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Anthropology

Kussiya – The Kitchen : Culinary Ethnology in Sri Lanka / (Eds) Elizabeth Simpson, Ayesha Abdur-Rahman
Sri Lanka: Lanka Decorative Arts, 2021
170p.
9786245688005
\$ 50.00 / PB
900gm.

A collection of articles on food, kitchens and culinary customs beginning with the advent of agriculture in the Near East and spanning the history of Sri Lanka, with reference to trade centring on the island nation, colonial influences and multi-ethnic indigenous crafts and traditions.

The papers are based on lectures presented at an interdisciplinary conference organized by Lanka Decorative Arts (LDA) held in Colombo and Galle in 2016.

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Art

George Keyt : The Absence of a Desired Image / SinhaRaja Tammita-Delgoda
Kandy, Sri Lanka: The Taprobane Collection, 2023
464p.
9789554379510
\$ 395.00/ HB
3500gm.

A comprehensive new book on Sri Lanka's pre-eminent painter, 'George Keyt: The Absence of a Desired Image' written by Dr. SinhaRaja Tammita-Delgoda was launched at the Residence at Cinnamon Life on Tuesday, January 23. The launch was attended by members of the diplomatic community, and representatives from the media, advertising, academia, civil society and the corporate world.

Published by the Taprobane Collection, 'George Keyt: The Absence of a Desired Image' places Keyt in the context of his times, focusing on areas that have not been studied in relation to his career.

The book features paintings, photographs, illustrations, and images hitherto unpublished and archive material. It also features interviews with people who knew or knew of Keyt, including the historian K. M. de Silva, the American anthropologist Ellen Dissanayake, Dr. Sarath Amunugama, Godfrey Gunatilleke, Tilak Samarawickrema, and Keyt's daughter Diana.

Recognised not just in Sri Lanka but also India, George Keyt (1901-1993) shaped the course of cultural modernism across the region. He associated closely with the leading modern Indian artists of his day, including the novelist Mulk Raj Anand and the painter M. F. Husain. The book sheds light on these aspects of his career, drawing from both written and oral sources.

The book also explores his early career, where he embraced Buddhism and came under the influence of Kandyan art and culture. The book incorporates archival material from this period, including a series of his line drawings that depict stories from the life of the Buddha, among other subjects, as well as several of his poems, essays, and stories.

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Biography / Memoirs

Healing and Teaching: Gift of a Lifetime: An Autobiography / PL Ariyananda

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2023

Xvii, 203p.

9786242050348

\$ 20.00 / PB

300gm.

The life story of a versatile medical man with wide experience in treating patients, teaching budding doctors as well as postgraduates, and in managing the academic activities of a medical school should certainly be of much interest to everyone. Embarking on his quest for education with the help of a kerosene lamp, he has gone on to illuminate the world of medical education instilling discipline, empathy and humility in those under his guidance. His experience in the field of medicine overseas, both in the West and in the East, gives a broader outlook to his narrative. This autobiography brings out how he maintained a good work-life balance in such a way that did not affect his own health or sacrifice his duties towards his family. Highly recommended reading specially for busy practitioners in the field of medicine.

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The Indefatigable: Prema's Quest for Inner Strength...! / Prema Dharmasena Pinnewale

Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers(Pvt) Ltd., 2023

221p.

9789553128430

\$ 25.00 / PB

275gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869220>

Confessions of a Global Gypsy: Memoir based on a Popular Column in the Sunday Island / Chandana (Chandi) Jayawardena
Colombo, Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2024
Xxiv, 520p.
9786242050393
\$ 50.00 / PB
700gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869221>

Ecology/Environment

Metro Colombo Wetlands / Sarath Kotagama (Compiler)
Colombo: Field Ornithology Group of Sri Lanka, 2023
276p.
9786246069018
\$ 55.00 / PB
560gm.

The book is a comprehensive guide to the plants and animals that can be found in the Colombo wetlands. It is a must-read for anyone interested in learning more about these important ecosystems in Colombo
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869222>

Green Gold: The Discovery of Sri Lanka's Biodiversity / Rohan Pethiyagoda
Colombo: Dilmah Conservation, 2023
Xvi, 292p.
9789550081349
\$ 120.00 / HB
1400gm.

The First edition of this book was published as 'Pearls, Spices and Green Gold : An Illustrated History of biodiversity exploration in Sri Lanka' 2007.
Green Gold: the Discovery of Sri Lanka's Biodiversity by renowned conservationist Rohan Pethiyagoda is an exploration of Sri Lanka's history of biodiversity following the island's pre-colonial past through a journey of colonization, exploration and scientific achievement. A story told across 300 historical illustrations, photographs and iconic visuals, Green Gold is the quintessential collectible for the ardent history lover and nature enthusiast.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869223>

Economics

Sri Lanka State of the Economy 2023: Economic Policy Choices : From Stabilisation to Growth/Institute of Policy Studies

Sri Lanka : Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo 2023

382p.;25cm.

9789557397306

USD : 60.00 / PB

1000 gm.

1. Sri Lanka - Economic Conditions 2. Sri Lanka - Economic Conditions - 21st Century 3. Sri Lanka - Economic Development

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=868300>

Sri Lanka Socio-Economic Data 2023 Vol. XLVI/Central Bank of Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka : Central Bank of Sri Lanka 2023

1v.

9786245917334

USD : 15.00 / PB

100 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=868299>

History

Weapons of Persuasion: the global wanderings of six Kandyan objects / ed. Alicia Schrikker & Doreen van den Boogaart

Colombo: Tambapanni Academic Publishers, 2023

243p.; 23cm.

9786245529100

\$ 45.00 / PB

375gm.

Weapons of Persuasion' is the first in the series. It captures numerous reflections of the international interdisciplinary research team that investigated the provenance of these artifacts and the remarkable layered history that the research unveiled. It includes reports from provenance researchers, interviews with museum directors, and essays from historians and practitioners in history and heritage studies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859214>

The Political History of the Medieval Period "Thamil Chola" Overseas Empire under the Thamil Emperors Rajaraja Cholan 1 (A.D.985-1017) and Rajendra Cholan-1(A.D. 1011-1044) : A Brief Study / Ratnasabapathy Sri Hari

Colombo: "Chandralekha Amirthavalli" Memorial Research Study Project on Indian History & Culture, 2023

23p.

9786249490703

\$ 10.00 / PB

100gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869224>

Essays on History and Society: Professor Chandra R.de Silva Felicitation Volume / (Eds)

Ramani Hettiarachchi, Kalinga Tudor Silva

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023

Xii, 356p.

9786240021296

\$ 25.00 / PB

460gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869225>

Nine; The Hidden Story: Maidan to Galle Face / Wimal Weerawansa; Translated by Shenali Waduge

Sri Lanka: Nidahase Niyamuwo Publication, 2023

144p.

9786246005030

\$ 18.00 / PB

250gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869226>

Jaffna Heritage / Jekhan Aruliah et. al.

Colombo: The National Trust of Sri Lanka, 2023

204p.

9786246174026

\$ 90.00 / HB

1400gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869227>

The Zeylonese Treasure Book of Myth, Mystery and Mystique / Asiff Hussein

Sri Lanka : Neptune Publications(Pvt) Ltd., 2023

X, 807p.

9786246335465

\$ 40.00 / PB

790gm.

The Zeylonese Treasure Book of Myth, Mystery and Mystique by Asiff Hussein covers a hundred mysteries from the whereabouts of Ravana's kingdom, the legendary Naga race and a missing race of dwarfs to man-eating ogres, cannibalistic women, feral children living in the wild, water sprites, female spectres, demons scared of iron, human sacrifices, lost gold mines, hidden redoubts, buried treasures to name just a few. All this and more is dealt with by the author who takes his readers on a most fascinating journey not only to understand these inexplicable accounts and the context in which they emerged, but also to unravel their mysterious origins wherever possible.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869228>

Feudalism to Capitalism: Historical Transformation of Sri Lankan Society / W.I. Siriweera
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
88p.
9789553127273
\$ 10.00 / PB
120gm.

This book postulates that kingship in ancient and medieval Sri Lanka was neither despotic nor benevolent but embodied feudal characteristics although it completely differed from European feudal monarchy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869229>

Fruits of Virtue: An Early History of St. Joseph's College, Colombo / Avishka Mario Senewiratne, Dr. Srilal Fernando
Colombo: Avishka Mario Senewiratne, 2022
200p. ; ill. ; Photos; 25cm.
9786249901315

1. Catholic Church – Sri Lanka – History
2. Private Schools – Sri Lanka – History
3. St. Joseph's College (Sri Lanka)- History
4. Sri Lanka - History

\$ 70.00 / HB

800gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869230>

Philately Study during the British Colonial Period in Ceylon / Dulshan Ellawela
Colombo: The Contemporary Art and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka, 2023
147p.
9789554382428
\$ 75.00 / HB
1000gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869231>

Literature

Vipravasa : Neither Here Nor There / Ajith P. Dharmasuriya; (Tr) A. Jayalath Basnagoda
Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
414p.

9789553128218

\$ 25.00 / PB

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The Petition / Leel Gunasekera
Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
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9789553128317
\$ 15.00 / PB

120gm.

'Sinhala Novel, that won the State Literary Award in 1962'

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869233>

The Moonlight's Still the Same / V.S. Srikantha

Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023

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9789553129024

\$ 20.00 / PB

400gm.

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Keeping Time and Other Stories / Chiranthi Rajapakse

Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023

173p.

9789553129512

\$ 20.00 / PB

350gm.

The Graatiaen Prize Co-Winner 2022

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Full Circle / Joyce Wijesingha Kalawila

Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023

207p.

9789553128805

\$ 20.00 / PB

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Cradle of the Traitors: Cinnamon Garden / K. Sunil Shanta; (Tr) Hemasiri Perera

Sri Lanka: Kadulla Publication, 2023

Xviii, 198p.

9786246296605

\$ 10.00 / PB

260gm.

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Waves / Achini Pahalawatte

Sri Lanka: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2023

172p.

9786246343088

\$ 20.00 / PB

250gm.

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The Beast and Other Stories / Seneka Abeyratne

Nugegoda, Sri Lanka: Sarasavi Publishers, 2023

311p.

9789553129284
\$ 20.00 / PB
350gm.

Longlisted for the Gratiaen Prize 2018
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The Land My Father Gave Me / Sonali Samarasinghe
New York: Vista Periodista, 2020
44p.
0979811260
\$ 14.95/PB
100gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869240>

My Life in a Garden / Sonali Samarasinghe
New York: Vista Periodista, 2016
112p.
0979811297
\$ 14.95/PB
200gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869241>

Politics

The Conspiracy to oust me from the Presidency: How Internationally Sponsored Regime Change made a mockery of Democracy in Sri Lanka / Gotabaya Rajapaksa
Sri Lanka: Gotabaya Rajapaksa, 2024
180p.
9786249336704
\$ 25.00 / HB
350gm.

This book tells the story of the ouster of a democratically elected President through conspiracies and mob violence sponsored by interested foreign parties and with the participation of specific sections of Sri Lankan society. The events of 2022 added a new dimension to the politics of Sri Lanka which has exercised universal adult franchise since 1931 and had an unbroken record of peaceful and constitutional changes of government since gaining independence in 1948. The end of the war against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam in 2009 saw ramped up foreign intervention in Sri Lanka due to a multiplicity of motivating factors. The interventionist strategy to bring Sri Lanka under neocolonialist domination has been centered on the manipulation of communal politics and the running down of the economy. This is that story, as seen from the very epicenter of the storm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869242>

Philosophy

A Guide to Age Gracefully: A Study on Cicero's Cato Maior, De Senectute / Chandima S.M. Wickramasinghe
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023
136p.
9786240020671
\$ 10.00 / PB
165gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869243>

Religion – Hinduism

Evolution of Saivism and It's Development in Thamil Naadu (Thamil Saivism) : A Brief Study / Ratnasabapathy Sri Hari
Colombo: "Chandralekha Amirthavalli" Memorial Research Study Project on Indian History & Culture, 2023
42p.
9786249490710
\$ 10.00 / PB
100gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869244>

Sociology

Human Rights and Reconciliation in the Post-Conflict Multicultural Society in Sri Lanka / (Eds) Adne Valen-Sendstad, Jeewaka Saman Kumara
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2022
Xxx, 344p.
9786240019859
\$ 50.00 / HB
1000gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=869245>
