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Architecture

Contemporaneous Architecture Singapore / (Curator) Erwin Viray (Eds) Teng Joo Chong, Serene Tng & Damien Woon
Singapore: Urban Redevelopment Authority, 2019
312p.
9789811406584
\$ 70.00 / PB
1740gm.

Contemporaneous Architecture celebrates 70 architectural projects that have shaped Singapore's landscape in the last 15 years. The selection includes works by renowned home-grown architects and President*s Design Award winners WOHA Architects Pte Ltd, DP Architects Pte Ltd and SCDA Architects Pte Ltd, as well as works from smaller and emerging practices such as Linghao Architects, Chang Architects, ip:li Architects, FARM Architects Pte Ltd, Red Bean Architects and Lekker Architects Pte Ltd.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=644981>

Art

Shifting Currents : Glimpses of a Changing Nations / Zhuang Wubin
(Photographer) Kouo Shang Wei
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions & National Library Board Singapore,
2018
112p.
9789814779524

1. Kouo, Shang-Wei, 1924-1988 – Catalogs
2. Photographers – Singapore
3. Singapore – Pictorial works

4. Singapore. National Library Board – Photograph collections.
\$ 32.00 / PB
784gm.

Shifting Currents: Glimpses of a Changing Nation is the first book to present a significant collection of Kouo Shang-Wei's most arresting images from his lifetime of photography.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=644982>

Seentthesis : Visual Literacy Through Singapore Photography / Guo Yixiu & Kong Yen Lin (Eds) Gwen Lee & Guo Yixiu

Singapore: DECK, 2019

238p.

9789811414596

\$ 65.00 / PB

704gm.

Seentthesis: Visual Literacy through Singapore Photography is an attempt to put together a resource book that provides educators and general public on the fundamental overview on photography and the contemporary approaches illustrated by over 100 works by 32 Singaporean/Singapore-based Artists. Providing context to the works are concise essays on the history and theory of photography as well as a timeline on the social history of photography in Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=644983>

Migration, Transmission, Localisation : Visual Art in Singapore (1886-1945) / Yeo Mang Thong (Ed) Elaine Ee

Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2019

248p.

9789811129254

1. Art, Singaporean – 20th century
2. Art, Chinese – Singapore – 20th century
3. Art, Chinese – Singapore – 19th century.

\$ 35.00 / PB

530gm.

Drawing mainly on advertisements and comics in Chinese newspapers, Singaporean scholar and educator Yeo Mang Thong demonstrates how Singapore was an important hub for artists who travelled to and lived in Singapore. Yeo's research features amongst other things essays on

sojourning artists, and fills a gap in scholarship on the pre-war visual arts scene in Singapore. Originally in Chinese, this English translation aims to bring his research to a broader audience.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=644985>

Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Commission : Charles Lim Yi Yong / (Ed) Adele Tan

Singapore : National Gallery, [2019]

60p.

9789811167904

1. Lim, Charles Yi Yong, 1973—Exhibitions
2. Art, Singaporean—21st Century – Exhibitions

\$ 25.00 / HB

This catalogue spotlights the third work in the Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Commission series, SEA STATE 9: proclamation garden by Singaporean artist Charles Lim. It features a text by curator Adele Tan, alongside full-colour images of the commission and more than 30 species of plants selected to transform the Gallery's roof garden landscape, whose transplantation, adaptation to survive and eventual disposal tell the stories of Singapore's urban and coastal developments.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=644986>

Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Commission: Rirkrit Tiravanija / Russell Storer (Ed)
Singapore : National Gallery, [2018]

60p.

9789811164545

1. Tiravanija, Rirkrit, 1961-- Exhibitions
2. Installations(Art)- Singapore -Exhibitions

\$ 25.00 / PB

Rirkrit Tiravanija has created the second Ng Teng Fong Roof Garden Commission artwork for National Gallery Singapore. Featuring an interlocking bamboo structure with a simple wooden tea house at its centre, this site-specific installation springs from the artist's interest in fostering social engagement and human interaction through art. With homes in Chiang Mai, New York and Berlin, Tiravanija's nomadic life is a constant negotiation of cultures, and a source of inspiration for his practice. This catalogue illuminates this influential artist's fascinating oeuvre through newly commissioned essays and full-colour images of the installation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=643811>

Biography

Wanderlust : The Amazing Ida Pfeiffer, The First Female Tourist / John va Wyhe

Singapore: NUS Press, 2019

xiv, 316p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789813250765

1. Pfeiffer, Ida, 1797-1858 – Travel
2. Women travelers – Austria – Biography
3. Women explorers – Austria – Biography
4. Voyages around the world.

\$ 25.00 / PB

518gm.

Wanderlust is the true story of Ida Pfeiffer (1797–1858), one of the most remarkable female travellers who ever lived. It is the story of a stubborn tomboy, of lovers torn apart, and a miserable housewife who decides to follow her dreams despite the strong disapproval of society. At a time when it was considered utterly impossible, Pfeiffer set off, alone, to travel the world. She displayed incredible courage, endurance and perseverance. Along the way she survived storms at sea, parched deserts, plague, malaria, drowning, earthquakes, robbers, murderers, headhunters and cannibals. She became the first woman to circle the globe alone, and then the first to do so twice and she was the first budget traveler to boot. As a result of her incredible exploits and her bestselling travel books, Pfeiffer became one of the most famous women in the world. Hers is a tale that culminates in spies, intrigue, a botched revolution and a remarkable career cut tragically short by one voyage too many.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=561720>

History

Leluhur : Singapore's Kampong Gelam / Hidayah Amin (Foreword) Tommy Koh

Singapore: Helang Books (Archipelago Consultancy, Singapore), 2019
384p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789811158063

1. Kampong Glam (Singapore) – History
2. Ethnic neighbourhoods – Singapore – History
3. Malays (Asian people) – Singapore – History
4. Malays (Asian people) – Singapore – Social life and customs.

\$ 40.00 / HB

1810gm.

The story of Kampong Gelam - a cosmopolitan village named after the Gelam (Kayu putih or Melaleuca cajuputi) tree which once grew in abundance in the area - was birthed some two centuries ago. It began with the signing of a treaty between Sultan Hussein Mohamed Shah, Temenggong Abdul Rahman and Sir Stamford Raffles of the East India Company, whereby Sir Stamford Raffles was given permission to set up a trading post in Singapore. Once the centre of trade and commerce connecting Singapore to the rest of the Malay Archipelago, Kampong Gelam served as a religious, intellectual and social hub for the Malays in Singapore. It also functioned as a Pilgrim Hub for would-be pilgrims bound for Saudi Arabia. To embrace the authentic spirit of Kampong Gelam, you are invited to embark on a journey to Leluhur, returning to the land of our Ancestors.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=644989>

Reluctant Editor : The Singapore Media as Seen Through the Eyes of a Veteran Newspaper Journalist / PN Balji

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2019

196p.

9789814828208

1. Journalism – Singapore
2. Journalists – Singapore
3. Reporters and reporting – Singapore.

\$ 18.00 / PB

230gm.

These are the hitherto unpublished stories about the stories that you may have read in Singapore newspapers over the years. PN Balji was an active participant in mainstream journalism, having spent nearly 40 years working in five newsrooms. He was part of a hardy generation of newspaper editors who wrestled with editorial issues and made tough decisions, sometimes against the will of Lee Kuan Yew. He also had a ringside view of his colleagues' tussles and confrontations with the government. In *Reluctant Editor*, Balji weaves a compelling narrative, with anecdotes, of an alternative story of how some editors of his generation managed to hold the ground when Lee was at his rogue best.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645002>

A General History of The Chinese In Singapore / (Eds) Kwa Chong Guan & Kua Bak Lim

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
xxxiii, 970p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

1. Chinese – Singapore – History
2. Chinese – Singapore – Social conditions – History
3. Chinese – Singapore – Economic conditions – History
4. Chinese – Singapore – Politics and government – History.

9789813277632 / HB

\$ 88.00 / HB

1990gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645003>

A General History of The Chinese In Singapore / (Eds) Kwa Chong Guan & Kua Bak Lim

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
xxxiii, 970p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

1. Chinese – Singapore – History
2. Chinese – Singapore – Social conditions – History
3. Chinese – Singapore – Economic conditions – History
4. Chinese – Singapore – Politics and government – History.

9789813278325 / PB

\$ 60.00 / PB

1790gm.

A General History of the Chinese in Singapore documents over 700 years of Chinese history in Singapore, from Chinese presence in the region through

the millennium-old Hokkien trading world to the waves of mass migration that came after the establishment of a British settlement, and through to the development and birth of the nation. Across 38 chapters and parts, readers are taken through the complex historical mosaic of Overseas Chinese social, economic and political activity in Singapore and the region, such as the development of maritime junk trade, plantation industries, and coolie labour, the role of different bangs, clan associations and secret societies as well as Chinese leaders, the diverging political allegiances including Sun Yat-sen's revolutionary activities and the National Salvation Movement leading up to the Second World War, the transplanting of traditional Chinese religions, the changing identity of the Overseas Chinese, and the developments in language and education policies, publishing, arts, and more.

With "Pride in our Past, Legacy for our Future" as its key objective, this volume aims to preserve the Singapore Chinese story, history and heritage for future generations, as well as keep our cultures and traditions alive. Therefore, the book aims to serve as a comprehensive guide for Singaporeans, new immigrants and foreigners to have an epitome of the Singapore society.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645033>

Seven Hundred Years : A History of Singapore / Kwa Chong Guan (et al.)
Singapore: National Library Singapore & Marshall Cavendish International (Asia), 2019

viii, 314p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814828109

1. Singapore – History.

\$ 30.00 / PB

1060gm.

Assessments of Singapore's history invariably revolve around Sir Stamford Raffles' arrival in 1819. Before this date – we've been told – "nothing very much appears to have happened in Singapore". Pre-1819 Singapore was a sleepy, historically insignificant fishing village, little more than the "occasional resort of pirates". This ambitious book, co-written by four of Singapore's foremost historians, offers an assertive re-evaluation of that view. Drawing on a multi-disciplinary range of archival, textual and cartographical records, as well as the latest archaeological discoveries, the authors cast a singular historical trajectory for Singapore over the past seven centuries, animating its history like never before. Written in a compelling

and accessible manner, and richly illustrated with more than 200 artefacts, photographs, maps, art works and ephemera, this volume builds upon the foundations of an earlier book, *Singapore: A 700-Year History*. Extensively rewritten to incorporate ground-breaking research findings, *Seven Hundred Years: A History of Singapore* widens the historical lens and offers a vital new perspective on the story of Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645035>

On Air : Untold Stories from Caldecott Hill / (Foreword) George Yeo

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2019

526p. ; 235x180mm.

9789814841535

1. Broadcasting – Singapore – History
2. Broadcasting – Singapore – Anecdotes
3. Broadcasters – Singapore – Anecdotes.

\$ 32.00 / PB

918gm.

This collection of 51 essays contains the rich memories of Singapore's leading media pioneers at their broadcasting station on Caldecott Hill.

On Air captures the breadth and depth of their experiences over 82 years on the Hill: from the founding in 1936 of the British Malayan Broadcasting Corporation, to Radio and Television Singapore (RTS), to Singapore Broadcasting Corporation (SBC), and finally to what is today, Mediacorp. In this book, the writers have recorded eight decades worth of work and life experiences and have shared precious, untold stories from the Japanese Occupation of Caldecott Hill, to the fascinating behind-the-scenes happenings that cast light on well known and well loved shows.

In this book, the authors have recorded many decades' worth of work experiences, including untold stories from the Japanese Occupation of Caldecott Hill, as well as fascinating behind-the-scenes anecdotes from famous and well-loved programmes.

With a foreword by George Yeo and featuring a rare collection of archival photographs, this publication is the first of its kind and provides an insight into the history and development of broadcasting in Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645036>

The Defence and Fall of Singapore, 1940-1942 / Brian P. Farrell

Updated Edition

Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte Ltd, 2015

496p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814423885

1. World War, 1939-1945 – Campaigns – Singapore.

\$ 20.00 / PB

624gm.

Shortly after midnight on 8 December 1941, two divisions of crack troops of the Imperial Japanese Army began a seaborne invasion of southern Thailand and northern Malaya. Their assault developed into a full-blown advance towards Singapore, the main defensive position of the British Empire in the Far East. The defending British, Indian, Australian and Malayan forces were outmanoeuvred on the ground, overwhelmed in the air and scattered on the sea. By the end of January 1942, British Empire forces were driven back onto the island of Singapore itself, cut off from further outside help. When the Japanese stormed the island with an an-out assault, the defenders were quickly pushed back into a corner from which there was no escape. Singapore's defenders finally capitulated on 15 February, to prevent the wholesale pillage of the city itself. Their rapid and total defeat was nothing less than military humiliation and political disaster. Based on the most extensive use yet of primary documents in Britain, Japan, Australia and Singapore, Brian Farrell provides the fullest picture of how and why Singapore fell and its real significance to the outcome of the Second World War.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645040>

A British Serial Killer in Singapore : A True Story / Tan Ooi Boon

Singapore: Straits Times Press Pte. Ltd., 2019

216p.

9789814827485

1. Martin, John.
2. Serial murders – Singapore – Case studies.

\$ 20.00 / PB

346gm.

A British Serial Killer in Singapore is a true story of body parts murderer, John Martin Scripps who went on a killing spree and hunted his victims in cold blood. Scripps, who was trained in butchery, was the first serial killer to be convicted in Singapore. Also included is an epilogue where the author re-imagines how a similar case would pan out if it happens today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645041>

Politics

Is the People's Action Party Here to Stay? : Analysing the Resilience of the One-Party Dominant State in Singapore / Bilveer Singh
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
302p.

Includes Index

1. People's Action Party (Singapore)
2. Political parties – Singapore
3. One-party systems – Singapore
4. Dominant-party systems – Singapore.

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\$ 90.00 / HB

622gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645042>

Is the People's Action Party Here to Stay? : Analysing the Resilience of the One-Party Dominant State in Singapore / Bilveer Singh
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2019
302p.

Includes Index

1. People's Action Party (Singapore)
2. Political parties – Singapore
3. One-party systems – Singapore
4. Dominant-party systems – Singapore.

9789811201455

\$ 30.00 / PB

494gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=645045>

The First Wave : JBJ, Chiam and the Opposition in Singapore / Loke Hoe Yeong
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2019
xii, 410p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814845427

1. Opposition (Political science) – Singapore
2. Democratization – Singapore
3. Singapore – Politics – government.

\$ 28.00 / PB

586gm.

Book Details:

Based on extensive interviews and archival material, *The First Wave* tells the story of the opposition in Singapore in its critical first thirty years in Parliament.

Democratisation has been described to occur in waves. The first wave of a democratic awakening in post-independence Singapore began with J. B. Jeyaretnam's victory in the Anson by-election of 1981. That built up to the 1984 general election, the first of many to be called a "watershed", in which Chiam See Tong was also elected in Potong Pasir. After their successes in 1991, the opposition began dreaming of forming the government. But their euphoria was short-lived. Serious fault lines in the leading Singapore Democratic Party (SDP) rose to the surface almost immediately after the opposition victories of 1991, and the party was wiped out of Parliament by 1997. The opposition spent the next decade experimenting with coalition arrangements, to work their way back to victory.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=625802>

Singapore Chronicles : PAP / Shasi Jayakumar & Albert Lau (Eds) Arun Mahizhnan, Asad Latif & Sim Jui Liang
Singapore: Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) & Straits Times Press, 2019
104p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical references

9789814747172

Singapore Chronicles Series

1. People's Action Party (Singapore) – History
2. Political parties – Singapore – History
3. Singapore – Politics and government – History.

\$ 12.00 / PB

146gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=617584>
