

## Recent Books from/on Myanmar – April 2023

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### Anthropology

Wider Bagan : Ancient and Living Buddhist Traditions / Elizabeth H. Moore  
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2023  
xvi, 456p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography  
9789814951197

1. Buddhist antiquities – Myanmar – Pagan.
2. Pagan (Myanmar) – History

\$ 50.00 / PB  
1494gm.

Wider Bagan: Ancient and Living Buddhist Traditions is the first book to define the area outside the renowned Buddhist capital where vestiges of Bagan era cultural traditions can be found. From nearly six hundred attributes inventoried in Wider Bagan, thematic and geographical analysis of the Wider Bagan data reveals a related but different trajectory from that of the capital. The Sasana of the court was honoured, and though its economy profited many places across Wider Bagan, local resilience was foremost. While the capital and Wider Bagan existed in relation to each other, their aims and narratives differed. Much has been written about Bagan, but little attention on the ground has been devoted to areas beyond the capital. These places have stories to tell—ones of the past and of the present—that are narrated in this book.

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### Art

Burmese Silver from the Colonial Period / Alexandra Green  
London, UK: Ad Ilissvm (Paul Holbertson Publishing), 2022  
296p.

Includes Bibliography  
9781912168279  
\$ 80.00 / HB  
1854gm.

**A stunning catalog of an exceptional collection of rare Burmese silver.** What is the best way to understand Burmese silver? Many publications focus on names, dates, places, and stories that identify the who, when, where, and what. Southeast Asian art specialist Alexandra Green argues, however, that too few pieces provide reliable information about silversmiths, production locations, and dates to allow for a comprehensive understanding of the subject. Instead, Green's close examination of silver patterns reveals strong links with Burmese art history, connections with contemporary artistic trends, and participation within the wider world of silversmithing reaching as far back as the Bagan period in the eleventh to thirteenth centuries. Many studies of Burmese

silver have been plagued by a lack of understanding of the Burmese context. In contrast, Green examines silver from a local perspective, drawing on Burmese texts and information that allows for a nuanced view of the motifs, designs, and patterns that appear repetitively on silver pieces. Accompanied by detailed photographs and explanatory texts, this groundbreaking volume proposes a new way of looking at Burmese silver.

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Unseen Burma : Early Photography 1862-1962 / Thweep Rittinaphakorn (Ed) Narisa Chakrabongse  
Bangkok: River Books Press, 2023

240p.

Includes Index

9786164510678

\$ 50.00 / PB

1172gm.

A rare and stunning photographic record of a bygone era from the personal collection of Thai scholar Thweep Rittinaphakorn (Ake). Unseen Burma showcases a collection of rare, and rarely seen, colonial and post-colonial photographs of Burma (Myanmar). With some 350 photographs accompanied by detailed and thoroughly researched captions, this book unveils the lives and landscapes of a bygone era in a country once known as "the golden land".

Burma is rich in history and culture. During the colonial era, it was considered an "exotic land" that extended eastwards from India, then under the rule of the British Raj. When the British colonized Burma, they brought with them the latest technology in cameras and photographic reproduction and, since these were introduced to Burma as early as the middle of the 19th century, Burma is also a country richly catalogued and photographed. The new technology was first popularized by western practitioners (Germans, Italians, and, of course, British) and upper-class patrons but then gradually spread out to the mass market. The use of photography throughout the British colonial period propelled the production of a vast photographic record of Burma, creating awe-inspiring impressions of its people, culture, myriad ways of life, colonial society and varied scenery. Carefully selected, curated and captioned from the personal collection of Thai scholar Thweep Rittinaphakorn (Ake), who has written and lectured extensively on Burmese culture, these photographs cover 100 fascinating years of Burmese history.

As such, Unseen Burma takes readers from the beginning of Burma's colonial era through to the hopeful first years of independence, creating a stunning visual journey across a century of history, story and memory.

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## History

A Study of the Leadership skills of Ancient Myanmar Monarchs (The Second Myanmar Proper) / Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing

Myanmar : SMART Publishing House, 2018

180p.; 22cm.

9789997192127

\$ 25.00 / PB

200gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=467727>

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A Study of the Leadership skills of Ancient Myanmar Monarchs (The First Myanmar Proper) / Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing

Myanmar : SMART Publishing House, 2017

146p.; 22cm.

\$ 25.00 / PB  
200gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=221041>

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#### Official Publications

Myanmar Agricultural Statistics (2013-2014 to 2021-2022)  
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Planning and Finance,  
2023

1v.

\$ 90.00 / PB  
600gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=846230>

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Myanmar Agricultural Statistics (2011-2012 to 2019-2020)  
Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Planning and Finance,  
2023

1v.

\$ 90.00 / PB  
600gm.

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Gender Statistics in Myanmar 2022

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: Central Statistical Organization, Ministry of Planning and Finance,  
2023

1v.

\$ 45.00 /PB  
300gm.

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Myanmar Statistical Yearbook 2021/ Central Statistical Organization

Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar: Central Statistical Organization, 2021

683p.

\$ 165.00 / PB  
1600gm.

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