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Architecture

NUS Design 2010

Singapore: Department of Architecture, School of Design and Environment, NUS, 2010
304p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810867232

\$ 35.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126079>

Cookery

Cooking for the President: Reflections & Recipes of Mrs. Wee Kim Wee / Wee Eng Hwa

Singapore: Wee Eng Hwa, 2010

xxi. 522p. ; 30cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810836771 (HB)

\$ 90.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126080>

Economics/Development Studies

How Asia Can Share the World: From the Era of Plenty to the Era of Scarcities / Jorgen Orstrom Moller

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2011

ix. 540p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311335

\$ 49.90

Asia will redraw the map of economic progress over the next twenty-five years. Growth is necessary to solve economic and social problems, but harder to achieve as the age of plenty gives way to the age of scarcities. The challenge opens the doors for an Asian economic model based on shifting of productivity for the individual to groups, ecological productivity instead of economic productivity, and a reversal to traditional Asian values - less materialistic than Western values. A new paradigm for economic thinking emerges to replace the one launched in the West 200 years ago.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126081>

Invisible Gold in Asia: Creating Wealth through Intellectual Property / David Llewelyn
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Business, 2010

xv. 319p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789812618900

1. Intellectual property – Asia
2. Industrial property – Asia

\$ 28.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126082>

Pursuing Green Growth in Asia and the Pacific / Rae Kwon Chung

Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia, 2010

340p.

ISBN-13: 9789814253925 (HB)

\$ 59.90

The Asia-Pacific region is experiencing the fastest economic growth among the regions of the world. Yet, economic growth in its current form is placing enormous pressure on the environmental carrying capacity of the region. Unless this is properly checked, the environmental carrying capacity for future generations will be seriously compromised. Despite the increasing environmental pressure arising from economic growth, it is only through economic growth that the nations of the region can reduce poverty and improve environmental management. Therefore, the challenge is not to limit economic growth but to convert it into an environmentally sustainable form. In other words, the region has to turn away from the conventional 'Grow First, Clean Up Later' paradigm and move towards the 'green growth' paradigm which harmonises economic growth with environmental sustainability.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126083>

Money, Islamic Banks and Real Economy / Abdul Ghafar Ismail

Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia, 2009

552p.

ISBN-13: 9789814253994

\$ 69.95

This book is intended to develop some important discourses on three important subjects, that is, money, Islamic banks and the real economy. The discussion on money will highlight the role of money as capital. It starts with an understanding of why money is so important to the smooth functioning of the economy and how it improves human well-being, we need to understand exactly what money is. To quantify the impact of money on the economy, we need to be able to measure it. The goal of these discussions is to understand what the concept of money is, how we use it, how we measure it and how we channel it to Islamic banking.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126084>

Education

Preserving Cultural Identity through Education: The Schools of the Chinese Community in Calcutta, India / Zhang Xing

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2010

ix. 88p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814279871

1. Chinese – India – Calcutta – Ethnic identity
2. Chinese – Education – India – Calcutta
3. Chinese diaspora
4. China – Emigration and immigration
5. India – Emigration and immigration

\$ 14.90

Immigrants from China started settling in Calcutta, the British capital of colonial India, from the late eighteenth century. Initially, the immigrant community comprised of male workers, many of whom sojourned between China and India. Only in the early twentieth century was there a large influx of women and children from China. To address the educational needs of the children - both immigrant and locally-born - several Chinese-medium primary and middle schools were established in Calcutta by the community in the 1920s and 1930s. Using many hitherto unexplored textual sources and interviews in India, China, and Canada, this detailed and unprecedented study examines the history and significance of these Chinese-medium schools. It focuses on the role they played in preserving Chinese cultural identity not only through the use of educational curricula and textbooks imported from China, but also with the emphasis on the need to return to the ancestral homeland for higher education. This study also breaks new ground by examining the impact of political and other factionalism within the community as well as the India-China conflict of 1962 that resulted in the closure of most of the Chinese-medium schools in Calcutta by the 1980s.

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Empowering Metacognition Through Social-Emotional Learning: Lessons for the Classroom / Jessie Ee

Singapore: Cengage Learning Asia, 2009

300p.

ISBN-13: 9789814253932

\$ 39.90

In this globalised, knowledge-based economy where change is the only constant, teachers need to be effective and reflective thinkers, and learners need to be flexible, resilient, adaptive and self-regulated in order to keep up with constant changes. Besides teaching and empowering students to be independent and self-regulated learners, this book is aimed at assisting teachers to understand the processes involved in infusing metacognition through social-emotional learning (SEL) as well as providing various lessons that teachers may wish to use in class. Teachers are free to modify these lessons to suit their students' needs. It is hoped that students will inculcate the five core SEL competencies such as self-awareness, self-control, relationship management, social awareness and responsible decision-making, and develop their character and values in life from these lessons.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126086>

History

Wang Gungwu: Junzi: Scholar-Gentleman in Conversation with Asad-ul Iqbal Latif / Wang Gungwu

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2010

xvii. 261p. ; 22cm.

1. Wang, Gungwu, 1930-
2. Scholars – Australia – Biography
3. Historians – Australia – Biography

ISBN-13: 9789814311526 (PB)

\$ 29.90

ISBN-13: 9789814311533 (HB)

\$ 49.90

This book of interviews with Professor Wang Gungwu, published to felicitate him on his 80th birthday in 2010, seeks to convey to a general audience something of the life, times and thoughts of a leading historian, Southeast Asianist, Sinologist and public intellectual. The interviews flesh out Professor Wang's views on being Chinese in Malaya; his experience of living and working in Malaysia, Singapore and Australia; the Vietnam War; Hong Kong and its return to China; the rise of China; Taiwan, Japan and India's place in the emerging scheme of things; and on the United States in an age of terrorism and war. The book includes an interview with his wife, Mrs Margaret Wang, on their life together for half a century. Two interviews by scholars on Professor Wang's work are also included, as are his curriculum vitae and a select bibliography of his works.

What comes across in this book is how Professor Wang was buffeted by feral times and hostile worlds but responded to them as a left-liberal humanist who refused to cut ideological corners. This book records his response to tumultuous times on hindsight, but with a keen sense of having lived through the times of which he speaks.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126087>

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=125486>

Good Morning Cher!/ Angeline Chan

Singapore: Candid Creation Publishing LLP, 2010

110p. ; 18cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810855710

1. Chan, Angeline, 1982-
2. Teachers – Singapore – Biography
3. Teaching – Singapore

\$ 12.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126088>

Country Madness: An English Country Diary of a Singaporean Psychiatrist / Ong Yong Lock

Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte. Ltd., 2010

80p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810854324

1. Ong, Yong Lock
2. Psychiatrists – England – Norfolk – Biography
3. Singaporeans – England – Norfolk – Biography
4. Norfolk (England) – Social life and customs
5. Norfolk (England) – Biography – Humor

\$ 19.50

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126089>

The Accidental Conductor / Toh Ban Sheng
Singapore: ARMOUR Publishing Pte. Ltd., 2010
x. 136p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814270861
\$ 15.00

The Accidental Conductor is about the story of a self-made musician. The Young Artist Award recipient of 2006 started out his music career without any formal training until he reached 30 years of age. Although he majored in Physics, his passion for music drove him to take chances with each little opportunity that came his way. He was, perhaps, the only conductor whose choirs have twice won the highest national accolade of Best Choir of the Year without him having a single piano lesson in his life.

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Chinatown Memories / Geraldene Lowe-Ismail
Singapore: Talisman Publishing Pte. Ltd., 2011
First published in 1998
80p. ; 19cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810861100
\$ 16.00

Chinatown Memories is both a memoir and a narrative guide to the vibrant spirit of a bygone Singapore.

Geraldene Lowe-Ismail is the much loved "walking treasure" and heritage tour pioneer in Singapore. Blessed with a rich trove of stories and personal knowledge stretching over 50 years Geraldene delivers a unique insight to the glory and past of one of South East Asia's truly original Chinatown.

With Geraldene and her beloved Amah as your guide, Chinatown Memories will take you through the nooks and crannies, myths and legends of a Chinatown still there in spirit if sadly altered by the march of development and progress.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126091>

Linguistics

English in Singapore: Modernity and Management / Lisa Lim, Anne Pakir & Lionel Wee (Edited)

Singapore: NUS Press, 2010

xiii. 307p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9789971695361

1. English language – Social aspects – Singapore
2. English language – Government policy
3. English language – Study and teaching – Singapore
4. English language – Variation – Singapore

\$ 32.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126092>

Literature

Boom: A Play / Jean Tay
Singapore: Epigram, 2009
vii. 114p. ; 21cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810840174
\$ 12.00

Boo tells the story of an elderly woman and her property agent son in Singapore, who are struggling over the potential en bloc sale of their home. Their destinies become interwoven with that of an idealistic civil servant, Jeremiah, who is facing the greatest challenge of his career – persuading a reluctant corpse to yield its memories.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126093>

Everything but the Brain: A Play / Jean Tay
Singapore: Epigram, 2009
xvii. 110p. ; 21cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810855116
1. Life – Drama
2. Death – Drama
3. Fathers and daughters – Drama
4. Care of the sick – Drama
\$ 12.00

What do Physics, three bears and a stroke have in common? Take a journey with Elaine, a middle-aged Physics teacher, as she explains the theory of relatively using the metaphor of three bears and a train, and devises a plan to turn back time and save her ailing father from physical deterioration.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126094>

Crime Scene: Singapore – The Best of Singapore Crime Fiction / Richard Lord (Edited)
Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte Ltd., 2010
285p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810854379
1. Crime – Singapore – Fiction
2. Short stories, Singaporean (English)
\$ 19.50

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126095>

Alfian Sa'at Collected Plays Two: The Asian Boys Trilogy: Dreamplay Landmarks Happy Endings / Alfian Sa'at
Singapore: Ethos Books: WILD RICE Ltd., 2010
292p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810870416
1. Gays – Singapore – Drama
\$ 24.50

Alfian Sa'at's The Asian Boys Trilogy is a fascinating, insightful tour through the lives and loves of the gay community in Singapore. In the campy and carnivalesque Dreamplay, history is turned upside-down as a goddess travels through time to save gay men from themselves'. In Landmarks, geography takes centre stage, as eight short plays explore the spaces that have been claimed, colonized, and trespassed by those at the margins of the mainstream. In Happy Endings, the playwright's adaptation of the novel Peculiar Chris

evolves into a meditation on the relationship between life and literature. With clear-eyed compassion and eloquent outrage, this collection of plays charts the coming-of-age of a community finding its voice.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126096>

GASPP: A Gay Anthology of Singapore Poetry and Prose / Ng Yi-Sheng, Dominic Chua, Irene Oh & Jasmine Seah (Edited)

Singapore: The Literary Centre, 2010

223p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810868086

1. Singaporean literature
2. Singaporean poetry
3. Gays' writings, Singaporean
4. Gays – Literary collections

\$ 22.00

GASPP is Singapore's first anthology of writers who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and otherwise queer. It's the combined work of 35 authors, translators and editors, who've contributed poetry, short fiction, memoirs, essays and experimental writing in English, Mandarin and Malay.

Between these covers, you'll meet a loving couple struck by HIV, a lesbian lawyer confronted by her past, a voyeur in a New York library, an alarmed government censor, and a bomoh with a magic formula that keeps gay men faithful.

Romantic, sensual, funny and bizarre, these works are a testament to the range of voices that constitute queer literature in Singapore today. Featured writers include Johann S. Lee, Ovidia Yu, Alfian Sa'at, Ng Yi-Sheng and Adrianna Tan.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126097>

Love and Lust in Singapore / Caz Goodwin, Femke Tewari & Joseph Hoye (Edited)

Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte. Ltd., 2010

272p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810861131

1. Love stories
2. Desire – Fiction
3. Families – Fiction

\$ 20.00

Love and Lust in Singapore is a vibrant collection of twenty-four stories that delves into the diverse love lives of the city-state's electric mix of inhabitants, from the prostitute to the migrant worker, the guilt-ridden expatriate to the fantasizing heartlands housewife.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126098>

Best of Southeast Asian Erotica / Richard Lord (Edited)

Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte. Ltd., 2010

263p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810854362

1. Erotic stories, Southeast Asian
2. Erotic stories, English – Southeast Asia
3. Short stories, Southeast Asian

\$ 19.50

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126099>

And the Rain My Drink / Han Suyin
Singapore: Monsoon Books Pte. Ltd., 2010
First published in 1956 by Jonathan Cape
260p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789810844851

1. Malaya – History – Malayan Emergency, 1948-1960 – Fiction
\$ 19.50

First published in 1956, Han Suyin's magnificent novel about the Emergency Period in Malaya and Singapore evokes all the colour and conflict of a land where, in the late 1940s and early 50s, a bitter guerrilla war was fought between communist terrorists hiding out in the Malayan jungles and Malayan, British, Australian and New Zealand armed forces. With infinite sharpness and feeling, Han Suyin writes about the intertwining lives of many people caught up in the clash of powerful forces.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126100>

The Ambassador's Wife / Jake Needham
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2011
361p. ; 20cm.
ISBN-13: 9789814328173

1. Ambassadors' spouses – Fiction
2. Murder – Singapore - Fiction
3. Murder – Thailand – Bangkok – Fiction

\$ 18.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=123460>

Fasten Your Seat Belts: Cabin Crew Confessions/ Boh Tong
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2010
176p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 978981084302173

1. Flight attendants – Singapore – Anecdotes
2. Flight crews – Anecdotes
3. Air travel – Anecdotes
4. Flight attendants – Singapore – Humor
5. Flight crews – Humor
6. Air travel – humor

\$ 16.00

Fasten Your Seat Belts: Cabin Crew Confessions is a no-holds-barred tell-all book packed with tales of sex, lies and alcohol from the narrow aisles of cattle class to the cosseted confines of the cockpit and under starched hotel linen.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126101>

Kebaya Tales: Of Matriarchs, Maidens, Mistresses and Matchmakers / Lee Su Kim
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2011
178p. ; 20cm.

ISBN-13: 9789673035441

1. Malaysian fiction (English)

\$ 16.00

Of matriarchs, maidens, mistresses and matchmaker, Kebaya tales is a delightful collection of short stories teeming with fascinating and interesting characters, unexpected twists and turns, cultural poignant events in the life stories of the Peranakans.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=123458>

Official Publications

Singapore: Report on Registration of Births and Deaths 2009

Singapore: Registry of Births and Deaths, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority, Singapore, 2010

87p. ; 30cm.

ISSN: 0217-278X

\$ 35.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=124801>

Law

The Law of Agency / Tan Cheng Han SC

Singapore: Academy Publishing, 2010

xxxviii. 357p. ; 24cm.

ISBN-13: 9789810856281

Law Practice Series

\$ 70.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=124915>

Politics

The Tiger and the Trojan Horse / Dennis Bloodworth

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2011

499p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814328265

1. People's Action Party (Singapore) – History
2. Communism – Singapore – History
3. Singapore – Politics and government

\$ 19.50

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=123459>

Know Your Asean

2nd Edition

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2010

52p. ; 22cm.

ISBN-13: 9789814311342

1. ASEAN
2. Regionalism (International organization)

\$ 8.00

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=126102>
