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### **Anthropology / Archaeology**

Sigiri Graffiti : Being Sinhalese Verses of the Eight, Ninth and Tenth Centuries,  
Volume I : Introduction and Plates / S. Paranavitana  
London, UK: Oxford University Press (for Government of Ceylon), 1956 (Reprint  
1982), 2021 (Reprint)

1v.

\$ 100.00/ HB

1924gm.

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Conservation and Management of Heritage: Alternative Theoretical Reflections  
(Selected Papers)/ Gamini Wijesuriya (Ed-in-Chief) Senarath Bandara Dissanaake  
Colombo: Department of Archaeology, 2020

256p.

Includes Bibliography

ISSN: 1800-0894

Ancient Ceylon Series No. 26, 2020

\$ 70.00 / HB

1164gm.

Ancient Ceylon is the official Scientific Journal of the Department of Archaeology of the Government of Sri Lanka being published since 1971. The Journal is dedicated to disseminating the research results of the department by its staff as well as the on related subjects by the scholars outside.

This volume of the Journal dedicated Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya on 'Conservation and Management of Heritage - Alternate Theoretical Reflections' containing a selection of papers written and published internationally over the last 20 years.

Dr. Gamini Wijesuriya was Director (Architectural Conservation) in the Department and later became the first Asian to hold an International Civil Servant position (2004-2017) at the International Centre for the Study of Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) the prestigious international inter-governmental body created by UNESCO in 1956 to promote conservation of cultural heritage worldwide. He has gained an international acclaim thanks of his work at international level on World Heritage and leading other innovative work such as living heritage and promoting People-centered Approaches to Conservation and management of culture and nature which are currently gaining an international recognition.

As reflected in all his writings, the most remarkable characteristic is the influence and application of his work and experience in Sri Lanka. In the process, he has not only placed the Sri Lankan experiences on the world map through these papers but also has contributed to the advancement of the international heritage discourse. Among other things, his major projects while serving in the Department include the restoration of the Temple of the Tooth Relic, the most sacred sites for Buddhists and World Heritage site bombed by the LTTE in 1998. As a project Manager of ICCROM (2004-2018), he has involved in international activities including research and capacity building of heritage practitioners worldwide.

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## Art

Symphony of Serendib : Cascading Through the Sri Lankan Wild / Erich Joseph  
Malabe: Eric Joseph, 2019

1v.

9786249554306

\$ 150.00 / HB

2095gm.

Symphony of Serendib is Erich Josephs debut collection of wildlife photography. A passionate wildlife photographer since 2011, Erich has travelled far and wide in Sri Lanka to witness and capture the beauty of Sri Lanka. The photo journal consists of over 200 wildlife and nature photographs with action shots of wildlife and a spectacular visually pleasing journey into Sri Lanka's unique wilderness from the highest region in the country towards the coastline. Highlights of his photo journey include rare footage of the Bay-backed Shrike, Oriental Turtle-dove, Ruddy Shelduck, Otters and Leopards of Horton Plains & Udawalawe National Park as well as the iconic Tuskers of Sri Lanka.

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The Pearl: Unseen Moments of Sri Lanka's Wilderness / Wasiru Rasu Gajaman  
Walasgala: Wasiru Rasu Gajaman, 2021

240p.

9786249758605

\$ 150.00 / HB

1618gm.

Book Details:

**The Pearl is Wasiri Rasu Gajaman's first coffee table book, a collection of stunning nature and wildlife photographs, shot in Sri Lanka. He has been involved with photography since 2005 and has visited many scenic, hidden locations in Sri Lanka. He has explored the country from Point of Dondra to Point Pedru and from deep sea to the highest mountain in Central Highlands.** He also has visited many national parks, sanctuaries, nature reserves and protected forests in the island. His photography methods include black and white photography, color photography, macro photography, aerial photography and underwater photography. As a result he is the owner of some thousands of photographs of elusive animals and rare behaviors. Some stunning 200 photographs are included in this book with a little description of the common name, scientific name and camera details etc.

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An Investigation of the Appearance of Surrealism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Sri Lankan Paintings : With Reference to an Analysis of the Paintings of L.T.P. Manjusri / Namal Avanthi Jayasinghe

Colombo: The Contemporary of Art and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka, 2021

84p.

Includes Bibliography

9786249724006

\$ 30.00 / PB

474gm.

**"Noticing the monk's enthusiasm, Bose encouraged him to try his hand at painting. Now, drawing upon his imagination for subjects, Manjusri began to paint. Bose was surprised at his talent, seeing in his pictures an association with the works of artists of the modern schools of painting in the West.**

On vacation in Ceylon in 1934, Manjusri put his newly developed artistic ability to test. He began to make copies of temple murals, first at the Sunandarama Vihara at Ambalangoda where he had seen and been impressed by a painting of dancing figures. Living in the temple compound, he spent twenty-one days tracing the painting, recording details and making careful notes of broken or destroyed portions, and he took another month reproducing the work in color. He returned to Santiniketan with copies of seven murals. Tagore, who had taken up painting at the age of sixty eight, was having an exhibition of his work at the school. Seeing Manjusri's copies he insisted that one side of the exhibition room be reserved to display these temple murals. The reproductions of the temple paintings caused a sensation at Santiniketan, revealing a previously unknown treasure trove of Sri Lankan religious art. Although historians were aware of the 5th century Sinhalese wall paintings at Sigiriya, which were roughly contemporary with the period of the great cave paintings of Ajanta, little if anything was known of the Sri Lankan temple murals created during the period of Buddhist revival in the 18th and 19th centuries. These paintings, appreciated locally more for their moral and religious teachings than for their artistic merit, were crumbling away due to neglect and decay, or were being over painted by zealous benefactors who wished to modify temple interiors. The 18th and 19th century murals represented a continuation of the traditions of Buddhist art started under royal patronage by trained artists in earlier centuries. They had been executed by rural artists who interpreted the stories of the life of the Buddha and the Jataka tales that depicted events in his previous births, with accretions of contemporary life and folk traditions. Harry Pieris, the Ceylonese Director of the Tagore School of Art, became interested in Manjusri's copies, both as works of art and as priceless replicas of a vanishing tradition of religious art. When Manjusri wanted to present his mural copies to Santiniketan, Pieris told him that the works should go back to Sri Lanka and bought the paintings from him for that purpose, offering him a sizeable sum of money. Pieris continued to encourage him in his study of art and sponsored his trip to Darjeeling to see and purchase Nepalese and Tibetan Buddhist art objects available there."

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In Search of Persian Blue / Sarath Chandrajeewa  
Colombo: The Contemporary of Art and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka, 2021  
50p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9786249870307  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
328gm.

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**Biography/Memoirs**

I Faced It All : Episodes From My Public Service Career (1960-2019) / K.C. Logeswaran  
Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2021  
xxiv, 960p.  
9789556597677  
\$ 45.00 / HB  
1352gm.

The autobiography of a civil servant who started his career as divisional Revenue Office and going on to be a Government Agent, Ministry Secretary, Diplomat and ended his career as the 10th Governor of North Western Province. The book covers Mr. K C Logeswaran story, a long and distinguished career in the Sri Lanka Administrative service.

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My Innings – Roshan Mahanama : Retired Hurt to the Best View of the Game / Roshan Mahanama, Ken Piesse & Ashan Peiris  
Sri Lanka: Darshana Publishers, 2021  
xx, 436p.  
9786245771004  
\$ 30.00 / HB  
768gm.

Former Sri Lanka cricketer and ICC match referee Roshan Mahanama's autobiography takes us on journey from his early childhood, playing school cricket, challenges as a teenager and breaking into the national side. In addition to his cricketing journey, it also elaborates on personal milestones highlights his experiences, thoughts, and opinions in retrospect of enjoying the Best View of the Game as an ICC Elite Panel Match Referee, an Administrator, a Coach and most importantly as a Father, a Grandfather and a Responsible citizen of the country. It explore his diverse capabilities, as a coach, as a commentator and as an Elite Panel international match referee. We also get to see his deep connection with charitable causes which are dear to his heart and his extensive social work.

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J R Jayewardene's Racism, Cold War Posturing and the Indian Debacle / Rajiva Wijesinha

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

224p.

9786240013871

\$ 25.00 / PB

296gm.

This account of JR Jayewardene's political life is a unique departure in Sri Lanka, for we have no tradition of analytical biography. This book tries to fill the void, by analysis of the first Executive President of Sri Lanka who ignored all principles in creating a constitution designed to perpetuate his power. The corrosive effect of ad hoc amendments, including to the electoral system, has not been thoroughly examined, but should be in view of the increasingly hopeless situation in which this country finds itself.

The book also examines the racist streak he displayed from the start, as well as his obsequiousness to more powerful countries. Unfortunately this led to adventurism with regard to India which forcefully cut him down to size. The effects of that intervention are with us still.

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### **Ecology/Environment**

A Photographic Field Guide to the Amphibians of Sri Lanka / Anslem de Silva, Kaniskha Ukuwela & Dian Chathuranga (Ed) Krystyna Mayer

UK: John Beaufoy Publishing Ltd, 2021

248p.

9781913679118

\$ 45.00 / PB

666gm.

A Photographic Field Guide to the Amphibians of Sri Lanka is a complete guide to the 120 species of frog, toad and caecilian found in Sri Lanka. Extinct species are also listed for completeness. With photographs from the authors, each species is illustrated with many variants. The general introduction includes details of the climate, geography and vegetation of the island, key characteristics that can be used in the identification of amphibians, information on amphibian conservation in Sri Lanka, a brief introduction to folklore and where to look for amphibians. The species descriptions include the common English name, the current scientific name, the

vernacular name in Sinhala, a brief history of the species, a description with identification features, and details of habitat, habits and distribution (in Sri Lanka and outside the country). Key external identification features, such as body form, skin texture and colouration, are provided, to help in the identification of an animal in the field.

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### **Economics**

Nature-Based Tourism and Nature Conservation: An Economic Perspective / Dr. Kanesh Suresh

Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2021

xiv, 74p

Includes Index

9789556597714

\$ 15.00 / PB

142gm.

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### **History**

The Dress of Women in Sri Lanka / Ayesha Wickramasinghe

Colombo: The National Science Foundation (NSF), 2021

280p.

Includes Bibliography

9786249700109

\$ 100.00 / HB

1344gm.

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The Great Days of Colombo: A Journey of Colombo Through Time as Never Seen Before / Asiff Hussein

Battaramulla: Neptune Publications Pvt Ltd, 2021

822p.

9786245583669

\$ 150.00 / HB

2856gm.

"The Great Days of Colombo" is by far the most comprehensive work on the City of Colombo. This profusely illustrated and compelling work tells the story of how

Colombo originated as a simple Moorish port to become what it is today, a bustling city full of life and color. The evolution of the city is traced in much detail and its rich history vividly described. The book covers each zone of Colombo including the growth and evolution of that particular zone over time. It also traces the origins of place names, street names and covers the main landmarks of each zone as well as businesses and prominent residences.

The work is illustrated with over 800 rare, vintage monochrome and color photographs including by renowned photographers, numerous sketches, paintings and artists impressions that add to the great story that is Colombo.

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Laos and Sri Lanka: Historical and Social Relations / Hema Goonatilake

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

84p.

Includes Index

9786240011679

\$ 20.00 / PB

266gm.

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Pali Commentaries and Sri Lankan Society: An Introductory Note / Chandana Jayawardana & Wijerathne Bohingamuwa.

Colombo: Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, 2021

xvi, 276p.

Science and Technology in Ancient Sri Lanka (STASL) Publication Series, Volume I

9786245697007

1. Sri Lanka – History.

2. Buddhist literature.

\$ 50.00 / HB

454gm.

Quartoseptcentennial Commemorative Volumes to Honour the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka 1845-2020

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791734>

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History of Mathematics in Sri Lanka / Chandana Jayawardana

Colombo: Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, 2021

xvi, 224p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

Science and Technology in Ancient Sri Lanka (STASL) Publication Series, Volume II



9786245697014

1. Sri Lanka – History.
2. Mathematics – Sri Lanka – History.

\$ 50.00 / HB

400gm.

Quartoseptcentennial Commemorative Volumes to Honour the 175th Anniversary Celebrations of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka 1845-2020

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791735>

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History of Machines and Manufacturing in Sri Lanka / Chandana Jayawardana  
Colombo: Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka, 2021

xvi, 232p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

Science and Technology in Ancient Sri Lanka (STASL) Publication Series, Volume III

9786245697021

1. Sri Lanka – History.
2. Buddhism and science – Sri Lanka.

\$ 50.00 / HB

408gm.

Quartoseptcentennial Commemorative Volumes to Honour the 175th Anniversary Celebrations of the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka 1845-2020

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791736>

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The Conflict That Eluded Peace: A Discourse On The Three-Decade War In Sri Lanka And Its End / General (Rtd.) Shantha Kottegoda

Nugegoda: General (Rtd.) Shantha Kottegoda, 2021

396p.

Includes Bibliography

9786249849501

\$ 60.00 / HB

672gm.

**General Shantha Kottegoda, retired from the sri lanka army as the 17th commander in december 2005 with a distinguished military career spanning almost 36 years during which many key appointments were held in all areas of defence, intelligence, peace keeping and conflict resolution.**

The military career was followed by a diplomatic mission representing sri lanka as the ambassador of sri lanka to brazil and subsequently to thailand and accredited to

laos & cambodia. He also served as the secretary of defence to the ministry of defence sri lanka in 2019, soon after the tragedy that occurred on easter sunday. A topic which has been widely discussed and interpreted in the recent history of sri lanka is the deadliest armed conflict between the sri lankan armed forces and the liberation tigers of tamil eelam (ltte). Having served in nearly all parts of the island and played a very positive role in the defence of the nation in all conflicts that have plagued the country since 1971, general. Kottegoda provides an analytical discourse on the reasons which led to the conflict, challenges, personal experiences and lessons learned, with the hope that never again will the silenced guns be heard. With this rich discussion of unknown insights into a war that kept dodging "peace", interspersed with witty anecdotes and endearing memories, general kottegoda aims to contribute to the military history of sri lanka and also endeavors to remember honorable men, women and people who seem to have been forgotten between the pages of history.

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Cultural Heritage Tourism in Sri Lanka: An Introduction / Dr. Sivesan

Sivanandamoorthy

Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2021

xiv, 100p.

9789556597530

\$ 20.00 / PB

200gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791738>

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## **Law**

Digest: Recent Developments of Criminal Law (With Related Other Laws – Supreme Court and Appeal Court: Unreported Judgements (2010 to 2020)/ (Compiled)

Premarathna Jayasinghe

Colombo: Premarathna Jayasinghe, 2021

2v. Includes Supplementary DVD

Volume I: 9786249875807

Volume II: 9786249875814

\$ 200.00 (Set)/ HB

2232gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791741>

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Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka / Jayampathy Wickramaratne  
Third Edition

Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd, 2021

lx, 1236p. ; 25cm.

9551131061

\$ 150.00 / HB

2002gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791743>

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The Acts of Sri Lanka, 2021: Nos. 01-30

Colombo: Department of Government Printing, Government of Sri Lanka, 2022

1v.

\$ 50.00 / HB

774gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791676>

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### **Literature**

Closing Time and Other stories / Alagu Subramaniam (Ed) Sivagowri Rajashanthan

Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2021

xvi, 122p.

9789556597417

\$ 12.00 / PB

192gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791745>

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Banishment and Belonging: Exile and Diaspora in Sarandib, Lanka and Ceylon /  
Ronit Ricci

Colombo: Tambapanni Academic Publishers, 2021

xvi, 284p.; 24 fig.; 3 maps ; 21cm.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9786245529025

1. Malay Literature- Sri Lanka – History and Criticism
2. Exile (Punishment) in Literature

\$ 35.00 / PB

438gm.

First Published in 2019 by Cambridge University Press

Lanka, Ceylon, Sarandib: merely three disparate names for a single island? Perhaps. Yet the three diverge in the historical echoes, literary cultures, maps and memories they evoke. Names that have intersected and overlapped – in a treatise, a poem, a document – only to go their own ways. But despite different trajectories, all three are tied to narratives of banishment and exile. Ronit Ricci suggests that the island served as a concrete exilic site as well as a metaphor for imagining exile across religions, languages, space and time: Sarandib, where Adam was banished from Paradise; Lanka, where Sita languished in captivity; and Ceylon, faraway island of exile for Indonesian royalty under colonialism. Utilizing Malay manuscripts and documents from Sri Lanka, Javanese chronicles, and Dutch and British sources, Ricci explores histories and imaginings of displacement related to the island through a study of the Sri Lankan Malays and their connections to an exilic past.

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### **Official Publication**

Budget Estimates 2022, Volume I – III (3V): Fiscal Year 2022 [Sri Lanka]  
Colombo: Ministry of Finance, 2022

1v.

\$ 495.00 / PB

4616gm.

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Sri Lanka Budget Speech 2022 : Fiscal Year 2022

Colombo: Ministry of Finance, 2022

1v.

\$ 15.00 / PB

224gm.

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Paddy Statistics 2019: Yala Season

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, 2021

1v.

9789557022369

\$ 15.00 / PB

112gm.

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Paddy Statistics 2020/2021: Maha Season  
Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, 2021

1v.

9786245919390

\$ 15.00 / PB

114gm.

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National Accounts of Sri Lanka 2019

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, 2021

1v.

\$ 50.00 / PB

286gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791655>

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Sri Lanka Labour Force Survey: Annual Report 2020 (With Provincial and District Level Data)

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Economic Policies and Plan Implementation, 2021

1v.

9789557021874

\$ 50.00 / PB

344gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791657>

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Survey of Construction Industries: Final Report 2018/19 [Sri Lanka]

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, State Ministry of Economic and Policy Development, 2021

1v.

9786245919406

\$ 30.00 / PB

106gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791658>

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2019 Annual Survey of Industry [Sri Lanka]

Battaramulla: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Economic Policies and Plan Implementation, 2020

1v.

\$ 40.00 / PB

294gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791659>

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### **Politics**

Muslim in Post-War Sri Lanka: Repression, Resistance and Reform / (Ed) Shreen Abdul Saroor

Sri Lanka: Alliance for Minorities, 2021

xii, 228p.

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\$ 35.00 / PB

310gm.

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### **Religion-Buddhism**

Pranama: Essays in Commemoration of K. N. Jayatilleke / (Ed) R.D. Gunaratne

Sri Lanka: K. N. Jayatilleke Commemoration Volume Publication Committee, 2021

182p.

Includes Bibliography

9786249816602

\$ 20.00 / HB

530gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791765>

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Buddhism Among the Tamils: Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka / Siva Thiagarajah

Colombo: Kumaran Book House, 2021

152p.

9789556597462

\$ 18.00 / PB

188gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791766>

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### **Religion-Christianity**

Catholic Chilaw : A Brief Sketch of the History of the Catholic Church in Chilaw / E.

Aloysius Fernando (Ed) Romesh Nonis

Second Edition

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

9786240011938

\$ 15.00 / PB

186gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=791767>

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Catholicism in Jaffna: A Brief Sketch of its History from the Earliest Times to the Present Day / Rev. S. Gnana Prakasar O. M. I (Ed) Romesh Nonis

Second Edition

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

52p.

9786240011990

\$ 12.00 / PB

100gm.

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## **Travel**

Around and About the Mediterranean / Rajiva Wijesinha

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

9786240013239

232p.

\$ 25.00 / PB

312gm.

Around and About the Mediterranean covers journeys over half a century to Southern Europe, Northern Africa, and the Levant from Jordan up to Turkey. It also includes travels to the Balkans, Yugoslavia in 1972 and then the separate countries of the former Yugoslavia in the last five years.

Bringing together the Classical and the Christian and the Islamic cultures of the region makes for a fascinating read for it shows the intermingling that has made the Mediterranean so productive of ideas as well as artefacts. In addition, the book shares with readers the sheer joy of travel, the wonders seen and the pleasure of strenuous exploring followed by relaxation in scenic surroundings. There are several colour pictures as well as black and white ones to illustrate each section.

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