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Anthropology/Archeology

Deities and Demons, Magic and Masks, Part: 1 / Pundit Dr.
Nandadeva Wijesekera
Second Edition
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
xxviii, 152p.
9789553098474
\$ 20.00 / HB
498gm.
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Heritage of Sri Lanka / Pundit Dr. Nandadeva Wijesekera
Second Edition
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
154p.
9786240001137
\$ 30.00 / PB
1030gm.
<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768979>

Art

L.T.P. Manjusri: Artist and Scholar (1902-1982) / Shamil
Wanigaratne

Sri Lanka : Perera-Hussein Publishing House, Mawatha,
Colombo, 2021

239p

9789551723521

\$ 90.00 / HB

1800 gm.

L.T.P. Manjusri was born in 1902 in Aluthgama, a small fishing village near Galle in Southern Sri Lanka, and died a national hero in 1982, having had an extraordinary life. His story is a commentary on the cultural history of 20th Century Sri Lanka. His contribution to art and the history of art spans the previous century to the birth and development of modern art in the country. Manjusri's works are found in many galleries, including the Sapumal Foundation and the National Art Gallery in Colombo, Horniman Museum in London, Kunst Historiches Museum in Vienna, New York Public Library, Columbia University Library, Metropolitan Museum in New York and in numerous private collections. After giving up robes in 1949, he worked as a journalist at Lake House Newspapers until his retirement in 1968. He wrote more than 200 articles pertaining to temple paintings, Asian art and culture. Recognized both in Sri Lanka and internationally, his many accolades include the Ramon Magsasay Award. He died a national hero.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=756212>

Biography/Memoirs

Exploring India : Fifty Years of South Asian Adventure / Rajiva Wijesinha

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021

224p.

9786240011822

\$ 22.00 / PB

322gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768981>

My 'Pera'deniya / Sarath Edirisinghe

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

xiv, 242p.

9786240005418

\$ 20.00 / PB

366gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768982>

Education

Ruptures in Sri Lanka's Education : Genesis, Present Status and Reflections / Panduka Karunanayake (Foreword) Sasanka

Perera

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021

288p.

Includes Bibliography

9789553117793

\$ 30.00 / PB

330gm.

In this compilation of 25 essays on Sri Lanka's education written over a span of about 15 years, Panduka Karunanayake captures the momentous changes in the field through almost two centuries through a telescopic lens, and delves into its current main problems through a wide-angle lens. How exactly

are education, society and economics entwined? What is the current status of the Kannangara reforms? What is the role of the private sector in university education? What is the role of the university in society? Karunanayake analyses these issues with a keen eye for detail and a broad approach covering several disciplines, while also retaining in the background the focus on secular trends and global changes. These thought-provoking essays, backed up by richly detailed endnotes and an extensive bibliography, would capture the interest of everyone with an irrepressible concern about how education can contribute towards – and why it has singularly failed in – Sri Lanka’s nation-building.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768983>

History

Freedom Struggles of Sri Lanka : Lessons Learned and the Way Forward / Madduma Bandar, C.M. (et al.)

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

xxxvi, 532p.

Includes Index

English and Sinhalese Language

97862400089083

\$ 60.00 / HB

2020gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768984>

The Assassination of President Premadasa of Sri Lanka /
Professor Ravindra Fernando

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2021

Viii, 104p.

9786242050010

\$ 15.00 / PB

166gm.

Political assassinations have occurred in human history more than one could write about in volumes. Such assassination will

more often than not be a recurrence in the future. Almost all political assassinations have been surrounded by mystery and lathered in various conspiracy theories. A cloud of doubt always surrounds the assassin or the parties that mastermind such a crime. President Ranasinghe Premadasa's assassination on 1st May 1993 by a suicide bomber is no different. The author has documented here the assassination, the investigation, the identity of the alleged assassin and subsequent events.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768985>

A Ballad to a Traitor : A Collection of Published and Unpublished Essays on History / Sarath Edirisinghe
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019

180p.

9786240004428

\$ 18.00 / PB

276gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768986>

A Man Called "Ceylon" : Heritage Is What You Make Of It /
Somasiri Devendra

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

240p.

9786240007740

\$ 24.00 / PB

420gm.

Heritage is what you make of it...

It is something your parents, your country, your culture, your environment gifted you. What does one do with this gift?

Examine it, understand it, add to it and infuse new life into it.

These reminiscences, investigations and fantasies were written over many years, mainly in search of the outer reaches of heritage.

Written at many different times and for different readers, some long and other mere fragments, they are grouped, loosely, under two heads: “Water and watercraft”, which draws upon my mother’s awakening of ‘The watery element’ in me & “Heritage History”, which is my father’s legacy. I hope they make sense.

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Law

The Law for the Conservation of Forests and Wildlife in Sri Lanka : A Modest Introduction to the Laws Governing the Protection, Management and Development of Forest and Wildlife Resources in Sri Lanka / H. Lalith A. Gamage (Translator) S. Medawewa

Rajagiriya: H. Lalith A. Gamage, 2020

xxxii, 226p.

9789557115313

\$ 35.00 / PB

498gm.

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Literature

An Untold Story : A Novel / Kamala Wijeratne

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

168p.

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Aura / Kathleen Jayawardene (Translator) Galpothugoda

Sudath Chandra

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021

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Sasadawatha / (Ed) Coral De Thabrew (Translator) Dr. W.

Vivian De Thabrew

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

160p.

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\$ 15.00 / PB

248gm.

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Hansa Sandesaya / (Translator) Dr. W. Vivian De Thabrew

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021

168p.

9786240008204

\$ 20.00 / PB

230gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768997>

Tisara Sandesa : The Message of the Swan : Fourteenth

Century Sinhala Poems / (Translator) Vini Vitharana

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2016

Xviii, 70p.

9789553075932

\$ 15.00 / PB

180gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768999>

Kokila Sandesa : Message of the Cuckoo : Eighteenth Century

Sinhala Poem / (Translator) Vini Vitharana

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

xii, 104p.

\$ 15.00 / PB

226gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=769000>

Official Publications

External Trade Statistics Sri Lanka 2019/
Sri Lanka : Colombo: Statistics Division, Department of Sri
Lanka Customs,Sri Lanka 2021

1v.

9789554620117

\$ 225.00 / PB

3000 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768106>

Statistical Abstract 2020 [Sri Lanka]/
Sri Lanka : Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of
Finance, Sri Lanka 2021

xxxiii, 446p.

9789557022031

\$ 120.00 / PB

1300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=768107>

Politics

Implications of COVID-19 Pandemic for South Asia : Civil
Society Perspectives / (Eds) Nimmi Jayathilake, Shavini De
Silva & Ayodhya Amarajeewa

Colombo: Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, 2021

xvi, 252p.

9789558051535

\$ 30.00 / HB

432gm.

This book, a collective effort of GPPAC (Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict)-South Asia members, consists of nine chapters. The first three chapters focus on the impact on democratic governance in South Asia, multilateralism and regional cooperation. Other six chapters audit country situations and civil society interventions in Sri

Lanka, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, India and Afghanistan. These chapters highlight the importance of positive civil society interventions in generating policies that are more effective, equitable and gender-sensitive that should be capable and influential enough to mobilise societal capacities in order to mitigate adverse social, economic and political effects of the pandemic and to shape the direction of post-COVID South Asia.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=769003>

Religion – Buddhism

Concept of Punna In Early Buddhism / D. Saddhasena

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

272p.

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\$ 20.00 / PB

380gm.

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Some Religious Experiences / Prof. Risiman Amarasinghe

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

140p.

9786240007528

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190gm.

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