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### Art

Dialogue with The Ancients : 100 Bronzes of the Shang, Zhou, and Han  
Dynasties : The Shen Zhai Collection / Tianlong Jiao (et al.) (Ed) Patrick K.  
M. Kwok

Singapore: Select Books, 2018

422p.

9789811175343

1. Bronzes, Chinese – Catalogs
2. Bronzes, Ancient China – Catalogs
3. China – Antiquities – Catalog

\$ 575.00 / HB

3180gm.

Dialogue with the Ancients showcases 100 ancient Chinese bronzes from the Collection of Shen Zhai, the Studio of Reverence. Built over four decades, the Collection covers almost all types of bronze vessels found in the entire span of Shang, Zhou and Han Dynasties, circa 1600 BC-AD 220. It is lavishly illustrated, capturing the beauty of the bronzes, with the majority featured in actual size. Each piece is documented in detail, with reference to comparable specimens and archaeological findings.

Uniquely, the Catalogue includes several series of objects in chronological sequence; this enables the reader to study the evolution of form, design and technology throughout the three dynasties. Opening with the Editor's essay on his personal journey in forming the Collection, the volume brings together six thought-provoking essays that contribute refreshingly to the scholarship on ancient Chinese bronzes and early China. Dr Tianlong Jiao places the Shen Zhai Collection within the historical context of bronze collecting and modern Chinese archaeology. Prof Eugene Wang offers a thesis on the Hu vessel as the embodiment of life-affirming energies. Prof Li Feng makes a case for 'archaism' as a divergent tradition in Western Zhou. Prof Allison Miller fleshes out the new hybrid style and

iconography of Han bronzes, which gave form to an all-inclusive imperial imagination. Two iconic bronzes with animal motifs stand out: the double-headed owl zun and the gilt-bronze bear figure. Dr Wang Tao delves into the symbolism of the owl in early China, highlighting the significance of the Shen Zhai owl zun, which he traces to the transition from late Shang to early Western Zhou. Ms Sarah Wong examines the Shen Zhai bear and discusses the mythological roots of the bear motif in Han bronzes. This will serve as a valuable reference book on ancient Chinese bronzes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422019>

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What is not visible is not invisible / Angelita Teo

Singapore: National Museum of Singapore, 2017

160p.

9782956295501

FRAC Collections in Asia

\$ 35.00 / PB

330gm.

This bilingual catalogue was published following the What is Not Visible is Not Invisible exhibition featuring the FRAC collections in Asia. It presents the genesis, process and artworks from the exhibition, which was showcased in Singapore, Seoul and Bangkok from 6 October 2016 to 26 July 2017. Together with an essay from art critic Patrick Javault, and the introduction to the exhibition by Laurence Gateau and Anne-Claire Duprat, this catalogue includes contributions from Régine Hatchondo, Pierre Buhler, Philippe Richert, Bernard de Montferrand, Angelita Teo and Iman Ismail, Laurencina Farrant-Lee and Pichaya Aime Suphavanij. The catalogue is published by Platform in partnership with the National Museum of Singapore and supported by Institut fran?ais, Paris.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422020>

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Two Houses: Politics And Histories In The Contemporary Art Collections Of John Chia And Yeap Lam Yang

Singapore : Institute of Contemporary Arts, 2018

135p.

9789811178443

\$ 25.00 / PB

Published to accompany the group exhibition Two houses: Politics and histories in the contemporary art collections of John Chia and Yeap Lam Yang, including Aida Makoto, Alfredo Aquilizan and Isabel Aquilizan, Elmer Borlongan, Chang Fee Ming, Dadang Christanto, Tiffany Chung,

John Clang, eX de Medici, Heri Dono, Le Quang Ha, FX Harsono, Jeremy Hiah, Ho Rui An, Michael Lee, Lee Wen, Li Shurui, Phuan Thai Meng, Sopheap Pich, Qiu Zhijie, Alwin Reamillo, Chanelle Rose, José Santos III, Hiraki Sawa, Semsar Siahaan, Shi Hu, Shooshie Sulaiman, Mani Sriwanichpoom, Sun Xun, Tang Dixin, Inga Svala Thorsdottir and Wu Shanzhuan, Natee Utarit, Vandy Rattana, Wong Hoy Cheong, Zai Kuning and Robert Zhao Renhui, at the ICA Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422021>

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Latiff Mohidin: Langkawi 1976-1980

Singapore : Studio Series., 2018

82p.

9789811172236

\$ 30.00 / HB

This book is published to commemorate the first exhibition of the Latiff Mohidin's sculptural paintings after 40 years. The exhibition was titled LANGKAWI (1976 -1980) by Latiff Mohidin, From the Studio Series and curated by Khairuddin Hori. It was presented as part of DISINI Festival 2018 at Block 9, #03-21, Gillman Barracks from 23 June to 22 July 2018.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422022>

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Redefining The Archaic: The Art Of Lim Tze Peng / Tan Yong Jun

Singapore : Melvin Poh, 2018

252p.

9789811178399

\$ 90.00 / HB

Redefining the Archaic: The Art of Lim Tze Peng is a new comprehensive publication on Lim Tze Peng's life and art. Published in conjunction with the exhibition Redefining the Archaic: The Art of Lim Tze Peng at Artspace@Helutrans, 28 July - 12 August 2018, the book is authored by young historian Tan Yong Jun. The book comprises 11 chapters of study and 200 artwork images covering the different periods of Lim Tze Peng's artistic trajectory.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422023>

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Wong Keen: Flesh Matters

Singapore : The Culture story ; artcommune gallery, 2018

156p.

9789811178382

\$ 70.00 / HB

Wong Keen: Flesh Matters is published in conjunction with the exhibition Wong Keen: Flesh Matters at Artspace@Helutrans, 12 July - 22 August 2018. The exhibition charts the latest development in the New York-trained artist's prolific career, which encompasses oil, ink, acrylic, mixed media, and collage works. The book features almost 100 colour illustrations from the artist's Flesh Series, with an essay contributed by Ms. Lee Chor Lin.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=417962>

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Visions Of Sojourns: Paintings Of Ong Kim Seng / Ong Kim Seng; Ho Sou Ping (Trans); Ma Pei Yi (Ed.)

Singapore : Artcommune Gallery, 2018

84p.

9789811185809

\$ 30.00 / PB

Visions of Sojourns: Paintings of Ong Kim Seng is published in conjunction with the exhibition Visions of Sojourns: Paintings of Ong Kim Seng at The Arts House, Gallery I, 25 August - 2 September 2018. The book features over 50 colour illustrations and Mr. Ong's detailed discussion of his observations and techniques in tackling different scenes and stylistic devices in watercolour.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=417961>

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Lim Cheng Hoe: Painting Singapore / Low Sze Wee (Ed.)

Singapore : National Gallery, 2018

159p.

9789811168253

\$ 50.00 / PB

Lim Cheng Hoe stands apart from most of Singapore's first-generation artists in many regards. He grew up and was educated in Singapore, and is considered a self-taught artist in the watercolour tradition. His ardour and discipline as a painter merge in his evocative portrayals of light and life in Singapore. In this catalogue, an anthology of out-of-print writings cast the existing body of scholarship on Lim into relief, while newly commissioned essays illumine his practice as a largely self-taught plein-air painter.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=408457>

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## **Biography/Memoirs**

A Quest for Freedom / G Raman

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2018

300p.

9789811181238

1. Raman, G
2. Lawyers – Singapore – Biography

\$ 25.00 / PB

420gm.

A Quest for Freedom - freedom from poverty, freedom to learn, freedom to live - without fear or favour. This has been the quest of Gopalan Raman, known to most of his friends and fellows in the legal fraternity as G Raman. His critical mind and outspoken nature led to his arrest and detention without trial whilst he was still a practising lawyer. Despite the ordeal, he returned to practising, and teaching younger entrants to the hallowed profession, one which he still upholds in the highest regard.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=408462>

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Heritage Dim Sum : A Teacher Remembers / Koh Kong Chia

Singapore: Celestial (Select Books Pte Ltd), 2018

xii, 260p.

9789811183638

1. Koh, Kong Chia
2. Teachers – Singapore – Biography
3. Teaching – Singapore

\$ 15.00 / PB

300gm.

Through engrossing, easy-to-read anecdotes, a pioneer-generation Singaporean recounts the significant milestones in his life, including his varied experiences as a classroom teacher, university tutor, vice-principal, senior lecturer, assistant director, Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation International civil servant, specialist advisor and newsletter editor. Koh Kong Chia taught English in Singapore, Port Moresby, Kota Kinabalu, Sandakan, Tawau, Chengdu and Beijing over a span of 33 years. The sights, sounds and charms of old Singapore as seen through his perspective growing up in the post-war colonial period are also lovingly conveyed, as is his lifelong fascination with Chinese dialect opera. This book hopes to provide a unique appreciation of Singapore's heritage and culture through the lens of someone who had a ringside seat witnessing the birth of modern Singapore from the 1940s onwards.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=417963>

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When We Were Kings: A Golden Era Of Singapore Rugby / Godfrey Robert  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018

134p.

9789814785860

\$ 21.00 / PB

The 1978 Singapore rugby team made history by beating the powerful Kiwis, clinching the Malaysian Rugby Union Cup and winning a treble of national awards. Yet their triumphs were all but wiped from sporting history. Veteran sportswriter Godfrey Robert traces the blood, sweat and tears behind an extraordinary decade for Singapore rugby, starting in 1972 with the controversial first all-Asian team and culminating in another unthinkable victory in 1982. When We Were Kings includes first-person accounts from the heroes of the day: Coach Natahar Bava, skipper Song Koon Poh, Singapore Rugby Union boss Howard Cashin and many others.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422024>

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Jeremy Monteiro: Last-Night Thoughts Of A Jazz Musician / Kannan  
Chandran (Ed)

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2018

195p.

9789814516655

\$ 24.00 / PB

Jazz pianist, composer, producer, vocalist and educator - Jeremy Monteiro FRSA has been a professional musician since 1976, with more than 40 solo albums to his name. Jeremy is also a keen observer and deep thinker. Here, for the first time, he has put many of his "late-night thoughts" to paper, offering us a wealth of hard-won wisdom about life, love, music and human nature. From fond reminiscences that tug at the heartstrings, to funny anecdotes that will evoke a huge guffaw, the essays in this volume take us on an intimate journey into the mind of one of Singapore's most talented, most respected and most loved musicians.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422025>

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Life In Plastic / Wolfies Wu  
Singapore : Straits Times Press Pte Ltd., 2018  
272p.  
9789814827010  
\$ 28.00 / PB

In this entertaining and often touching memoir, well-known plastic surgeon Woffles Wu lifts the lid on his early childhood, his growing-up years in London and his life as a young doctor in Singapore. He also writes about his role models in life, going on a remarkable "US tour" to talk about plastic surgery, what it is like being famous, and much, much more. Filled with short standalone pieces covering the different stages of his life, each page of this book takes you deeper into his mind as well as into the past.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422026>

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A Reward Beyond Description / Lee Gek Kim  
Singapore : Armour Publishing, 2018  
255p.  
9789814807357  
\$ 25.00 / PB

In a teaching career spanning a period of over 50 years, Mrs Lee Gek Kim has motivated numerous students to excel in the subjects she taught and others to discover the potential they had. Mrs Lee shares the secrets of her success as an educator and reveals the joys and learning experiences she has had as well as the wonderful friendships that she has gained with her students. As someone who has a great impact on her students' lives, she continues to keep in contact with many students who organise regular gatherings with her. Her memoir demonstrates how teaching can be a fulfilling experience.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422027>

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Guards Gone Wild / Loh Teck Yong (Eds) Kate Fernandez & K. G. Orphanides  
Singapore: Loh Teck Yong, 2018  
208p.  
9789811162121  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
232gm.

Guards Gone Wild! is Teck Yong's memoir of his experiences in the security industry. There's plenty to tell. Scams perpetrated by security

agencies and guards. Intense confrontations with delinquents and work colleagues. Funny moments to make you laugh and frustrating moments that made him cry! Perhaps his story will cause you to form a new opinion about security guards.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422028>

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Tall Order : The Goh Chok Tong Story, Volume 1 / Peh Shing Huei  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018  
xxxii, 280p.

Includes Index

9789813276048

1. Goh Chok Tong, 1941-
2. Prime ministers – Singapore – Biography
3. Politicians – Singapore - Biography

\$ 45.00 / HB

674gm.

Goh Chok Tong was an improbable Prime Minister for an unlikely country. He had neither the connections nor the cunning to rise to the top, and was even once famously derided by his mentor Lee Kuan Yew for being "wooden" in his communication skills. Except for an imposing height most unusual in this part of the world, he was an ordinary man. He lost his father at a young age, lived in a two-bedroom public flat with his mother and four siblings and needed a government bursary to complete university.

Yet somehow he succeeded. Tall Order tells the extraordinary story of his life and career over half a century, revealing how Singapore's second Prime Minister rose through a combination of strength, wit and a political nous which many, including himself, did not know he had. In this first of two volumes, Goh navigated years of a challenging apprenticeship to Lee, scoring numerous policy successes but also suffering political blows and humiliation.

He was the man who first made Neptune Orient Lines, Singapore's national carrier, profitable, before entering politics. The stellar corporate stint was followed by his many novel policies and institutions that have since become household names in the country: Medisave, Total Defence, Residents' Committee and Nominated Member of Parliament. But the highlights were counterposed by setbacks, including overseeing the People's Action Party's first electoral defeat after independence at the Anson by-election.

In the hands of acclaimed author and journalist Peh Shing Huei, this authorised biography reveals the private deliberations and negotiations between Goh and Lee before the maiden leadership transfer of

independent Singapore. Tall Order is the first biography of Goh. This riveting book offers rare insights into Singapore's biggest and most important political and economic stories.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422029>

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Tall Order : the Goh Chok Tong Story, Volume 1 / Peh Shing Huei  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2018  
xxxii, 280p.

Includes Index

9789813276130

1. Goh Chok Tong, 1941-
2. Prime ministers – Singapore – Biography
3. Politicians – Singapore - Biography

\$ 30.00 / PB

538gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422105>

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Girls Can't Be In The Mafia: A Memoir / Danielle West

Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018

240p.

9789814785952

\$ 22.00 / PB

Morbidly funny and inspiring, Danielle West's memoir is heart-breakingly honest about her years of angst and escape. Getting away from her dysfunctional family was Danielle's one mission as a child in America. After a stint of homelessness, she becomes a dominatrix and a go-go dancer, a soap-maker and a professional MMA fighter in London, a digital marketer and a novelist-all before stepping foot in Singapore, where she has made her home.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422030>

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### **Children Books**

Growing Up in Kampong Potong Pasir / Josephine Chia

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2018

144p.

9789811183218

\$ 12.00 / PB

172gm.

It is 1958 and Josephine is staring at a Milo tin. She cannot make sense of the letters! To learn how to read, she needs to sell nasi lemak made by her

loving mother to her neighbours in Kampong Potong Pasir, so she can have enough money to pay for school fees. Join Josephine on her quest to go to school, and on other adventures through grasslands and attap-thatched huts, to hunt for frogs and eels for food with her friends. This is Josephine Chia's first book for young readers to understand kampong life in Singapore in the 1950s and 1960s.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422031>

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### **Cookbooks**

Bekwoh: Stories & Recipes From Peninsular Malaysia's East Coast /  
Bryan Koh  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish International (Asia) Pte Ltd., 2018  
256p.  
9789811162282  
\$ 39.90 / PB

In his third book, Bryan turns his attention to the food of the Malaysian Peninsula's east coast, comprising the states of Kelantan, Terengganu and Pahang. Researched and written over the span of two years, Bekwoh is a journey, from the fishing villages of Terengganu where keropok lekor is made, to Kota Bharu's famous central market with its giddy selection of kuih (local snacks), from the border town of Tumpat for khao jam to the lemang and rendang shacks in Pahang. It also touches on the daily and festive foods of the Peranakan Chinese communities in Kelantan and Terengganu. Essentially an East Coast term for vast cooking vessels, Bekwoh suggests abundance, big-heartedness and merriment, and that is what Bryan serves up, with a collection of over 100 recipes.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422032>

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### **Economics/Development Studies**

The Philippine Economy: No Longer the East Asian Exception? / Ramon L  
Clarete, Emmanuel F Esguerra, Hal Hill, editors  
Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2018  
439p.  
9789814786508  
\$ 39.90 / PB

In this volume, a leading group of scholars pose the question, has the Philippine economy rejoined the dynamic East Asian mainstream and, if so, what set of policies and priorities are required to maintain the strong economic momentum of recent years? Successive chapters address issues

related to growth and poverty, infrastructure and urbanization, education, health, the environment, energy, development finance, and governance and institutions.

This volume has been written with a broad audience in mind. First and foremost it is for readers in, and interested in, this fascinating and important country with a population that now exceeds 100 million people. Second, it will appeal to those in the broader development community with an interest in the analytical and policy challenges that democratic, middle-income countries face as they struggle to lift their citizens out of poverty and to achieve broad-based and environmentally sustainable growth.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422033>

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Ensuring A Square Meal: Women And Food Security In Southeast Asia /  
Theresa W. Devasahayam  
Singapore : World Scientific, 2018  
252p.  
9789813231894  
\$ 45.00 / HB

Research on women and food security in Southeast Asia has been limited. The collection of chapters in *Ensuring a Square Meal: Women and Food Security in Southeast Asia* is one of the first attempts at providing a lens into the linkages between women and food security at the household, community, national and transnational levels. More broadly, the chapters examine women's contribution to the food security of households, resource distribution to produce food, and the purchasing power to buy food. In analysing the various facets to food security in relation to gender, the analyses focus on women and food security within the meanings of "private" and "public", and the extent to which the effects of the two spheres spill over into each other. Given women's critical role in food and agricultural production and provision, *Ensuring a Square Meal: Women and Food Security in Southeast Asia* assesses the structural forces that enable women to access productive resources and, in turn, ensure sustainable strategies for food security at the household level.

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## General

The Ideology No.03, Aug 2018 : Persisting Resistance / Eve Yeo  
Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2018

60p.

9789811185359

\$ 16.00 / PB

236gm.

The Ideology is a magazine that seeks to critique capitalism and address modern anxieties regarding loneliness and isolation. The original aim for the magazine was a call to solidarity in an age of individualism. It has always been about critiquing the unsustainable nature of capitalism and seeking reconciliation between the individual and society. Self-awareness and knowledge are powerful tools to mitigate the complexities of the world.

Issue #3 deals with the struggles of growing up and recognising the differences you face as an adult and as a child. Besides recognising the issues that come to us in this current society, the issue also talks about how dealing with the inner struggles of identity and loneliness.

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99 Privacy Breaches To Beware Of: Practical Data Protection Tips From Real-Life Experiences / Kevin Shepherdson

Singapore : Marshall Cavendish, 2018

516p.

9789814794640

\$ 24.00 / PB

Data breaches, privacy leaks, sensitive personal information falling into the wrong hands. Why do these things happen even with the existence of data protection laws, with hefty fines as punishment? And why do they happen even in organisations that have instituted all the policies and procedures required by the law? Because privacy breaches can happen despite legal compliance and good information governance. They happen because of failures in operational compliance. So, how do you avoid privacy breaches happening to you? Drawing on a wealth of real-life case studies and onsite data protection audits, this book investigates the range of things that can easily go wrong on the ground - and indeed have gone wrong! From careless practices and indiscreet communications to IT vulnerabilities and third-party risks, this book shows you where the weakest links are in the collection, usage, retention, disclosure and disposal of personal data.

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## History

Singapore 1819 : A Living Legacy / Kennie Ting (Ed) Kim Inglis  
Singapore: Talisman Publishing Pte Ltd., 2019  
192p.

Includes Index

9789811185731

\$ 22.00 / HB

682gm.

The story of modern Singapore as told through its living heritage is encapsulated in this handsome book, published to coincide with the 200th anniversary of Singapore's founding as a city-state. Today's vibrant, cosmopolitan country developed a singular identity through the many colourful 'ingredients' outlined in this book. Starting with the founding of modern Singapore by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles, we review the many events, people, artefacts, legends and lifestyles pre- and post-1819 that contributed to make Singapore the unique city it is today. This is the first book to encompass all aspects of Singaporean heritage, be it sociological, environmental or man-made. Historic personages, monuments, architecture and the arts, cultures and traditions, and flora and fauna are all covered in their many facets. The book showcases how much of 1800s and early 1900s Singapore remains today, thereby presenting a lesser-known side to the city-state - one that is surprisingly historic and richly evocative, a different face to a place more often associated with a stark modernity. Insightful, lively texts by museum director and heritage expert, Kennie Ting, are accompanied by archival images, contemporary photographs, maps and more, to present a comprehensive picture of the city-state - past and present.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422037>

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Journeys : Tamil in Singapore, 1800 – Present / Murugaian Nirmala  
Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2018  
304p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814266956

1. Tamil (Indic people) – Singapore – History

2. Tamil (Indic people) – Singapore – Politics and government

\$ 25.00 / PB

444gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422038>

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Studying Singapore Before 1800 / (Ed) Kwa Chong Guan & Peter Borschberg

Singapore: NUS Press, 2018

xviii, 410p.

Includes Index

9789814722742

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

\$ 38.00 / PB

810gm.

Historians rely on Singapore's strategic position to explain its great success as a royal trading port in the 14th century, and as a British colony after 1819. What, then, accounts for the many centuries when it seemed not to thrive? This volume collects studies about Singapore before 1800, bringing together different efforts across the 20th century at reconstructing Singapore's "missing years".

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422039>

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Savu : History and Oral Tradition on an Island of Indonesia / Genevieve

Duggan & Hans Hagerdal

Singapore: NUS Press, 2018

xxvi, 590p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814722759

1. Sawu Islands (Indonesia) – History
2. Sawu Islands (Indonesia) – Civilization
3. Sawu Islands (Indonesia) – Politics and government
4. Sawu Islands (Indonesia) – Social conditions

\$ 42.00 / PB

1040gm.

Book Details:

The book focuses on the historical trajectories of Savu, an island in the Nusa Tenggara Timur province, eastern Indonesia. While Savu is a relatively small island, aspects of its society, as well as this study's blend of anthropology and historical method, makes this book of fundamental relevance to the ongoing comparative examination of Austronesian-speaking populations from Madagascar to Hawaii and from Taiwan to Timor. This book brings together Duggan's detailed understanding of Savunese society and genealogies with Hagerdal's deep knowledge of the Dutch and Portuguese archives to understand the overlap between these

perspectives on Savu's past. The text discusses the precolonial period up to the sixteenth century, and then examines how early-colonial encounters with the Portuguese and Dutch (VOC) changed the system of governance. In the nineteenth century, the Savunese embarked on minor colonial enterprises in Timor and Sumba, and were still largely autonomous vis-à-vis the colonial state. Protestant missionaries gained foothold after 1870, though Christianization was a slow process. Colonial rule via a Dutch-appointed raja was introduced in the early twentieth century. The text follows the fate of Savu during the struggle for independence and the postcolonial era, discussing the dilemmas of modernization and the resilience of the unique local culture.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422040>

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Dalley and the Malayan Security Service, 1945–48: MI5 vs. MSS / Leon Comber  
Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof-Ishak Institute, 2018  
157p.  
9789814818735  
\$ 19.90 / PB  
300gm.

This book fills an important gap in the history and intelligence canvas of Singapore and Malaya immediately after the surrender of the Japanese in August 1945. It deals with the establishment of the domestic intelligence service known as the Malayan Security Service (MSS), which was pan-Malayan covering both Singapore and Malaya, and the colourful and controversial career of Lieutenant Colonel John Dalley, the Commander of Dalforce in the WWII battle for Singapore and the post-war Director of MSS. It also documents the little-known rivalry between MI5 in London and MSS in Singapore, which led to the demise of the MSS and Dalley's retirement.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422041>

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## **Literature**

When The Lights Went Off / Paul Tan  
Singapore : Landmark Books, 2018  
79p.  
9789814189866  
\$ 18.00 / PB

As the poet navigates through middle age, beset by questions on aging, love and loss, and the incipient awareness of mortality, these poems give

shape and meaning to those attendant, oft-unspoken anxieties. Through coy irony, imagined personas and leaps of creative faith, Tan's fifth collection of poetry interrogates the redemptive possibilities of art, promising a journey through the familiar and the off-kilter.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422042>

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The Woman Who Turned Into A Vending Machine / Natalie Wong  
Singapore : Math Paper Press, 2018

60p.

9789811162169

\$ 16.00 / PB

A housewife turns into a vending machine. Zombies are coming for tea. An unnamed narrator dreams of a cat. "The Woman Who Turned Into A Vending Machine" is a book on metamorphosis - metaphorical and physical, calculated and involuntary. Here is an invitation to explore how myth fits with the mundane, and how we shapeshift alongside our endlessly changing environments, muddying along life as best as we can.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=417959>

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18 Walls: A Novel / Teo Xue Shen

Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018

282p.

9789814655439

\$ 16.00 / PB

This action-packed thriller follows a squad of 18-year-olds who must fight an army of Savages in a war they did not choose. Ren is an elite fighter who feels no emotions. That makes him the perfect soldier to battle the Savages, a feral army of half-animal, half-human species prowling outside the 18 walls protecting the city...at least that's what the propaganda machine will have him believe. He and his motley squad are armed with genetic enhancements before venturing beyond the walls. They come to learn more about themselves and their enemies than they could have ever imagined.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=418884>

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Pulp, Volume 1 of V : A Short Biography of the Banished Book / (Ed)  
Shubigi Rao  
Singapore: Rock Paper Fire, 2016  
1v.  
9789810983819  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
680gm.

Ten Year Project by Shubigi Rao

Since 2013 Shubigi Rao has been working on 'Pulp: A Short Biography of the Banished Book', a decade -long film, book and visual art project about the history of book destruction, censorship and other forms of repression, as well as the book as a symbol of resistance. This involves visiting public and private collections, libraries and archives globally that served as flashpoints in history, collecting fragments, ephemera, anecdotes, buried secrets and piecing together (through the film, book and artworks) a composite chronology of the conjoined literary and violent trajectories of our species. This is the first volume of five, released in January 2016. The remaining four volumes will be published every two years.

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The World According to Ms Erasure : Exercises in Zen Lyric / Desmond  
Koh & Zhicheng-Mingde  
Singapore: Squirle Line Press, 2018  
104p.  
9789811181580  
\$ 14.00 / PB  
162gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422047>

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From the Belly of the Cat / (Ed) Stephanie Ye  
Third Edition  
Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2017  
vi, 286p.  
9789810776565  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
290gm.

Writers and cats have long enjoyed a special affinity, unsurprisingly since both spend much time sitting around and judging people. Discover the Lion City through the eyes of its cats and their humans in From the Belly

of the Cat, an anthology of fifteen feline tales by some of the city-state's most exciting writers and notorious cat sympathisers.

For best results, read this book at home on the sofa on a rainy afternoon, with a cup of warm tea within reach, and a cat by your side.

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Hermitage of Dreamers : Lyric Essays / Desmond Kon & Zhicheng-Mingde  
Singapore: Squirle Line Press, 2018

152p.

9789811175879

\$ 14.00 / PB

224gm.

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Too Too Too Too : Poems / Tammy Ho Lai-Ming

Singapore: Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2018

98p.

9789811186066

\$ 14.00 / PB

118gm.

Tammy Ho Lai-Ming's second poetry collection Too Too Too Too is sensual, imaginative, narrative-driven and political. Her poetic voice is at once unflinching and delicate, and has the power to be both discomfiting and challenging. She combines the ethics and aesthetics of realist fiction with an exploration of the range of possibilities to create a twenty-first-century transnational poetics. These poems will inspire speculation and invite myriad interpretation

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Oneiros : Poems / Cyril Wong (Ed) Ruth Wong

Singapore: Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2018

54p.

9789811173202

\$ 14.00 / PB

86gm.

Cyril Wong's eighth collection hurls the reader into a private dream world; these dreams explore the finitude of the self, recasting the poet's past and shaping the future or daring to mine its dangerous potential.

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Kafka in Ayodhya and Other Short Stories / Zafar Anjum

Second Edition

Singapore: Kitaab (Kitab International Pte. Ltd.), 2018

9789810972769

\$ 12.00 / PB

152gm.

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B-Sides and Backslides : 1986 – 2018 : Poems / Felix Cheong

Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually), 2018

108p.

9789811173042

\$ 14.00 / PB

128gm.

Nine years after his last volume of poetry, Felix Cheong makes a comeback - this time, a collection of poetic outtakes and more recent writings.

B-Sides and Backslides: 1986 - 2018 puts together an unrelenting and honest portrait of the poet as a young man - an undergrad hung up on T.S. Eliot - through the ups and downers of career and marriage, to middle age. It is at once an insightful mapping of his craft over 30 years and a typography of turns and returns of themes and images. Collected here is the full range of Felix's oeuvre, from odes to love to social observations, from religious musings to political satire. Complete with liner (linear) notes documenting the periods between his four books, this anthology will offer you a rare look at a poet's growth and creative process from the inside out.

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'Others' is not a Race / Melissa De Silva (Ed) Ruth Tang

Singapore: Math Paper Press (BooksActually)

(First Published 2017 – Second Printing 2018)

xii, 106p.

9789811147111

\$ 12.00 / PB

130gm.

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What is a Eurasian? Are Eurasians Singaporean? What does it mean to be a Eurasian living in Singapore? This book is a tapestry that weaves together the multiple genres of narrative fiction, creative nonfiction, literary food writing and family memoir, to offer insight into the micro-

minority Eurasian community through the intensely personal lens of the writer's own experience living and growing up as a Eurasian in Singapore. Throughout are interwoven the themes of memory, loss, language, identity and cultural reclamation. Similarly, it is a reflective and provocative journey of self-discovery; a journey the reader may also take to explore what it means to exist at the confluence of being Singaporean  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=248355>

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The Best Asian Short Stories 2017 / (Ed) Monideepa Sahu (Series Ed)  
Zafar Anjum  
Singapore: Kitaab (Kitab International Pte. Ltd.), 2017  
xvi, 456p.  
9789811149702  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
368gm.

The stories in this anthology by Asia's best known and well-respected contemporary writers and promising new voices, offer fresh insights into the experience of being Asian. They transcend borders and social and political divisions within which they arise. While drawing us into the lives of people and the places where they come from, they raise uneasy questions and probe ambiguities.

Explore Asia through these tales of the profound, the absurd, the chilling, and of moments of epiphany or catharsis. Women probe their own identities through gaps between social blinkers and shackles. A young Syrian mother flees from war-ravaged Aleppo into a more fearsome hell. The cataclysmic Partition of India and its aftershocks; life and death in a no-man's land between two countries; ethnic groups forced into exile; are all part of the wider Asian experience.

Life flows on in the pauses between cataclysms, bringing hope. Fragile dreams spread rainbow wings through the struggle to succeed socially, earn a living, produce an heir, and try to grasp at fleeting joys and love. These symphonies of style and emotions sweep across Asia – from Jordan and Syria to Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Japan and Korea. Crafted with love, they continue to resonate after the last page.

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Organ Gold: A Medical Thriller / Raju Chellam  
Singapore : Straits Times Press Pte Ltd., 2018  
309p.  
9789814827041  
\$ 22.00 / PB

Racy, pacy and packed with near-death experiences, drama, mounting hospital bills, desperate family members, suspicious characters and mysterious human organ traders, Organ Gold is a medical-themed thriller set in Singapore that looks at the darker side of organ donors and the booming black market in human organs. The excitement begins in the very first chapter, when Jack, an American teen in Singapore for a visit, is accidentally shoved through a window and ends up in a coma. His parents, already in agony that he may never wake up again, also have to deal with the worry of medical costs. Soon after, a mysterious man contacts Jack's father and offers him US\$200,000 - for Jack's organs. The book includes a 7,500-word epilogue examining the arguments and issues about organ donation and organ trading.

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Trafalgar Sunrise / Danielle Lim  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2018  
177p.  
9789814794923  
\$ 16.00 / PB

From Singapore Literature Prize-winner Danielle Lim comes a powerful meditation on love, grief, redemption and awe at the resilience of the human spirit. Ward sister Grace Hwang battles alongside fellow healthcare workers in Singapore when the SARS virus-invisible, relentless and deadly-strikes in 2003. In the thick of it, she looks back at her teenage years in Trafalgar Home, a leper colony where Alice, her best friend, was forced to give her newborn up for adoption. With Alice now in the last stages of cancer, Grace attempts to reunite mother with long-lost daughter before time runs out. Along the way, she seeks to discover the person who found the cure to leprosy. Elegant, thoughtful and richly portrayed, Trafalgar Sunrise is a double helix of a novel that intertwines the gripping drama of the present with the haunting anguish of the past, pitting human against microbial, choice against consequence, and deed against redemption

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It Happened On A Scrabble Sunday / Mahita Vas  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2018  
229p.  
9789814794763  
\$ 16.00 / PB

A late-night call leads Uday Aurora to find his beloved daughter barely alive after a gruesome attack. Uday wants justice, while his son demands vengeance. While the comatose Lavinia's condition deteriorates, Uday learns the identity of the real culprit. Distraught, Uday must choose carefully to determine his next steps, for the die is cast, and he now needs to come to terms with the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune that life has thrown at him. What will it take for a supremely decent man to abandon his characteristic morality, to protect his family while avenging brutality against his daughter? Especially when money buys nearly everything. Even absolution. A dark, crafty and thrilling stew blending social satire, murder and revenge, It Happened on Scrabble Sunday is inspired by Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus, liberally flavoured with curry.

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Nimita's Place: A Novel / Akshita Nanda  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018  
447p.  
9789814785761  
\$ 22.00 / PB

It is 1944 in India and Nimita Khosla yearns to attend university to become an engineer, but her parents want a different life for her. As she accepts her fate and marries, religious upheaval is splitting the country and forcing her family to find a new home. In 2014, her granddaughter, molecular biologist Nimita Sachdev, escapes India to run away from the prospect of an arranged marriage. Staking out a future in Singapore, she faces rising anger against immigrants and uncertainty about her new home. Two generations apart, these two women walk divergent paths but face the same quandaries: who are we, and what is home?

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The Minorities: A Ghostly Novel / Suffian Hakim  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018  
241p.  
9789814655279  
\$ 22.00 / PB

Meet the four misfits living in one HDB flat. One is a Malay-Jew who is trying to get his father to come back as a ghost. Cantona is a promising Bangladeshi artist on the run from a construction company. Tights is a Chinese illegal immigrant with a Forrest Gump obsession. And Shanti is a gifted Indian lab technician hiding from her abusive husband. When a forlorn pontianak begins haunting them, the four friends find themselves embroiled in a surreal showdown that may just upend the world, or at least Singapore. Written in Suffian Hakim's trademark humour, The Minorities is a novel about those living on the edges of society and their soulful bond.

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Imaginary Friends: 26 Whimsical Fables For Getting On In A Crazy World / Melanie Lee, Arif Rafhan  
Singapore : Marshall Cavendish International (Asia), 2018  
93p.  
9789814828475  
\$ 22.00 / PB

Imaginary Friends is a collection of modern fables for adults based on the letters of the alphabet. These modern morality tales are humorous, witty and great fun to read. Come meet Annie the Ambitious Apple, Greta the Grouchy Grape, Olivia the Overachieving Octopus and their friends. Accompanied by quirky illustrations that capture the peculiarities of these personalities, you will be chuckling along as you see your friends and colleagues in many of these imaginary friends.

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Vital Possessions / Marc Nair  
Singapore : Ethos Books, 2018  
84p.  
9789811177002  
\$ 14.00 / PB

Vital Possessions by Marc Nair contemplates how city-dwellers negotiate their uneasy relationship with nature in a world where growth is both man-made and natural. The jungle is always one trim away from over-

running us and we are often oblivious to it. The poems question what we hold as vital amid ceaseless consumption and our urban existence.

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Common Life: Drawings And Poems / Ho Chee Lick & Anne Lee Tzu

Pheng

Singapore : Ethos Books, 2018

192p.

9789811178405

\$ 24.00 / PB

With crayons and stained paper, artist Ho Chee Lick wanders around neighbourhoods in Singapore observing, perceiving, looking for that "something": quiet and unremarkable objects and scenes of basic everyday life. One day some of his drawings came into the hands of poet Anne Lee Tzu Pheng who rediscovers the quiet beauty of these captured moments and explores their story with her words. Common Life is a visual and poetic journey into territories the mind often finds too familiar to excite feelings or thoughts.

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Aria And Trumpet Flourish / Dela Pena, Rodrigo Jr.

Singapore : Math Paper Press, 2018

76p.

9789811146923

\$ 14.00 / PB

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Afterimage / Werner Kho

Singapore : Math Paper Press, 2018

43p.

9789811173219

\$ 15.00 / PB

Afterimage: an image that continues to appear even after the original has ceased. Werner Kho's debut poetry collection is both personal and yet universal, an exploration of the process of loss and how our they come back to us in every different angle.

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Band Eight / Tham Cheng-E  
Singapore : Math Paper Press, 2018  
320p.  
9789814615884  
\$ 22.00 / PB

In the Nation, citizenship is competitively earned, and the sting of failure strikes swift. The smallest professional blemish may spell demotion or even deportation to offshore labour communities called Depositories, while the affluent are insured against all misfortune and can do no wrong. Santhosh is a Transient student hoping to ace the Civil Primaries and make Citizen the following year, when his father is suddenly deported and State agents murder his guardian's entire family. Adopted by a motley band of fugitives who hold wealthy Citizens ransom for a shot at freedom, Santhosh searches for his father and struggles to keep his integrity in a world where the only true choices are luxuries.

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Kallang Basin Adagio / Khor Kuan Liang  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018  
227p.  
9789814785143  
\$ 22.00 / PB

A tribe of nomads journeys through a post-apocalyptic Singapore devastated by environmental collapse, for the promised land of the Kallang Basin. While searching for shelter, they rescue a starving young boy and his musically-inclined android, who upend the tribe's dynamic. When machines become symbols of our aspiration and extensions of our will, what role do they serve when we fight to survive? A testament to the strength and endurance of the human spirit.

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Marriage And Mutton Curry / M. Shanmughalingam  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018  
216p.  
9789810756222  
\$ 16.00 / PB

A kimono-clad Tamil woman greets Japanese soldiers at the door while her Anglophile husband cowers in his Jaguar. Two sisters share a husband when one fails to produce a child for the longest time. An American diplomat's urgent inquires about the Malaysian treasury's

facilities are hilariously misunderstood. A daring civil servant proposes to a Ceylonese lady in his hometown mere minutes after meeting her, breaking a thousand years of marriage protocol. M. Shanmughalingam's debut collection paints, with gentle wit and humour, the concerns and intrigues of the Jaffna Tamil community in Malaya. At turns satirical, empathetic and insightful, these fifteen stories explore what happens when we hold on to-and choose to leave behind-our traditions and identities in a changing world.

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If It Were Up To Mrs Dada: A Novel / Carissa Foo

Singapore : Epigram Books, 2018

143p.

9789814785983

\$ 22.00 / PB

Today is National Day. It is also Cheryl Dada's birthday. As Elderflower Home prepares for the celebration, Cheryl Dada too gets ready for her party. Between the hours of noon and seven p.m., she encounters the cantankerous residents and caregivers, her mother and people of yesteryears. What unfolds is a story about a woman coming to terms with age, loss and love.

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Footnotes On Falling / Joshua Ip

Singapore : Math Paper Press, 2018

100p.

9789811152832

\$ 14.00 / PB

footnotes on falling is a collection of 44 poems about sub-optimal life choices. the poems constantly laugh at themselves because they are polite, and asian. they shuffle their feet sideways while declining eye contact. they indulge in wordplay because it gives them something to do with their fingers. they prefer to read out but also prefer this be done in private. they secretly would like you to bring them home.

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## **Politics**

Democratic Transition in Myanmar: Challenges and the Way Forward /  
Aung San Suu Kyi  
Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2018  
28p.  
9789814818964  
Singapore Lecture Series No.43.  
\$ 16.00 / PB

The 43rd Singapore Lecture was delivered by Her Excellency Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on 21 August 2018 under the distinguished Chairmanship of Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Singapore.

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“We Love Mr King”: Malay Muslims of Southern Thailand in the Wake of the Unrest / Anusorn Unno  
Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2018  
258p.  
9789814818117  
\$ 29.90 / PB

This book is an ethnography of the Malay Muslims of Guba, a pseudonymous village in Thailand’s Deep South, in the wake of the unrest that was primarily reinvigorated in 2004. It argues that the unrest is the effect of the way in which different forms of sovereignty converge around the residents of this region and the residents at the same time have cultivated themselves and obtained and enacted agency through the sovereigns. Rather than asking why the violence is increasing and who is behind it, like most scholarly works on the topic, it examines how different forms of sovereignty — ranging from the Thai state and the monarchy to Islamic religious movements, the insurgents and local strongmen — impose subjectivities on the residents, how they have converged in so doing and what tensions have followed, and how the residents have dealt with these tensions and cultivated themselves and obtained and enacted agency through the sovereigns. The phrase “We Love Mr King” or rao rak nay luang inscribed on the decorated, footed tray is one example of how the residents crafted themselves as royal subjects and enacted agency through the sovereign monarch.

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Myanmar Transformed? People, Places and Politics / Justine Chambers,  
Gerard McCarthy, Nicholas Farrelly, Chit Win, editors  
Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2018  
333p.  
9789814818537  
\$ 32.00 / PB

The triumph of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy at the 2015 election was supposed to mark the consolidation of a reformist trajectory for Myanmar society. What has followed has not proved so straightforward. This book takes stock of the mutations, continuities and fractures at the heart of today's political and economic transformations. We ask: What has changed under a democratically elected government? Where are the obstacles to reform? And is there scope to foster a more prosperous and inclusive Myanmar? With the peace process faltering, over 1 million people displaced by recent violence, and ongoing army dominance in key areas of decision-making, the chapters in this volume identify areas of possible reform within the constraints of Myanmar's hybrid civil-military governance arrangements.

This latest volume in the Myanmar Update Series from the Australian National University continues a long tradition of intense, critical engagement with political, economic and social questions in one of Southeast Asia's most complicated countries. At a time of great uncertainty and anxiety, the 13 chapters of Myanmar Transformed? offer new and alternative ways to understand Myanmar and its people.  
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Myanmar Transformed? People, Places and Politics / Justine Chambers,  
Gerard McCarthy, Nicholas Farrelly, Chit Win, editors  
Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2018  
333p.  
9789814818544  
\$ 39.90 / HB

The triumph of Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy at the 2015 election was supposed to mark the consolidation of a reformist trajectory for Myanmar society. What has followed has not proved so straightforward. This book takes stock of the mutations, continuities and fractures at the heart of today's political and economic transformations. We ask: What has changed under a democratically elected government?

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ROK and ASEAN: Partners for Achieving Peace and Co-prosperity in East Asia / Moon Jae-in

Singapore : ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute, 2018

36p.

9789814818940

42nd Singapore Lecture Series

\$ 16.00 / PB

100gm.

The 42nd Singapore Lecture was delivered by His Excellency Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, on 13 July 2018 under the distinguished Chairmanship of Mr Teo Chee Hean, Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for National Security, Singapore.

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## **Religion – Christianity**

Dao Of Healing, The: Christian Perspectives On Chinese Medicine / Pak-Wah Lai

Singapore : Graceworks Private Limited, 2018

336p.

9789811166631

\$ 25.00 / PB

The last 50 years have seen the popularity of Chinese medicine grow exponentially. In China, Korea, Japan and Singapore, Chinese medicine has been incorporated into their healthcare systems to varying degrees. In the West, it is no longer uncommon for patients to consult Chinese

medicine doctors, many of whom are non-Chinese. However, among Christians in many parts of the developed world, Chinese medicine is still viewed with suspicion and negativity. Are these fears justified? How can we better understand the roots and practices of Chinese medicine? The Dao of Healing takes us on an in-depth exploration of the histories and philosophies that have shaped both Western biomedicine and Chinese medicine in order that we might make informed judgements about them.

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The Place Of Music In The Church And In Society / Billy Kristanto

Singapore : Ethos Books, 2018

52p.

9789812206312

\$ 15.00 / PB

Music is an unavoidable part of our humanity. Like religion, music too is a universal phenomenon because human beings were created with aesthetic aspect. This booklet discusses the importance of music both in the Church and society. It begins with a description of music from the perspective of the aesthetic mode. After placing music in its relation with the aesthetic aspect, it describes music from the biblical perspective and proceeds to draw insights from the Reformers on their theology of music. The three general typology of church music will be analyzed and examined. Finally, the place of music in society is discussed, before concluding.

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