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### Art

Artists and the People: Ideologies of Art in Indonesia / Elly Kent  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2022  
261 pages  
9789813251632  
\$ 38.00 / PB  
420gm.

Exploring the work of established and emerging artists in Indonesia's vibrant art world, this book examines why so many artists in the world's largest archipelagic nation choose to work directly with people in their art practices. While the social dimension of Indonesian art makes it distinctive in the globalized world of contemporary art, Elly Kent is the first to explore this engagement in Indonesian terms. What are the historical, political, and social conditions that lie beneath these polyvalent practices? How do formal and informal institutions, communities, and artist-run initiatives contribute to the practices and discourses behind socially engaged art in Indonesia? Drawing on interviews with artists, translations of archival material, visual analyses, and participation in artists' projects, this book presents a unique, interdisciplinary examination of ideologies of art in Indonesia.  
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Forgotten Heritage Uncovering Singapore's Traditional Chinese Puppets / Caroline Chia & Jesvin Yeo  
Singapore: Basheer Graphic Books, 2022  
143 pages  
9789811822797  
\$ 90.00 / PB  
730gm.

The theme "Forgotten Heritage" presents a strong statement of an otherwise significant heritage that was once a part of the everyday lives of Chinese migrants and their descendants. This book provides a snapshot of artefacts from various forms of Chinese puppet theatre, namely the ones in existence: Hainanese rod puppetry, Henghua string puppetry, Hokkien glove puppetry, Hokkien string puppetry, Teochew iron-stick puppetry, and the now defunct Hakka (Waijiang) string puppetry.  
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### Biography/Memoirs

Fandi : Honour and Sacrifice : An Authorised Biography / Durga Ponambalam  
(Ed) Eva Wong Nava  
Singapore: WriteHaus Asia, 2022  
482p.  
9789811841064

\$ 35.00 / PB  
864gm.

Fandi has defied the odds to become one of Singapore's most beloved personalities. The biography offers a first-hand insight into the relentless hard work, motivations and sacrifices Fandi Ahmad made since he started playing football as a young boy.

Author Durga Poonambalam writes about Fandi's life as reflected and related by him. Journeying with Fandi and his family, she takes us through the football legend's mindset, events that shaped Fandi and his 3DS (Determination, Dedication, Discipline and Sacrifice) philosophy instrumental to his success. The book offers rarely seen photographs and illustrations of moments in Fandi's life.

An inspirational biography of what it takes to achieve your goals, Fandi: Honour; Sacrifice is particularly important for anyone who believes in their aspirations, is looking to ignite a sense of purpose, and is courageous enough to turn ambition into reality.

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Transition: The Story of PN Balji / PN Balji, Woon Tai Ho  
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2022  
245p.; 22cm.  
9789815044010  
\$ 28.00 / PB

From January 2021, author Woon Tai Ho started to meet PN Balji for breakfast every Monday morning. What began as casual catch up between two friends developed into weekly two to three hour sessions and ultimately this book.

From an arranged marriage to fatherhood and now grand-fatherhood, nothing is more important to Balji than family. But in today's Singapore, youngsters prefer to stay single or forego having children. Family, the most crucial social institution is under threat. Running parallel to the narrative on family is a bold and critical view of the political transition crisis in Singapore. From Lee Kuan Yew to Goh Chok Tong, and now Lee Hsien Loong, what happens after the third-generation leaders? The PAP has always been decisive, efficient and forward looking, is the current fourth generation leaders up to par as the city state faces its biggest crisis since independence?

At 73, Balji has been a journalist under the administrations of all three Prime Ministers and lived through the major milestones of Singapore. His perspectives are insightful and also brutal, but always thorough and original. His is a bold and independent mind, "My views are always pro-Singapore, but not necessarily pro-government or pro-opposition," he quips.

Transition – The Story of PN Balji is a 40-year perspective of the changing social, economic and political life of a city state seen through the discerning eye of a veteran journalist, and how his own life has reacted and transformed with it. Whether it is the institution of family or the institution of state, the book captures the unrelenting views of thinking mind who is waist-deep into his second act.

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To Remain Myself: The History of Onghokham / David Reeve  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2022  
352 pages

Includes bibliographical references and index  
9789813251595  
\$ 42.00 / PB  
520gm.

This is a particularly vivid biography of a remarkable individual, an Indonesian historian and public intellectual who was both a public figure and a multi-minority member, being Dutch-educated, Indonesian Chinese, gay, alcoholic, irreligious and hedonist, in a conservative society. This biography delves into its subject's interior life: the fears, doubts, confusions; the issues of sexuality, the mental breakdown, the jailing, the later success, joys and celebrity, as a historian, public intellectual and famous cook.

This biography breaks out of the Indonesian Chinese category. It is primarily an Indonesian story. In its early chapters this biography reveals much about the 'sugar king' Chinese aristocracy of Indonesia, from the inside. In its later chapters this book shows much about the development of Indonesians writing their own post-colonial history, and the intellectual influences on this writing.  
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What We Inherit : Growing Up Indian / Shailey Hingorani & Varsha Sivaram (Ed.)  
Singapore: Association of Women for Action and Research (AWARE), 2022  
318 pages ; 21 cm  
9789811844621  
\$ 28.00 / PB  
320gm.

A woman faces off against a xenophobic stranger across a supermarket turnstile.  
A young girl mistakes her first period for strawberry yoghurt and endures an embarrassing puberty ceremony.  
At the funeral of her cruel and prejudiced dadhi, a granddaughter reflects on the confusions of grief and the trauma passed through family lines.  
A follow-up to the best-selling anthology Growing Up Perempuan (AWARE, 2018), What We Inherit tells the stories of Indian women (and a few men) in Singapore entirely in their own words. They question the expectations foisted upon them, discover new avenues into old traditions and carve out spaces for joy amid anger and sorrow. At a time when the bonds between us seem at constant risk of breaking, What We Inherit turns our attention towards community in all its complexities. It's a reminder of how we honour, betray and ultimately bear witness to each other... and ourselves  
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An Illustrious Heritage: The History of Tan Tock Seng and Family / Kua Bak Lim, Lim How Seng & Roney Tan (Editors)  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing Co. Pte. Ltd., 2022  
410 pages  
9789811257964  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
835gm.

Tan Tock Seng, One Of Singapore's Most Illustrious Pioneers, Was An Influential Chinese Community Leader. In The Early 1820S, He Responded To Sir Stamford Raffles' Call To Open Up Singapore For Trade, And Later Became A Prominent Entrepreneur, A Social Leader Of The Chinese Community And A Philanthropist. He Also Spearheaded The Building Of The Thian Hock Keng Temple As A Rallying Point For His Fellow Clansmen, As Well As The Tan Tock Seng Hospital To Provide Medical Services For People In Singapore. This Book Provides A Comprehensive Account Of Tan Tock Seng'S Life,

Tracing His Life And Legacy, As Well As The Contributions Of Himself And His Family. It Also Includes Prominent Family Members Such As Tan Kim Ching, Tan Teck Guan, Tan Boon Liat, Tan Chay Yan And Tan Hoon Siang. The Fruits Of Their Contributions Have Greatly Impacted Communities In Singapore, As Well As Other Countries In The Region. In Delineating The Tan Family'S Life And Contributions, Perspectives Into The Social, Political And Business Workings Of The Lives Of Overseas Chinese Immigrants During The Colonial Era Are Also Brought To Light. Their Legacy Beyond Singapore'S Shores Also Highlights The Regional Networks Of Business And Chinese Settlement In Nanyang. These Stories Bring Complexity And Nuance To Broad-Stroke Developments, Events And Milestones In Singapore History, Enhancing Popular Understanding And Appreciation Of Singapore.  
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## History

Indian Muslims in Singapore: History, Heritage and Contributions / Ab. Razak Chanbasha  
Singapore: RIMA, 2021  
482 pages  
9789811490330  
\$ 75.00/ HB  
1200gm.

Indian Muslims constitute a minority in the Indian as well as the Muslim communities in Singapore. In 2020, about 70.000 or 23% of Indians in Singapore are Muslims and they make up about 13% of the Muslim community. It is not widely known however, that they were a significant majority in the 19th century when Singapore began as a trading post for the East India Company. The Indian Muslim community in Singapore evolved from sojourners to settlers, from a transient community who came seeking sustenance to one that became rooted in this land and has developed its identity within the social milieu of the Indian community, the wider Muslim society and the larger population.

This pioneering work documents the history, heritage and contributions of the Indian Muslims in Singapore. It provides an overview of their migration history to Singapore, the growth of the community, the diversity in language and culture, and their legacy.  
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Delicious Heirlooms 2: Our Hawkers, Our Heritage Heroes / Ow Kim Kit  
Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2022  
159 pages  
9789814827997  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
380gm.

A curry puff stall that dates back to the 1950s; homemade desserts sold to make ends meet; immigrants cooking with firewood; itinerant hawkers peddling their wares from pushcarts and 375gm. tricycles...  
The food of Singapore is like a window to the past, and the stories of Singapore's hawkers are truly the stories of Singapore's development, from the movements of people in the region to the struggles of the newly-arrived.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826008>

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Standing the Test of Time: Celebrating 100 Years of the Eurasian Association Singapore / Melody Zaccheus and Janice Tai  
Singapore: Straits Times Press, 2022  
171 pages  
9789814827836  
\$ 50.00 / HB  
970gm.

The book, entitled "Standing the Test Of Time," details the history of the association and how it has helped Singapore's Eurasian community as a social, economic, and heritage protector.

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## Law

THE ANNOTATED SINGAPORE BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND STRATA MANAGEMENT ACT / Lim Tat  
Singapore : Sweet & Maxwell, 2022

1v.

DUO (Hardcover Print Book + ProView eBook)

9789811838682

\$ 225.00 / HB

The Annotated Singapore Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act provides section by section annotations of a popular and consistently moving body of law.

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SINGAPORE CIVIL PROCEDURE 2022

Singapore : Sweet & Maxwell, 2022

2v. DUO (Volume 1 in print, Volume 1 & 2 in ProView eBook format)

9789811845178

\$ 1250.00 / HB

Singapore White Book 2022

Helmed by General Editor, Cavinder Bull S.C., this annual publication is annotated by some of the preeminent practitioners and Judges in the field.

It is the leading title of its kind, presenting the most comprehensive coverage of Singapore Civil Procedure in both print and electronic format.

This title provides the new Rules of Court in an annotated format and supplies supporting legislation and other material of significance.

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THE LAW OF EVIDENCE IN SINGAPORE, THIRD EDITION / Chen Siyuan, Lionel Leo

Singapore : Sweet & Maxwell, 2022

1v.

DUO (Hardcover Print Book + ProView eBook)

9789811829987

\$ 250.00 / HB

The Law of Evidence in Singapore presents the foundational and classical topics of evidence law with clarity and depth. The book, which arranges the topics in a thematically logical structure, combines

straightforward explanations with scholarly analyses of the Evidence Act, local case law, and developments in other jurisdictions. The coverage also includes references to relevant academic works and legislative debates which give useful insights to the development of this area of law in Singapore.

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Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication, Third Edition / Chow Kok Fong

Singapore : LexisNexis, 2022

1v.

9789815019254

\$ 400.00 / HB

This work was first published in 2005 when the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payments Act 2004 first came into force. It was described by Justice Robert McDougall of the New South Wales Supreme Court as both an “academic treatise” of “tremendous value and utility”. The Second Edition was described by Chief Justice Chan Sek Keong of Singapore as a “highly accessible guide to the subject”. The Third Edition establishes this book as the leading text on the subject in Singapore. It addresses all the wealth of case law up to March 2022, including *Grouteam Pte Ltd v UES Holdings Pte Ltd* (2016); *Comfort Management Pte Ltd v OGSP Engineering Pte Ltd* (2018) and *Shimizu Corp v Stargood Construction Pte Ltd* (2020). It also examines new jurisprudential materials emanating from the United Kingdom, the eight Australian states (including New South Wales), Ireland, Malaysia and New Zealand. The new edition also considers the impact of the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment (Amendment) Act in 2018 which alters significantly the ambit of the statutory regime. About 800 cases are cited in this edition, which has expanded compared to the Second Edition. “Chow Kok Fong is considered the leading expert on Singapore’s Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment Act...[He] s to be commended for diligently tracking, compiling and producing an easy-to-read and comprehensive new edition.” Justice Belinda Ang, President of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of Singapore, from the Foreword to the 3rd Edition.

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Singapore Civil Practice / Jeffrey Pinsler, SC

Singapore : LexisNexis, 2022

1v.

9789815019230

\$ 950.00 / HB

Singapore Civil Practice is a subsequent to the publication 'Singapore Court Practice', which was relied on by the Courts as persuasive authority in over 500 judgments. It covers all amendments to rules of court as well as case law developments, practice directions, other legal sources, and practice information in a new format. It is more than a comprehensive work on Civil Practice, it also explains the difficult areas of the law and provides the civil litigator with all the necessary arguments for his case. This book is organised in 12 parts containing almost 50 topic-based chapters (in contrast to traditional commentaries on Orders). The topic-based approach of this book will be particularly helpful in understanding the new Rules of Court 2021. Cross-references to Forms are also conveniently included in an appendix at the end of each Part. Singapore Civil Practice provides • Detailed commentary on the new Rules of Court 2021 and Practice Directions 2021. • Comparison of Rules of Court 2021 with previous Rules of Court 2014 to explain the changes in civil practice and new developments. • Analysis of all case law developments including particular emphasis on vital rulings of the Supreme Court and important decisions from other jurisdictions • Analysis of revised legislation affecting various areas of civil practice. • Practice-oriented approach showing how the Rules of Court 2021 operate in different spheres of court procedure.

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Criminal Law in Singapore / Chan Wing Cheong (Author) , Neil Morgan (Author) , Stanley Yeo (Author)

Singapore : LexisNexis, 2022

1v.

9789815019094

\$ 250.00 / HB

This book describes and evaluates the general principles of criminal responsibility and the major offences against the person and property contained in the Singapore Penal Code. Leading cases from Singapore and the other Indian Penal Code jurisdictions of India, Malaysia, Myanmar and Sri Lanka are considered, along with relevant cases from major common law jurisdictions.

This work builds on Criminal Law in Malaysia and Singapore (LexisNexis, 3rd Ed, 2018) by the same authors. However, the reforms brought about by the Criminal Law Reform Act 2019 made it necessary to devote this book to the law of Singapore. It compares the law before and after the amendments in order to understand the reasons for the changes, and to aid the interpretation and application of the law in practice.

- Comprehensive analysis of the general principles of criminal responsibility in Singapore
- Analysis of the major offences against the person and property in light of the general principles of criminal responsibility
- Evaluation of the amendments to the Singapore Penal Code made by the Criminal Law (Reform) Act 2019
- Review of all major relevant cases from Singapore, India, Malaysia, Myanmar and Sri Lanka
- Places the law in a historical and theoretical context pointing to its strengths and weaknesses, and suggests further improvements to the law

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## Literature

The Best Asian Poetry 2021-22 / Sudeep Sen (Editor)

Singapore: Kitaab International Pte. Ltd., 2022

414 pages

9789811800375

\$ 25.00 / PB

470gm.

This first-of-its-kind anthology showcases an array of the top poets (130 contributors) of this vast Asian region. The book contains the stylistically diverse Chinese poets Lian Yang, Liu Hongbin, Wang Ping and others who share a perspective on their homeland; the oriental touch of the Korean Chung Hee Moon and the Japanese Yosuke Tanaka; Maram al-Masri's Franco- Syrian metaphors; Sholeh Wolpe's Iranian-Americanisms, Rosa Jamali's postcolonial lens on the Middle East; Nese Yasin's bipolar/ binary Cypriot-Turk registers; politically urgent poetry from the Israeli-Palestinian region by Amir Or, Hava Pinhas-Cohen, Gili Haimovich and others; Paul Hetherington and Cassandra Atherton's supple art of prose poetry lending a unique Australian colour and diction; the exploration of the rich American and British South Asian diaspora by Moniza Alvi, Vidyan Ravinthiran, Indran Amirthanayagam and Ahilan Packiyathan; the irony of Kaiser Haq and romanticism of Aminur Rahman from Bangladesh; the magic of the Urdu/Hindustani cadence by India's Gulzar and Javed Akhtar; Kunwar Narain's wise philosophical Hindi diction; Adil Jussawalla's ironic and sparse Mumbai cosmopolitanism and Jayanta Mahapatra deeply-rooted Oriyan metaphors. The signposts are just the tip of the iceberg, acting as a teaser and taste of what you will find inside this volume - in

addition to the new/upcoming voices that make the book balanced and truly contemporary. Enjoy the rich and vibrant poetic landscape of Asia.

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On the Other Hand / Neil Daswani

Singapore: Kitaab International Pte. Ltd., 2022

93 pages : 21 cm

9789811822247

\$ 25.00 / PB

180gm.

On the other hand is an electric collection where the poet turns to nature and flora, sidereal rhythms and seasonal patterns as a salve for despair and isolation. The title, On the Other Hand, is perhaps a self-reflection by the poet to balance his corporate and creative sides.

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All the Shades of Truth / Neil Daswani

Singapore: Kitaab International Pte. Ltd., 2022

61 pages ; 21 cm

9789811829963

\$ 20.00 / PB

135gm.

All the Shades of Truth written during the pandemic uses a new poetic lingua franca to delve into fatigue and isolation. The poet uses metaphors like Fibonacci Retracements and Tulipomnia to put a lens on the twins of fear and greed that just do not seem to go away. Daswani's poetry covers important world socio-political events: Never Forget is a paean to the heroes of 9/11 and Juneteenth an anthem for the emancipation of the enslaved. He uses haikus to write about Deepavali and his modern take on the Hindu marriage ritual Saptapadi is a first. His poems also reinterpret Greek myths and the great Indian epics.

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The Mask Under My Face / Mithran Somasundrum

Singapore: Kitaab International Pte. Ltd., 2021

ix, 327 pages ; 20 cm

9789811822278

\$ 20.00 / PB

370gm.

Attiya's cheating husband is murdered in a Bangkok nightclub, leaving her to raise their ten year old son, Den, alone. The killer, Surapat Wongsuphan, is a member of the country's "elite", who expects his father's wealth to once again get him out of trouble. But this time it's different. As Thailand's Old Money families rally against the Wongsuphan's, Attiya, Den and Surapat's lives will change in the most unexpected ways -- even as fate binds them together. Set in Bangkok, Vientiane and London, "The Mask Under My Face" is about what happens when those above the law fall within the reach of the powerless

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Monkey Business / Mark Tan

Singapore: Kitaab International Pte. Ltd., 2022

xiii, 250 pages : illustrations ; 22 cm

9789811822261



\$ 25.00 / PB  
290gm.

In a forest lying below the watershed in the Central Province of India, a utopian community of langurs were living in peace and harmony until a chance discovery of a misplaced cell phone led them to a series of serendipitous inventions and unforeseen social transformation that ultimately challenged their sylvan way of life. Adding colour to the grey community were a golden langur and a douc, as well as the local people, who lived alongside the mischievous langurs at the fringe of the forest, blissfully going about their business and totally oblivious of the thriving economy inside the woods. In pursuing progress, had the langurs traded away their future?-

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We Do Not Make Love Here / Nisha Mehraj  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2022  
248p.  
9789814984690  
\$ 26.90 / PB

Finalist for the 2022 Epigram Books Fiction Prize

Chandru, a third-generation Singaporean, realises his ambition through an arranged marriage. His wife, Meera, fights her fate by living a double life. Unhappily married, they make sense of their decisions through a study of their own past. Siddharth, their only son, is practically raised next door with their neighbour's granddaughter Malli.

As the childhood best friends grow up, they helplessly watch their tumultuous love tear them apart. A generation raised on the Singaporean dream gives birth to another sheltered in its shadows. They are not the marginalised or the oppressed, merely the majority doing their best.

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The Accidental Malay / Karina Robles Bahrin  
Singapore : Epigram Books, 2022  
232p.  
9789814984676  
\$ 26.90 / PB

Winner of the 2022 Epigram Books Fiction Prize

Jasmine Leong wants to be the next CEO of Phoenix, her family's billion-ringgit company known especially for its bak kwa. But when Jasmine discovers she is actually a Malay Muslim, her newfound identity threatens to upend her life and ambitions. Set in Kuala Lumpur and other areas of Malaysia, The Accidental Malay examines the human cost of a country's racial policies, and paints a portrait of a woman unwilling to accept the fate history has designated for her.

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### **Sociology/Culture Studies**

The Work of Gender: Service, Performance and Fantasy in Contemporary Japan / Gitte Marianne Hansen & Fabio Gygi (Editor)  
Singapore: NIAS Press, 2022  
250 pages  
9788776943127

\$ 29.00 / PB  
390gm.

Gender and sexuality in Japan has long been a field of academic study, with gender mainly being examined either as masculinities, femininities or as deviating sexualities. In recent years, however, widespread interest in manga, anime and cosplay among the world's youth has aroused popular interest in the Japanese approach to gender and sexuality. In a sense, this engaging volume brings these two worlds together. It builds on earlier scholarly work and discusses normative and non-normative gender and sexualities in one volume.

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