

Recent Books on Literature - Dec 2011

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The Observable Mundane : Vernacular Chinese and the Emergence of A Literary Discourse on Popular Narrative in Endo Japan / Emanuel Pasteich
Seoul: Seoul National University Press, 2011
366p. ; 24cm.
ISBN-13: 9788952111777
\$ 140.00 / HB
690 gm.

The Observable Mundance is the first comprehensive study of the impact of vernacular Chinese language and narrative on intellectual discourse and literary production of the Endo period (17th-19th centuries). Pasteich argues convincingly that the exposure of Japanese intellectuals to Chinese language from outside of the classical Chinese tradition fueled a profound reevaluation of literature, leading readers consider both vernacular Chinese and vernacular Japanese narratives worthy of analysis.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=135773>

The View from the Masthead Journey Through Dystopia Towards an Open-Ended Utopia / Bulent Somay
Istanbul: Istanbul Bilgi University Press, 2010
ix. 219p. ; 23cm.
Includes bibliographical references and index
ISBN-13: 9786053991403

1. Utopias
2. Utopias in literature
3. Dystopias in literature
4. Fiction – 20th century – History and Criticism
5. Science Fiction – History and Criticism

\$ 39.00 / PB

306 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136281>

Cannibal Vs. Ah Long and Other Bloody Stories / Megat Ishak
Kuala Lumpur: STORM, 2011
ii. 145p. ; 21cm.
ISBN-10: 9834403908
\$ 10.00 / PB
150 gm.

In this deliciously twisted compilation of short stories, a string of murderers, blood drinkers, assorted meat eaters, the occasional dead person and other generally

unsavoury types take turns to indulge in anti-social behavior, and they are not even on an online forum, but, really, who needs facebook when you have friends like ghostgirl?
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136333>

New Village / Tshiong Han See, Shivani Siva & Adele Minke
Malaysia : New Village, 2011
30p. ; 21cm.
1. Fiction – essays
Issue #0 – July 2011
\$ 6.00 / PB
56 gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136334>

Orang Asli Animal Tales / Lim Boo Liat
2nd Edition
Subang Jaya: Center for Orang Asli Concerns, 2011
204p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789834324858
\$ 10.00 / PB
284 gm.

In this collection of Orang Asli animal tales you will learn, for example, how the once-cruel tapir got its white band and become the timid animal that is today. And why the flying lemur always hides his tail and flies only by night. Or how friends of the slow-loris protected him from the punishment of blinders ordered by the king for outraging the modesty of his daughter.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=120355>

The Beruas Prophecy / Iskandar Al-Bakri
Kuala Lumpur : Silverfish Books Sdn. Bhd., 2011
233p. ; 22cm.
ISBN-13: 9789833221349
1. Malaysian fiction (English)
2. English Fiction
\$ 15.00 / PB
328 gm.

The story trails the dark history of the Malay Peninsula involving, politically influential, Malay secret societies during this period. Indera Sakti was formed in the sixteenth century, after the defeat of the Malaccan army by the Portuguese, by soldiers who vowed to take back the entire peninsula, but currently consists of "sadistic reptiles who are assassins, pirates and other undesirables." Darul Kubra, the another society, was formed to protect the treasures of Malik Al-Mansur, the ruler of Beruas who abandoned the city and fled from the advancing Portuguese.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136336>

The Rest of Your Life and Everything That Comes With It / O Thiam Chin
Petaling Jaya: ZI Publications Sdn. Bhd., 2011
163p. ; 19cm.
ISBN-13: 9789675266232
1. Short stories, Malaysian (English)
\$ 15.00 / PB
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136337>

The Sentimentality of the Valley of Tea : Stories from Malaysia / V. S. Kalah
Durham, United States: Strategic Book Group, 2011
176p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9781609115548
\$ 22.50 / PB
304 gm.

The Sentimentality of the Valley of Tea is a collection of tales depicting the lifestyles of the Malaysian community set in the ex-British hill station of Cameron Highlands and the Lowlands.

The cultural potpourri in the tales comprises a blend of characters, with roots belonging to major Asian ancient civilizations; the South Indians and Chinese cultures are fused with the local Malay community. This cultural fusion is further blended with the "cultured" ways of the colonial British masters and overlords.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136339>

Pictures & Frames of Love / Sona Ammasi
Petaling Jaya: Read Resources Sdn. Bhd., 2011
212p. ; 22cm.
ISBN-13: 9789830720883
1. English fiction
\$ 14.00 / PB
252 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136340>

Wildlife on Coal Island : A collection of Short Stories / Shivani Sivagurunathan
Serang: Universiti Putra Malaysia Press, 2011
xi. 158p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789673442270
1. Animals – Fiction
2. Short stories, English
\$ 18.00 / PB
238 gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136341>

Intimating the Sacred : Religion in English Language Malaysian Fiction / Andrew Hock Soon Ng
Aberdeen, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2011
ix. 281p. ; 23cm.
ISBN-13: 9789888083213
\$ 25.00 / PB
434 gm.

Religion has featured in Anglophone literature in Malaysia from colonial times to the present. In *Intimating the Sacred*, Andrew Hock Soon Ng considers the practice of everyday religiosity as represented in literature, which is often starkly opposed to the impression created by religious rhetoric promoted by the government. The book's examination of intersections between (post)modernity and religion highlights links between religion and other facets of colonial and postcolonial identity such as class, gender and sexuality. It will appeal not only to scholars and specialists, but also to anyone who enjoys modern Southeast Asian literature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=134218>

Producing the Text of Culture : The Appropriation of English in Contemporary Samoa /
Emma Kruse Vaai

Samoa: National University of Samoa, 2011

204p. ; ill. ; 25cm.

ISBN-13: 9789829003331

1. Language and culture – Samoa
2. English language and literature – social aspects – Samoa
3. Authors, Samoan
4. Samoa – languages
5. Post-colonial studies

\$ 45.00 / PB

398 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136400>

Scuttlebutt : Tales From the Shores of the Fiji Islands / Stanley Branson Brown

Suva, Fiji : s.n. , 2011

310p. ; 22cm.

\$ 30.00/PB

436 gm.

This collection of short stories identifies the passion and respect that Stan held for the island nation of Fiji, his adopted home for the best part of sixty three years. Each story stems from a seed of an idea, nurtured with research and recorded here for posterity in the written word. Stan approached his writing, as he did his life, with a refreshing honesty for fact and truth.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136417>

Amma ... A Frail Wooden Door : The Untold Story / Amitesh M Deo

Suva, Fiji: Amitesh M Deo, 2011

142p. ; 20cm.

\$ 13.95 / PB

176 gm.

Amma ... a frail wooden door is a tale that is so ordinary in Fiji that it tends to be ignored. It is an account of hardships lashed out at those regarded as weak in our society.

The book, although a fiction, depicts the ugly truth of the civilization we live in.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136418>

Telesa : The Covenant Keeper / Lani Wendt Young

Samoa: Lani Wendt Young, 2011

430p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9781466356009

\$ 40.00 / PB

636 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136401>

Pacific Tsunami "Galu Afi" : The Story of the Greatest Natural Disaster Samoa has ever known / Lani Wendt Young

Samoa : Lani Wendt Young, 2010

397p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9780615398402

\$ 55.00 / PB

748 gm.

An Informative, sensitively articulated and beautifully woven story about the 2009 Pacific Tsunami that lovingly shares the voices and experiences of those who survived, those who did not and those who helped in the recovery.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136402>

The Scholar and The Dragon / Stella Kon

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2011

xvi. 233p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810899318

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Singapore Classics

\$ 14.00 / PB

294 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136470>

Glass Cathedral / Andrew Koh

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2011

xi. 114p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810899325

1. Fiction

Singapore Classics

\$ 14.00 / PB

156 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136471>

Scorpion Orchid / Lloyd Fernando

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2011

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ISBN-13: 9789810899332

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Singapore Classics

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The Adventures of Holden Heng / Robert Yeo

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2011

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ISBN-13: 9789810899349

1. Fiction

Singapore Classics

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The Immolation / Goh Poh Seng

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2011

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ISBN-13: 9789810899356

1. Fiction

Singapore Classics

\$ 14.00 / PB

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136474>

Eight Plays / Ovidia Yu; introduction by Dr. K. K. Seet
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2011
xxxii. 380p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810884680

1. Singaporean Drama (English)

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The Devil's Garden / Nigel Barley

Singapore: Monsoon Books, 2011

254p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814358422

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\$ 16.00/ PB

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Traveler's Tale and Other Poems / Damon Chua

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2011

93p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810898793

\$ 14.00 / PB

104 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136477>

Moving Words 2011 : A Poetry Anthology / Alvin Pang (Editor)

Singapore: The Literary Centre, 2011

174p. ; 16cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810703561

1. Singapore poetry

\$ 18.00 / PB

148 gm.

This anthology is culled from almost 2,000 poems submitted by the Singapore public in an open poetry competition Moving Words 2011 in Singapore. Moving Words 2011 used the SMRT train network as its media platform. It was conceived to share some of the many gems that were contributed by Singaporeans in this competition and is an introduction to contemporary Singaporean verse written by aspiring poets, young and old.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136479>

Criminal Intent II : True Stories From Changi Prison / Wong Kim Hoh

Singapore: Limpress Fungchoi Group (Pte) Limited, 2011

120p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810880022

\$ 13.00 / PB

206 gm.

Commissioned by Singapore Prison Service in partnership with the National Crime

Prevention Council and written by Straits Times senior writer, Wong Kim Hoh, Criminal Intent II is a second collection of another 14 riveting interviews with offenders who are serving time in prison and ex-offenders who are re-building their lives after their release.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136481>

The Changing Room / Zhai Yongming ; Translated from Chinese by Andrea Lingenfelter
Hong Kong : Chinese University Press, 2011

184p.; 21cm.
9789629964900
\$ 18.00

The JINTIAN [今天] series of contemporary literature features new and innovative writing from mainland China and abroad. Titles in the series are edited by Bei Dao, Lydia H. Liu, and Christopher Mattison.

A collaborative venture between Zephyr Press, the Jintian Literary Foundation, and The Chinese University Press, each bilingual title highlights the ever-changing literary culture of China while simultaneously expanding the English language with a wave of new voices in translation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136492>

Geographies of Light : Poems / Dinah Roma Sianturi

Manila: University of Santo Tomas Publishing House, 2011

xii. 78p. ; 21cm.
ISBN-13: 9789715066020
\$ 9.00 /PB
102 gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136540>

The Anvil Jose Rizal Reader : on the Occasion of the Sesquicentennial of his Birth (1861 – 2011)

Mandaluyong City: Anvil Publishing, Inc., 2011

158p. ; 22cm.
ISBN-13: 9789712726057
1. Rizal, Jose Alonso, 1861-1896
2. Rizal, Jose Alonso, 1861-1896 – In Literature
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Heavens Fall / Ahsan Senan

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Novel

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Wings / Amiya Sadnam Chowdhury

Dhaka: Shamabesh, 2011

139p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9789848866214

1. Fiction
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Strange Roots : Views of Hanoi : An Anthology From the Hanoi Writers' Collective /
Andrew Engelson, J. Fossenbell & Helen Kang (Editors)
Hanoi: The Gioi Publishers, 2011
88p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-13: 9786847783885

\$ 18.00 / PB
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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=136816>

The Tiger General : The Memoirs of a Vietnamese Intelligence Chief / John Havan
Bangkok: Orchid Press, 2011

388p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789745241350

\$ 32.00 / PB
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Born the illegitimate son of a Vietnamese nobleman in the early years of the twentieth century, Hai suffers under the added burden of a curse at birth that dooms him to 36 years of ill fortune. A born survivor, like the proverbial cat with nine lives, he continually re-invents himself under the French, Viet Minh and Japanese regimes. At thirty-six years of age, he comes into his own and his rise is unstoppable, emerging as the 'Tiger General' in the South Vietnamese Republic, whose gallant alliance with America ended in 1975. Not one to give up, the Tiger moves to Washington as a senior political consultant to continue the fight to bring freedom back to his people.

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Through Western Eyes : Images of Chinese Women in Anglo-American Literature / Mimi Chan

2nd Edition

Bangkok: Orchid Press, 2011

xlii. 305p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789745241343

\$ 32.00 / PB

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The Alphabet of Vietnam : A Novel / Jonathan Chamberlain

Hong Kong : Blacksmith Books, 2011

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ISBN-13: 9789881900289

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The Roadmap / Suragamika

Chiang Mai : Silkworm Books, 2011

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Documentary Fiction on Contemporary Burma
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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=133114>

A Message From The East / Muhammad Iqbal
Lahore: Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2010
40p. ; 29cm.
ISBN-13: 9789694164458
Junior Editions Series
\$ 10.00 / HB
382 gm.

Iqbal could see the irony that so many of his generation had received inspiration for action from the writings of Western poets and thinkers in order to get rid of that fatalism which had taken roots in the East in the days of its decline. Iqbal was among those who did not stop here but also rediscovered the past masters of the East through research and finally took Rumi, the great Persian poet, as his guide. However, as he now looked back at the West, he found it to be in the grip of the same defeatist mentality which appears in nations in their periods of decline. A Message from the East was compiled against this backdrop. It reflected the best tradition of Persian poetry, but also alluded to icons of Western learning.

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On The Wings of Words : Selection From Urdu Verse of Shehzad Ahmad / Translated by Muzaffar A. Ghaffar
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175p. ; 22cm.
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\$ 12.00 / HB
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Shifting Sands : Poems of Love and Other Verses / Amjad Islam Amjad; Introduced and Selection by Baidar Bakht, Translated by Marie-Anne Erki
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603p. ; 24cm.
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Elusive Shadows : Ghazals and Poems by Jamshed Masroor / Jamshed Masroor
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The Naked Hens : An Anthology of Urdu Short Stories / Translated by Muhammad Salim-ur-rahman

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ISBN-13: 9789699473005

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The Afghans : Saga of Allah Yar Khan / Nadeem Akbar

Lahore: Ferozsons (Pvt) Ltd., 2010

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ISBN-13: 9789690021977

\$ 20.00 / PB

282 gm.

The Afghans – Saga of Allah Yar Khan is a novel spanning about three generations of an Afghan family, from the invasion and subsequent occupation by the then superpower USSR, the coming to power of the Taliban Government and to American peace keeping forces.

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