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Anthropology/Archaeology

Batticaloa, Sri Lanka / (Ed) Dr. Sarala Fernando
Prestigious Volumes Collection Series
Colombo: National Trust, Sri Lanka, 2019
196p.
9789550093175
\$ 80.00 / HB
1255gm.

Batticaloa, Sri Lanka is a companion to Mannar Sri Lanka published by the National Trust - Sri Lanka. Batticaloa which is on the Eastern coast and Mannar on the North Western coast were both major ancient ports mentioned in ancient chronicles as well as in foreign records and depicted on the earliest maps and charts. Both coasts are dominated by the colonial era enormous stone forts complete with ramparts and towers. They were strategically important ports because of the access they provided to the interior where the Lankan Kings in Anuradhapura and Kandy controlled the treasures of the island and the trade in spices and gems.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681596>

Biography/Memoirs

George Cawkwell of Univ / (Ed) Rajiva Wjesinha
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
248p.
9786240002936
\$ 25.00 / HB
525gm.

Biography of George Cawkwell of University College,
Oxford.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681597>

A Life Lived: An Unfinished Memoir / W. A. Wiswa
Warnapala

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
x, 358p. ; 22.5X15X2.5cm.

9789553096067

\$ 30.00 / HB

735gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681598>

Stay, Daughter: A Memoir of Muslim Girlhood / Yasmin
Azad

Colombo: Perera-Hussein Publishing House, 2020
256p.

9789558897324

\$ 20.00 / PB

215gm.

Set in the colonial fortress of the Galle Fort, the story surrounds itself on a community that breaks the principles of the 19th century in order to provide girls education and freedom. The exposure nonetheless disrupts peace within the families causing perplexities throughout the community. However the framework of the story directs itself on a father who is brought up in a conservative Muslim culture and thereby possesses a conservative mentality. Nevertheless, the story intensifies

when he has to accept and mediate with the modern world where women are capable of much more than what they used to be. The story voices out the struggle that almost all Muslim families have to face as they cope with the modern world and their orthodox norms.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681599>

Ecology/Environmental Studies

Illustrated Field Guide to the Flowers of Sri Lanka, Volume 3 / J. de Vlas

The Netherland: J. de Vlas, 2019

320p.

Includes Index

9789082313413

\$ 75.00 / PB

620gm.

Dr. Jacob de Vlas and his wife Johanna de Vlas-de Jong have been visiting Sri Lanka since 1977. In 2008, they published the Illustrated Field Guide to the Flowers of Sri Lanka. That book contains over 1 000 plant species that can be spotted in easily accessible places all over the country. However, plants that grow in the northern and northeastern regions of Sri Lanka were not included, due to the fact that these areas were closed until 2009.

Volume 3 contains 1067 species of which 967 were not included in the first book and were photographed throughout the whole of Sri Lanka, including the northern and northeastern regions of the country. Most of them are common or less common, but the Sri Lankan photographers in particular were able to find quite a few very rare plants as well, including some that are new to the flora of Sri Lanka or indeed even to science.

Approximately half of the pictures were taken by the authors, the others were contributed by Sri Lankan naturalists and photographers.

By publishing Volume 3 the authors wish to contribute to the spread of knowledge of Sri Lankan plants among

nature lovers, students and professionals, and indirectly to the conservation of the flora of Sri Lanka.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681600>

Economics

Sri Lanka, State of the Economy 2019: Transforming Sri Lanka's Economy in the Fourth Industrial Revolution (4IR)
Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka (IPS),
2019

310p. ; 25cm.

9789557397184

1. Sri Lanka – Economic conditions – 21st century.
2. Sri Lanka – Economic conditions.
3. Sri Lanka – Economic development.

\$ 45.00 / PB

745gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681342>

Managing Development: People, Policies and Institution /
Colandavelu Narayanasuwami

Metro Manila: Books on Demand Philippines Inc.,2019

xiv, 372p.

9786218023611

\$ 35.00 / PB

630gm.

The book focuses on development management issues and highlights the role of people – the key players and beneficiaries of change –and the interdependence of policies, institutions and management practices, including good governance, for robust development. This book draws on more than 4 decades of multi-sectoral and multidimensional experience in development management and presents the findings and thoughts on four important themes of development management- governance, institution building/capacitdevelopment, agrarian reform and rural development, and monitoring and evaluation. The findings and analysis – a

reflection of experiences gained by the author in over twenty developing countries – provide a range of information on the relevance, appropriateness and effectiveness of varied development interventions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681602>

Innovating Central Banks: With New Mandate and Governance to Promote Safer Money and Banking in Open Economies / P Samarasiri

Nugegoda: P Samarasiri, 2019

760p.

Includes Index

9786249504707

\$ 30.00 / HB

1000gm.

Since societies depend on money for their activities, central bank functions and decisions world over have wide impact on societies in all corners. Therefore, any innovation in societies and human beings requires contemporary innovation of central bank functions. Otherwise, modern societies will find new types of money and banking outside old models of central banks to facilitate their evolution in the digital era. Therefore, this book provides a practical guide on how to innovate central banks for betterment of human beings in this century. All chapters are presented in reader-friendly language with real world examples. The book is very useful for economic policymakers, bankers and teachers and students in economics and banking.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681605>

History

Greco-Indian History and Hybridity / Chandima S. M. Wickramasinghe

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

xliv, 328p. ; Maps.

9786240001717
\$ 25.00 / PB
500gm.

This book is an attempt to understand how socio-cultural fusions or hybridity resulted from certain measures and developments initially undertaken to achieve political or militaristic targets.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681603>

Law

International Entertainment Law and New Media Law /
Chanakya Jayuadeva
Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
xxii, 1238p.
9789556584851
\$ 90.00 / HB
1455gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681606>

The Acts of Sri Lanka 2019, No. 1 – 24 [Sri Lanka]
Colombo: Department of Government Printing,
Government of Sri Lanka, 2020
1v.
\$ 40.00 / HB
435gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681350>

Sri Lanka Law Reports, Vol. 2, 2012, SRI L.R. – Part 1-5:
Containing cases and other matters decided by the
Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka / (Ed-in-
Chiefs) L. K. Vimalachandra & Rohan Sahabandu
Sri Lanka: Ministry of Justice, 2012
1v.
\$ 110.00 / HB
610gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=620819>

Supreme Court Rules (Incorporating Amendments up to 2018) [Sri Lanka] / (Compiled) Jinadari Deepthi Liyanagama
Colombo: Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 2019
viii, 210p.
\$ 40.00 / HB
390gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681607>

Supreme Court Law Reports: Civil, 2018 Vol. I & 2 [Sri Lanka]
Colombo: Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 2019
322p.
\$ 150.00 (Set) / HB
1110gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681609>

Supreme Court Law Reports: Civil and Criminal 2019, Vol. I (January to June) [Sri Lanka] / (Compiled) Jinadari Deepthi Liyanagama
Colombo: Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 2019
400p.
\$ 75.00 /HB
620gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681610>

Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2018: This Report Covers the Period January to December 2017
Colombo: Law & Society Trust, 2017
xvi, 280p.
Includes Index; Bibliography
9789551302825
\$ 35.00 / PB
395gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681395>

Digest To The Sri Lanka Law Report, 2012 Volume 1:
Containing cases and other matters decided by the
Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the
Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka / (Ed-in-Chief)
L.K. Wimalachandra & Rohan Sahabandu
Colombo: Ministry of Justice, 2012

1v.

\$ 20.00 /PB

90gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681263>

Literature

The Last Kingdom of Sinhalay / Elmo Jayawardena
Fifth Edition

Colombo: M.D. Gunasena & Co. (Private) Ltd., 2019

888p.

9552113199

\$ 25.00 / PB

920gm.

(Winner of Gratiaen Award and State Literary Award)

The book is about the fall of Kandy. Such a tale cannot be narrated on its own merits. There is so much more that is connected to more than two thousand years of history, which has to be explained for the reader to understand the complexities that prevailed. Hence, the book meanders back and forth between history, folklore and fiction and returns to the beginning of the nineteenth century, to detail the sad story of the loss of a nation and its people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681611>

Sigiriya: A Tale of Grandeur Love and Tragedy / Senani Ponnampereuma

Sri Lanka: Panique Media, 2019

368p.

9780648442905

\$ 29.99 / PB
435gm.

Palace intrigue, passion, deceit, betrayal, and tragedy—this is the story of King Kasyapa and his beloved Sigiriya. Born of a village girl and a warrior king, Kasyapa is denied the crown because of his inferior birth - but is forced to become king. Accused of murdering his father, he abandons his capital and builds a new city in the inhospitable forests of Sri Lanka. There, he lives in a spectacular sky palace atop a massive rock two hundred meters high.

This is also the story of Amira, a beautiful girl from Afghanistan who is only twelve years old when she is sold into slavery. At eighteen, she is traded for a hundred pearls from Sri Lanka. Arriving at her new home, she is trained as a concubine in Kasyapa's harem and becomes his favorite consort.

Set fifteen hundred years ago, this compelling novel weaves historical facts into a remarkably entertaining story of fate, dangerous alliances, enduring friendships, and forbidden love.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681613>

Unburnt Heart / Somadasa Abeywickrama (Translator)
Sunil Wijesingha

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

344p.

9789553097590

\$ 35.00 / PB

555gm.

Somadasa Abeywickrema's "Nodavunu Hadawatha" (Unburnt Heart) is a historical novel written against the backdrop of the Kandyan Kingdom. Through his novel the author depicts the national identity, religious concepts, history of battles and how people lived during a period of crisis. He appears to have researched the period to give

life to complex characters like King Wimaladharmasooriya and other warriors. The novel begins with a description of the birth of Konappu Bandara. This is an ideal beginning for a historical novel covering the Kandyan period. The romantic involvements woven into the story make the novel readable.

- R.S. Karunaratne

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681614>

Tale of Two Odysseys: A Novel / Mario Perera
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
152p.
9786240005517
\$ 15.00 / PB
285gm.

This novel explores the subject of birth and re-birth. It relates the story of two destinies that are closely linked with each other and even overlap. The story is about a university friendship that blossoms into a life-long bond that unites a young Catholic priest and a young man. A chance encounter changes the promising professional and love life of the latter.

The backgrounds of the novel are the tragic events of the youth uprisings of 1971 and 1989, and the tsunami of 25 December 2004. While one of the protagonists of the story engages voluntarily with the events, the other seeks refuge in detachment and self-abnegation. Yet their respective commitments are in reality quests that surpass the confines of life and death.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681615>

Lakshmi's Story / Nanda Pethiyagoda
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
168p.
9789553099785
\$ 15.00 / HB
400gm.

The narrative is in the form of Lakshmi's diary entries from age 18 to 36. Lakshmi's adoptive mother, Namali Abeykoon is the protagonist in the author's previous novel parallel lives. Thus Lakshmi's Story can be considered a sequel to Parallel Lives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681616>

Oya, Cello and the Planet Earth / Sam Bunny
Colombo: Bay Owl Press (Perera-Hussein Publishing House), 2020

344p.

9789551723439

\$ 15.00 / PB

330gm.

Cello States comes from the town of Corduroy and is definitely from the wrong side of the tracks. He escapes his life of drugs and gangs in the world of books, language and words, but when his father, a small time drug dealer clashes with a rival gang, he is forced to leave home. This drives Cello on a crime spree that eventually takes him to Melbourne, where he meets and falls in love with Oya Seyesene, a girl far removed from his world of violence and poverty. Half Sri Lankan, beautiful Oya is a child of privilege who despite having everything in life yearns for something else. Encouraged by her parents to find herself, Oya starts working at the Foundry, an avant-garde theatre where Cello has been working for the past few years. But it is a relationship fraught with tension and in danger of being overshadowed by the secret that Cello was part of a terrible crime that involved her family.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681617>

A Few Scenes from a Missed Train: Short Stories /
Prabath Jayasinghe (Translator) Dinuka Wijetunga
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2019
168p.

9789553117496

\$ 15.00 / PB

195gm.

(Winner of Vidyodaya (2011, 2019), Godage (2019) and State (2017) Literary Awards)

Selected five short stories of the award winning author Prof Prabath Jayasinghe have been translated into English by Dinuka Wijetunga. The translation is more faithful to the original works.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681618>

Salt Rakers: A Novel / Lakmali Gunawardena

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2019

136p.

9789553115607

\$ 15.00 / PB

165gm.

Stories, stories that flow from the edges of other stories. They meander among the social, cultural and political landscapes of everyday, recognizable and yet distinct where fractured conversations get stitched together and then unravel only to make patterns in a different weave. They touch, they grip, they release us to the ever-present profound so well disguised in the simplicities of our lives.
– Malinda Seneviratne

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681619>

Official Publications

Bulletin of Selected Retail and Producer Prices 2014-2017 [Sri Lanka]

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, 2018

1v.

9789557021027

\$ 40.00 / PB

715gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681251>

Economic and Social Statistics of Sri Lanka 2019, Volume XLI (41)

Colombo: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2019

1v.

ISSN: 1391-3611; 9789555753814

\$ 40.00 / PB

610gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681256>

Sri Lanka Socio Economic Data 2019, Volume XLII (42)

Colombo: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2019

1v.

ISSN: 1391-3557; 9770021000563

\$ 10.00 / PB

90gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681257>

Politics

The Great Bondscam Cover-Up: The Mother of All Cover-Ups: An Expose / Ajith Nivard Cabraal – Nawala

Colombo: Ajith Nivard Cabraal, 2019

328p. ; 30cm.

9786249579002

1. Treasury bills – Sri Lanka.
2. Government securities – Sri Lanka.
3. Banks and banking, Central Bank – Sri Lanka.

\$ 35.00 / PB

875gm.

This book is on the Bond Scandal that erupted on 27th February 2015 that shocked all Sri Lankans by its sheer magnitude and impunity and made headlines almost every day thereafter, during the so called 'Good Governance Period'

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681620>

Your Obedient Servant: The Fate of the Bureaucrat in Sri Lanka / Surendra Sumithraarachchi
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
280p.
9789553117502
\$ 20.00 / PB
325gm.

This book deals with the bureaucracy in Sri Lanka during three distinct periods, namely the Kandyan kingdom and the period up to independence, the post independent period up to the adoption of the presidential system of rule, and the period under the presidential system. He identifies six different regimes during this period and the behaviour of rulers during these regimes. He also identifies the bureaucrats that served during the regimes, how their dispositions were formed, the capital that they possessed and the capital they acquired, and provides a theory based explanation as to why bureaucrats behave in different ways at different times. He concludes by providing an explanation as to why some present-day bureaucrats are subservient to today's rulers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681621>

Love and Trust for Peace, Volume One: People's Movement Seizes Power in Sri Lanka / Tassie Seneviratne
Gampaha: Tassie Seneviratne, 2019
60p.
9789559710240
\$ 8.00 / PB
55gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681622>

Religion – Christianity

The Sisters of The Holy Family in Sri Lanka / Rt. Rev. Dr. Edmund Pieris (Ed) Romesh Nonis

Second Edition
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
168p.
9786240001984
\$ 15.00 / PB
245gm.

The history of the Sisters of the Holy Family, one of the Religious Congregations that entered Sri Lanka in the early years, was one of the researches the good Bishop did. This study was published under the title "The Sisters of the Holy Family" in 1980, to celebrate the centenary of their entry and service.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681623>

Sociology

An Exploratory Study of Attitudes and Practices Towards Domestic Workers in Sri Lanka / Annemari de Silva
Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), 2019
xii, 94p.
9789555802390
\$ 20.00/ PB
205gm.

This study explores what the field of domestic work looks like in Sri Lanka: what general employment practices are like (e.g. salaries, recruitment, living conditions for live-ins, nature of agreements), what attitudes towards domestic work(ers) are, and perceptions about workers rights.

It uses the findings of three methods: an online survey carried out with employers (primarily from Colombo), in-depth interviews with live-in and live-out workers from Nuwara Eliya and Colombo, and an analysis of newspaper advertisements for domestic work. The study considers the gendered dimensions of paid domestic work, the micropolitics of employer-employee relationships and

being like part of the family, attitudes towards agencies, while also establishing descriptive statistical information on salary variations and characteristics of demand.

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Socio-Cultural Perspective of Language Teaching,
Learning and Acquisition / Dr. Karunakaran
Thirunavukkarasu, Prof. Rajendran Sankaravelayuthan &
Dr. N. Gejeswari

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2018
296p.

Includes Bibliography

9789553113214

\$ 20.00 / PB

320gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681626>
