

Recent Books from Sri Lanka – Nov 2019

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Art

Sri Lanka Gems / Vladyslav Yavorsky
Sri Lanka: Vladyslav Yavorsky, 2018
234p.
9780692121412
\$ 120.00 / HB
1250gm.

Burma Gems. Sri Lanka Gems. is a duplex dedicated to the most significant gem-bearing lands, their people, nature, history, culture, and the plethora of their Gemstones, above all. Over thirty years of his gem-hunting life, Vlad Yavorsky for a decade has lived in Sri Lanka where he opened his first overseas lapidary factory, and he has visited Myanmar over 160 times in twenty years, exploring the country from A to Z, collecting Burmese rocks from Agate to Zircon.

In these books you don't expect to find a conventional choice of subjects and structures. Instead, you will find a revelation of feelings and memories, a witty play on words and images, a compelling maze of topics and philosophies. And above all -naturally - each single page will strike you with savory photographs and fine colored gemstones mined in Sri Lanka and Burma. Burma and Ceylon are totally different countries with different energies, contents and layouts.

That is why the artist of Vlad Yavorsky portrays each Book with a unique color palette, priming the grandeur of landscape and history, refining the nuances of corundum shades, crystallizing the identity of his two gem homes. The outside of the Books however is kept identical, so that it will become an organic continuation to the series of five collectable books by Vladyslav Yavorsky.

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Veragala Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva: An Inquiry Into Its Style and Period
(The Mahayana Buddhist Bronze Statue from Colombo Museum) / Sarath
Chandrajeewa

Colombo: The Contemporary Arts and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka,
2019

100p.

Includes Bibliography

9789554313613

\$ 75.00 / PB

574gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667359>

Biography

Thomian National Heroes of Sri Lanka / S. Thomas' College

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2019

xii, 220p.

Includes Index

9789556654110

\$ 30.00 / HB

428gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667360>

Hold Me in Contempt: A Memoir / Dr. Shirani A. Bandaranayake

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt.) Ltd., 2019

240p.

9789553117328

\$ 20.00 / PB

282gm.

On the 13th January 2013, Dr. Shirani Bandaranayake, the 43rd Chief Justice of Sri Lanka was removed from her office by President Mahinda Rajapaksa, following a controversial impeachment process in Parliament. While the preceding 2 months were tumultuous in itself, the narrative of what transpired was largely dictated by the media and the Government. Hold Me In Contempt is a memoir which visits those events through the eyes of the now retired Chief Justice. In her own words, 6 years on, Hold Me In Contempt explores the life of the first woman Chief Justice of Sri Lanka as she faces off against an autocratic President with unfettered power.

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Sailed I on Life: Like a Lark in the Sky / Namel Weeramuni
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt.) Ltd., 2019
xviii, 544p.
9789553117489
\$ 35.00 / PB
616gm.

This is a fascinating record of the lives of a remarkable couple, hearing is the story of a life of challenges, travails, perseverance, disappointments, surprises, and ultimate successes.

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Cookbook

CEYLOVE / Jessica Heath
USA: CEYLOVE, 2018
240p.
Includes Index
9780999882900
1. Cooking
2. Cookbooks
\$ 55.00 / PB
900gm.

CEYLOVE (pronounced Say Love) is the marriage of Ceylon, the former British colonial name of Sri Lanka, and Love. The book conveys Jessica's adoration and respect for her heritage and mother's homeland through a collection of family recipes, stories, travel and life experiences. It all began when Jessica was a young girl, infatuated with the amazing aromas created in the kitchens of her mother and grandmother. Since then, she has learned the intricacies of Sri Lankan cooking, which culminated in her appearance on MasterChef USA Season 8. In CEYLOVE: From Sri Lanka With Spice , Jessica presents 97 recipes using whole spices to impart extraordinary flavor to food in a pure and all-natural way. Her goal is to bring the spirit of Sri Lanka to any occasion, whether it is your date night, holiday, breakfast or cocktail hour. You will see why Sri Lankan cuisine is a foodie's dream come true!

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Economics

Craft Artisans and State Institutions in Sri Lanka / Annemari de Silva
Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies, 2019

x, 84p.

9789555802352

\$ 25.00/ PB

178gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667365>

History

Catalogue of Ceylon & Sri Lanka Banknotes 1785-2018 / Wasim Satar
Colombo: Wasim Sattar Bhoja, Burlington Numismatics, 2019

60p.

9786249516304

\$ 60.00 / HB

488gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667366>

Postage Stamps of Sri Lanka, Volume I: Pre-Independence Era, 1857 –
1948 / (Chief Ed) Anura Samaraweera
Colombo: Philatelic Bureau, 2015

160p.

9789559482109

\$ 70.00/ HB

622gm.

The first volume of this Catalogue with stamps issued during the Pre-Independence Era contains 477 Commemorative and Definitive Stamps including over prints, reprints and new prints together with 42 Revenue Stamps and Official stamps

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Postage Stamps of Sri Lanka, Volume II: Post-Independence to Millennium, 1949 – 1999 / (Chief Ed) Anura Samaraweera
Colombo: Philatelic Bureau, 2014
374p.
9789559482116
\$ 75.00 / HB
1110gm.

The second volume of the post-independence till millennium contains 1,003 Commemorative and Definitive Stamps including over prints, reprints and new prints together with 18 Revenue Stamps.
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Postage Stamps of Sri Lanka, Volume III: Millennium Era, 2000 – 2014 / (Chief Ed) Anura Samaraweera
Colombo: Philatelic Bureau, 2014
310p.
9789559482123
\$ 65.00 / HB
948gm.

The third volume of this Catalogue with stamps issued during the Millennium Era contains 786 Commemorative and Definitive Stamps including over prints, reprints and new prints together with 6 Revenue Stamps and 6 Official stamps.
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Guns, Taverns and Tea Shops: The Making of Modern Ceylon / S. A. Megama
Boralesgamuwa: Visidunu Prakashakayo (Pvt.) Ltd., 2019
432p.
9789553407023
\$ 30.00 / PB
472gm.

This book discusses the transformation of Ceylon's economy and social structure under British rule in the nineteenth century. It focuses in particular on the waning of the old ruling class, changes to laws governing marriage and divorce, plunder of Buddhist temples, land-grabbing, alarm over epidemics, despoliation of wildlife, devastation caused by cattle disease, and felling of forests for timber and plantations.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667370>

Law

The Sale of Goods Law of Sri Lanka / Lakshman Marasinghe
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2019

lxx, 408p.

Includes Index

9789556654073

\$ 100.00 / HB

736gm.

The Law relating to Sale of Goods has a very long history where the earliest writing in the form of a text book was written by Sir Mackenzie Chalmers in 1890, three years prior to the passing Sale of Goods Act of 1893 by the UK Parliament. Chalmers wrote his monograph based on the available Common Law found in the decisions of the courts during the previous years.

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Literature

The Banana Tree Crisis: A Collection of Stories / Isankya Kodithuwakku
3rd Edition

Battaramulla: Cayetaano (PawPrint Publishing (Pvt) Ltd.), 2018

9789557737072

\$ 15.00 / PB

230gm.

"The Banana Tree Crisis" was first published in 2006 and was awarded the Gratiaen Prize for the strength of the short stories it collated. The following year, it went on to bag the State Literary Award in the 'short stories' category. Over the years, the collection has gone into several reprints, and now PawPrint has the pleasure of releasing its latest re-formatted release under its Cayetaano imprint.

The stories draw from a range of day-to-day, mundane (largely) cosmopolitan realities, and are fed with memorable twists, digressions and subtle shifts that converse with the reader's imagination. In doing so, Isankya brings into play a range of themes from friction among neighbours, nostalgic re-visitations of childhood, to the anxieties and tensions in a queue at a cricket stadium entrance.

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The Saga of Tea: A Historical Novel / Bandu Edussuriya
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt.) Ltd., 2019

64p.

9789553114693

\$ 12.00 / PB

86gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667373>

Official Publications

Sri Lanka University Statistics 2018 (Universities & Higher Educational
Institutes established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978)

Colombo: University Grant Commission,

viii, 134p.

ISSN: 2279-2104

\$ 40.00 / PB

430gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=667374>

Politics

Sri Lanka's Easter Tragedy: When the Deep State Gets Out of Its Depth /
Raja Hoole

Maharagama: Ravaya, 2019

136p.

9789557560618

\$ 20.00 / PB

154gm.

The book's main argument is that the March 2018 anti-Muslim violence, the failed constitutional coup of October 2018, the following year's devastating Easter attack, the renewed violence against Muslims in May and the Dr. Shafi saga together form part of a single narrative. It deals with attempts to control or minimise the effect of the Muslim vote.

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Sociology

Echo: A Collection of Articles on Western Classical Culture / Kamani

Jayasekera

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt.) Ltd., 2019

296p.

9789553099730

\$ 20.00 / HB

622gm.

Book Details:

The Subjects chosen are from various topics pertaining to what is commonly referred to as western classical culture. Apart from the scholarly value, the reader would observe the relevance the discussions have to the modern day of the twenty first century.

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