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Anthropology

Ethnography of Gurung Village Music : Continuity and Change / Pirkko
Moisala
Kathmandu: Ratna Pustak Bhandar, 2018
302p.
9789937331845
\$ 35.00 / PB
346gm.

This ethnomusicological study highlights Gurung's and their oral music culture. Crucial and actual questions regarding continuity of the Gurung culture and identity in the context of modernization and nation-building are reflected in the research setting.

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Art

Punjya Traditional Newar Folk Art / Sharada Chitrakar
Kathmandu: Nepal Academy of fine Arts, 2018
136p.
9789937909549
\$ 20.00 / PB
290gm.

Newars, the native inhabitants of the Katmandu Valley, are rich in folk culture, art, and literature. Chitrakar of the Newar community has made significant contributions towards development and enrichment of the civilization. This translation is a valuable documentation of the prosperous Newar culture and art.

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Awadhi Folk Art / Vikram Mani Tripathi (Translator) Yam Prasad Sharma
Kathmandu: Nepal Academy of fine Arts, 2018

1v.

9789937909532

In English and Awadhi

\$ 18.00 / PB

264gm.

This book is about the folk art of the Awadhi people. Awadhis are an Indo-Aryan ethnic group who speak Awadhi and reside in India and some adjoining regions of the Terai in Nepal.

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Biography

Nepali Musicmakers : Between the Dales of Darjeeling and the Vales of
Kathmandu / Peter J. Karthak

Kathmandu: Himal Books (Himal Kitab Pvt. Ltd.), 2018

xiv, 210p.

9789937597456

\$ 25.00 / PB

292gm.

This book is an accidental product, an incidental result... Two of my other long-form pieces appear for the first time in this book ... They are, 'Other Encounters: Darjeeling' and 'Other Encounters: Kathmandu.' These twin folios mention and highlight those Nepali music makers - many past by now and quite a few still practicing their crafts, of two musical crucibles, one in the town of Darjeeling and the other in the capital city of Kathmandu.

This book is a collection of my personal reminiscences and not a set of historical records in any given sense. My narratives, therefore, don't cite exact days, dates, months and years per se ... However, a cursory mention of essential timelines has been made where applicable.- Peter J. Karthak

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Global Citizen from Gulmi : My Journey from the Hills of Nepal to the Halls of United Nations / Kul Chandra Gautam

Kathmandu: Publication Nepa-Laya, 2018

552p.

Includes Index

9789937921251

\$ 30.00 / PB

508gm.

'Global Citizen from Gulmi' recounts Kul Chandra Gautam's journey from a remote village in Nepal, lacking schools, roads and electricity, to the highest ranks of UNICEF. By turns serious, amusing and poignant, it shares the highs and the lows of an illustrious career spanning three decades. It contains candid anecdotes about Gautam's interactions with international personalities such as Nelson Mandela, Aung San Suu Kyi, Bill Gates, Eduard Shevardnadze and King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand as well as UNICEF's celebrity Goodwill Ambassadors. Gautam also shares his insightful views on the future of Nepal, the UN and global society as a whole.

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The Himalayan Trekker / Santosh Lama & Raman Grandson

Kathmandu: Swadesh Prakashan Pvt. Ltd., 2017

188p.

9789937017138

\$ 18.00 / PB

168gm.

Through entertaining prose and lively background snippets, this book reveals the story of one of the first Nepalese trek leaders, Santosh Lama. His love of the Himalayas, together with his charming story-telling ability, shine through in this narrative. Written in a truly Nepalese style, this book is a national treasure for all mountain people, and an insight into trekking development in Nepal.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421730>

Living Martyrs : The Lives and Works of Tanka Prasad and Rewanta Kumari Acharya / James F. Fisher
Second Edition
Kathmandu: Himal Books (Himal Kitab Pvt Ltd), 2018
xxvi, 420p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789937597401
\$ 30.00 / PB
492gm.

This book details the life experiences of two important Nepalese. Tanka Prasad Acharya and his wife Rewanta Kumari. This is his story of a crusade against the autocratic Rana regime; it is also the story of Rewanta Kumari's struggle to keep the family together during the years of oppression and to keep alive her husband's efforts of bringing an end to the rule of the Ranas.

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Yak Girl : Growing Up in the Remote Dolpo Region of Nepal / Dorje Dolma
Kathmandu: OM Pilgrims Bookhouse, 2018
xvi, 330p.
9789350761861
\$ 30.00 / PB
464gm.

This unusual memoir immerses the reader in the fascinating story of a spirited girl in a remote, undeveloped region of Nepal near the border of Tibet, a place made known to the world in Peter Matthiesen's *The Snow Leopard*. Life above 13,000 feet in northern Dolpo—often called the last paradise because of its breathtaking snow-capped peaks, untouched beauty, and hand-irrigated green pastures—was one of constant risk and harsh survival. In the 1980s, Dolpo had no running water, electricity, motor vehicles, phones, school, or doctors, other than the local lamas, trained in the use of herbs and prayer.

Dorje Dolma's life centered around the care of her numerous younger brothers and sisters and the family's sheep, goats, and yaks. At age five she began herding and was soon taking the animals high in the mountains, where she fought off predatory wolves and snow leopards. Covering her first ten years, the story takes Dorje from her primitive mountain village to the bewildering city of Kathmandu, and finally to a new home in America, where she receives life-saving surgery. With humor, soul, and insightful detail, the author gives us vividly told vignettes of daily life and the practice of centuries-old Tibetan traditions.

She details the heartbreaking trials, natural splendors, and familial joys of growing up in this mysterious, faraway part of the world with its vanishing culture. The sharp increase in recent years of western trekkers to the area, and the introduction of modern communication and transportation, is causing rapid change in Dolpo. This wonderful and surprising tale of survival, loss, and self-reflection offers us entry to this difficult, yet magical, place.

Above all, this is the inspiring story of an indomitable spirit conquering all obstacles, a tale of a girl with a disability on her way to becoming a dynamic woman in a new world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421734>

Economics/Development Studies

Conference Proceedings 2013 : The Annual Kathmandu Conference on Nepal and the Himalaya

Kathmandu: Social Science Baha, 2018

216p.

9789937597470

\$ 30.00 / PB

284p.

This book discusses topics such as cultural politics, caste in contemporary Nepal, decentralizing farmer to farmer, modernity prior to the era of development and many more papers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421736>

Planning For People : Study of Nepal's Planning Experience

/ Ludwig F. Stiller, S.J. & Dr. Ram Prakash Yadav

Revised Edition

Kathmandu: Educational Publishing House, 2018

336p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

978993711128

1. Nepal -- Economic policy.
2. Nepal -- Economic conditions.
3. Economic history.

\$ 24.00/ PB

298gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421738>

Nepal : Corruption Conundrum / Kedar Khadka
Kathmandu: Eureka Publication Pvt. Ltd., 2018
xvi, 172p.
9789937708395
\$ 12.00 / PB
176gm.

Kedar Khadka is a known name in the field of anti-corruption activities like research, advocacy, campaign and civil society movements. His involvement in these activities goes back to more than two decades. He has wide experience working with development partners and as well the government. Fight against corruption requires utmost personal confidence and dedication. He has proved it by his hard work. A book, entitled Nepal: Corruption Conundrum coming from such a personality naturally is enriching in content and wide in coverage. This book would add greatly to the literature on anti-corruption and good governance. Unfortunately, Nepal lags far behind in its achievement in this sector. I highly appreciate the effort made by Khadka in bringing out this book which is yet another milestone in his crusade against corruption and establishment of good governance.

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History

Essays on Nepal : Past and Present / Sam Cowan
Kathmandu: Himal Books (Himal Kitab Pvt Ltd), 2018
xxii, 362p.
9789937597517
\$ 35.00 / PB
498gm.

Sam Cowan first visited Nepal in 1966 when he trekked for two months in east and west Nepal. At the time he was on a three-year tour as a junior officer with Queen's Gurkha Signals in Borneo, Malaya and Hong Kong. During a long and distinguished career, until his retirement as a four-star general in 2002, he performed numerous staff and command jobs culminating in the successive appointments of Inspector General of Army Training, Quartermaster General, and Chief of Defence Logistics. In 1989, he became Colonel of Queen's Gurkha Signals and a trustee of the Gurkha Welfare Trust (GWT). In 1994, he was appointed Colonel Commandant of the Brigade of Gurkhas, the titular Head of Gurkhas in the British Army, an appointment which also carried with it the responsibility of being Chairman of the GWT. His annual visits to Nepal as Colonel Commandant

included eight official audiences with the reigning monarchs to deliver a report on the Brigade of Gurkhas. Since 1989, he has done a further 30-plus treks. Sam Cowan's unique essays are essential for the specialist and highly entertaining for the generalist. His analyses of the battles of the Maoist insurgency, or 'People's War', were pathbreaking when originally published and remain deeply insightful. What he has to say on frontiers, human rights abuses, corruption in high places, and the misjudgements and foibles of Nepal's rulers, makes for compulsive reading. -David Gellner Professor of Anthropology, University of Oxford
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421740>

Account of the Great Earthquake of Nepal 1833 A.D. / Archibald Campbell (Ed) Sobhan Shrestha & Semona Shrestha
Kathmandu: Ratna Pustak Bhandar, 2018
40p.
9789937331838
\$ 5.00 / PB
60gm.

The earthquake of 1833 was written by the author, attached to the Residency, Kathmandu. He first reported it on the 29th August followed by another report in November and December. These articles were published by Journal of the Asiatic Society of Bengal.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421741>

Law

Tumyang Judiciary System in Limbu Community (A Customary Law) / Amrita Thebe
Sunsari: World of Mudhum Society, 2018
124p.
9789937031936
\$ 20.00 / PB
172gm.

Amrita Thebe's "Tumyang Judiciary System in Limbu Community (a Customary Law) succinctly captures the Kirat-Yakthung Mundhums, histories, and cultural practices. Thebe relandscapes the Sawa Yet Hang culture, history, and narrative such as, among many others, origin of Limbus, history of Limbu, Limbu culture and tradition, Kipat system and Kipat administrative units, Tumyang judiciary system, and Tumyang in Mundhum to mention a few.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421743>

Property Law in Nepal : Comparative Study of Muluki Civil Code / Laxmi Prasad Kharel

Kathmandu: Pairavi Prakashan, 2018

400p.

\$ 30.00 / PB

372gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421745>

Nepalese Legal History : From the Kirat Period to Recent Time / Laxmi Prasad Kharel

Kathmandu: Pairavi Prakashan, 2018

380p.

\$ 30.00 / PB

344gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421746>

Linguistics

Nepalese Translation, Volume 1, September 2017 / (Eds) Basanta Thapa & Bal Ram Adhikari

Kathmandu: Society of Translators Nepal, 2017

124p.

ISSN: 2594-3200

\$ 12.00 / PB

244gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421748>

The Mission of the Newars / Frederic Moronval (Translator) Bishu Chitrakar & Sichu Chitrakar

Kathmandu: Frederic Moronval, 2018

112p.

9789937044844

\$ 18.00 / PB

160gm.

“The Mission of the Newars” offers a refreshed view of the relationship between Nepalbhasa and Buddhism, an update of the vitality of both language and religion among the Buddhist Newars based on scientific fieldwork, and an original perspective on possible future developments of the language and religion synchronicity which is, as the author writes, part of “the genius of the Newars”. If read between the lines, this essay by a French scholar is also, in his own word, “a love letter addressed to the Newar culture”.

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Literature

The Other Queen / Sheeba Shah
Kathmandu: Sangri-La Pustak P. Ltd., 2018
384p.
9789937708357
\$ 22.00 / PB
284gm.

The Other Queen provides an imaginative account of life as it was in the royal court of Nepal in the pre-Rana era. This story candidly unveils the intimate life of Queen Rajendra Laxmi and how her reckless actions snowballed towards 14th September, 1846 AD, a ruinous night of delirious carnage, thus ending the era of the ruling dynasty and heralding the emergence of a rival faction. Sheeba Shah writes about intrigue, betrayal and passion with great verve in this book offering readers a rare change to reimagine the past from a woman's perspective. The narrator, Rajendra Lakshmi is the neglected wife of King Rajendra Bikram Shah of Nepal. She is also the siter of the better-loved wife, Queen Samrajya Laxmi Devi. While focusing on the narrator's inner life, the author also shows how her fate is entwined with that of the nation.

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