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### Arts

Sri Lanka : The Island From Above / Dominic Sansoni, Sebastian Posingis & Richard Simon

Colombo: Sansoni Warehouse Ltd., 2014

1v.

9789557393001

\$ 75.00 / HB

Sri Lanka is a surprisingly hard country to photograph from the air. Look up on a sunny day from almost anywhere on the island and you will notice that, more often than not, the bowl of blue sky is at least partially obscured by clumps of low, broken cumulus, typical of the weather above tropical islands..

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Sri Lanka : Connected Art Histories / (Ed) Sujatha Arundathi Meegama

Mumbai, India: The Marg Foundation, 2017

148p.

9789383243181

Marg : Vol. 69, No. 2, December 2017

\$ 69.95 / HB

1170gm.

Ceylon, Ilangai, Lanka, Lakdiva, Seilan, Serendib, Simhaladvipa, Tambapanni, Taprobane—the island’s various names suggest that Sri Lanka has clearly meant different things to different people, and external contacts have been central to its history and conceptualization. Expanding and going beyond the standard Sinhala-Buddhist narratives, the essays in this volume look at resident communities and their contesting cultures and claims to the artistic heritages of this island.

At times approaching the island from the outside, at other times considering it from the inside, the writers locate the country’s identity in a dialectic between national traditions and transnational histories. An extensive introduction

places these new essays within the historiography of Sri Lankan art that began with Ananda K. Coomaraswamy. Though there remains much to explore and many new voices to listen to, this volume is a welcome first step in rethinking the art histories of the island.

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Collection of Drawings and Paintings by L.K. Karunaratne / Nimal De Silva  
(Photography) L.K. Karunaratne

Colombo: The National Trust – Sri Lanka, 2018

200p.

9789550093168

\$ 75.00 / HB

932gm.

The Paintings and Drawings featured in this publication are a collection of Mr. L.K. Karunaratne who spent his whole life in understanding, appreciating and preserving the heritage of Sri Lanka. He was an art lover interested in appreciating and preserving art and architecture not as a job but as a responsibility, who as a young art enthusiast, studied water colour painting and exercised his art skill in copying and drawing, especially the painted heritage of the country mainly for his personal satisfaction and not for exhibition. This collection consists of more than two hundred drawings and paintings.

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### **Biography**

Sanath Jayasuriya : A Biography / Chandresh Narayanan

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2019

xx, 196p.

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\$ 18.00 / PB

210gm.

This is the first biography of the controversial cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya. Very rarely in history does one man shape the sporting fortunes of a nation. Sanath Jayasuriya did just that with the magic of his power packed hands. The manner in which Jayasuriya tamed any ball that came his way was, and remains, an art few batsmen possess. For a nation yearning to break into the big league, it required just the unorthodoxy of Sanath to shoot into the limelight. When lights shone brightly over Sri Lanka at Lahore Gaddafi Stadium in the 1996 Cricket World Cup, it was due to the brilliance of this

young man from Matara. But while success proved easier as a foot soldier, the rise in the ranks was not always that profitable.

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### **Ecology/Environment**

Natural Resources and Environment Management Policy : Sri Lanka Experience and Future Directions : Collection of Essays / (Compiled) Nanda Abeywickrama

Colombo: S. Godage & Brother (Pvt) Ltd., 2018

Xxiv, 260p.

9789553093639

\$ 15.00 / PB

466gm.

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### **History**

History of Medicine in Sri Lanka, 1948 – 2017 / (Ed) Dr. Iyanthi Abeyewickreme (et al.)

Colombo: Sri Lanka Medical Association, 2018

576p.

Includes Index

9789559386438

\$ 55.00 / HB

834gm.

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Echo Group : An Epic Story of a Commando Group That Fought For Peace in Sri Lanka / “Sha” Hameed

Homagama: Smart Print Solution Centre, 2018

xxiv, 153p.

9789554273405

\$ 15.00 / HB

372gm.

Echo Group was the name of a Commando Group that fought during the Final Battle (2008 – 2009) against the LTTE in Sri Lanka. The book is written as a monologue by the author stating his personal experiences during the war. According to the author's account the group had advanced 170 Kms in 350 days...

A book written about the final phase of the war in Sri Lanka detailing the experiences and the hardships faced by the Commando group of the Sri Lanka Army

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### **Law**

An Introduction To The Law Relating To Literary and Artistic Creations In Sri Lanka / D.M. Karunaratna

Second Edition

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pvt) Ltd, 2019

376p.

Includes Index

9789553112392

\$ 25.00 / PB

416gm.

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### **Literature**

Jaffna Boy / Bernard Sinniah

Colombo: Sailfish (Perera-Hussein Publishing House), 2019

190p.

9789557743004

\$ 15.00 / PB

244gm.

Jaffna Boy is the engaging true story of a young boy's life at a Sri Lankan boarding school in the 1970s, as recalled during one fateful train ride and the advice from an unexpected source that would change the course of his life forever.

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### **Politics**

Politics and Political Science : A Contemporary Introduction / Jayadeva Uyangoda

Colombo: Social Scientists' Association, 2018

280p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789550762415

\$ 15.00 / PB

398gm.

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Hopes Shattered : Documents Maithri-Ranil's promises, failure to fulfill pledges, violence against Muslims and the political crisis triggered by the sacking of Prime Minister Ranil Wickremasinghe and his government / (Compiled) Latheef Farook

Sri Lanka: Latheef Farook, 2018

496p.

9789554366824

\$ 30.00 / PB

592gm.

This book, HOPES SHATTERED, by Senior Journalist Latheef Farook, impartially documents in 495 pages the promises of the Maithripala Sirisena-Ranil Wickremesinghe Government, their failure to fulfil pledges and the country being taken for a ride besides causing political and economic instability.

The failure to bring those accused of crime, corruption and the plundering of the nation's wealth has led to disillusionment with the nation fast losing confidence in the government. As a result the Maithri- Ranil government has become an irrelevant liability.

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The Fifty Two Days Saga : Political Crisis in Sri Lanka / Professor Ravindra Fernando

Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2018

viii, 344p.

9789556653977

\$ 25.00 / PB

464gm.

On 26th October 2018 for 52 days Sri Lanka was at standstill when President Maithripala Sirisena sacked Ranil Wickremesinghe as PM and appointed Mahinda Rajapaksa in his place. Parliament was first prorogued and then dissolved and the issue ended up at the Supreme Court where a seven member

bench declared that the action of the president was unconstitutional. The verdict delivered by the SC is recorded in full in the book as well as recounting of the dramatic events of the 52 days Democracy survived but the drama continues.

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