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Anthropology/Archaeology

Recent Observations on the Indus Seals and Inscriptions / Benille Priyanka
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2022
268p.
Includes Bibliography
9786240016643
\$ 70.00 / HB
942gm.
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Emaciated Female Playing the Cymbals: A Study of An Ancient Hindu Bronze Figurine in
Polonnaruwa, Sri Lanka/ Sarath Chandrajeewa
Colombo: The Contemporary Art and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka, 2020
46p.
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Ganesha – Evolving Mythologies : From Antiquity to the 21st Century : A Study of the
Evolution of the Myth of Lord Ganesh in Sri Lanka / Michelle Jayasinghe
Colombo: The Contemporary Art and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka, 2022
410p.
Includes Bibliography
9786249957305
\$ 50.00 / PB
642gm.
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Historical and Sociological Research on Sri Lankan and Indian Nagas / Prof. Risiman
Amarasinghe
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
272p.
Includes Select Bibliography
9786240009355
\$ 25.00 / PB

382gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844709>

Thirty Shades of Taprobane : Strange Beliefs and Customs of Sri Lanka / Asiff Hussein
Battaramulla: Neptune Publications (Pvt) Ltd., 2021

348p.

9786245583461

\$ 40.00 / PB

368gm.

Sri Lanka is home to some of the most enigmatic beliefs and customs known to man. From the widespread belief in supernatural spirits that possess and demand sacrifices to the ill effects of death pollution that cling on to the living like a contagious disease, local lore knows of many strange and outlandish phenomena that survive in the hearts and minds of a good many of its people to this day.

Other even stranger beliefs that did not survive the times but are preserved in bits and pieces in hoary old records include the belief in a mysterious being supposed to dwell on Adam's Peak, the idea that a man who had seen the new moon was invested with special powers that made him desirable to members of the opposite sex and the polluting power of a woman in menses.

The island is also home to some rather bizarre customs such as veneration of deadly cobras, virginity testing and desire to meet the cravings of a pregnant woman come what may, not to mention even more weird traditions now lost to us such as blood sacrifices, wearing genital ornaments and unusual headdresses, entertaining guests with one's female family members being sent to their chambers to spend the night, a woman's having up to as many as seven husbands to do as she pleased and giving birth in dark rooms.

All this and more is dealt by the author who takes his readers on a most fascinating journey not only to understand but also to unravel the mysterious origins of these many customs and beliefs.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844710>

Architecture

Gamini Dissanayake : Architectural Perspective / Gamini Dissanayake

Kandy: Gamini Dissanayake Associates (Pvt) Ltd. 2022

324p.

9786249948303

\$ 120.00 / HB

2102gm.

This book is the collation of Gamini Dissanayake's masterworks deriving from decades of his unorthodox design directive. The book explores anything from unbuildable lands that were transformed into forever homes and initial sketches that presented the first of glimpses of his designs; revealing the unconventional anatomy of his design process.

This book embodies the legacy that Gamini Dissanavake has subsequently created throughout the years of his career; a visual delight packed with sketches and textual statements by Shinta Rajaratne - an undergraduate of NSBM Green University- that thoroughly explores his architectural concepts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844711>

Conservation of the Built Heritage of Colombo Fort / Pali Wijeratne

Colombo: Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, 2022

220p.
Includes Bibliography
9786245898008
\$ 60.00 / PB
758gm.

The City of Colombo is characterised by a neglected, deteriorating but potentially magnificent resource - one of the best examples of Built Heritage in South Asia. This heritage has been developed for well over five centuries as a Military Fort, the Administrative Capital, and in the more recent times the Financial City of Sri Lanka. With the new proposals for the development of Colombo Port City as the Financial District and the Administrative functions having been already moved to Sri Jayawardenapura, Kotte, there is every possibility of Colombo Fort being neglected and provide a 'free for all' ad hoc development policy for this once important site, unless adequate safeguards are taken immediately to preserve this unique heritage, for the future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844712>

Art

Traditional Jewellery of Sri Lanka / Hiranthi Pathirana
Colombo: National Trust Sri Lanka, 2022
200p.
Includes Bibliography
9789550093199
\$ 100.00 / HB
1310gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844713>

Biography/Memoirs

Telecom's Evolution in Sri Lanka : My Recollections / P K Wickramarachi
Sri Lanka: P K Wickramarachi (Self-Published), 2015
xviii, 132p.
9789559034995
\$ 30.00 / PB
284gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844714>

The Quiet Maverick : The Dr Gamini Wickramasinghe Story / Savithri Rodrigo
Sri Lanka: Dr Gamini Wickramasinghe (Self-Published), 2021
468p.
9786246088002
\$ 80.00 / HB
1664gm.

When Garmini wants something done, he wants it done. There's never an if, but, or can't. He problem solves on the run, finds opportunity in impossible spaces, speaks out for truth and justice, and is a fount of knowledge on any and every subject.

Through three-score years and ten, and a little beyond, Dr Gamini Wickramasinghe blazed his own trail, quietly and with absolute conviction. His life was shaped by his parents who

nurtured him in the fundamentals of Buddhism, while his leadership skills became apparent very early on, on the rugby and cricket fields. His hardworking traits surfaced in the UK when every job, no matter how difficult, was done in the pursuit of his mission; from being a night guard to driving a forklift, working three jobs while studying for multiple qualifications and burning the midnight oil to drive revenue for a global petroleum giant. When his country of birth beckoned, he responded. His vision for Sri Lanka made him the godfather of higher education in IT across one spectrum, and a revolutionary in transforming the country's largest state bank on the other. In between, he conferred scholarships on hundreds of young people, brought hope to many Internally Displaced Persons, built bridges during times of ethnic strife and even saved numerous animals from slaughter. His green thumb rooted multiple crops in the Mahaweli and he also pioneered drip irrigation across the country.

As his story unfolds, what can be seen most clearly is that Gamini's unassuming and straightforward leadership style has transformed people, mindsets, cultures and leaders. And that's what makes him a quiet maverick.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844715>

The Extra Mile : A Surgeon's Experiences / Gamini Goonetilleke

Sri Lanka: Gamini Goonetilleke (Self-Published), 2022

xxii, 206p. ; maps ; photos ; 18x25cm.

9786249916708

\$ 60.00 / HB

586gm.

Dr. Gamini Goonetilleke, a General Surgeon in Sri Lanka for four decades, as you can glean from the book; has gained wide experience in managing war injuries, both in combat zones and in hospitals elsewhere, during the three-decade-long conflict in Sri Lanka. He is the only doctor from the South to have 'crossed borders' to enter rebel-controlled territory in the North, to work at the General Hospital, Jaffna, for short periods; and also, to teach and examine students of the Faculty of Medicine, Jaffna. Gamini is also the author of the book, 'In The Line of Duty'; the life and times of a surgeon in war and peace.

"The Extra Mile is a bridge of friendship in a war-torn situation in Sri Lanka, as seen through the eyes of a distinguished and empathetic surgeon, having a wealth of experience. It is not just about restoring the human body but also the healing of the greater society and the people, recounted with much suspense. The Extra Mile is a 'must-read' for anyone who wants to know more about what a patriotic surgeon can do, above and beyond his duties." ~ Prof. Ravi Goonetilleke International Author and Reviewer.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844716>

The Immortal Sri Lankan Son of the Country Where the Sun Rises (Karunananda) / Kanthi Gunathilaka

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2022

84p.

9786240001922

\$ 15.00 / PB

102gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844717>

Places Where They Sang : The Coronavirus Collection 2 / Rajiva Wijesinha

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2022

120p.
9786240017084
\$ 15.00 / PB
150gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844718>

Steeping : Spanning 3 Generations in the Tea Plantations of Sri Lanka / Saitha Gnanaratnam

Sri Lanka: Saitha Gnanaratnam (Self-Published), 2018

136p.
9789553899200
\$ 18.00 / PB
232gm.

'Steeping' is a book about Saitha Rezel's experiences growing up from a background of Sri Lankan tea plantation culture and its impact on her later life and her inspiration to work with the vulnerable and neglected. 'Steeping' refers to soaking a solid in a liquid (usually water) to extract flavours or to soften it. This is inspired from the tea culture which Saitha is so near and dear to. In her book, this very process is communicated through her life journey and how through all her experiences and challenges she was steeped in, extracted the hidden virtues and gifting that played an integral part in her life and simultaneously ignited in her a passion for the lost and vulnerable. 'Steeping' is Saitha's story of transformation and thereby transforming the lives of those around her. Her amazing journey is one of challenges, self-reflection, revelation on life, humour, honesty and the reality of struggles faced by most of us today. Her book will appeal to all walks of life and all backgrounds. Transporting the reader to the midst of the plantation culture where they can almost smell the wafting aroma of the tea estates.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844719>

Cinema Studies

Lamentation of the Dawa or the Complaint of a Nameless Toilet-Cleaning Woman with Critical Review on Film Alborada and other Relevant Articles / Sarath Chandrajeewa (Ed) Anoma Jayasinghe

Colombo: The Contemporary Art and Crafts Association of Sri Lanka, 2022

64p.
9786249870338
\$ 40.00 / PB
406gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844720>

Noel Cruz's Little Bike Lost : The Story of Sri Lanka's First Schoolboy Film / Avishka Mario Senewiratne

Kelaniya: Tulana Research Centre, 2022

xvi, 144p. ; ill. ; 25cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9786246053000

1. Motion pictures – Sri Lanka.
2. School in motion pictures – Sri Lanka.
3. Cruz, Noel.
4. St. Joseph's College (Sri Lanka) – History.

\$ 40.00 / HB

600gm.

Avishka Mario Senewiratne's "Noel Crusz's Little Bike Lost" is a well-researched and well-written book which gives the whole story about late Fr. Noel Crusz (St Joseph's College) and the filming of it by the schoolboys of St Joseph's College under his guidance. Now the original 16mm celluloid film of the then famous 'Little Bike Lost' has also been restored and digitally re-mastered by the Tulana Media Unit, with subtitles and a sound and music track added.

'Little Bike Lost' – the feature film of 110 minutes was made by the boys of "St. Joseph's College Film Society" under the guidance of Fr. Noel Crusz at the time he had been on the college staff. It was filmed on location in the school and around Colombo, in 16mm black and white with a Bolex H16 camera, using mostly naturally available light, with sound recorded separately.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844721>

Cookbook

Resepi Makanan Melayu : Traditional Sri Lankan Malay Recipes
Colombo: Persatuan Melayu Sri Lanka=Sri Lanka Malay Associations
viii, 52p.

9789558529027

\$ 65.00 / HB

470gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844723>

Ecology/Environment

Sloth Bear : The Barefoot Bear of Sri Lanka / Shyamala Ratnayake (Photography)
Luxshmanan Nadaraja

Malaysia: Sunway University Press, 2022

xxiv, 144p.

Includes Index

9789675492259

\$ 90.00 / HB

770gm.

This book provides a wealth of resources and imagery on:

- The biology, ecology and behaviour of sloth bears.
- Sloth Bear habitat and the rising threats to it from human population growth.
- The difficult relationship between humans and sloth bears.
- Written in an engaging and accessible style, this is an essential and inspiring and read for both professional ecologists and non-specialist readers interested in the challenges of large carnivore conservation and workable solutions for human-bear coexistence.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=807329>

Economics/Development Studies

Planning for the Future of Kandy / G. H. Peiris
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
xx, 372p.

Includes Index
9789553091628
\$ 35.00 / PB
668gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844724>

A Child's Guide to Ranilnomics, Cryptos, and Currency Boards / W A Wijewardena
Sri Lanka: W A Wijewardena (Self-Published), 2022
200p.
Includes Index
9786249950214
\$ 15.00 / PB
238gm.

This book comes out of a series of articles which I wrote for my weekly column in Daily FT under the catchline My View-Economics Matters. This series is written for the benefit of laymen not proficient in matters relating to economics. The title 'economics matters' indicates that economics is relevant to everything under the sun and, hence, every phenomenon can be analyzed in terms of economics. Following this inclusivity of economics, the series talked on subjects other than those directly related to main economic issues like art, movies, fictions, a 2020nd so on. However, the thin line of economic principles running through them was brought out subtly for the benefit of general readers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844725>

History

Chronicle of the Sacred Tooth : A Photographic Excursion of the Conscious History of the Sacred Tooth Relic / Sunil De Costa
Kandy: Sri Dalada Maligawa, 2011
324p. ; 27.94cm.
9789551844028

1. History – Sri Lanka.

\$ 150.00 / HB
2532gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844726>

Tooth Relic of The Buddha : A Relic in Sri Lankan Politics, c.300-2000 / Dharmaratna Herath
Kandy: Sri Dalada Maligawa, 2022
xx, 452p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9789559566311
\$ 120.00 / HB
1298gm.

The first complete history of the Tooth Relic by Dr Dharmaratne Herath who was Director of the Institute of Aesthetic Studies of the University of Ceylon and lecturer in history at the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura has been researching this book for 50 years. He cites even the disparaging comments by some foreign scholars who tried to spread some fallacies about the destruction of the Tooth Relic by the Portuguese and that what is worshipped in Kandy today is not the original but a replica. He disproves these theories. He has brought out a comprehensive book tracing the story of the sacred tooth from the time of the Buddha's death to the repository of the sacred relic now at the Temple of the Tooth in

Kandy. While describing the different attributes of the relic he lays emphasis on its role in Sri Lankan politics from the kings of yesteryear to the politicians and rulers of today. The coffee table book is lavish with illustrations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844727>

Monetary Transactions in Ancient Sri Lanka / Dr. Nadeesha Sharmalee Gunawardana
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2019

264p.

9786240000789

\$ 25.00 / PB

346gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844728>

Hela Havula and Early History of Heladiva / Janaka Dharmabandu
Sri Lanka : Janaka Dharmabandu (Self-Published), 2022

178p.

9786249886902

\$ 45.00 / PB

702gm.

ABOUT 50,000 YEARS AGO, the peoples who Lived in the hills above the present day Bulathsinhala in Sri Lanka were exceptionally good at hunting animals in the trees and fishing using bows & arrows, spears and fishing nets. They achieved that using piercing heads made from animal bone splinters. This recent finding is notable in the history of humanity world over since these are the earliest definitive evidence for high powered projectile hunting in tropical rainforest environment and earliest evidence for bow & arrow technology outside of Africa.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844729>

The Rise and Decline of Theravada Buddhism in Tamil Country (Kerala) / Ven. Dr. Hindagala
Gunanadhara Thero

Divulapitiya: Saraswathi Publications, 2018

xxviii, 220p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789554252660

\$ 35.00 / PB

548gm.

This work studies how Buddhism reached Kerala, as known region in south India & how Buddhism influenced its history, culture & ways of life & its people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844730>

Facets of Modern Ceylon History : Through the Letters of Jeronis Pieris / Michael Roberts
2nd Edition

Colombo: Bay Owl Press, 2020

xx, 210p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789551723491

\$ 120.00 / HB

1348gm.

Hannadige Jeronis Pieris (1829-94).

Printed within these covers are 24 letters written by Hannddige Jeronis Pieris in the period 1853-1856 and a letter of his, in Sinhala, sent from Britain in the year 1877. Using Jeronis Pieris' letters as a point of departure and assisted, by the stock of knowledge he has gathered during his researches into the island's history, the author analyses several facets of colonial history. This analysis is threaded by information on the Hannadige Pieris and Warusandrinadige de Soysa families and by attention to the various sources available to the historians of nineteenth century Ceylon.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844731>

The History of Royal College (Formerly Called the Colombo Academy) / Boys in the School 1931
Facsimile Edition
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2019
132p. ; B/W Photography
9789556654103
\$ 40.00 / HB
690gm.

A chance discovery of a digital copy of the History of Royal College (1931), on the Internet, has led to the publication of this Re-print within two years of such finding. The value of this publication is inestimable. It is the story of the school with a small beginning in a colonial setting in 1835 progressing over the years to become an iconic national institution. The pre-eminent public school that continues to set the standards for all other schools in the country. The authors were 20 students aged from 15 to 19 years working under the watch of four Masters in the school and a remarkable Principal H.L. Reed. The original publication broke new ground in Ceylon as there was no previous instance of such a comparable narrative on school history produced by any other school in the country. It was inspired by an example set in a leading English school Merchant Taylors. Royal College became the second school in the world to write its history by its own students. Written in lucid language exceedingly readable the book deals with the varied challenges and tribulations the school faced including the threat of permanent closure by the fiat of the colonial government. Some of the leading lights in almost every sphere of Sri Lanka, have had their basic education in this school. From New York to Melbourne and from New Delhi to Tokyo the alumni of Royal College have left their indelible footprints in International Organisations, covering fields such as Medicine, Commerce, International Law, Space Science and inter alia, in all spheres of Sport. How was this possible? Perusal of the book would help discover the answer.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844732>

Reaching Towards Justice : Reality Revealed – Selected Articles on Sri Lanka and International Affairs : A Socio-Political-Historical Perspectives / S. V. Kirupaharan
Sri Lanka: S. V. Kirupaharan (Self-Published), 2021
401p.
9791069980488
\$ 40.00 / PB
572gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844733>

Nuwara Kalaviya / Dr Garvin Karunaratne
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020
108p.
9786240006125

\$ 15.00 / PB
186gm.

Nuwara Kalaviya details the greatness of the ancient cascade-tank irrigation system bequeathed by our ancient engineers. Its canals (Yodha Ela) built at a gradient of six inches to a mile, baffle engineers of today.

This book tells the sad story of how this excellent irrigation system has been neglected since the British conquered us and how we have totally neglected it during the past four decades.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844734>

Buddhist Diplomacy : Sri Lanka – Thailand Relations / George I. H. Cooke

Dehiwela: George I. H. Cooke (Self-Published), 2022

xiv, 226p.

9786249681613

\$ 25.00 / PB

328gm.

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Sri Lanka - Thailand Relations is a study of bilateral engagement in the sphere of religion between two countries which share much in common.

From exploring Ceylon's granting of Upasampada to the sangha of ancient Siam to the reciprocal gesture many centuries later, the valuable contributions made by the Thai monarchs and the deep-rooted connectivity, this publication is a Contribution to the study of diplomacy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844735>

'Mathew' – Spiritual Healer Turned Killer : An Unusual Story of a Murderer Who Used Drugs as a Lethal Weapon : A Brief Case Record for Medical and Legal Professionals and Other Interested Parties / Dr. S. Terence G. R. de Silva

Second Edition

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021

56p.

9786240006743

\$ 15.00 / PB

100gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844736>

Sri Lanka : A Pearl to a Tear Drop / Daya de Silva

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

288p.

9789553089854

\$ 30.00 / PB

458gm.

This is a follow-up to the author's Ceylon to Sri Lanka: Troubled Paradise (Ratmalana: Sarvodaya, 2006) which provided perspectives on Sri Lanka's story since independence (1948). Gathering information by travelling across the country, interviews with Sri Lankans from all walks of life and media reports. Daya de Silva provides an intriguing account of Sri Lankans dealing with inequality? How can trust be fostered within a society with different belief systems? In what ways has corruption infiltrated politics? What role can education play in resolving or worsening problems? While being critical of politicians, the author points to the resourcefulness of Sri Lankans and the natural beauty of the resplendent island.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844737>

A Concise History of Archival Science of Sri Lanka / Prof. Risiman Amarasinghe
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
96p.
Includes Bibliography
9786240010115
\$ 20.00 / PB
168gm.

"Along with its importance in the sphere of administration, the role of archives as the raw material of historical research is uniquely important. Accordingly, mere preservation of archives is understood today only as a negative virtue, and making the records already preserved available for research under certain conditions, has become a sine qua non-service of an archival institution. Archives are the life-blood of administrative as well as historical research. Without archives the proper understanding of the past is at the mercy of impulse and prejudice, lacking in balance and continuity. Wonderful is the Science of Archives, wonderful is the record, as its evidence is unshakable.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844738>

Sri Lanka : King Vattagamini Abhaya (Valagamba) : Background-Times-Enduring Legacy / Mario Perera
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
140p.
9786240012775
\$ 20.00 / PB
218gm.

The greatest event of Vattagamini Abhaya's reign was the writing of the Tripitaka. The event is second only to the introduction of Buddhism on the Island during the reign of Devanampiyatissa. The Abhayagiri and the Nuwara Wewa also stand out as symbols of his devotion and zeal for the country and its people.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844739>

Law

Acts of Sri Lanka, 2022 No. 1-45
Sri Lanka: Govt of Sri Lanka, 2022
1v.
\$ 70.00 / HB
894gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844740>

Sri Lanka Law Reports 2013, Vol. 2 : Containing cases and other matters decided by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka / (Ed-in-Chief) L. K. Wimalachandra
Sri Lanka: The Ministry of Justice, 2013
1v.
\$ 110.00 / HB
720gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844741>

Biopiracy's Forgotten Victims : Lessons from Sri Lanka / Naazima Kamardeen
Pannipitiya: Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., 2019
xxiv, 264p.

Includes Bibliography

9789556584813

\$ 35.00 / PB

458gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844742>

Terrorism and The Criminal Law of Sri Lanka / Asela Seresinhe

Colombo: E.A.J. W Seresinhe (Self-Published), 2022

xvi, 224p.

9786249949508

\$ 35.00 / PB

278gm.

This book provides an overview of the anti-terror criminal laws in Sri Lanka, with a focus on the Prevention of Terrorism Act as amended last in March 2022, and the Public Security Ordinance and the application of Emergency Regulations thereunder. An overview of the criminal justice system of Sri Lanka is provided to better understand how the anti-terror laws are enforced in practice. The book also contains a brief reference to certain corresponding laws in India, USA and UK.

The international legal standards applicable to Terrorism and the principles of International Humanitarian Law are discussed with special reference to the Sri Lankan legal system.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844743>

Literature

Sociocultural Milieu, Cultural Dilemma and Early Sinhala Fiction (1866-1906) / Manoj Ariyaratne

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

128p. ; 22cm.

Includes Bibliography

9786240008075

1. Sinhalese literature.
2. Sinhalese fiction – Criticism and interpretation.

\$ 20.00 / PB

202gm.

The period 1866 – 1906, this study covers, was characterized by the predominance of activities leading to sociocultural changes in the Sri Lankan Society (Then Ceylon). The Present day Sri Lankan society emerged with the impact of a new sociocultural situation resulted from the colonial authority, plantation economy, education reforms, and the cultural propagation, which contributed to a fundamental transformation. This transformation brought about a cultural dilemma in the social sphere of contemporary Sri Lanka. This study intends to depict how far this real social situation in colonial Sri Lanka has been illustrated in the early Sinhala fictions during the period.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844744>

Inside the Smokescreen: Case Studies Stories / Thahir Noorul Isra & Yogarajan Susila

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

88p.
9786240008037
\$ 12.00 / PB
132gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844745>

Merchants of Blood / Nimalka Jayadeva Mayadunne
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pty) Ltd, 2021
248p.
9789553124944
\$ 18.00 / PB
288gm.

By the intricate weaving of fact and fiction, MERCHANTS OF BLOOD brings to life the evolutionary process of modern Sri Lanka. Spanning nearly 40 years, it captures the country we live in through civil unrest, economic change, political upheaval and racism, forcing the reader to repeatedly question whether the development comes at the cost of our own humanity. With beautifully crafted characters, the author manages the near impossible: offering the reader an engaging story, and a poignant history lesson. –Kaushalya Fernando

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844746>

Beyond the Plantation : A Novel / Sarath Jayasena
Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pty) Ltd, 2022
144p. ; 21cm.
9789553126931
\$ 14.00/ PB
174gm.

“A woman cannot. Will not. Accept a man beholden to another woman. A competitor residing next to her in her niche. In the man’s heart. Mother, Sister, Relative. Friend, Acquaintance. Doesn’t matter. A woman. Exclusively is her right.”

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844747>

The Reluctant Marionette / Upali Mahaliyana
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
236p.
9786240013475
\$ 18.00 / PB
310gm.

Novel

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844748>

Shinano : Japan Novel / Kanthi Gunathileka (Translator) Sunil Wijeyesinghe
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2022
352p.
9786240017817
\$ 25.00 / PB
402gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844749>

The Lyrebird’s Cry / Samantha Sirimanne Hyde
Sri Lanka: Samantha Sirimanne Hyde (Self-Published), 2022

330p.
9780645538601
\$ 30.00 / PB
452gm.

This compelling novel sensitively unfolds intense and complicated relationships between Jagath and his father Senarath, mother Hiranthi and wife Sepalika. The parents' reckless refusal to believe or acknowledge that their son is gay drives them to arrange a marriage, totally ignoring the cost to his personal well-being.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844750>

The House of a Thousand Memories : Growing Up in the Seventies in Sri Lanka : Novel / Sunil Tantrige

Colombo: Bay Owl Press, 2020

162p.
9789551723484
\$ 16.00 / PB
166gm.

Sri Lanka conjures images of an island of incredible beauty, a tropical paradise of golden beaches, mist-shrouded mountains carpeted with tea fields, 2000-year-old cities and archaeological monuments - a land of apparent peace and tranquillity. It also evokes a brutal, thirty-year civil war, riven with death, destruction, and racial divides.

Here is a story of a boy growing up in Sri Lanka in the midst of all that beauty and in the run-up to those bitter times. It paints a picture at once familiar and unexpected, with storytelling that is revealing, deeply personal, funny, and sometimes emotional.

Today, young minds are often spent immersed in virtual worlds where long conversations are a thing of the past. To pass on his family history from generation to generation, a migrant father from Sri Lanka writes a record of his family for his son who grew up in Canada. This book is written as a gift to his son and posterity before the story is lost to the shifting sands of time.

This is a tale that brings back memories and nostalgia, it is a tale that you will not expect, one that will surprise and charm you.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844751>

Running Woman / Sarath Jayasena

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pty) Ltd, 2021

136p.
9789553122469
\$ 12.00 / PB
168gm.

She had choices, analysed them, tried to alter. Waited. Finally, she had changed. 'Now, no choices.' Leaving the estate alone early that morning was an impulse. Born of desperation. The days ahead had the appearance of granite wall stretching in all directions. Bashed her head. To no avail. Continuing to do so hadn't been a choice. Regret, a shadow, weighty, from the time she challenged the world alone. The husband had been protector. She ached for his arms around her. The calm voice.

As a fugitive, twice guilty, she was viewing Sirimal with deeper emotions. Reversal had been possible till death wrote the final line. Always. She hadn't acted.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844752>

2 Waters 1 Stone / Nanda Dediya
Colombo: Willow-Stone Publishers, 2022
192p.
9786249862401
\$ 15.00 / PB
252gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844753>

Turning Point / Sheruya Perera
Kelaniya: Sheruya Perera (Self-Published), 2022
138p.
9786249828506
\$ 10.00 / PB
158gm.

They say love hurt but not for Allie, Josh is everything she has been dreaming of her whole life. Despite their small complications every thing was perfect between them. At least that's what Allie thought until everything decides to take an unexpected turn when she faces something she never thought she would in her entire life. Battling for the love of her life and chaos on her way, Allie decides to do something she never thought she would to save the one thing she needs the most, but little does she know that, that is her TURNING POINTS.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844754>

Servants (Winner of the Gratiaen Prize for 1995) / Rajiva Wijesinha
2nd Expanded Edition
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020
192p.
9786240008044
\$ 18.00 / HB
372gm.

Rajiva Wijesinha's narration of 'Servants' which was the winner of the Gratiaen award for the year 1995 is an enthralling read for several reasons. As suggested in the title itself, the central subject matter of the work are the household servants. At the earliest times of the narration, where the grandmother figure holds fort as the undisputed family matriarch, the servants of that household are an indispensable institution, but one that is almost taken for granted. This is not particular or peculiar to that family alone but is indicative of the time when colonialism in Ceylon is about to end, and the local aristocrats and those of the wealthier classes that have prospered at the end of the colonial era are about to stick their own feet into unoccupied shoes that the colonials leave behind.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844755>

10:34 / Aditha Dissanayake
Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2021
272p.
9786242050034
\$ 12.00 / PB
332gm.

Humans have changed the landscapes they inhabit since prehistory, and climate change means even the remotest places now bear the fingerprints of humanity. Through this

enchancing narrative Aditha Dissanayake raises a clarion call to preserve the Rights of Nature.

The story explores the magical world of plants and their companions through the journey of a twenty-four-year-old primary school teacher who has impulsively left behind her banker fiancé in Colombo and travelled to her hometown, a tiny village in Kothmale. She is searching for ways to save her grandfather's ancestral property, but what she finds is an unexpected truth about herself and the man she plans to marry. For peaceful, serene Mahyadde offers Kumi more than the penetrating brilliance of the mid-morning sun. It offers the mysterious Kavana, the environmentalist who holds the key not only to her future, but to her heart.

An exotic novel about love, loss, and new beginnings, 10.34 affirms the dept of humanity's relationship with nature and adds special urgency to the cause of protecting the environment and nourishes all living beings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844756>

Vijayaba Kollaya – Coup in Kotte Kingdom of Sri Lanka / W.A Silva (Translator) Janaka Perera

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pty) Ltd, 2021

240p.

9789553124883

\$ 15.00 / PB

280gm.

This is a story based on the violent power struggles, intrigue, treachery, betrayal and love in the 16th Century Kotte Kingdom of Sri Lanka.

It was a period of political turmoil and moral decline in the country where the Portuguese aggressors had established a foothold in Colombo. The protagonist in the story is aging King Vijayabahu VII whose lust for a young woman eventually leads to his downfall and violent death at the hands of his own sons.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844757>

The Rajapaksha Manor / K. Jayatilake (Translator) Upali Mahaliyana

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers (Pty) Ltd, 2022

184p.

9789553127327

\$ 18.00 / PB

224gm.

Within a day and a distance of a couple miles, the story covers thirty years of a family story, political/social changes of the whole country and the transformation of a "Low-cast" village boy to the zenith of Government Service, using numerous flashbacks interspersed between current episodes. The inferiority complex that drives his whole life show its different facets throughout the story, unrecognized even by the narrator, Kamalasiri.

This book is an English translation of K. Jayatilake's Sinhala novel, "Rajapaksha Walauwa"

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844758>

The Flavor of Slavery : Story of the Bitter Brew / K. Sunil Shanta (Translator) Hemasiri Perera

Sri Lanka: K. Sunil Shanta (Self-Published), 2021

224p.

9786249862203

\$ 12.00 / PB

260gm.

This historical novel narrates the story of the South Indian immigrant workers, the injustices and the oppression in the "kangani system" under which they were enticed to relocate to further the interests of Colonial Capitalism in British Ceylon, now known as Sri Lanka. To this day this group of people continue to contribute significantly to the national economy of the country.

It forcefully articulates how these workers, frustrated with their living and working conditions, started agitating against the plantation Raj. The pioneers of the trade union movement in this novel are all historical personalities well represented in the archival record except those of Meenachchi, Gopal, Peria kangani and minor personalities that come on stage. Here the author has had to depend on the oral tradition of their descendants to glean reliable facts for the narration.

The author, who has studied Social Science at the University of Peradeniya and later obtained a Masters Degree in International Law from the Kiev State University in the Soviet Union, was drawn to the life of the tea plantation workers growing up and living in Passara. The translator has had experience with the said categories of workers as a working tea planter who commenced in the mid-1950s, when the relicts of the old system continued to linger on. This book is a result of his multi-linguistic excellence and dedication to the faithful workers he has had the privilege to know over many decades.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844759>

Tales Once Told / Sunanda Mahendra
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
440p.
9786240012201
\$ 25.00 / PB
588gm.

Every tale takes place once upon a time. Once told, they have a history of their own. Some tales nevertheless deserve to be retold. Packed with action – oriented, deceptively simple at times, these Jeffrey Archer-reminiscent tales transport you far away.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844760>

Sri Lanka Mandikadal : The Story Will Never Die : A Novel / Mario Perera & Laetitia Buczaczer
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
120p.
9786240014168
\$ 10.00 / PB
224gm.

The story of Nandikadal will never die. So high were the stakes, and such was the grandeur, the valour, and also the horror that came to light on the battlefield-on the land strip bordering the lagoon of that name.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844761>

Anithyagama : The End of an Era : A Novel / Kamala AWijeratne
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2022
220p.
9786240020091
\$ 12.00 / PB
248gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844762>

Senkottan : The Indelible / Mahinda Prasad Masimbula (Translator) Malinda Senevirathne
Yakkala: Santhawa Publishers, 2023

184p.

9786245594214

\$ 15.00/ PB

220gm.

There were two new leaves, pale purple in colour, that had by this time sprouted from the bosapling. Exactly three days later around sunset the yellowed leaf at the base of the sapling fell.

Veerappuli Henaya, who was sitting on a rock awaiting this, took it in both hands and looked upon it for a long time. He felt a great pride rising within him.

A new life process was unfolding within the precious thing which he had with the greatest effort brought home. New leaves were sprouting. The older leaves would decay and fall to the earth. One day this tiny sapling will grow into a giant of a tree and would bathe with a divine light all corners of the village, he thought.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844763>

Hidden Folklore of Ancient Kings in Sri Lanka / Wimala Ariyaratne; (Translator)

Tharangani Tharangani Perera

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2023

132p.

9786240019989

\$ 15.00 / PB

158gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844764>

Conquering Karma : A Collection of Island Tales / Gayathri M, Hewagama

Colombo: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2022

104p.

9786245702473

\$ 12.00 / PB

152gm.

These exceptionally crafted stories explore life in contemporary Sri Lanka through a sophisticated variety of literary modes, from exquisitely rendered realism to imaginatively allegorical fantasy. These stories are particularly strong in their depiction of women's lives. At times constrained and burdened, at other times launching themselves rebelliously into journeys of self-discovery... the storytelling here in nuance, shaped by a deep knowledge of a wide range of literary traditions, and yet told in a voice that is freshly personal and individual. They are the work of a true writer.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844766>

The Girl with the Paisley Dupatta and Other Stories / Mahvash K. Mohtadullah

Colombo: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2022

260p.

9786245702367

\$ 18.00 / PB

356gm.

It is said that shame dies when stories are told in safe places. 'The Girl with the Paisley Dupatta and other stories' forges within its pages the sanctity and dignity that allow fragile

stories to become powerful, purposeful, healing and exhilarating epics of personal courage and enterprise.

Many of the stories within this book are from outside the bell curve of our lives: From the brutal vigilante justice perpetrated in the name of religion to the harrowing custom of revenge rape, to the patriarchal ruthlessness that so many young women are subjected to, to the deep-seated fear and also the heroic endurance and optimism of our minority communities - these stories come straight from the truth-telling corners of our heart. These tales will make you laugh, cry and ruminate in equal measure while constantly niggling at the peripheries of conventional value systems.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844768>

Not So Perfect : A Collection of Short Stories / Rukshan Dissanayake

Nugegoda: Sarasavi Publishers, 2022

80p. ; 20cm.

9789553123725

\$ 10.00 / PB

108gm.

"Rukshan Dissanayake's debut into story writing, is aptly called "Not So Perfect." The author has chosen for the ten short stories, areas which one would expect to be perfect in society but are not so perfect having run off the expected course. Being driven by a fighting spirit, the writer has set out in defiance to weave into the stories, gross imperfections that are damaging society and the morale of the younger generation. The book indeed is an eye-opener."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844769>

Under the Lovi Tree : Thirteen Stories / KKS Perera

Panadura: KKS Perera (Self-Published), 2020

230p.

9786249706705

\$ 15.00 / PB

174gm.

'Author KKS Perera retired from being a corporate Director and found a new life in literature. He is a Panadura man. born and lived in the same house all his life. KKS has been a well appreciated freelance journalist for the last 10 years. *Under the Lovi Tree' is his short story collection. He published his first volume, a collection of articles to newspapers in 2012. Three more books are in the pipeline, one about the Coup in 1962, another a chronicle covering Attygalle murder -1906 & the birth of UNP [Uncle-Nephew Politics in Sri Lanka-1910/1980]. The third is his first Novel "Ladies of Day & Night".

The journalist author is a happy family man, with wife Jayanthi, two sons, daughters in law and the twin granddaughters'. - Capt. Elmo Jayawardene Former Singapore Airlines Pilot & Founder President, Candle Aid Lanka

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844770>

Shimmering Scraps of Poetry and Madness / Mahvash K. Mohtadullah

Colombo: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2022

246p.

9786245702794

\$ 18.00 / PB

256gm.

This is a collection of poems and essays that range from the sublime to the ridiculous; from soaring on the wings of ecstasy to struggling with overwhelming despair; from the capricious joys of matrimony to the changeful delights of singledom; from the profound ecstasy in a mug of steaming latte to the ardent disappointment in a less than perfectly brewed cup of tea; from the comedic to the sombre and from the customary to the controversial, this collection of poems and features encompasses them all.

The book is divided into five sections: Joy, Foot-in-the-Mouth, Truth, Hope and Serenity. The Truth and Foot-in-the-Mouth categories are especially brazen and raw. As with most such uninhibited writing, the objective is to assail the sensibilities and, even if just for a while, to look the truth right in its jaundiced eye. The other three sections are largely whimsical and uplifting very much like walking through a zen corridor, which I'm hoping, will also soften the sensory assault of the former two segments.

Warning: This book might just become your next page-bound best friend or the truth-teller you have a love-hate relationship with. Let the sensory pathway from your retina to your heart decide.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844771>

Amber Lights / Gayathri M. Hewagama
Colombo: The Jam Fruit Tree Publications, 2023
80p.
9786246343026
\$ 12.00 / PB
110gm.

And it is then that a single leaf falls on the theatre floor, in subtle punctuation of a louder presence than a frail echo, and asks the reason why I turned poet, do I know?

Yes, I whisper back to the single leaf, and say, so I could have poetic license to love you.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844772>

Official Publications

Sri Lanka Annual Report 2021 : Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies (As at 27th May 2022)

Colombo: Ministry of Finance, The Secretariat, 2022

1v.
9786245674077
\$ 75.00 / PB
1056gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842220>

Budget Estimates 2023, Volume I – III (3V) : Fiscal Year 2023 [Sri Lanka]

Colombo: Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, 2023

1v.
\$ 495.00 / PB
4074gm.

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Recent Economic Developments : Highlights of 2022 and Prospects for 2023 [Sri Lanka]

Colombo: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2022

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\$ 50.00 / PB
374gm.

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Public Debt Management in Sri Lanka : Performance in 2021 and Medium Term Strategies
Colombo: Public Dept Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2021

1v.

\$ 20.00 / PB
248gm.

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External Trade Statistics 2021 [Sri Lanka]

Colombo: Statistics Division, Sri Lanka Customs, 2021

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3046gm.

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Sri Lanka Socio Economic Data 2021 : Volume XLIV (44)

Colombo: Statistics Department, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2021

1v.

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\$ 14.00 / PB
86gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=843670>

Politics/Current Affairs

Hindutva Violence Against Minorities / Latheef Farook

Sri Lanka: Latheef Farook (Self-Published), 2021

220p.

9786249803305

\$ 25.00 / HB
344gm.

This 218 page book, "Hindutva Violence against Minorities", especially against Muslims, is a collection of articles on the ongoing well organised violence aimed at depriving their political rights, destroying their economy and turn them into non-entity. This has been the declared policy of Rastriya Swayam Sevak (RSS) and its deceptive front Bharatiya Janata Party.

This document was prepared in the wake of meticulously planned and executed violence against Muslims in Shiv Vihar, Delhi in February 2020.

Muslim owned houses, commercial, industrial and other properties were reduced to ashes besides raping of Muslim women and killing innocent Muslims. Stripping naked and raping innocent Dalit women and severely beating them, often to death, has become common occurrence in North India. However voiceless peace loving Hindus despise Hindutva violence on Minorities.

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Psychology

Dreamland Mirror Portal / Mario Perera
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
200p.
9786240011914
\$ 10.00 / PB
288gm.

Dreams etherealize and volatilize the body making it to break loose from its physical cage. They are indomitable and beyond the control of the mind. Dreams are the ladders of Jacob that extend from earth to heaven. As for realities, they are towers of babel that engender, confusion, frustration, and disarray.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844774>

Religion - Christianity

The Origin and Development of Passion Play Tradition in Sri Lanka / Rev. Dr. Anthony Fernandopulle
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
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9786240014045
\$ 20.00 / PB
292gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844775>

The Oratorian Mission in Ceylon : Historical Documents Relating to the Life and Labours of The Venerable Father Joseph Vaz, his Companions and Successors (Translated from the Original Portuguese and Edited by Father S.G. Perera, S.J.), Volume I to V/ S.G. Perera (Ed & Reprinted) Romesh Nonis

Second Edition

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
5v.

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Volume III: 9786240011969

Volume IV: 9786240011976

Volume V: 9786240011983

\$ 50.00 (Set) / PB

760gm.

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Rev. Fr. Swami Gnana Prakasar (O.M.I) / Prof Risiman Amarasinghe

Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2020

62p.

9786240004282

\$ 10.00 / PB

96gm.

“This booklet is a biography of eminent catholic priest, Rev. F. Swami Gnana Prakasar (O.M.I. I must stress here that I do not hesitate to reveal various obstacles upon him wilfully by some church authorities, which are really inhuman as well as unethical.”

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844777>

Sociology

The Sinhalese Old Age / Jayaprasad Welgama
Colombo: S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., 2021
508p.
9786240011440
\$ 35.00 / PB
680gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844778>

Travel Guidebook

Discovering Yala / Navin Marapana
Sri Lanka: Navin Marapana (Self-Published), 2022
320p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9786249910003
\$ 140.00 / PB
1122gm.

A field guide to explore and enjoy the entirety of the Yala National Park - Includes 472 colour images and maps.

This guide will detail the several Blocks that comprises the Yala National Park and highlight routes and places of interest. There will also be a checklist of things to take. There is also a chapter on vehicles preparation as good four-wheel drive is essential to exploring Yala NP.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=844779>
