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Anthropology/Archaeology

A View From The Highlands : Archaeology and Settlement History of West Sumatra, Indonesia / (Ed) Mai Lin Tjoa-Bonatz
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing, 2020
xxvi, 234p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789814843010

1. Excavations (Archaeology) – Sumatra – Indonesia.
2. Minangkabau (Indonesian people) – Material culture.
3. Minangkabau (Indonesian people) – History.
4. Indonesia.

\$ 40.00 / PB
355gm.

This book analyses the rise of the settlement system in the heartland of the Minangkabau region in the highlands of West Sumatra, Indonesia. It explores the regional settlement pattern arising from Adityavarman's highland interregnum (c. 1347–75), and provides the first attempt to place the archaeological remains and the landscape of Tanah Datar, a fertile plain in the highlands of West Sumatra, in a cultural historic synthesis. The core of this research consisted of excavations at Bukit Gombak and Bukit Kincir. Bukit Gombak was a central place in Adityavarman's kingdom, and provides evidence of the organization and material development of this political entity. Surveys uncovered other settlements that could be examined in relation to each other and to sites from earlier and later periods, and used to sketch out the settlement history of Tanah Datar from prehistoric times to the colonial period. The book consists of detailed studies of metal, ceramics and glass finds by

laboratory-based specialists as well as careful descriptions of stone, clay and other finds.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=680325>

Art

Singapore Shophouse Walks : Chinatown, Blair Plain, Duxton Hill & Tanjong Pagar / Tatyana Kildisheva (Eds) Cynthia Rose & Peta Delahunty

Singapore: Kildi Photo, 2019

236p.

9789811436406

\$ 70.00 / HB

1055gm.

This beautiful photo book leads the reader on a visual and historical journey around Singapore's Chinatown and surrounding areas.

Showcasing the Peranakan culture and architecture, my stunning photos illustrate the text and clear maps show the reader where to find the most picturesque and beautiful Peranakan shophouses and terraced houses around Chinatown, Blair Plain, Duxton Hill and Tanjong Pagar. Reflecting on history and present time the book would make the perfect gift for someone who is visiting or just arrived to Singapore and wants to learn more about local culture. It would also make an unforgettable keepsake for someone who is leaving the country as well as an amazing and thoughtful gift for anyone who resides in Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=681355>

Turning Over an Old Leaf : Contemporary Palm Leaf Work in South and Southeast Asia / (Curators) Mary Austin & Betsy Davids (An Exhibition at the San Francisco Center for the Book, October 25, 2019-January 19, 2020)

San Francisco, CA, USA: San Francisco Center for the Book, 2020

1v.

9781929646173

\$ 50.00 / PB

364gm.

Turning Over An Old Leaf: Contemporary Palm Leaf Work in South and Southeast Asia, an exhibition at San Francisco Center for the Book, looks at new directions in palm leaf work now that printed editions on paper have superseded most of the historical functions of palm leaf manuscripts. Exhibition dates are Friday, October 25, 2019 – Sunday, January 19, 2020. In many South and Southeast Asian cultures, before printing, most books were palm leaf manuscripts: dried palm leaves; each leaf trimmed, incised, and inked by hand; strung on a cord and stacked between wood covers to make a single copy of a book. Now that printed editions have replaced most of the earlier functions of palm leaf manuscripts, the traditional arts of palm leaf survive on different cultural and economic terms. This exhibition shows examples of work by contemporary palm leaf artists across five countries: India, Indonesia (Bali), Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Burma (Myanmar).

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=684685>

Biography

The Master Teacher : My Life and Times / Pon Sundararaju
Singapore: Stamford Press Pte Ltd. 2019

xxv, 119p.

9789811436079

1. Pon Sundararaju – Singapore – Educator – Writer –
Autobiography.

\$ 28.00 / PB

190gm.

Born in 1947, veteran Tamil-language writer and educator Pon Sundararaju has been a regular contributor to Singapore Tamil literature since his first play was aired by the Singaporean Broadcasting Corporation in 1968. His oeuvre to date of over 40 plays for television, 30 plays for radio, numerous short stories and two published collections of short fiction can be read as a modern history of the Tamil community's struggle to maintain their Tamil identity and prosper in twentieth-century Singapore. In 2007, Pon received the Pulamai Thendral award from World Tamils Unity Society, Tamil Nadu, for his literary contributions.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685402>

Communication/Journalism

Making a Difference : 25 Stories that Made an Impact : Highlights from World News Day

Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2019

136p.

9789814827720

1. Reporters and reporting.
2. Journalism – Singapore.
3. Journalism – Pacific Area

\$ 20.00 / PB

216gm.

From the cruel practice of pressuring women workers to remove their wombs just to hold on to their jobs to a report on the medical bill of an elderly which shook up a healthcare system, Making A Difference: 25 Stories That Made An Impact brings together some of the best stories from World News Day 2019. It features the exemplary works of journalists from newsrooms around the world, including those in Germany, India, Nigeria, Singapore and Malaysia. This book serves as an important reminder that in today's fast-changing and complex world, good journalism matters more than ever.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685844>

Cookbook

Kuih – From Apam to Wajik : A Pictorial Guide to Malay Desserts / Hidayah Amin (Illustrator) Jafri Janif (Foreword) Aziza Ali

Singapore: Helang Book, 2020

304p.

Includes Bibliography

9789811407048

Malay Heritage Series

1. Desserts – Etymology.
2. Malay language – Etymology.
3. Malays (Asian people) – Social aspects.

\$ 25.00 / PB

622gm.

'From Apam to Wajik: A Pictorial Guide to Malay Kuih' is a heritage book of about 123 Malay kuih or desserts. This is not a recipe book but an illustrative book with write-ups on the etymology / origins /

legends / anecdotes that serves as a tool for revival and seeks to immortalise the knowledge of Malay kuih for future generations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685845>

Economics

Fifty Secrets of Singapore Success / (Ed) Tommy Koh

Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2020

340p.

9789814827751

1. Singapore – Politics and government.
2. Singapore – Economic policy.
3. Singapore – Social policy.
4. Singapore – History.

\$ 32.00 / PB

516gm.

Singapore has evolved from a developing country to a developed one, in only a few short decades. Its gross domestic product per capita has soared from just US\$517 (S\$697) in 1965, to US\$64,582 (S\$87,128) in 2018.

Impressed, visiting university students from Mexico and the United States, in early 2019, asked the city state's Ambassador-at-Large Tommy Koh for its secret of success.

His reply: there was not a single secret but many, which he would consider curating a new book on.

The result: Fifty Secrets of Singapore's Success.

The collection of 50 essays, written by leaders and experts in their fields, sheds light on how the small state has scored significant success in not only economics but also eight other areas.

Among other things, Singapore is one of the world's least corrupt countries, has one of the highest home ownership rates worldwide — of more than 90 per cent — and has world-class schools, healthcare and environments.

Singapore has also been a good global citizen. It has played a significant role in the development of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). At the United Nations (UN), Singapore has played a leadership role in the negotiations of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, the UN Convention on International Settlement Agreements Resulting from Mediation (also known as the Singapore

Convention on Mediation) and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685846>

E-Commerce, Competition and ASEAN Economic Integration / (Eds)
Cassey Lee & Eileen Lee

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute), 2020
x, 310p.

Includes Index

9789814762168

1. Electronic commerce – Southeast Asia.
2. Competition – Southeast Asia.
3. Southeast Asia – Economic integration.

\$ 36.00 / PB

410gm.

The e-commerce market has grown rapidly within the ASEAN region in recent years. This trend is expected to continue in the future given the region's large population base, rising middle-class and improvements in connectivity. This edited volume examines the current state of e-commerce in ASEAN countries. It highlights some of the key domestic and cross-border challenges faced by ASEAN member states in developing e-commerce. These challenges include the regulatory and legal environment in which e-commerce firms operate across ASEAN, and the supporting infrastructure in ASEAN member states.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=670710>

E-commerce for Malaysian SMEs in Selected Services : Barriers and Benefits / Tham Siew Yean & Andrew Kiam Jia Yi (Series Ed) Ooi Kee Beng

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute), 2019
48p. ; Includes Bibliographical references.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814881388

Trends in Southeast Asia, No.16, 2019

1. Electronic commerce – Malaysia.
2. Small business – Malaysia.
3. Internet marketing – Malaysia.
4. Malaysia – Commercial policy.

\$ 9.00 / PB

84gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=670711>

“Old” and “New” Chinese Business in Cambodia’s Capital / Michiel Verver

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute), 2019
44p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814881401

Trends in Southeast Asia No. 17, 2019

1. Chinese – Cambodia – Phnom Penh.
2. Cambodia – Economic conditions.
3. Business enterprises – Cambodia – Phnom Penh.
4. Phnom Penh (Cambodia) – Social conditions.

\$ 9.00 / PB

80gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685847>

The Belt and Road Initiative: Environmental Impacts in Southeast Asia / Alex M. Lechner (et al.)

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute), 2019
40p.

ISSN: 0219-3213 ; 9789814881425

Trends in Southeast Asia, No.18, 2019

1. Yi di yi lu (Initiative: China) – Environmental aspects – Southeast Asia – Case Studies.
2. Economic development – Southeast Asia – Environmental aspects.
3. Investments, Chinese – Southeast Asia – Environmental aspects.

\$ 9.00 / PB

78gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685848>

Unraveling Myanmar’s Transition : Progress, Retrenchment, and Ambiguity Amidst Liberation / (Eds) Pavin Chachavalpongpun, Elliot Prasse-Freeman & Patrick Strefford

Singapore/Japan: NUS Press & Kyoto University Press, 2020
xii, 312p.

Includes Index

9789813251076

Kyoto-CSEAS Series on Asian Studies 22

1. Burma – Politics and government – 21st century.
2. Burma – Economic conditions – 21st century.
3. Rohingya (Burmese people).

\$ 36.00 / PB

480gm.

Book Details:

The optimism provoked by Myanmar's political reforms in 2011 and 2012 has now given way to a sense that the uneven nature of change in this nation of 54 million has led to instability and uncertainty. The liberalization of critical sectors and expansion of certain freedoms, such as political and legal opportunities for expression and mobilization, contrasts with the entrenchment of structural problems. It has become difficult to tackle ethnic marginalization and conflict, over-dependence on natural resource extraction, inadequate public services, and problems of under-capacity in the civilian bureaucracy. The result is the build-up of a toxic environment in which classism, racism, and bigotry threaten to rend Myanmar's already delicate social fabric. The contributors to this volume bring unique perspectives and methodologies to bear to unravel Myanmar's tangled challenges. Whether it is through studying corruption by analyzing the country's real-estate bubble, assessing civil society advocacy capacity against extractive industries, or gauging the strength--and surprising weakness--of Myanmar's military, the volume employs unconventional approaches and analytical rigor to address a fundamental question: is Myanmar itself unraveling?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=679127>

History

Thomas Stamford Raffles : Schemer or Reformer? / Syed Hussein Alatas (Intro) Syed Farid Alatas
Singapore: NUS Press, 2020
x, 134p.
Includes Bibliography
9789813251182

1. Raffles, Thomas Stamford, Sir, 1781-1826.
2. Colonial administrators – Singapore – Biography.
3. Colonial administrators – Great Britain – Biography.
4. Singapore – History – 20th century.

\$ 15.00 / PB

134gm.

Nearly 50 years after its original publication, this extended essay on Raffles reads as fresh and relevant. Presented here for a new audience, Schemer or Reformer sets out the key elements of the debate in understanding Raffles' own political philosophy through the record of his actions, not just in Singapore, but in Southeast Asia in the years just before and after Singapore's foundation. A new introduction by Syed Farid Alatas assesses contemporary Singapore's take on Raffles, and how far we have or have not come in thinking through Singapore's colonial legacy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685849>

Our Name is Mutiny : The Global Revolt Against the Raj and the Hidden History of the Singapore Mutiny 1907-1915 / Umej Bhatia
Singapore: Landmark Books, 2019

380p.

Includes Index

9789811429170

\$ 38.00 / PB

695gm.

In 1907, in the gathering storm of the First World War, a global revolt against the British Raj was taking shape. A shadowy network known as the Ghadar or Mutiny Movement plotted an Indian uprising that spilled across Britain's Eastern Empire. In 1915, the snug settlement of Singapore thus faced a mutiny by its garrison of British Indian Army soldiers or sepoys.

Stoked by Indian rebels based in California, Sikh activists on a migrant voyage to Canada to contest its race laws, a German sea raider, and renegades preaching Muslim holy war, the 1915 Singapore sepoy mutiny fused several plots against imperial power in the region.

This book reveals the hidden history of the mutiny and exposes the forces that converged on the small island enroute to the revolt against the British Empire in India. The story of the men and women behind the world-wide rebellion and the Singapore mutiny is brought

to life in this thrilling non-fiction narrative that spotlights the legacy of the forgotten uprisings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685850>

Writing History in America's Shadow : Japan, the Philippines, and the Question of Pan-Asianism / Takamichi Serizawa
Singapore/Japan: NUS Press & Kyoto University Press, 2020
xii, 176p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789813251069

Kyoto-CSEAS Series on Asian Studies 21

1. Japan – Relations – Philippines.
2. Philippines – Relations – Japan.
3. Regionalism – Asia – History.

\$ 38.00 / PB

288gm.

Both the Japanese and Filipino people experienced a rewriting of their national histories upon being defeated by the United States: the Philippines after 1902 and Japan after 1945. The new histories served to justify and explain US rule and its ideology of modernization and democracy. They also portrayed the immediate past as the dark ages, especially the Philippines' Spanish colonial period and Japan's wartime totalitarianism and militarism. Writing History in America's Shadow sheds light on areas of darkness in both Japanese and Philippine historiographies and understanding of their region. It considers the questions: What kind of dilemmas and contradictions did Filipino and Japanese historians embrace by accepting the US rewriting of their national stories? And did Filipino and Japanese historians interact at all, under the US hegemony? Through an examination of the commonalities, differences and interactions of Japanese and Filipino histories, ideas of history, modernization theory, and area studies, Takamichi Serizawa makes an important contribution to sorting through the tangled histories of Asia in the complicated matrix of colonial, wartime, and Cold War contexts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=679145>

Appropriating Kartini : Colonial, National and Transnational Memories of an Indonesian Icon / (Eds) Paul Bijl & Grace V.S. Chin
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2020

x, 198p.

Includes Index

9789814843911

1. Kartini, Raden Adjeng, 1879-1904.
2. Women social reformers – Indonesia.
3. Nationalism and collective memory – Indonesia.
4. Indonesia – Civilization.

\$ 30.00 / PB

276gm.

A famous Indonesian writer and feminist, Kartini (1879-1904) has been positioned at the forefront of nationalist and feminist movements in post-independence Indonesia, but the story of her struggle for equality has a global, and indeed, timeless reach. Appropriated by both local and international actors and institutions, including Dutch colonials, the Indonesian state, UNESCO and Eleanor Roosevelt, Kartini's memory has invariably been subjected to the political agendas and contestations occurring at key moments across the twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. The eight essays in this volume, written by an interdisciplinary group of historians, literary scholars and anthropologists, trace the many ambiguities, paradoxes, inconsistencies and contradictions in Kartini's memory and iconicity by paying equal attention to both Western and Asian contexts. By analysing the stunning legacy of this brilliant, passionate and self-consciously aristocratic young woman who tried to write her way out of a world of colonial racism and Javanese sexism, *Appropriating Kartini* analyses one hundred years of colonial, national and transnational struggles over what it means to be a woman of colour in global modernity.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=682556>

Sport in Singapore : The Colonial Legacy / Nick Aplin

Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2019

336p.

Includes Bibliographical references

9789814827652

1. Sports – Singapore – History.
2. Sports – Singapore.

\$ 28.00 / PB

1430gm.

This book is a detailed and comprehensive exploration of the development of sport in Singapore in the colonial period, from the early 19th century up until self-government was established in 1959.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685851>

Engineering A First World : 50 Feats that Transformed Singapore / Alywin Chew (et al.) (Ed) Ian De Cotta (Foreword) Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong

Singapore: The Institution of Engineers, Singapore, 2018

240p.

9789811151835

1. Engineering – Singapore – History.
2. Engineering – Vocational guidance.

\$ 50.00 / HB

1610gm.

Book Details:

In 2015, The Institution of Engineers, Singapore (IES) organised Engineering Feats @ IES-SG50, a nationwide competition launched by DPM Teo Chee Hean in celebration of Singapore's 50th anniversary in 2015 and IES' Golden Jubilee in 2016. The top 50 winners emerged from 113 shortlisted entries to receive awards from Prime Minister Lee at the IES Golden Jubilee Dinner in July 2016.

Engineering a First World was published to commemorate the 50 winning projects. These are projects deemed by members of the public to have made the greatest economic, infrastructural or societal impact to Singapore since 1965. Through this book, IES aims to share innovations and challenges behind the 50 engineering feats; provide insights into the engineers' personal journeys to instil pride in the profession; and recognise their efforts in Singapore's nation-building.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=534321>

Law

Building a New Legal Order for the Oceans / Tommy Koh

Singapore: NUS Press, 2020

xvi, 354p.

Includes Index

9789813250895

1. Law of the Sea.
 2. United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea.
- \$ 32.00 / PB
558gm.

The most important of Tommy Koh's writings on the Law of the Sea are brought together in *Building a New Legal Order for the Oceans*. As President of the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea, Koh shares his perspective on the history of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), the concepts, tensions and intentions that underlie many of the new legal concepts, and the unique negotiating process of the UNCLOS. The UNCLOS has been called a constitution for the oceans and is critically important today in a world rocked by climate change and biodiversity loss, and where deep seabed resources are potentially of vital strategic importance. It is absolutely crucial to find new ways to manage the common heritage of mankind, while navigating the priorities and expectations of those who depend on the oceans. Equally, peace at sea is made possible by the UNCLOS. Koh discusses current threats to maritime security. He explains the intricacies of the disputes in the South China Sea and the success of maritime boundary conciliation between Australia and Timor-Leste. What can be learned from the success of UNCLOS? How can we build on that success, and manage the new tensions that arise in the Law of the Sea?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=648759>

The Indonesia- Malaysia Dispute Concerning Sovereignty Over Sipadan and Ligitan Islands : Historical Antecedents and the International Court of Justice Judgement / D.S. Ranjit Singh
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute), 2020
xvi, 244p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789814843645

1. Malay Archipelago – Boundaries – History.
2. Sabah (Malaysia) – Claims – History.
3. Sipadan Island (Sabah, Malaysia) – International status.
4. Ligitan Island (Sabah, Malaysia) – International status.
5. Indonesia – Boundaries – Malaysia.
6. Malaysia – Boundaries – Indonesia.
7. Arbitration (International law)

\$ 32.00 / PB

340gm.

In 2002, ASEAN made history when two of its founder members - Indonesia and Malaysia - amicably settled a dispute over the ownership of the two Bornean islands of Sipadan and Ligitan. This book covers in detail the historical roots of the issue as well as the law dimension pertaining to the process of legal proceedings and the ICJ deliberations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685852>

Literature

A Feast of Stories : Food Tales from Asia / (Retold) Alicia Dong-Jo Bang (et al.) (Ed) Kiran Shah (Illustrator) Gede Tarmada
Singapore: The Federation of Asia Storytellers Ltd, 2018

106p.

9789811194184

\$ 12.50 / PB

180gm.

A FEAST OF STORIES is a collection of 15 folktales from Asia devoted, appropriately enough, to the theme of food. The stories come from China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea and Thailand.

You will find comic stories here, as well as participation tales - many of the stories are followed by tips from the teller, suggestions for actions or activities to do before or during your telling. Many of the stories are good for sharing values.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=675841>

If We Dream Too Long / Goh Poh Seng (Intro) Koh Tai Ann
New Edition (First Published 1972 by Island Press)

Singapore: NUS Press, 2020

liv, 158p.

9789813251151

1. Youth – Singapore – History – 20th century – Fiction.
2. Singapore – History – 1965-1990 – Fiction.
3. Singapore – Social conditions – 20th century – Fiction.

\$ 18.00 / PB

248gm.

Widely regarded as the first Singapore novel, *If We Dream Too Long* explores the dilemmas and challenges faced by its hero, Kwang Meng, as he navigates the difficult transitional period between youthful aspirations and the external demands of society and family. Shy and sensitive, he feels detached from mainstream life and is unable to identify with the values that animate his friends. Kwang Meng takes refuge in dreams of exotic faraway places, and imagines merging himself with the sea, which he loves. Yet amidst this uncertainty, the reader feels that all is not lost, that the young dreamer will eventually find his way. Kwang Meng's experiences reflect the author's fascination with the question of self amidst the dreariness and aimlessness of an increasingly urbanized and materialistic Asian society. This book also provides a fascinating portrait of Singapore as it was in the 1960s, a landscape and society that have undergone many changes but remain faintly visible in modern Singapore.

Since its first publication in 1972, *If We Dream Too Long* has moved and delighted generations of readers. This much-loved novel has been used as a text in university literature courses in Singapore, Malaysia, and the Philippines, and has been translated into Tagalog and Russian. This new edition features an updated introduction by Koh Tai Ann.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685853>

The Size of Azuki Beans : Selected Works of Madeleine Lee, /
Madeleine Lee (Translator) Enoch Ng

Singapore: firstfruits publications (mediaexodus llp), 2019

A Bilingual Edition

60p.

English & Chinese Language

9789811415005

\$ 25.00 / PB

116gm.

Madeleine Lee has a gift for capturing a fleeting image in concise language that always manages to replicate the picture in the mind of the reader. Once established, the image takes wing, dances, bursts with color, and sometimes even leaves a lingering aftertaste on the tongue. She crafts her poetry with such a light touch, making it a pleasure to read the book in one sitting. At the same time, she packs a great deal into each brief encounter, compelling the reader

to return time and again for another look. – Shelly
Bryant , Translator

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685854>

Second Persons / Aaron Maniam

Singapore: firstfruits publications (mediaexodus llp), 2018

86p.

9789811157370

\$ 18.00 / PB

162gm.

*Never one to shy away from the 'deeper questions that [give] us gravity', Aaron Maniam opens fresh ground in this long-awaited second collection, scouring new worlds and old wounds for what is mythic, lasting, and transcendental. Within these pages, two beloved cities of the mind and heart form a secret geography where language can do its rare work of 'love, razing then raising / itself' - and speak directly to our 'quiet places'. We read and hunger; we read and are full. – Theophilus Kwek, author of *They Speak Only Our Mother Tongue* (2011), *Circle Line* (2013) and *Giving Ground* (2016)*

*"words/Are close to everything we have" reads "Amelia to Adam". By turns elegiac and sincerely tender, luminous and precise, *Second Persons* by Aaron Maniam is a moving meditation on relationships, religion, and the hum and fabric of a poetically lived life. – Sharlene Teo, Author of *Ponti* and winner of the inaugural Deborah Rogers Writers' Award*

This is the work of a wise and virtuous poet who shares with the world his experience of the whole gamut of loves from eros to agape in verses that are graceful and true. He exemplifies here his advice to generations of mentees to "[c]larify into a slowly legible sign" with crisp imagery that provides "words for the wordless." We are most grateful for his latest gift. – Eric Tinsay Valles, poet, educator and director of the Poetry Festival (Singapore)

This collection finds the shape of nostalgia intimately nestled in the everyday tempo of love, family, religion and travel. With disciplined form and gentle imagery, familiar topics are explored in disarming ways, stringing together an atmospheric sense of the linear. Larger

philosophical considerations are refined into observations of the mundane, illuminating not just Aaron's own personal history, but also situating the search in his poetry within a larger question: how do we know what we're going to lose, before we've lost it? The collection's fresh answers to this question produce a bracingly introspective experience, leading the way through with clarity and affection. –

Nurul Amillin Hussain, Author of *Beef*

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685855>

Morning at Memory's Border / Aaron Maniam

Singapore: firstfruits publications (mediaexodus llp), 2018

96p.

9810536100

\$ 25.00 / PB

180gm.

Book Details: Aaron's range of themes pivots him at the core of a new generation of Singaporean writers - travelled, informed and inquiring - anchored in Western culture and technology, astride a spread of emerging Asian values that are progressing toward an awareness that is increasingly cosmopolitan and global. –

Ho Poh Fun, author of *Katong and other poems*

Controlled. Nuanced. This first collection offers an exciting peep into an individual's mind as he does a grand wrestle to capture indefinable moments. This struggle could reflect Everyman's, since words often fail us, as does memory. That Aaron has succeeded so well is cause for applause. – **Anne Pakir**, Department of English Language and Literature, National University of Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685856>

Politics

Towards a New Malaysia? : The 2018 Election and Its Aftermath /
(Ed) Meredith L. Weiss & Faisal S. Hazis

Singapore: NUS Press, 2020

xiv, 286p.

Includes Index

9789813251137

1. Malaysia – Politics and government – 21st century.

2. Elections – Malaysia.

\$ 32.00 / PB

438gm.

Malaysia's 2018 election (GE14) brought down a ruling party in power since independence in 1957. This book tells the full story of this historic election, combining a sharp analysis of the voting data with consideration of the key issues, campaign strategies, and mobilization efforts that played out during the election period in April and May 2018. This analysis is then used to bring fresh perspectives to bear on the core debates about Malaysian political ideas, identities and behaviours, debates that continue to shape the country's destiny.

However optimistic many Malaysians may be for the possibility of a more representative, accountable, participatory, and equitable polity, the authors do not see GE14 as a clear harbinger of full-on liberalization in Malaysia. While the political aftermath of the election continues to play out, the authors provide a clarion call for deeper, more critical, more comparative research on Malaysia's politics. They complicate well-known angles on and elevate too-little-studied dimensions of Malaysian politics, and suggest agendas for empirically interesting, theoretically relevant further research. They also point to the broader insights Malaysia's experience provides for the study of elections and political change in one-party dominant states around the world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=685857>

Politics

The Defeat of Barisan Nasional : Missed Signs or Late Surge? / (Eds)
Francis E. Hutchinson & Lee Hwok Aun
Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2019
xxviii, 510p.

Includes Includes

9789814843898

1. Malaysia. Parliament. Dewan Rakyat – Elections, 2018.
2. Elections – Malaysia.
3. Barisan Nasional (Organization).
4. Malaysia – Politics and government.

\$ 36.00 / PB

882gm.

The results of Malaysia's 14th General Elections of May 2018 were unexpected and transformative. Against conventional wisdom, the newly reconfigured opposition grouping Pakatan Harapan (PH) decisively defeated the incumbent Barisan Nasional (BN), ending six decades of uninterrupted dominant one-party rule. In order to understand the elections and their implications, this edited volume brings together contributions from ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute researchers and a group of selected collaborators to examine the elections from three angles: campaign dynamics; important trends among major interest groups; and local-level developments in key states. This analytical work is complemented by personal narratives from a selection of GE-14 participants.

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How Will Shifts in American Foreign Policy Affect Southeast Asia? / Daljit Singh

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