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### **Art**

George Keyt : A Portrait of the Artist / Albert Dharmasiri  
Colombo: The National Trust-Sri Lanka, 2020  
200p.  
9789550093182  
\$ 100.00 / HB  
1250gm.

The book is a portrait of the artist George Keyt, the inexhaustible genius blessed with an extraordinary creative imagination, whose artistic creations have played a central role in the cultural life of the nation for over half a century. He was one of Sri Lanka's greatest painters of the twentieth century with an absolute dedication to art, illuminated by his Bohemian personality who transformed himself into a legend in his own lifetime. The images of his pictorial narratives are powerful, vibrant and erotically charged.

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### **Biography**

Anura Bandaranaike : Legacy in the Legislature : Selected Speeches / (Ed)  
George I. H. Cooke  
Colombo: Bandaranaike Research Hub of the Bandaranaike Centre for  
International Studies, 2019  
352p.  
9789557646183  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
646gm.

The publication titled 'Anura Bandaranaike – Legacy in the Legislature 1977-2008' consists of key speeches he made in his varying capacities in

the legislature over three decades. Categorised to reflect his speeches on Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Amendments, Special Bills and Ministry Votes, Parliamentary Affairs as well the several Votes of Condolence that he spoke at during his career, the publication also includes speeches made by his Parliamentary colleagues at the time a Vote of Condolence was moved upon his passing way.

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Gotabaya / Major General Kamal Gunaratne (Translator) Deepthi Horagoda

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2020

xiv, 302p.

9789556654288

\$ 45.00 / HB

602gm.

The biography of President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Since the book was written the author Major General Kamal Gunaratne is now the Secretary of Defence.

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Passionately Cricket / Anura Tennekoon

Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

146p.

9789556584981

\$ 25.00 / PB

238gm.

Anura Tennekoon (born 29 October 1946) is a former cricketer and captain of the Sri Lanka national cricket team. He was educated at the S. Thomas' College in Mount Lavinia. After captaining the school team and being selected as best schoolboy batsman of the year, Tennekoon went on to play first-class cricket for the Ceylon team (later Sri Lanka). He was regarded as an accomplished batsman. He made his ODI debut in 1975 against West Indies, leading Sri Lanka in the first Cricket World Cup of 1975. went on to lead them in the 1979 World Cup as well, although his participation was impeded by an injury during the tournament. He was the chief executive of Sri Lanka Cricket from 2000 to 2003, and is now a selector for the national team.

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My Country at War... And I Join the SL Navy / Y. U. Ranjit

Colombo: Darshana Publication, 2020

156p.  
9786249644304  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
192gm.

The saga of a young lad from Wattedagama who joined the Sri Lanka Navy during the tense days of the conflict between the Government Forces and the terrorist L.T.T.E. In spite of the seriousness of war it unravels the innocence of youth and the inborn heroism of a Naval recruit in the defence of his country's sovereignty and territorial integrity which is portrayed in simple terms with no extravagant claims.

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Sarath Amunugama Autobiography, Volume One (1939-1977) : The Kandy Man / Dr. Sarath Arumungama  
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2020  
560p.  
Includes Index  
9789556654332  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
620gm.

Dr Sarath Amunugama's life story in a fascinating insight into one of Sri Lanka's best known public administrators. This record is only of the first part of his life, covering boyhood and student days and his first decade in public administration, but his literary and political understanding and contribution are also pervasive in this excitingly woven narrative. He won the state literary award in 2017 for his book "The Lions Roar: Anagarika Dharmapala & The Making of Modern Buddhism", and in 2019 for his second book "DREAMS OF CHANGE: Land, Labour & Conflict in Sri Lanka".

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### **Cookbook**

Milk, Spice and Curry Leaves : Hill Country Recipes from the Heart of Sri Lanka / Ruwanmali Samarakoon-Amunugama (Ed) Lesley Cameron  
Canada : Touchwood Editions, 2020  
192p.  
Includes Index  
9781771513296  
\$ 45.00 / HB  
778gm.

**“This vegetable and seafood-heavy book has recipes for all the classics . . . I would plead for as a kid . . . It’s a technique-heavy book, full of reliable instructions and gorgeous, nostalgic photographs.” — Epicurious**

Ruwanmali Samarakoon-Amunugama’s childhood memories of visits to her parents’ homeland in Sri Lanka were filled with colourful trips to the market, lively, happy meals with her extended family, and long, scenic car rides from the capital of Colombo, past tea estates and farmers’ stalls, into the hill country around Kandy. In *Milk, Spice and Curry Leaves*, Ruwan shares the rustic, tropical flavours of these Sri Lankan visits—sweet pineapple and mango, bitter gourd, toothsome cashews, spicy chili pepper, tart lime, and many more—in recipes designed with North American home cooks in mind.

She introduces the three pillars of Sri Lankan cuisine: coconut milk, rice, and spice, and walks readers through the steps to make the two foundational Sri Lankan curry powders (roasted and unroasted). She also goes into detail on specialty products—like goraka, pandanus leaves, tamarind, and young jackfruit—always with attention to using ingredients available in North American grocery stores.

With lush food photography and styling, hand-drawn illustrations, heirloom photos and ephemera, *Milk, Spice and Curry Leaves* is an invitation to a way of cooking and a family of traditions from the country known as “the Pearl of the Indian Ocean.”

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## **Economics**

Sri Lanka State of the Economy 2020 : Pandemics and Distruptions :

Reviving Sri Lanka’s Economy COVID-19 and Beyond

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, 2020

322p. ; 25cm.

9789557397214

1. Sri Lanka – Economic conditions – 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. Sri Lanka – Economic conditions.
3. Sri Lanka – Economic development.

\$ 55.00 / PB

774gm.

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Women, Work and Night Shifts in Nursing Homes and Supermarkets /  
Nisha Arunatilake (et al.)

Colombo: Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka, 2020

56p. ; 28cm.

Includes Bibliography

9789557397207

Labour Economic Series No. 27

1. Labor economics – Sri Lanka.
2. Women employees – Sri Lanka – Case studies.

\$ 25.00/ PB

204gm.

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### **History**

Wisdom in the Leaf : A Generation of Tea Inspired Knowledge / Sarah

Imbuldeniya (et al.) (Ed-in-Chief) David Colin-Thome

Peliyagoda: Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC, 2020

336p.

9789550081288

\$ 100.00 / HB

1770gm.

This book published by Dilmah Ceylon Tea, unfolds the journey of a tea planter throughout his career from the time he joined as a creeper, his lifestyle as a planter, his duties in the field, tea factory and office until the time of his retirement as well as various other aspects of managing tea plantations and their environment, the personnel employed and their lifestyle and welfare etc. This book is very useful and informative to not only those working in the tea industry but to those who are planning to embark on a planting career as well as to anyone interested in learning about all aspects of tea planting and its management. Dilmah Ceylon Tea Company PLC is well known for owning and producing Sri Lankan teas.

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Eelam Exposed : A Complete Analytical Study of Eelam Struggle, Its  
Myths and the Exclusive Rights of Sinhalese to the Entire Sri Lanka /

L.K.N. Perera

Colombo: L.K.N. Perera, 2020

xxx, 380p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

\$ 50.00 / PB

1090gm.

The author has gone to history as the savior of the Sinhala nation from the Eelam Clutches. 2009 victory was a military one. By this valuable scholarly work, the author has annihilated all the Eelam theories -

Emeritus Professor Wimal Wijeratne

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Heritage Histories : A Reassessment of Arumuga Navalar, a.k.a. Candar

Arumugavan / S. Ratnajeevan H. Hoole

Sri Lanka / London, UK: Thesam Publications, 2020

xxviii, 330p. ; 210x140x23mm.

Includes Index

9789559805113

\$ 30.00 / PB

426gm.

Controversial Ratnajeevan Hoole writes about the fake history of Arumuga Navalar and the attempts to make him the 64th Saivite saint and the recent use of hate speech on Tamil minority groups.

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## **Law**

LST Review, Vol. 29, Issue 347, Jan 2019 : Will Sri Lanka Ever Have A People's Constitution [Sri Lanka] / Vidura Prabath Munsinghe (et al.)  
Colombo: Law and Society Trust, 2019

56p.

ISSN: 2659-2150 ; 9772659215005

\$ 10.00 / PB

154gm.

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## **Literature**

Sri Lankan Tamil Literature and Culture : A Purview through Reviews and Interviews . K.S. Sivakumaran

Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2018

xx, 208p.

9789556595383

\$ 30.00 / PB

288gm.

K.S. Sivakumaran's latest book *Sri Lankan Tamil Literature and Culture* is a combined edition of two previously published books. They are *Tamil Writing in Sri Lanka* (1974) and *Le Roy Robinson in Conversation with K.S. Sivakumaran on aspects of Culture in Sri Lanka* (1982). These books are no longer available. The book consists of reviews on the novels written by S. Ganeshalingam, Ilankeeran and A. Balamanoharan. It also deals with the Indian connection. Thereafter, the author discusses Tamil short stories written by Velli Pathasaram, a collection of nine short stories titled *Eelathu Parisuk Kathaiyal* and another collection of nine short stories titled *Pottik Kathaikal*. Sivakumaran also comments on *Yoganathan Kathaikal*, *Thoni*, *Vee*, *Naan Sahamattaen*, *Puthuyugam Pirakirathu* and *Kadavularum Manitharum*.

Part I of the book deals with the Sri Lankan Tamil literary history, reviews of novels, short stories, poetry, and criticism. The author also discusses major trends in contemporary writing in Tamil in Sri Lanka, towards Sinhala – Tamil understanding and Part II is on aspects of Tamil culture in Sri Lanka.

Part II of the book is devoted to an interview the author had with Le Roy Robinson of the Faculty of Economics, University of Nagasaki, Japan. Sivakumaran has titled it as "Aspects of culture in Sri Lanka." In the course of the lengthy interview, the interviewer asks Sivakumaran whether there are translations of Sinhala and Tamil books. The interviewee says, "A few Tamil works have been translated into Sinhala and English but there are more translations of Sinhala books into Tamil." The interview covers the entire gamut of literature, ethnic problem, cultural divide, and social mores. It should be read and understood correctly by those who wish to establish ethnic harmony between the Sinhala and Tamil communities.

*Sri Lankan Tamil Literature and Culture* is a silent testimony to Sivakumaran's wide knowledge and undiminished interest in Sinhala and Tamil languages and culture.

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*The Sowing Festival : A Novel / Somaratne Balasuriya*

Dehiwala: Vidrashana Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019

xx, 116p.

9786245087020

\$ 15.00 / PB

150gm.

This tragi-comic novel is a masterpiece and the tale it tells is the story of many peasants even today. The culture of the rice farmer provides all images and ideologies for nearly all of power projects in Sri Lankan

politics but the peasant remains locked in eternal poverty and humiliation.

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### **Official Publications**

Economic and Social Statistics of Sri Lanka 2020, Volume XLII  
Colombo: Statistics Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 1391-3611 ; 9789555754026

\$ 45.00 / PB

618gm.

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Sri Lanka Socio Economic Data 2020, Volume XLIII  
Colombo: Statistics Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2020

1v.

ISSN: 1391-3557 ; 9770021000617

\$ 15.00 / PB

88gm.

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### **Politics**

Sri Lanka and the United Nations : Relations with the UN General  
Assembly, Volume I – 1948 to 1982 / (Ed) George I. H. Cooke  
Dehiwela: George I. H. Cooke, 2020

xiv, 366p.

9786249681606

\$ 45.00 / PB

740gm.

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Up-Country Tamils : Charting a New Future in Sri Lanka / (Eds) Daniel  
Bass & B. Skanthakumar

Colombo: International Centre for Ethnic Studies (ICES), 2019

xxi, 244p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789555802376

\$ 40.00 / HB

426gm.

This book emerged from a conference organized by ICES in August 2017 which brought together a broad range of scholars and practitioners who have been researching and working on the area with an aim to enhance understanding of the issues and challenges on the subject and generate recommendations for law, policy and practice. The book addresses the many problems that Up-country Tamils face in contemporary Sri Lanka, politically, economically and socially, as well as the historical origins and structural determinants of their current predicament. The individual chapter authors pay particular attention to the changes that have taken place for Up-country Tamils since 2009 and their implications for the future of the community.

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### **Religion - Buddhism**

Collected Papers of Asanga Tilakaratne, Volume I : Buddhist Philosophy /  
/ (Ed) Betram G. Liyanage

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2020

Includes Index

444p.

9789553118226

\$ 35.00/ PB

592gm.

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Collected Papers of Asanga Tilakaratne, Volume II: Buddhist Ethics / (Ed)  
Wimal Hewamanage

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2020

xviii, 378p.

9789553118233

\$ 35.00 / PB

506gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745691>

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Collected Papers of Asanga Tilakaratne, Volume III: Theravada Studies /  
Raluwe Padmasiri Thera & Ashoka Welitota

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2020

xviii, 338p.

9789553118196

\$ 35.00 / PB

454gm.

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Collected Papers of Asanga Tilakaratne, Volume IV: Buddhism and  
Modernity / Raluwe Padmasiri Thera & Wimal Hewamanage

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2020

xxii, 398p.

9789553118219

\$ 35.00 / PB

534gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745693>

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Collected Papers of Asanga Tilakaratne, Volume V: Inter-Religious  
Understanding / (Ed) Miriswaththe Wimalagnana Thera, Denzil

Senadheera & Sheila Fernando

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2020

xx, 196p.

9789553118202

\$ 25.00 / PB

282gm.

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### **Travel Guidebooks**

Chasing Tall Tales and Mystics : Ibn Battuta in Sri Lanka : A Personal  
Journey / Ameena Hussein

Colombo: Sailfish, 2020

304p. ; 14.6x2x21cm.

9789557743059

\$ 25.00 / PB

364gm.

The fabled Moroccan Scholar Ibn Battuta is reputed to have travelled further through the medieval world than any other explorer, including Marco Polo. When Ameena Hussein sees a grimy street sign in Puttalam bearing his name, it precipitates a quest of her own, tracking Ibn Battuta's trajectory in Lanka or Sarandib as he knew it.

From the pearl rich north-western coast, through Sri Pada known as the Mount of Lanka, down to Dewinuwara with its magnificent temple hosting dancing girls and Brahmin priests and onwards to Colombo – already a formidable maritime presence, she follows his trajectory to rejoin his starting point at Puttalam. Along the way, she seeks Ibn Battuta's memory in the minds of men, and discovers a land brimming with myth and legend as colourful as the traveler himself.

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Upon a Sleepless Isle / Andrew Fidel Fernando  
New Delhi, India: Pan Macmillan Publishing India Private Limited, 2019  
256p.  
9789389109009  
\$ 15.00 / HB  
338gm.

Dense Green forests in Yala, white-sand coasts in Trincomalee, azure waters off the South Coast, Anuradhapura's ancient temples, and cricket. Civil war, political assassinations, internally displaced communities, industrial-scale corruption. All are Sri Lanka. As are smug bureaucrats, nosy neighbours, and stray dogs with serious axes to grind. Through the eyes of Andrew Fidel Fernando, cricket writer par excellence, both a local and a tourist in his home country, Sri Lanka comes alive as he hurtles down hills in Kandy, breathes in the history at the rock fortress of Sigiriya, grapples with the aftermath of war in Jaffna, and has himself evicted from restaurants near Galle. Weaving through all manner of villages, paddy fields, mountains, jungles and marshlands, and pausing for the pests at grimy guesthouses and the vacationers of luxury hotels, Fernando has the time for every genre of person and wildlife in this chaotic, exquisite, frustrating, bewitching, tumultuous and intoxicating land. Hilariously witty yet wistfully sombre, Upon a Sleepless Isle is the story of a country and a people caught between long historical traditions and global capitalism, resulting in this ingenious paradise.

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