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Art

Putra Nusa Bunga & Wastra NTT Mengenang Sosok Frans Seda: Heir of The Island of Flowers & The Weaving Cloth of NTT (In Memoriam Frans Seda) / Sri Sintasari (Neneng) Iskandar, Diana Damayanti, Benny Gratha
Jakarta: Penerbit Buku Kompas, 2022
xxii, 346p, ; 25cm.
In Bahasa & English
9786233464932
\$ 45.00 / HB
1470gm.
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Biography/Memoirs

Retired But Not Expired: Spending Time Wisely During Retirement / Chappy Hakim
Jakarta: PT. Kompas Media Nusantara, 2022
xx, 436p. ; 23cm.
9786233467629
\$ 30.00 / PB
525gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852073>

Jokowi And The New Indonesia: A Political Biography / Darmawan Prasodjo, Tim Hannigan
Hong Kong: Tuttle Publishing, 2021
288p.
9780804854177
\$ 27.99 / HB
745gm.

In 2014, Joko Widodo--popularly known as Jokowi--was elected the seventh president of the Republic of Indonesia, going on to win a second five-year term in 2019. Raised amid poverty in a riverside slum and with a background in the furniture export trade, Jokowi broke the mold for political leaders in the world's third-largest democracy. His meteoric rise came without the benefit of personal connections to the traditional elites who have dominated Indonesian politics for three-quarters of a century, making this a true "rags to riches" story. This new official biography tells the story of how the boy from the riverbank made it to the presidential palace in record time. Readers will learn how his personal background and heritage have created a distinctive style of politics and informed his ambitious development goals--including massive infrastructure projects, universal healthcare and a reimagining of Indonesia's educational

system. It also looks at how a man raised with a traditionally Javanese worldview negotiates the tensions, contradictions and conflicts of this vast archipelagic nation.

Written by a political insider with unparalleled access to the president and an intimate first-hand knowledge of his decision-making processes, this book is essential reading for anyone looking to understand the political present--and the future--of Southeast Asia's largest nation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852074>

The Dark Cracks of Kemang: The Bajaj Boys in Indonesia / Jeremy Roberts

Queensland, Australia: Interactive Publications Pty Ltd, 2022

viii, 345p.

9781922830050

\$ 35.00 / PB

465gm.

"That old childhood saying 'pick what you want from the tree of life' simply not working anymore? Becoming a foreigner in Indonesia might be as good a stab at something new and rewarding, as anything..." Armed with a teaching contract, some poems, and a guitar-playing buddy, Roberts discovers a potentially life-changing experience in 2013. And so the Bajaj Boys make themselves at home. Indonesia is revealed as a challenging but welcoming land of 'instant millionaires', 'beautiful rubbish', abundant romance, powerful religion, and unnerving history. Nasi goreng, alcohol, cigarettes, bajajs, motorbikes, a gentlemen's club, poetry gigs, wild animals, and electrical storms weave together, as the dark cracks of Kemang open.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852075>

Economics/Development Studies

Resilient & Sustainable Economic Recovery: Indonesia G20 Presidency / Dian Lestari & Rossanto Dwi Handoyo

Jakarta: Gramedia Pustaka Utama Publishing, 2022

xxvii, 572p.

9786020665702

\$ 50.00 / PB

515gm.

The current trends of the global economy coupled with high uncertainty brought by the global pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine war, and other unpredictable factors have necessitated the need to have new empirical insight that better reflects the current reality. This has been the main reason why the Ministry of Finance was duty-bound to sponsor research that will guide policy and decision makers from various business climbs through a project titled "Road to Indonesia G20 Presidency 2022". In an effort toward achieving the G20 Presidency target, the 2022 call for papers has resulted in an emergence of new empirical insights published in this book of proceedings. The proceedings target many readers, researchers, and students with an interest in digital transformation to promote productivity, improving quality of human capital during the post-Covid - 19 pandemic, and sustainable finance for promoting inclusive growth. The papers published in this book are not only apt but also very crucial to current global economic realities and reflect the diversity of issues confronting many nations.

"I am delighted to commend this book and I do expect that the papers published in this book would become stepping stones toward further discussion and eventually enrich the agendas of Indonesia's Presidency in the G20 and its follow-up. All the submissions, as well as the conference following the competition, have collectively contributed to creating a stronger global recovery, which has a more competitive, productive, and sustainable foundation, aligned with the G20 theme, 'Recover Together, Recover Stronger'."

— We mpi Saputra Assistant Minister for Macro Economy and International Finance, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Indonesia & Finance Deputy G20 Presidency of Indonesia
"Overall, this book written by various groups such as researchers, professionals, students, and the general public offers a valuable guide to intellectual and practical work to enrich literacy related to current issues, especially those currently being discussed during the implementation of the Indonesian G20 Presidency in the finance track. I hope this book is widely read and valuable for the world of science and literacy."
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852076>

History

250 Years In Old Jakarta: Tales of the Bik family and the rich history of Tanah Abang / Sven Verbeek Wolthuys
Second Edition
Sydney, Australia: Lost Jakarta Publishers, 2021
338p.
9781646694594
\$ 120.00 / HB
1490gm.

More than 200 years ago the Bik family left the Netherlands and crossed oceans to seek a new life in the Dutch East Indies, now Indonesia. They were draughtsmen, artists, and government officials, and eventually wealthy landowners. Tanah Abang, the area of Batavia (now Jakarta) where they settled, is an intrinsic part of their story.
250 YEARS IN OLD JAKARTA is for those who love Jakarta's history and are searching for its lost past. It describes the adventures and tragedies of a Dutch family in colonial Jakarta, with emphasis on the family's prominent and influential presence in Tanah Abang. While 98% of the historic buildings of Tanah Abang sadly no longer exist today, the many unique and never before published pictures in this book not only provide a glimpse into a bygone era, but also give the history of Tanah Abang and Jakarta a deeply personal perspective.
Sven Verbeek Wolthuys (1968), a direct descendant of the Bik family, has been researching Jakarta's history for over 30 years. In this book he has brought together a vibrant mix of his family's stories and pictures, from the arrival of his very first ancestor in Batavia in 1776 to the current remnants of his family, the few dozen Bik tombstones still found in and around Jakarta today.
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A Nation Fighting Covid-19 (Inferno Purgatoria Paradiso) / Tim Kreatif DPD Partai Golkar (Ed)
Candra Gautama
Jakarta: KPG, 2023
xxiii, 220p. ; 24cm.
9786024817947
\$ 50.00 / HB
1000gm.

"This book describes historical events that occurred in Indonesia, and even the world, visually Since 2019, humanity has been hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. Many activities stop, victims fall every day. Seeing the extraordinary impact, the Jakarta Chapter of Golkar Party then took the initiative to document the event-a gripping and sad history in the 21st century-by holding a photo contest throughout 2020-2022. The results are amazing. With great enthusiasm, Indonesian photographers produce stunning images. My salute to the initiator of the photo contest and the publication of this book. -Darwis Triadi, senior photographer and jury member of the Covid-19

photo contest "A rare book, about a long and tiring event, but made with the spirit of humanity and optimism. The various photos in this book depict Indonesian people in the midst of a pandemic, without giving up hope and passion for life. A work in the midst of an epidemic, and made with sincerity: congratulations to Mr. Zaki, the Chairman of the Jakarta Chapter of Colkar Party and his creative team. -Rizal Mallarangeng, founder of the Freedom Institute
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852078>

Literature

Life As We Know It / Emte
Jakarta: Penerbit Gramedia Pustaka Utama, 2023
301p. ; 23cm.
9786020669847
\$ 18.00 / PB
225gm.

Life is about ourselves, also about other people. Let's enjoy the stories created by the universe.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852079>

A Bouquet of Memories and You / Raissa Almira
Jakarta: Penerbit PT Elex Media Komputino, 2023
247p.
9786230047589
\$ 12.00 / PB
105gm.

Us in rewind was not as beautiful and compelling as we are now. There were rough patches, here and there, difficult conversations, every now and then; but they all led up to us being us, as of now.
Closer to forever, better lovers for each other.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852080>

My Latte Sky and other stars / Zulie
Jakarta: Kepustakaan Popular Gramedia, 2023
Iv, 148p. ; 18cm.
9786024814076
\$ 12.50 / PB
120gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852081>

Sorry For Not Answering The Phone, I'm too Busy Trying To Fly Away / Jvsan
Jakarta: PT. Bukune Kreatif Cipta, 2023
vi, 246p. ; 19cm.
9786022204824
\$ 11.00 / PB
170gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=852082>

Sociology

Wong Pinter: The Roles and Significance of the Javanese Shaman / Agustinus Sutiono

Jakarta: Kepustakaan Populer Gramedia, 2020
xvi, 359p. ; 21cm.
9786024814663
\$ 20.00 / PB
335gm.

Exploring the phenomenon of socio-religio-magico reality in Java called wong pinter, this study is a pioneering academic work based on a first hand data. By interviewing 108 practitioners within the framework of anthropological and ethnographical approaches and putting the discussions in the context of shamanism study, this work is also a unique inquiry on Javanese culture conducted by a native.

Wong Pinter delineates significant connectivity between Javanese shamanism and Asian or Southeast Asian shamanism. It also describes various aspect of shamanism practices in Java and assesses the sustainability and challenges of this phenomenon vis-a-vis the suppression of religious and political establishment. Above all, this book is an outstanding report valuable to those who are interested to delve into the core of Javanese culture and to the deliberation of social science in general.

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