon.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907211>

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Nelson Mendis 'Disciplining Many' : Autobiography of a Veteran Coach /

Nelson Mendis (Ed) Varuna Ratnaweera

Colombo: Nelson Mendis (Self-Published), 2025

320p.

9786249429703

\$ 65.00 / HB

696gm.

Mr Nelson Mendis is a well known Cricket Coach in Sri Lanka who has the honour of coaching cricket to thousands of students for more than six and a half decades. Even though he has passed 87 years in his illustrious journey he still continues with his passion of mentoring and guiding young cricketers who get the luxury of being coached by one of the most admired cricket gurus in Sri Lanka.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907212>

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In the Political Arena, Volume 3 (1992-2022): Autobiography / Sarath Amunugama

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2025

524p.

Includes Index

9786242050522

\$ 60.00 / PB

592gm.

In the highly anticipated third volume of his memoirs, following "The Kandy Man" and "To Paris and Back," Sarath Amunugama offers Sri Lankan readers an unparalleled "insider's view" into a pivotal era of the island's political history. This instalment delves into Amunugama's experiences as a politician, providing a remarkably detailed and personal account of his times.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907213>

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Life Away from the Stage and Microphone: The Healing that Defied all Scientific Odds / Sashika Corea  
Sri Lanka: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2024  
64p.  
9786246343569  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
82gm.

This book chronicles a life-changing moment when the impossible took place, under the very eyes of the medical specialists and experts in London who remain befuddled to this day, about the phenomenon they experienced as they sought to treat Vijaya Corea for a cancer that had spread all over his body and given him a death sentence of just three months. It introduces to you Vijaya as a boy, and takes you up to those unforgettable days when the nation of Sri Lanka woke up to the newspaper headlines that their beloved compere was terminally ill and being flown to London with a bleak prognosis that made heavy the hearts of everyone who knew him as friend and loved him dearly.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907214>

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#### Ecology/Environment

Discovery : Additions to the Flora of Ceylon / Himesh D. Jayasinghe  
Peliyagoda: Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC, 2025  
xxx, 656p.  
Includes Index.  
9789550081417  
\$ 120.00 / HB  
2790gm.

**Discovery: Additions to the Flora of Ceylon** is a groundbreaking botanical record by Himesh D. Jayasinghe, presenting over 150 potentially new plant species from Sri Lanka's shrinking rainforests. Richly illustrated and meticulously documented, this extraordinary volume is both a scientific milestone and a call to action for conservation. With contributions by renowned naturalist Rohan Pethiyagoda, the book offers rare insights into one of the world's most biodiverse yet threatened ecosystems. A triumph of passion over adversity, Discovery is an essential reference for botanists, naturalists, and anyone who believes in the power of nature—and the urgency of protecting it.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907215>

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Whither South Asia? Understanding Climate Security in the Anthropocene Epoch: Monograph of Kodikara Fellowship Programme 2020 / Saurabh Thaur  
Colombo: Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, 2021  
132p.  
9786245823000  
RCSS Policy Studies No. 64  
\$ 20.00/ PB  
160gm.

The main argument presented in this monograph is that Security in the Anthropocene epoch will have to shed its conservative assumptions about 'Nature' as a stable backdrop to geopolitics and the states in the Global South, particularly a vulnerable region like South Asia, much like their earlier efforts at the framing of environmental problems through the lens of equity, distributive justice, and post-colonial as well as regional alliances such as G-77, SAARC, BIMSTEC, will have to actively engage in the climate security debates and explore new methods of climate change governance and cooperation at the regional scale.

(Geo-Political/Ecosystems)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907216>

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## Economics

Accountability of Relationships and Performance in State Own Enterprises (SOEs) : Four Case Studies in Sri Lanka / Dr. Amarasena Gamaathige & Wasantha Munasinghe

Sri Lanka: Dr. Amarasena Gamaathige & Wasantha Munasinghe (Self-Published), 2024  
xviii, 262p.

Includes Index  
9786249750715  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
490gm.

Strategically important State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in Sri Lanka play key roles in economic development of sectors of the economy by delivering essential services such as the supply of electricity, water, transportation and other services. This book presents four in-depth case studies in the sectors of railway transport, road development, electricity and water supply and sanitation. The book demonstrates the importance of the study of accountability of relationships among key actors for understanding the underlying causes of poor performance of sample SOEs before making any recommendations for restructuring or policy and institutional reforms to further improve productivity and financial viability.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907223>

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Sri Lanka State of the Economy 2024: Economic Scars of Multiple Crises: From Data to Policy / Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, 2024  
xvi, 310p.; 25cm.

9789557397337

1. Sri Lanka – Economic conditions.
2. Sri Lanka - Economic conditions – 21<sup>st</sup> century.
3. Sri Lanka - Economic development.

\$ 50.00 / PB  
784gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907224>

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## History

Path to Radiance: History of Thurstan College: 1950 – 1975 / History Compilation Committee

Sri Lanka: History Compilation Committee, Thurstan College, 2025

xxiv, 462p.  
9786245217083

\$ 150.00 / HB  
1432gm.

Path to Radiance: History of Thurstan College: 1950–1975 is a book documenting the early years of Thurstan College in Sri Lanka, from its founding in 1950 to 1975.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907225>

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Sacred Sites of Sri Lanka / Donald M. Stadtner

Thailand/Sri Lanka: River Books Co. Ltd. & Sailfish, 2025

324p.  
Includes Index

9786164510227  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
866gm.

Donald M. Stadtner explores the evolving religious and cultural context underpinning the island's major sacred sites. His comprehensive text seamlessly integrates myths and history into Sri Lanka's holy sites, illustrating the enduring role these sites play in contemporary life.  
(History & Culture)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907226>

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Unity in Diversity: History and Culture of Sri Lanka / S. Pathmanathan  
Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2025  
Revised Second Edition  
xxiv, 536p.  
Includes Index; Bibliography  
\$ 55.00 / HB  
730gm.

The present Volume, Unity in Diversity: History and Culture of Sri Lanka is a revised and modified second edition of The Facets of Sri Lankan History and Culture that was published in 2015. The articles in this volume divided into five parts of unequal length are on a variety of themes: The Pali chronicles (the Dipavamsa and the Mahāvamsa), Kingship and dynastic power, Merchant communities, Princes and urbanization, History of Religion: Hinduism and Buddhism, South India and Sri Lanka, Modern Education and the University of Peradeniya.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907227>

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A Lost History: A Consideration of Historical Writing in a Quest to find the Origin of the 500 BCE Brahmi Script / (Ed) Thulsith Fernando  
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2025  
308p.  
9786240028455  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
398gm.

A focus on the period before 500 BCE, 'A Lost History' introduces a collection of historical writing from across the oceans to carry the reader on a fascinating journey through Lanka's ancient history. Elegantly woven into the narrative are foreign accounts of the pre-historic era of Lanka, placed in a sequence of time to provoke a fresh look at the social, cultural and economic landscape that existed prior to events more formally chronicled.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907228>

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Sri Lanka, Serendib and The Silk Road of the Sea / Sanjiva Wijesinha  
Colombo: Sailfish Publishers, 2025  
128p.  
9786245993055  
1. Sri Lanka History.  
2. Sri Lanka Description and Travels.  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
144gm.

From ancient times, foreign trade has been a prominent feature of Sri Lanka's economy. Situated at the midpoint of the maritime trade routes between Asia and Europe, it became an important link between East and West, developing into a meeting place for mariners, merchants, and missionaries from all over the medieval world. The Maritime Silk Route not only became a channel of commerce between the great historic cultures of Asia, Europe, and Africa, it also carried intangible riches such as ideas, religion, music, and technology. Readers will be fascinated and elucidated by the creative re-telling of history that describes the important role Sri Lanka played in the Silk Road of the Sea.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907229>

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Politics/Current Affairs

'A People's Agenda' for the Future of Sri Lanka – 2024 / People's Parliament / (Ed) Sakunthala Kadirgamar (et al.)

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2024

116p.

English & Sinhalese

9786245545315

\$ 20.00/ PB

150gm.

(Socio-Politics/Socio-Economy)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907230>

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Presidential Election 2024: Aspirations of the People / Law & Society Trust

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2024

108p.

English & Sinhalese

9786245545285

\$ 20.00/ PB

224gm.

(Socio-Politics/Socio-Economy)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907231>

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Aragalaya: A Journey in Progress / Kaushalya Kumarasinghe

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2025

24p.

9786245545353

\$ 15.00/ PB

46gm.

(Socio-Politics/Socio-Economy)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907232>

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A Brutal Experiment: IMF-17 and Sri Lanka / Balasingham Skanthakuar

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2023

80p.

English & Sinhalese

9786245545278

\$ 15.00 / PB

120gm.

(Socio-Politics/Socio-Economy)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907233>

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Revisiting Regionalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century / (Ed) George L. H. Cooke

Colombo: Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, 2024

180p.

9786245823109

\$ 25.00 / PB

240gm.

This book explores the world of regionalism and its evolution in many regions in the first quarter of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. With scholars focusing on the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), the European Union (EU), the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-

Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS), as well as the impact of maritime security, nuclear weapons, economic challenges and legal frameworks, this book provides the researcher and enthusiast with an in depth review of regionalism.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907234>

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How Do CBMs Perform in South Asia? Mapping the Relative Performance of India-Pakistan CBMs / Ms. Portia B. Conrad

Colombo: Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, 2020

80p.

Includes Bibliography

RCSS Policy Studies No. 63

9789558051528

\$ 18.00/ PB

120gm.

(International Relationship)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907235>

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Law

We Must Prepare to Reflect: Selected Writings of Vijay Nagaraj in Sri Lanka / (Ed) Mirak Raheem

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2024

x, 270p.

9786245545223

1. Human Rights.
2. Political Economy.
3. Conflict development.
4. Social Rights.
5. Muslim Violence.

\$ 35.00 / PB

364gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907236>

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Understanding Clandestine Gravesite Investigations: Guide for Families of the Missing Disappeared / Mirak Raheem

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2023

44p.

9786245545230

\$ 20.00 / PB

102gm.

This guide is written for families of the missing and disappeared to provide them with a basic understanding of the process of investigation of clandestine graves. It may also be useful for other persons working with families such as activists, counsellors, lawyers and local government officials, to help them understand and explain this process.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907237>

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Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights, 2018-2020 / Law & Society Trust

Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2023

xiv, 294p.

Includes Index

9786245545209

\$ 50.00 / PB

410gm.

This is a detailed account of the state of human rights in Sri Lanka focusing on the years of 2018-2020.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907238>

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#### Literature

Rage and Heartbreak: The Poetry of Lakdasa Wikkramasinha / (Eds) Vihanga Perera & George Braine  
Colombo: Tambapanni Academic Publishers, 2025  
xiv, 154p.  
Includes Index  
9786245529179  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
226gm.

(Poetry/History & Criticism)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907239>

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Let Us Be Silent: Poems / Sasanka Perera  
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2025  
148p.  
9789553133960  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
180gm.

(Poetry/Poems)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907240>

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“Magadigata Janakatha” Ancient Folk-Lore of Sri Lanka / D. P. Wicramasinghe (Translator) G.A. Nalinie  
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2024  
136p.  
9789553128027  
\$ 12.00 / PB  
170gm.

(Folk-Lores/Folk-Tales)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907241>

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The Slow, Sad Suicide of Rohan Wijeratne: Stories / Yudhanjaya Wireratne  
Colombo: Perera Hussein Publishing House, 2024  
256p.  
9786245825011  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
342gm.

(Fiction/Short Stories)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907242>

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See-Through Hearts: Ten Sri Lankan Short Stories / Ajantha Seneviratne  
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2024  
148p.  
9789553133465  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
180gm.

(Fiction/Short Stories)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907243>

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Kata Katha: Gossips, Rumours and Idle Talk: Stories / Savin Edirisinghe  
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2025  
128p.  
9789553134431  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
120gm.

(Fiction/Short Stories)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907244>

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“To Hear You Breathe” / Sajla Anees  
Sri Lanka: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2025  
280p.  
9786246633073  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
370gm,

(Fiction/Historical Novel)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907245>

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The Wretched and the Damned / Yudhanjaya Wijeratne  
Colombo: Perera Hussein Publishing House, 2025  
272p.  
9786245825042  
1. English fiction  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
358gm.

(Fiction/Historical Novel-Revolution)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907246>

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A Butterfly / Sean Perera  
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2025  
320p.  
9789553133953  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
372gm.

(Romance Novel/ LGBTQIA+)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907247>

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The Atrophied Wife / MTL Ebell  
Sri Lanka: MTL Ebell (Self-Published), 2025  
280p.  
9786249446601  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
276gm.

(Fiction Novel/Relationships)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907248>

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When Ghosts Die / Lal Medawattegedara  
Kalubowila: Vidrashana Publishers (Pvt.) Ltd., 2025  
136p.  
9786246625313

\$ 15.00 / PB  
142gm.

(Horror/Supernatural Novel)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907249>

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I See You / Ramzi Zaindeen  
Sri Lanka: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2025  
168p.  
9786246343804  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
188gm.

(Thriller/Supernatural Novel)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907250>

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Honeymoon: Love Can Stay Hidden in the Darkest Corners / Susitha Ruwan (Translator) Surani  
Nanayakkara  
Sri Lanka: SR Publications, 2025  
200p.  
9786249930261  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
200gm.

(Romantic Horror Novel)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907251>

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Wid Kierdo / Surath de Mel (Translator) Priyangwada Perera  
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2024  
248p.  
9789553133410  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
206gm.

(Fiction/Psychology Novel-Children)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907252>

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#### Official Publications

Sri Lanka: External Trade Statistics 2023  
Sri Lanka: Statistics Division, Department of Sri Lanka Customs, 2023  
1v.  
9786246079048  
\$ 225.00 / HB  
2490gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=900062>

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Bulletin of Selected Retail and Producer Prices, 2020-2023 [Sri Lanka]  
Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and  
National Policies, 2024  
1v.  
9786246350864  
\$ 60.00 / PB  
632gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=905702>

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Paddy Statistics 2024: Yala Season [Sri Lanka]  
Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, 2025  
1v.  
9786246716042  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
118gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=905703>

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Census of Population and Housing 2024: Enumeration Stage: Population of Sri Lanka by District  
Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic  
Development, 2025

1v.  
9786246350994  
Census of Population and Housing 2024 [Sri Lanka]  
\$ 30.00/ PB  
182gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=905704>

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Statistical Abstract 2023 [Sri Lanka]  
Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, 2024  
1v.

9786246350543  
\$ 150.00 / PB  
1232gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907057>

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Statistical Abstract 2024 [Sri Lanka]  
Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, 2025  
1v.

9786246350949  
\$ 150.00 / PB  
1234gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=907058>

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## Travel

Two Friends on Many Roads: Travel Tales from Near and Far / Srianthi Perera & Romany Kadurugamuwa  
Arizona, USA: Evocative Journeys, 2024

xii, 196p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9781735412023  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
260gm.

Childhood friends Srianthi Perera and Romany Kadurugamuwa catalogue the wonders of travel experienced during their lifetimes. Join in their adventures, revel in their enthusiasm, and learn something new as they dive into various cultures around the globe Sometimes poignant, sometimes humorous, always delightful. The stories reflect their individual personalities.  
(Travelogue)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=882805>

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