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Anthropology/Archaeology

Thambapanni : The Copper Land: An Archaeological Study on Historical Copper Production at Seruwila Sri Lanka / Arjuna Thantilage & Indika Vithanage
Colombo, Sri Lanka: Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, 2023
x, 151p.
9789558522202
\$ 50.00 / PB
330gm.

Several historical texts from Sri Lanka briefly mention the discovery of copper on the island, yet these sporadic references fail to unveil the profound reality of a robust copper industry that thrived from at least the 4th century BCE, if not earlier. This industry, which primarily catered to international trade, remained hidden in the shadows until recent archaeological investigations brought it to light.

Within the pages of this book unfolds the narrative of an archaeological exploration, unearthing the significance of this copper industry—a testament to what might well be Sri Lanka's earliest industrial endeavor. Stretching its influence to the global stage, this industry played a pivotal role, shaping the nation's historical trajectory over the course of centuries.

Embark on a journey through time as we unravel the legacy of Sri Lanka's copper industry and how its resonance can reverberate through the annals of history. This book stands as a testament to the profound insights that archaeological inquiry can bring, breathing life into enigmatic epochs of the past.

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Traversing The Megalithic Funerary Landscapes : The Yan Oya Middle Basin Archaeological Survey / Ranjith Bandara Dissanayake
Colombo, Sri Lanka: Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, 2018
xii, 111p.
Include Map.
9789558522172
\$ 65.00 / PB
470gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856215>

Low-Density Urbanism : Archaeology, Transformation and Collapse of Ancient Cities in Sri Lanka / Prishanta Gunawardhana
Battaramulla, Sri Lanka: Neptune Publication (Pvt) Ltd, 2023
x, 176p.
Include Index.
9786245583959
\$ 30.00 / PB
270gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856218>

Architecture

Ini: A Selection of Buildings by Vijitha Basnayaka / Vijitha Basnayaka
Sri Lanka: Digital Plates & Printing by Software Printing & Publishing (Pvt) Ltd, 2023
301p.
9786242050300
\$ 125.00/ HB
1550gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856221>

Art

Finding Me Beyond Illness: My creative story: Exploring art, illness and identity / Dr Shanali Perera
Sri Lanka: Software Printing and Packaging (Pvt) Ltd, 2022
274p. ; 30cm.
9781838322106
\$ 125.00/ HB
1555gm.

"See me as a person first.....

I control what I create.... This was the turning point for me, when in the beginning, I had lost total control of the direction my life was heading. I could not control my day, my symptoms or how the illness was evolving, Focusing on what I could do versus what I couldn't gave me a sense of purpose and achievement. It helped me to regain some control over being dominated by the illness. It was a form of emotional self-regulation that helped me to learn to walk past old expectations and standards set by my 'pre-illness' self to find a new version of me. Reflecting on that may prove useful to those who are going through a similar situation".

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Biography/Memoirs

Elephantine Tales & Other Anecdotes From The National Parks Of Sri Lanka / Srilal Miththapala
Sri Lanka: Srilal Miththapala (Self publish), 2023
198p.
9786249987104
\$ 35.00 / PB
355gm.

Elephantine Tales tells stories of Srilal Miththapala experiences as a wildlife enthusiast (and researcher) in our national parks. In his own words, Elephantine Tales is a simple book a collection of short stories that are easy to read and made to appeal to a wide range of readers, from young to old and from casual nature lovers to passionate enthusiasts.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856227>

Kadol Aththu / General Kamal Gunaratne
Colombo, Sri Lanka: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2023
xii, 332p. ; 22cm.
9786242050324
\$ 35.00 / PB

470gm.

Kadol Atha, the majestic tusker, is an icon of Lankan history. A creature of profound emotional resonance, he bore not only the weight of the sovereign presence of King Dutugemunu, but also the destiny of his troops against the adversarial forces of King Elara, a South Indian invader. Through the annals of time, this tusker's heroic spirit shines as a beacon of heroism, an embodiment of unyielding determination as he surged forth amidst the harrowing chaos of battle, steadfastly confronting the trials of warfare whilst shouldering the regal burden.

Much like the resilient tusker of yore, the valiant soldiers of the Sri Lankan Military stand forth as true progeny of the motherland. During thirty tumultuous years of conflict against the LTTE, one of the world's most brutal and barbarous terrorist organisations to date, these brave individuals wrote a story of unwavering resolve, enduring untold hardships marked by indelible scars of sacrifice.

The author masterfully intertwines the noble essence of the gallant military personnel with the timeless legacy of Kadol, the tusker. The eternal sacrifices exhibited by these brave souls find its reflection in the tusker's unwavering stance, symbolising their strong commitment to protect the motherland's sovereignty.

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Gnanam Timeless Wisdom: Garnered From The Reflections Of A Centenarian From Jaffna, Sri Lanka. / Selvi Sachithanandam

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Selvi Sachithanandam (Self Publish), 2022

xxviii, 249p.

9786249960701

\$ 35.00 / PB

365gm.

Garnered from the reflections of a centenarian born in 1916, 'GNANAM:

Timeless Wisdom' explores her impressions of community, kinship, custom and caste in old Jaffna, and evolves into her reflections on life in a modern independent nation.

The narrative while offering nuggets of wisdom and cultural transmission, gives transformative insights into one way of life, at home and in the world. Insights are drawn from a personal history that stretches from a purely Tamil past, through uncharted waters, to uncover vast silence in our collective memory of the recent tumultuous history of Sri Lanka.

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History

Kandalama: The Untold Story / Prema Cooray

Wattala, Sri Lanka: Prema Cooray (Self publish), 2023

274p. ; 29cm.

9786249997004

\$ 100.00/ HB

1345gm.

This book delves into the remarkable journey behind the creation of one of Sri Lanka's most iconic hotels. With its focus on architecture, aesthetics, and socio-political challenges, the book sheds light on the captivating tale behind Geoffrey Bawa's masterpiece. Spanning over 272 pages, Kandalama: The Untold Story delves into the genesis of the Kandalama Hotel, from never seen before photographs, news articles and Bawa's original designs; all taking shape during one of the nation's most tumultuous periods. From the early stages of the separatist conflict to the later

years of the Marxist uprising, Cooray's book stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of the men and women who defied all odds to construct this architectural marvel.

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Kingdom Of Ruhuna: Home Of The Ruhunu (Yala) National Park – Folklore Based Historical Account from the Past to the Present / Suriya Jayalath Perera
California, USA: America Sri Lankan Photographic Art Society, 2020
236p.
9786249621701
\$ 120.00/ HB
1340gm.

Kingdom Of Ruhuna and home of Yala National Park as authors journey seek and record sri lanka rich and diverse fauna and flora and rich heritage surrounding Yala National Park and environs.

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Rising from the Ashes: Tragic Episode of the Jaffna Library (A Reference Guide for Researchers) / N. Selvarajah
Chennai: European Tamil Documentation and Research Centre, UK & Kumaran Book House, 2023
1st Edition
x, 246p.
9786246164508
\$ 25.00 / PB
320gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856241>

Veins of Influence: Colonial Sri Lanka (Ceylon) in Early Photographs and Collections / Shalini Amerasinghe Ganendra
Sri Lanka: Neptune Publications (Pvt) Ltd, 2023
254p.
9786246335441
\$ 42.00 / HB
1195gm.

Veins of Influence, Colonial Sri Lanka (Ceylon) in Early Photographs and Collections is a groundbreaking publication that brings early images of Sri Lanka (Ceylon) into the global discourse of photography and visual appreciation. In these pages, Ganendra surveys more than 450 early photographs of colonial Sri Lanka, from important collections, most of which have never been published or otherwise come into the public view, until now. Her focus on the collecting dynamic provides novel perspectives that humanise the image through the nature of their collectors and their related journeys. Images featured are from a variety of private and public collections including the: Royal Collection Trust; Pitt Rivers Museum, University of Oxford; Royal Commonwealth Society, Cambridge University Library; Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland; Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew; Rothschild Foundation. In addition to these UK collections, the publication includes early photographs from important local family collections and period publications.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856128>

Beyond Check-points : Stories of human resilience in troubled Sri Lanka / Duleep de Chickera
Colombo, Sri Lanka: The Diocese of Colombo, 2023
xviii, 174p.
9789559411147
\$ 25.00 / PB
265gm.

In this powerful collection titled 'Beyond Check Points', Bishop Duleep de Chickera deals with the tense reality as well as the symbolic significance of that special space - a check point. It is that point of encounter, most often in a confrontational location, in a physically limited space, where individuals or groups of people from different backgrounds and contexts, encounter each other for a brief moment in time. The background context for war and violence bring in the added elements of fear, tension and power into play, and on occasion also, an awareness of one's common humanity.

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Law

Sri Lanka Law Reports 2019, Vol. I to III : Containing cases and other matters decided by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (With A Digest) / (Ed-in-Chief) Hon. Mahinda Samayawardhena

Sri Lanka: The Ministry of Justice, 2019

3v.

\$ 330.00 / HB

2788gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855799>

Sri Lanka Law Reports 2020, Vol. I to III : Containing cases and other matters decided by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (With A Digest) / (Ed-in-Chief) Hon. Mahinda Samayawardhena

Sri Lanka: The Ministry of Justice, 2020

3v.

\$ 330.00 / HB

2160gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855800>

Sri Lanka Law Reports 2021, Vol. I to III : Containing cases and other matters decided by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka (With A Digest) / (Ed-in-Chief) Hon. Mahinda Samayawardhena

Sri Lanka: The Ministry of Justice, 2021

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\$ 330.00 / HB

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Official Publications

Central Bank of Sri Lanka Annual Report 2022, Volume I : Of the Monetary Board to the Hon. Minister of Finance for the Year 2022

Colombo: Central Bank of Sri Lanka, 2022

1v.

ISSN: 1391-359X ; 9786245917273

\$ 80.00 / PB

1102gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855798>

National Accounts of Sri Lanka 2022
Battaramulla, Sri Lanka: Department of Census and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, Economic Stabilization and National Policies, 2023

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\$ 50.00 / PB
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Politics / Current Affairs

Democracy And Democratisation In Sri Lanka: Paths, Trends And Imaginations Volume I
/ Jayadeva Uyangoda

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Bandaranaike Centre For International Studies, 2023

lxxiv, 598p.
Include Index.
9786245506057
\$ 75.00 / PB
875gm.

During March-July 2022, Sri Lanka's politics saw an unusually new and surprising development. Citizens in their thousands took to the streets demanding the resignation of the country's president as well as that of the government.

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Democracy And Democratisation In Sri Lanka: Paths, Trends And Imaginations Volume II
/ Jayadeva Uyangoda

Colombo, Sri Lanka: Bandaranaike Centre For International Studies, 2023

400p.
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During March-July 2022, Sri Lanka's politics saw an unusually new and surprising development. Citizens in their thousands took to the streets demanding the resignation of the country's president as well as that of the government.

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Galle Face Protest : Systems Change Or Anarchy? – Politics, Religion & Culture In A Time Of Terror In Sri Lanka / Sena Thoradeniya

Kandy, Sri Lanka: Federation of National Organisation, 2023

288p.
9786249472501
\$ 35.00 / PB
345gm.

This book contains a collection of articles analyzing different facts of the galle face protest that led to the resignation of elected president of Sri Lanka.

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