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Architecture

Honourable Mansion: The Invisible Hands Behind Singapore's Last Traditional Teochew House /
Yeo Kang Shua

Singapore: Icomos Singapore, 2025

1v.

Includes Bibliographical References

9789819434350

1. Teochew (Chinese people) – Dwellings – Singapore – History.
2. Architecture, Chinese – Singapore – History.
3. National monuments – Singapore.

\$ 90.00 / PB

854gm.

(Architectural & Social History)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911655>

Art

Liminal Landscapes 1940s – 1960s / Oh Soon-Hwa (Photographer) Carl Alexander Gibson-Hill
Singapore: National Museum of Singapore, 2025

160p.

Includes Select Bibliography

9789819416479

\$ 110.00 / HB

1326gm.

This monograph offers a glimpse of Malaya and Singapore from the late 1940s to the early 1960s through the lens of the visionary photographer, Carl Alexander Gibson-Hill. The images illustrate Gibson-Hill's commitment to photography as an art form, reflecting the photographer's perspectives that often evoke nostalgia, yet consistently convey a sense of fascination for Malaya and Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911656>

Into the Modern: Impressionism from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston / (Eds) Phoebe Scott &
Julia Welch

Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2025

228p.

9789819428656

1. Impressionism (Art) – Exhibitions.

\$ 65.00/ PB

798gm.

Into the Modern highlights the continuing relevance of Impressionism, expressing the emergence of modernity from the unique perspective of the artists. Curatorial texts point to the intersection of Impressionism with modern experiences, like changing rural and urban landscapes, the rise of tourism, the social life of the city and gender. Expanding discussion on the movement, commissioned essays examine its legacies within Southeast Asia and offer an ecological reading of Impressionism. Full-colour plates of iconic artworks are paired with vivid photographs that illustrate the sociopolitical contexts of 19th-century France.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911657>

Into the Modern: Impressionism from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Selections from the Exhibition (Booklet) / (Ed) Phoebe Scott

Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2025

46p.

9789819441235

1. Museum of Fine Arts, Boston – Exhibition.
2. Impressionism (Art) – Exhibitions.

\$ 22.00 / PB

168gm.

Explore the revolutionary world of Impressionism through iconic works by Pierre-August Renoir, Claude Monet, Édouard Manet, Paul Cézanne, Edgar Degas and more. This full-coloured guide presents key highlights of the exhibition and essential curatorial texts in a handy format.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911658>

Peacock Power: Beauty and Symbolism Across Cultures / Diane Chee (et al.)

Singapore: Asian Civilisations Museum, 2025

92p.

Includes Bibliography

9789819439904

\$ 35.00 / PB

386gm.

With its dazzling feathers and spectacular tail, the peacock has long symbolised beauty, power, and divinity in Asia. Peacock Power: Beauty and Symbolism Across Cultures traces how this striking motif travelled between cultures and was reimagined in new forms. Using Peranakan art as a starting point, highlight objects from Singapore's National Collection and important international lenders reveal the networks that linked peoples and the ways in which artistic traditions evolved through exchange.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911659>

Fernando Zóbel: Essential Texts (Art Writing) / (Eds) Clarissa Chikiamco & Patrick Flores

Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2025

ix, 258p.

9789819440917

1. Zóbel, Fernando – Themes, motives.
2. Painting, Philippine – 20th century.
3. Art, Philippine – 20th century.
4. Painters – Philippines – History – 20th century.

\$ 45.00 / PB

390gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911660>

SAM Contemporaries: How to Dream Worlds / (Ed) Joella Kiu (et al.)
Singapore: Singapore Art Museum, 2025

1v.

9789819432226

1. Chok, Si Xuan – Exhibitions.
2. Chu, Hao Pei – Exhibitions.
3. Lee, Pheng Guan – Exhibitions.
4. Masuri Mazlan – Exhibitions.
5. Fazleen Karlan – Exhibitions.
6. Syahrul Anuar – Exhibitions.
7. Art, Singaporean – Exhibitions.
8. Art – Singapore – 21st century – Exhibitions.

\$ 45.00 / PB

260gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911681>

Biography/Memoirs

Tommy Koh: The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man / Tommy Koh
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, 2026

xiv, 266p.

9789819822508

1. Koh, Tommy T. B. (Thomas Thong Bee), 1938-.
2. Ambassadors – Singapore – Biography.
3. Diplomats – Singapore – Biography.
4. College teachers – Singapore – Biography.

\$ 32.00 / PB

514gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911718>

Lim Siong Guan: The Best Is Yet to Be / Lim Siong Guan & Joanne H Lim
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, 2026

xxviii, 356p.

9789819823871

\$ 38.00 / PB

584gm.

Through Siong Guan's reflections, interviews with people who personally know him well, sharing from people who have worked with him, as well as media articles, you get a glimpse into Siong Guan's humble beginnings, his inspirational public service career from 1969 to 2019, and more. You will see how the future of Singapore and the people he works with have been his consistent focus and constant obsession. This book shares how Siong Guan excelled in school and his career with a curious and searching mind, as well as a heart of empathy and service — never seeking fame or fortune, he chases opportunities not money, and seeks to serve rather than be served.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911726>

The Benjamin Sheares Story: From Pioneering Gynaecologist to Singapore President / K C Vijayan

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2025
xvi, 180p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789815306347

1. Sheares, Benjamin Henry, 1907-1984 – Biography.
2. Presidents – Singapore – 20th century.
3. Singapore – Politics and government – 20th century.

\$ 42.00 / PB

354gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911727>

Tapping Words, Bridging Cultures: Memoir of Yang Quee Yee / (Transcreated) Michael Lim & Chan Maw Who (Ed) Chan Wai Han

Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2024

464p.

9789819407071

1. Yang, Quee Yee.
2. Lexicographers – Malaysia – Biography.
3. Lexicographers – Singapore – Biography.
4. Educators – Malaysia – Biography.
5. Educators – Singapore – Biography.

\$ 38.00 / PB

978gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911728>

A Matter of Duty: A Memoir of My Time in the Singapore Armed Forces (1967–1982) / Tan Chin Tiong

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2025

xxxiv, 170p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical References

9789815306699

1. Tan, Chin Tiong – Biography.
2. Singapore. Armed Forces – History.
3. Diplomats – Singapore – Biography.
4. Singapore – Politics and government – 20th century.

\$ 42.00 / PB

388gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911729>

Lee Ek Tieng: The Green General of Lee Kuan Yew / Samantha Boh, Pearl Lee & Matthew Gan

Singapore: The Nutgraf Books, 2025

196p. ; 152x227mm.

Includes Index

9789819419395

1. Singapore – Politics and government – 1965-1990.
2. Singapore – Officials and employees.
3. Retired – Biography.
4. Singapore – History.

\$ 60.00 / HB

468gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911730>

A Gentleman of the Law: Essays in Memory of Tan Yock Lin / (Ed) Ho Hock Lai & Kelvin F K Low
Singapore: NUS Press, Faculty of Law, 2026
liii, 294p.
Includes Index
9789813253377
\$ 58.00 / HB
670gm.

Singaporean legal scholar Tan Yock Lin (1953–2023) was a distinguished figure in Singapore’s legal community and an emeritus professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore. Known for his unparalleled knowledge of Singaporean law, intellectual rigor, and deep personal integrity, Tan’s scholarship helped define and advance the study of law in Singapore. This volume brings together twelve essays by eminent legal scholars addressing the wide-ranging fields in which Tan made lasting scholarly contributions
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911731>

Comics/Graphic Novel

Only Connect: An Anthology of Poetry, Painting and Comics / (Ed) Felix Cheong
Singapore: National Gallery Singapore, 2025
140p.
9789819432677

1. Comic books, strips, etc. – Singapore.
2. Singaporean poetry (English).
3. Painting, Singaporean.

\$ 32.00 / PB
354gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911732>

Economics

The Vietnamese Economy and the Fourth Industrial Revolution / (Ed) Dong Phong Nguyen (et al.)
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co Pte Ltd, 2026
xxii, 410p.
Includes Bibliographical References
Vietnam and the Global Economy Series, Volume 2
9789811262241

1. Vietnam – Economic conditions – 1975.
2. Industry 4.0 – Vietnam.

\$ 180.00 / HB
758gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=901937>

Dilemmas in Sustainable Development: Public Policy Case Studies from Asia / Gabriel Wong, Jean Chia & John Emmanuel Villanueva
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2024
188p.
9789811753923

1. Sustainable development – Asia.

2. Sustainable development – Government policy – Asia.

\$ 40.00 / PB

292gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911733>

History

Singapore's Dawn : Stories of Our Firsts – Artefacts That Shaped a Nation's Legacy / Dan Teo Khai Mun

Singapore: Dan Teo Khai Mun (Self-Published), 2025

184p.

9781917993098

\$ 70.00 / PB

850gm.

This book features 60 key artefacts, complemented by over 100 supplementary pieces, that trace Singapore's journey from colony to modern nation. Created for SG60, it highlights milestones in diplomacy, governance, social reform, and economic change, with each artefact offering unique insights into the nation's resilience and creativity. More than just a historical record, it is written for history enthusiasts, educators, students, collectors, and anyone interested in Singapore's heritage — an invitation to rediscover the nation through the objects that have shaped its identity and legacy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911734>

Chronicling Themes in the Economic and Social History of Malaysia / (Ed & Intro) Sultan Nazrin Shah

Singapore: World Scientific Co. Pte Ltd., 2026

xxiv, 464p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical References

9789819822294

1. Economic development – Malaysia – Malaya – History.
2. Economic development – Malaysia – History.
3. Malaya – History.
4. Malaysia – History.
5. Malaya – Economic conditions.
6. Malaysia – Economic conditions.
7. Malaya - Social conditions.
8. Malaysia - Social conditions.

\$ 58.00 / PB

872gm.

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Literature

Broadside : Withheld (Poem from EKE) / Wahidah Tambee (Gaudy Boy, 2025)

Singapore: Sing Lit Station Ltd, 2025

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(Poem/Poetry)

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Broadside: Sunrise (Poem from EKE) / Wahidah Tambee (Gaudy Boy, 2025)

Singapore: Sing Lit Station Ltd, 2025

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Broadside: Cloud (Poem from EKE) / Wahidah Tambee (Gaudy Boy, 2025)

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Broadside: Impluie (Poem from EKE) / Wahidah Tambee (Gaudy Boy, 2025)

Singapore: Sing Lit Station Ltd, 2025

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24gm.

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911740>

Honouring The Journey: Embracing The Future: A Zine/ Prison Inmates

Singapore: Sing Lit Station Ltd & SACA, 2025

1v.

\$ 15.00 / PB

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(Poems & Artwork)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911741>

Layl Ash-Shayr Vol. I: The Opening Act: An Anthology of Poetry by Muslims of Singapore / (Eds)
Laili Abdeen, Zubaidah Dadlani & Nursarah Safari
Singapore: Layl Ash-Shayr, 2024

1v.
9789819402670
\$ 24.00 / PB
162gm.

(Poem/Poetry)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911742>

To Let the Light in: An Anthology of Life and Death / (Eds) Sing Lit Station
Singapore: Asia Pacific Hospice Palliative Care Network, 2021

1v.
9789811811746
\$ 40.00 / PB
418gm.

(Poem/Poetry)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911743>

Paper Jam: Sublimation is Strange / KQH Faith
Singapore: Paper Jam, 2024

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\$ 18.00 / PB
20gm.

(Poem/Poetry)

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Paper Jam: Sailors / Iffah Rostam
Singapore: Paper Jam, 2024

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\$ 18.00 / PB
26gm.

(Fiction/Short Story)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911745>

Paper Jam: The In-Betweens and Other Stories / Anna Griffin
Singapore: Paper Jam, 2024

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\$ 18.00 / PB
26gm.

(Fiction/Short Story)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911746>

Pointing to the Sky / Jamal Ismail (Translator) Jalaluddin Ahmad Jamal
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2025

212p.

9789819446193
\$ 25.00 / PB
380gm.

(Fiction/Narratives-Stories)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911747>

Echoes of Identity: Ma. Ilankannan's Short Stories and the Tamil Spirit of Singapore / Dr. Ravendranath Selvarani

India: J.E. Publications, 2025

xiv, 168p.

9788199326194

\$ 25.00/ PB

226gm.

(Non-Fiction/Short Stories)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911748>

Ministry of Moral Panic: Stories / Amanda Lee Koe

New Edition

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2024

186p.

9789819415649

1. Short stories – Singaporean (English).

\$ 22.00 / PB

196gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911749>

Look How We've Already / Gwee Li Sui

Singapore: Landmarks Books, 2025

160p.

9789819434381

\$ 25.00 / PB

290gm.

(Poetry/Poems)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911750>

Dey / Shivram Gopinath & Brenda HelloPigu Tan

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2025

166p.

9789811753992

\$ 25.00 / PB

122gm.

(Poetry/Poems)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911751>

Politics/Current Affairs

The Albatross File: Inside Separation (Declassified) / (Ed) Susan Sim
Special Edition

Singapore: Straits Times Press & National Archives Singapore, 2025
488p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical References

9789815081305

1. Singapore – History – 1945-1963.
2. Singapore – Politics and government – History.
3. Malaysia – Politics and government – History.

\$ 65.00 / PB

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911450>

The Albatross File: Inside Separation (Declassified) / (Ed) Susan Sim

Singapore: Straits Times Press & National Archives Singapore, 2025

488p.

Includes Index ; Bibliographical References

9789815081312

1. Singapore – History – 1945-1963.
2. Singapore – Politics and government – History.
3. Malaysia – Politics and government – History.

\$ 42.00 / PB

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<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911451>

Rethinking Ourselves: Justice, Reform, and Ignorance in Postnormal Times / Anwar Ibrahim

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House Sea Pte Ltd), 2025

xxiv, 296p.

Includes Index

9789815323733

\$ 32.00 / HB

570gm.

Woven through the reflections on his time in prison are critical investigations into justice, post-colonialism, Islamophobia, democracy, and world order. Anwar brings together the ideas of scholars and other thinkers from the East and West, North and South, to explore how we can create a new inclusive synthesis—one that genuinely promotes good society and a just and sustainable world order.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911752>

Future of Singapore? / Tay Kheng Soon

Singapore: Word Image Pte Ltd, 2024

264p.

9789819420285

\$ 40.00 / PB

372gm.

The Future of Singapore is the most important question today.

To find answers, we must first understand the past, how we got here and why the present is the way it is. Singaporeans need to know how it is that there has been tremendous modernisation and material growth but the human spirit and self-confidence have remained lagging behind.

This book tries to understand why and thus suggest how we can overcome the existing culture of fear so as to become more self-assured and stronger spiritually. This is the challenge today, to build a new and vibrant Singapore for all of us, our children, and our grand-children...

(Current Affairs)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=908562>

Re-Examining the Five-Point Consensus and ASEAN's Response to the Myanmar Crisis / Tang Siew Mun

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2025

32p.

Includes Bibliographical References

Trends in Southeast Asia, Issue No. 20, 2025

ISSN: 0219-3213; 9789815361018

1. Myanmar – Politics and government – 21st century.
2. Myanmar – History – Coup d'état, 2021.

\$ 12.90 / PB

68gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911753>

Not So Little Red Dot: 60 Years of Singapore's Diplomacy / (Ed) Peh Shing Huei

Singapore: The Nutgraf Books, 2025

248p. ; 227x152mm.

Includes Index

9789819443024

1. Singapore – Foreign relations – 20th century.
2. Singapore – Foreign relations – 21st century.

\$ 75.00 / HB

520gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911754>

The More We Get Together: Imagining the Next 60 Years of Cultural Exchange between Singapore and Its Friends / (Ed) Sarah Ichioka

Singapore: Global Cultural Alliance Limited, 2025

256p.

9789819441365

\$ 100.00 / PB

718gm.

The More We Get Together celebrates Singapore's 60 years of diplomatic relations with 13 nations. This future-oriented publication by Global Cultural Alliance focuses on person-to-person connections, demonstrated through creative collaborations between creatives from 13 countries and their Singaporean counterparts. Together, they explore diverse responses to the question: What is our shared vision for the next 60 years of relations between Singapore and its friends?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911476>

Psychology

A Glimpse of Heaven on the Camino : Grief, Self and Community / Alexander Ee

Singapore: Landmarks Books, 2025

356p.

9789819435814

\$ 40.00 / PB

600gm.

What happens when you walk 900-kilometres on a route that has inspired popes, royalty, movie stars, politicians, and attracts half a million people annually? Here is Alexander Ee's Compelling account of his journey of discovery on the Camino de Santiago.

(Self-Help & Healing/Spiritual/Journeys)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911755>

The Sound of SCH: A Mental Breakdown, A Life Journey / Danielle Lim

Third Edition

Singapore: Ethos Books, 2025

188p.

9789811768965

\$ 22.00 / PB

The Sound of SCH (pronounced S-C-H) is the true story of a journey with mental illness, beautifully told by Danielle Lim from a time when she grew up witnessing her uncle's untold struggle with a crippling mental and social disease, and her mother's difficult role as caregiver. The story takes place between 1961 and 1994, backdropped by a fast-globalising Singapore where stigmatisation of persons afflicted with mental illness nevertheless remains deep-seated. Unflinchingly raw and honest in its portrayal of living with schizophrenia, *The Sound of Sch* is a moving account of human resiliency and sacrifice in the face of brokenness.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911756>

The Introvert's Light to Networking Success: Illuminate Your Path to Strong and Authentic Connections / Chris Yam

Singapore: Chris Yam (Self-Published), 2025

170p.

9789819414192

The Lighthouse Series

\$ 25.00 / PB

262gm.

Drawing from over 15 years of real-world experience and her journey from overwhelmed introvert to respected leader in the world's largest networking organisation, Chris reveals how introverts can thrive without pretending to be extroverts. Through her signature lighthouse metaphor, she helps you understand that you don't need to be the loudest in the room — just the clearest, steadies, and most authentic version of yourself.

(Self-Development/Communication Skills/Motivation)

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911271>

Sociology

The Good Gang: Stories from Tak Takut Kids Club / Lin Shiyun, Carolyn Oei & Marc Nair (Illustrator) Felicia Soon

Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2025

120p.

9789819443956

1. Social mobility – Singapore.

2. Children's right – Singapore.

\$ 25.00 / PB

254gm.

The Good Gang is a new book from 3Pumpkins that offers a rare, ground-level view of childhood in Singapore's heartlands. It tells the stories of 10 children who grew up with Tak Takut Kids Club (TKC), a safe and happy neighbourhood community space for children. Their lived experiences are interwoven with insights into systems of support—from education to social services and community relations—offering a nuanced view of Singapore's social mobility landscape, its gaps, and its possibilities for change.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=911757>
