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Art

Vann Nath / Sylvie Blocher (et al.) (Ed) Jean-Sien Kin
France: Le Cercle des Amis de Vann Nath, 2021
239p.
9789924964001
\$ 90.00/ HB
982gm.

The 239-page book is a collection of around 100 paintings by Vann Nath of the Cambodian civil war and the nightmare of the Khmer Rouge regime, but as art it transcends its purpose as a historical document and becomes something more universal, according to the book's French-Cambodian editor Jean-Sien Kin, who says Vann Nath's work helped shape who he is and helped him to accept his own identity.

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Communication/Journalism

Cambodian Communication Review 2020 / (Eds) Say Sok & Bun Y Ung
Phnom Penh: Department of Media and Communication, Cambodia Communication Institute, Royal University of Phnom Penh, 2020
70p.
9789996377969
\$ 35.00/ PB
196gm.

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Economics

Diplomatic Briefing: The Price of Prosperity: Economic Diplomacy in Southeast Asia and the World, Issue No. 04, February 2022 / (Eds) Pich Charadine & Marurizio Paciello
Phnom Penh: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 2021
74p.
9789924571148
\$ 35.00 / PB
314gm.

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Food Security in the Mekong Region / (Eds) Dr. Kimly Ngun & Dr. Chheng Kimlong
Phnom Penh: Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, 2021

70p.

Mekong Connect, Volume 3, Issue No. 2, December 2021

\$ 30.00/ PB

288gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=808293>

Cambodia: A Country in Transition / Pradip Putatunda

New Delhi, India: Sterling Publishers (P) Ltd., 2021

352p.

Includes Bibliography

9788194777281

\$ 50.00 / HB

616gm.

Cambodia's economy was one of the fastest growing in the world during 1999-2019, with an average growth rate of more than 7.5 percent per annum. It was driven by garment exports, agriculture, construction, and tourism. The government is keen to make Cambodia a technology driven, upper middle-income country by 2030. Cambodia has made remarkable progress in economic growth and poverty reduction. Growth has also been inclusive. But, an uncertain global trading environment and increased competition regionally means that Cambodia cannot continue to rely on its past sources of growth. The upgrading and diversification of the economy, including through services and manufacturing, is the need of the future. In 2020, Cambodia's economy has been hit hard by the global COVID-19 outbreak. Rebounds in economic activity in China and in other major world markets can only improve Cambodia's growth prospects. This book is an attempt to provide an insight into the transition processes that have been taking place in Cambodia, an increasingly important member of ASEAN, during the last three decades.

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History

Lost Generation: The Story of Cambodian Rock and Roll / Susan Fletcher Haythorpe

UK: Matador, 2021

x, 118p. ; 138x216x12mm

9781800461314

\$ 30.00 / PB

238gm.

Rhythm and blues, psychedelia, surf rock, Latin grooves and a sprinkling of saccharine pop....

All found their way into the mix, not infrequently within the same song. A riot of distorted guitars, Farfisa organ, drums and brass, frequently overlaid with ethereally high-pitched

female vocals, that combined to evoke the raw energy of 60s American garage bands coupled with early Tamla Motown.

Lost Generation tells the story of an iconic music, born in the city known as the Pearl of Asia in the late 1950s and snuffed out little more than a decade later in Pol Pot's brutal Khmer Rouge labour camps, along with 90% of the artists who made it. Sin Sisamouth, Ros Sereysothea, Pan Ron and Yol Auralong are among the lost but far from forgotten stars of the country's Golden Age. Their legacy is not only very much alive in Cambodia today but is stealthily acquiring a cult following around the world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=787325>

Literature

Ashes from Annam: A Mother's Tale / Thierry de Roland Peel

Cambodia: Thierry de Roland Peel, 2022

228p.

9789924923602

\$ 40.00 / PB

266gm.

In the dying days of World War II Saigon was convulsed. British and French forces landed and seized control from the Japanese who surrendered leaving a chasm open for a small cadre loyal to Ho Chi Minh to appear and demanding independence.

This is a story of one family's attempt to survive the horrors of Japanese occupation, the mayhem that followed, and how their lives depended upon their intrepid dog Mephisto.

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