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Anthropology/Archaeology

(Un) Covering Lenggong Valley : Architecture and Archaeology / (Eds) James Lim & Sharon Ong
Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Office Enterprise, 2023
140p.
9789672585930
\$ 40.00 / PB
272gm.

"The Lenggong Valley is Malaysia's priceless treasure trove of history, architecture, and archaeology, yet is still so under-appreciated. Thus, this book is much welcomed as a worthy body of research and writing of not just Lenggong's millions of years of geo-archaeological and anthropological knowledge, but also its enduring and endearing village-and-smalltown architecture and lifestyle that can still be enjoyed today. Besides its interesting chapters, it is heartening to also know that UCSI University, School of Architecture and Built Environment's students themselves were active in the book's research and production; a great Lenggong immersion for the younger generation. Read this book and visit the Valley, and you will be enriched by nearly two million years of our human history."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848602>

Songs of Ecology, Community and Indigenous Values: The Mah Meri of Carey Island, Malaysia /
Clare Suet Ching Chan
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya Press (UMPress), 2023
xxiv, 256p.
Includes Index
9789674882587

1. Mah-Meri (Malaysian people) – Malaysia – Pulau Carey (Selangor) – Music.
2. Indigenous peoples – Malaysia – Music.
3. Folk music – Malaysia.
4. Mah-Meri (Malaysian people) – Social life and customs.

\$ 30.00 / PB
408gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848604>

The Temiars of the Puyan River Vol. 1: History, Culture and Situation of the Orang Asli of Pos Gob /
David P Quinton
Kampung Pincong, Pos Gob, Kelantan: David P Quinton (Self-Published), 2022
236p.
Includes Bibliography
9781739134419
\$ 40.00 / PB
676gm.

This is the story of a Temiar community in the Kelantan hinterland. Never before has it been told in such detail and clarity, even though anthropologists have been intrigued with the Temiars for over a hundred years. It is a story of their survival in the deep rain forest of the Malayan Peninsula, from time immemorial to the present, living according to a ritual and social system taught to them through dreams, whereby they could placate the adverse spiritual entities of the wild and live peaceably as part of a strong ethnic group. Their dependence on natural resources has bonded them to the forest for millennia, and this is the lifestyle they seek to preserve today. Ten years of interaction with these true guardians of the forest has enabled David P. Quinton to piece together the facets of an unseen belief system and learn what makes them at one with their environment. He has also uncovered a wealth of knowledge that the Temiars possess of natural species and their uses.

VOL. 1:

- The life of the Temiars in the old days, their reliance on dream guides and spiritually adept leaders to teach them the way of peace with nature, their adherence to strict taboos and their celebration of life-giving spirits.
- The practical modes of sustaining their existence, building homes and procuring food by foraging and hunting in their unspoiled river valleys.
- Hundreds of Quinton's own pictures, which vividly capture the Temiars' way of life.
- 1000 names of species from the plant and animal kingdoms, known to the Temiars.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842273>

The Temiars of the Puyan River Vol. 2 : History, Culture and Situation of the Orang Asli of Pos Gob / David P Quinton

Kampung Pincong, Pos Gob, Kelantan: David P Quinton (Self-Published), 2022

212p.

Includes Bibliography

9781739134426

\$ 40.00 / PB

610gm.

This is the story of a Temiar community in the Kelantan hinterland. Never before has it been told in such detail and clarity, even though anthropologists have been intrigued with the Temiars for over a hundred years. It is a story of their survival in the deep rain forest of the Malayan Peninsula, from time immemorial to the present, living according to a ritual and social system taught to them through dreams, whereby they could placate the adverse spiritual entities of the wild and live peaceably as part of a strong ethnic group. Their dependence on natural resources has bonded them to the forest for millennia, and this is the lifestyle they seek to preserve today. Ten years of interaction with these true guardians of the forest has enabled David P. Quinton to piece together the facets of an unseen belief system and learn what makes them at one with their environment. He has also uncovered a wealth of knowledge that the Temiars possess of natural species and their uses.

VOL. 2:

- The origins of the Puyan River Temiars, with their ancestry and detailed, GPS-plotted maps showing hundreds of old settlements, with mountains and rivers.
- How their peaceful equilibrium was turned upside-down by the Communist Insurgency of the 1950s-1970s and how their way of life has been severely challenged by wide-scale logging and the introduction of new religions.
- Almost 100 herbal medicines cataloged with colour pictures and their uses.
- 1000 place names from the Puyan Valley with their origins categorised.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842274>

Architecture

Small Practices: In Conversation with Malaysian and Japanese Architects / Noorul Fadzlee Khamis (Ed) Clarissa Lim Kye Lee

Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Office Enterprise, 2022

1v.

9789672585916

1. Architecture – Malaysia.
2. Architecture – Japan.

\$ 50.00 / PB

288gm.

Small Practices: In Conversation with Malaysian and Japanese Architects provides an intimate look into how small practices find their niche and pursue their passion in a field that is often perceived as aggressive and vigorous. --- Noorul Fadzlee Khamis, a Malaysian architect, and educator, with the support of Japan Foundation Asia Centre speaks to small practices based in both Kuala Lumpur and Tokyo, documenting their workplaces and thoughts on inspiration, quirks, irks, the future of small practices, and its relation to architecture education.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848606>

Art

Automatism: In Philosophy, Art and Culture / (Eds) Gareth Richards, Helena Dodge-Wan & Eryn Tan

Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Office Enterprise, 2022

64p.

9789672585923

1. Automatism.
2. Consciousness in art.

\$ 27.50 / PB

108gm.

Book Details:

Automatism was not a thing we understand today as it was back in the early 80s when Zaha Hadid was the flavour and also when Coop Himmelblau was emerging to be the new avant-garde. Sadly Hilma Af Klint was not yet known and her work was largely kept inside the United States under cover. Nothing was then written about her psychic art. From Andre Breton to Jackson Pollock we see this energy trail which continues to run deeply inside today's art and philosophy. Written for a thesis at the Architectural Association, and edited for this age, is a book which could become dear to many who would count the subconscious as a necessary aide for some of the very best artists, musicians and writers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848607>

Bayangnya Itu Timbul Tenggelam Area: Photographic Cultures in Malaysia / Hoo Fan Chon (et al.) (Ed) Rahel Joseph & Khat Mirzan

Kuala Lumpur: Ilham Foundation, 2020

120p.

English & Malay Languages

9789671685648

\$ 62.00 / PB

456gm.

Bayangnya itu Timbul Tenggelam, that which appears and recedes from view, is a survey of the cultures that developed around photography and its relationship to Malaysia. The exhibition invites us to discover the different values and meanings that people have invested in the photographic image through the years, in an attempt to explore an alternative understanding of the complex modern history of photography.

The exhibition does not aim to offer a 'history' of photography in the conventional sense. Instead of tracing the 'evolution' of camera technology or presenting a chronology of artistic movements, the exhibition instead highlights how photographs gained new dimensions and meanings through the different ways they were used, collected, and displayed.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842521>

Business

Selling With Consciousness: Tapping into the Inner Power of Selling / Olivia Lee & Dr Victor SL Tan
Kuala Lumpur: KL Strategic Change Consulting Group, 2022

156p.

9789672588429

1. Selling.
2. Consciousness.
3. Sales management.

\$ 25.00 / PB

238gm.

This book title, Selling with Consciousness itself spurs a sense of curiosity as the word consciousness is not often associated with selling.

One might think the word, "consciousness" is superfluous. After all, isn't selling a conscious effort? This is where Olivia Lee's book stands out from the many other books written about selling. Olivia Lee is not your normal sales lady thriving to push her products in the marketplace. The approach she used in Selling with Consciousness has won her a string of awards both for her company as well as for herself amongst which include the following.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848609>

Comics/Graphic Novels

Dr. IP, Episode 1 / Chong Han Kwang

Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya Press (UMPress), 2023

viii, 140p.

9789674882600

\$ 40.00 / PB

406gm.

(The Malaysia Book of Records – First Intellectual Property (IP) Comic)

Three words to describe this Dr IP comic – Educational, Entertaining, and Enriching! This book uses a unique method to explain a rather dry yet important subject of Intellectual Property (IP). Its interesting story-telling approach will appeal to many, especially the students. Indeed, an applaudable achievement by Datuk Dr. Francis Chong.

Congratulations!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848610>

Cookbooks

To Nourish with Love: Flavours and Memories from Mussoorie to Malaysia / Bettina Chua Abdullah & Manju Saigal

Penang: Hikayat, 2022

1v.

9789671658437

\$ 100.00 / HB

A childhood in India's cool Mussoorie hills to a cook's coming of age in the sultry, tropical Malaysian heat. *To Nourish with Love* encompasses a breadth of tales and recipes that mirrors life and its myriad flavours through dishes that celebrate the sparkling sours, joyful sweets and the welcome fresh, together with recipes of heat and spice, comforting savoury and game-changing bitters. Manju Saigal and award-winning writer Bettina Chua Abdullah pay tribute to the lessons handed down from parent to child, mother to daughter, teacher to student and between friends against the magnificent and unparalleled canvas of Indian flavour. With over 130 recipes, accompanied by mouth-watering images, delightful illustrations and illuminating digressions into agriculture, botany, culture and history. In a book paced by flavours, seasons and stories, *To Nourish with Love* explains why feeding is the ultimate act of love.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=843648>

Economics

Regaining Control: Malaysian Economic Policy During Covid and Beyond / Shankaran Nambiar
Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2023

xii, 132p.

9789672464877

\$ 16.00 / PB

232gm.

Regaining Control: Malaysian Economic Policy during COVID and Beyond is a collection of essays that address the impact of recent events, particularly the COVID-19 pandemic, on Malaysia's economic policies and the way forward. The essays were previously published in various print and online publications. The pandemic presented a significant challenge to Malaysia, which was not immune to the global economic turmoil caused by COVID-19. The resulting movement control order had a particularly adverse impact on the livelihoods of the B40 and M40 categories. Despite the crisis, social unrest was avoided due to competent management. The pandemic had a severe impact on Malaysia's economy, as expected. Globalisation was disrupted, causing shortages of essential supplies, breakdowns in supply chains, and an oversupply of vaccines in developed countries compared to developing ones. The pandemic exposed the worst aspects of capitalism, including a trend towards nationalistic frameworks in several developed countries.

"Covid-19 was a global pandemic. All countries, and nearly all localities, were affected. And yet infection rates, death rates, and impact on societies varied widely. What accounts for this variance? The Malaysian story is told by Shankaran Nambiar, one of the country's leading economists. We already know that in the United States, Covid-19 responses became highly politicised. The China story seems equally political, but driven from the top down. The Malaysian story is not quite as divisive, but is not pretty either. Here it is, with all its warts and slippery successes." – Peter Timmer, *Thomas D Cabot Professor of Development Studies (Emeritus), Harvard University*

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848612>

The State of Fintech in Malaysia / Bahri (et al.)
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya Press (UMPress), 2023
xii, 156p.

Includes Index
9789674882402

1. Financial services industry – Technological innovations – Malaysia.
2. Financial services industry – Management.

\$ 25.00 / PB

260gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842080>

Education

English: Critical Lessons for Teachers by Teachers / (Eds) Nicholas Lee Bk & Jey L Burkhardt
Sunway City: Sunway University Press, 2023

viii, 192p.

Includes Index
9789675492839

\$ 80.00 / HB

456gm.

This book contains suggestions for improving English language coursebooks, a new way of teaching English grammar, lessons from multicultural classrooms, a study on multimodality lessons, positive psychology and language teaching, reflections of a Nyonya author and a story of teachers from the perspective of a dyslexic student. This book was specially written in honour of English language academic Professor Dr Stephen J Hall.

This book is suitable for English language educators and the interested general public.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848614>

History

Carl A. Gibson-Hill: Photography, History, Boats and Birds in Late-Colonial Malaya and Singapore /
Brendan Luyt

Kuala Lumpur: The Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society (MBRAS), 2022

viii, 160p.

Includes Index
9789715425001

1. Gibson-Hill, Carl A.
2. Malaya – History.
3. Ornithology.
4. Birds – Pictorial works.
5. Photography – Malaysia – Malaya.
6. Boats and boating – Malaysia – Malaya.

\$ 35.00 / PB

254gm.

Carl A. Gibson-Hill was one of colonial Malaya's last scholar-administrators. As a director of Singapore's Raffles Museum in the 1950s and editor of the journal of MBRAS, he made significant contributions in diverse fields, including ornithology, photography, history, and maritime studies. His publications display both artistry and intellectual rigour, but perfectionism combined with depression and illness made it difficult for him to carry projects forward. His legacy is a long list of

articles, many in publications he edited, and collections of photographs in museum archives. It is a distinguished body of work but fell short of his aspirations.

Gibson-Hill was a man out of sync with his times. His professional life took place against a backdrop of the dissolution of the British Empire and dwindling opportunities for members of the colonial establishment as Singapore and Malaya moved toward independence. Facing early retirement and dissolution of the social order that gave his life meaning, he committed suicide in August 1963, one month before Singapore's definitive break with its colonial past.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848615>

Tea Trade Association of Malaysia: Commemorating 60 Years of Establishment (1956-2016) = 马来西亚茶业商会 - 纪念成立60周年 (1956-2016) / 李健荣 Lee Ken Eng, 黄宇琛 Wong Yee Chen
Kuala Lumpur: Tea Trade Association of Malaysia, 2023

1v.

English & Chinese Languages

9786299777809

\$ 50.00 / PB

774gm.

Exploring Malaysia's Tea Industry & Tea Culture: This book tries to grasp the development of Malaysia's tea industry through TTAM's 60 years of documents, and map out the tea drinking culture of Malaysian from the perspective of the tea industry.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=845215>

Law

Malaysia Human Rights Report 2022 / Suara Inisiatif Sdn Bhd
Petaling Jaya: Suara Rakyat Malaysia (SUARAM), 2023

1v.

ISSN: 2682-8154; 9772682815005

\$ 40.00 / PB

422gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847022>

Upholding the Federal Constitution: The Judicial Thoughts of Dato' Seri Hishamudin Yunus / (Ed) S. Saravana Kumar

Kuala Lumpur: RDS-Rosli Dahlan Saravana Partnership, 202.

ix, 290p.

Includes Index

9786299760603

\$ 100.00 / HB

508gm.

This book is dedicated to those who believe in, and fight for, the independence of the judiciary.

The commentaries contained in this book discuss the key decision of Dato' Seri Hishamudin Yunus, a retired Malaysian Court of Appeal Judge, who firmly subscribes to the principles of judicial independence. His commitment to judicial independence stems from his appreciation for an effective check and balance mechanism to ensure that the Executive and the Legislature act within their constitutional limits.

Justice Hishamudin regards law as an embodiment of justice and his decision gave life to many provisions in relation to fundamental rights in the Federal Constitution of Malaysia. As an impartial judge, he ruled without fear or favor, always being true to his judicial oath to uphold the law and the Federal Constitution – for this, he had to pay a price, where he was not elevated to the highest

court of Malaysia, the Federal Court, by then government in 2015 despite being the most senior Court of Appeal Judge.

This book discusses the landmark decision of Justice Hishamuddin, who has written more than 700 judgments during his 23 years on the bench.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848015>

Literature

An Anthology of Traditional Malay Literature / (Ed) Muhammad Haji Salleh
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya Press (UMPress), 2023
xviii, 454p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789674882594

\$ 45.00 / PB

680gm.

This anthology of traditional and classical works is a collection of poetry and fiction, legal digests, epistles and religious treatises, narrated, sung or written in the Malay language, in the Malay Archipelago. This language was and is widespread in the Malay Peninsula, Singapore, Sabah, Sarawak, Brunei, in Kalimantan, (Indonesian Borneo), including Pontianak, Ketapang, Sintang, Banjarmasin, Kutai and Samarinda. It was the lingua franca for most of Insular Southeast Asia and even in parts of Continental Southeast Asia, and to be found in Southern Thailand, in the provinces of Satun, Patani and Nakorn Sithammarat, and some islands in Southern Philippines. This time-span of traditional Malay literature covers a period from the earliest beginnings of oral works, through the inscriptions on stone and metal, and through further developments in oral storytelling, the advent of writing. In the decades of the 18th and 19th centuries a collision with western colonial powers and their cultures has resulted in a literature that reflected this traumatic confrontation and also, the so-called 'modern' elements. Along with this too we notice the rise of the new genres of the report, the travelogue, the autobiography and biography, which interestingly are prominent antecedents of modern literature.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=847128>

The Tiniest House of Time / Sreedhevi Iyer
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023
340p.

9789670076164

\$ 25.00 / PB

524gm.

The Tiniest House of Time is more than a family saga, ranging across continents and decades seamlessly, from colonial Burma in the 1930s to nationalist Malaysia in the 1990s and beyond, to Hong Kong and Australia. The reader is thrust into the lives of far-flung middle-class Indian communities: immersed in family and local politics and intimate relationships, swept along in the tide of grand historical events.

History works in cycles, repeating itself, until we finally understand that everything that has happened, has always already happened.

The story is driven by Iyer's two main characters, both strong women — Susheela Sastri and Sandhya Sastri — who are grandmother and granddaughter, but could have been born of the same atom. Sandhya visits her grandmother's deathbed after having run away from her country, her family, her love, and herself. She remembers her grandmother's stories, of a lost time in Burma, and digs deep to find truth in it. A dying Susheela, impatient with her family's pity, asks Sandhya

to read to her. It opens up past events in both their lives, the family dynamics, the forbidden loves, the politics of who can be hated, when, and by whom...And what can they, as women of their times, actually do about it.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848619>

The Principal Girl Redux: Feminist Tales from Asia / (Eds) Sharifah Aishah Osman & Tutu Dutta
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023

x, 262p.

9789670076188

\$ 19.00 / PB

292gm.

THE PRINCIPAL GIRL REDUX: FEMINIST TALES FROM ASIA features stories of bold, bright, and heroic women and girls drawn from Malaysia and Singapore, as well as the Asian diaspora that underlies the rich and diverse cultural heritage of the two countries. All twenty stories of this anthology emphasize female empowerment, and privilege the agency, strength, and wisdom of young girls and women, over conventionally idealized traits such as beauty, obedience, conformity, and passivity, so frequently depicted in traditional androcentric folk tales. Of these, nine tales are based on or inspired by Asian folklore and well-known female cultural icons, while eleven are original stories with contemporary settings, drawn from sources as diverse as the Mahabharata and Sejarah Melayu, to Iban and Kadazan folklore. Readers will find themselves with reimagined tales of legendary female figures like Hang Li Po, Puteri Gunung Ledang, Draupadi, Queen Vishpala, Khawlah bt Azwar, Mahsuri, Cik Siti Wan Kembang, Walinong Sari, as well as mythical creatures like the Phoenix and Gedembai. Apart from that, they will also meet the crime-fighting teenager Surya, the scholar and philanthropist Lilly Po, and the beauty queen Eve, who learns the true meaning of embodying the spirit of Huminodun, among many others just as dauntless. Aimed at young adult readers, this volume showcases the writings of both new and established authors from Malaysia and Singapore. These authors hope to inspire young audiences with empowering narratives of various 'principal girls' from the past and present; all courageous, resourceful, and intelligent in their own ways. These are tales that readers will want to revisit, again and again.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848621>

My Medicine: Poetry and Short Stories / Charissa Ong Ty
Subang Jaya: Penwings Publishing, 2023

288p.

9789671422793

\$ 25.00 / PB

318gm.

Today was the day I fell in love with poetry once more.
I didn't simply just write them. Instead,
I let the words float freely downstream from my heart into the void before me.
The broken letters rearranged themselves in perfect order,
as if it were sheet music ready to be played by a concerto.
It was beautiful.
With nervous anticipation I read the notes and hummed the sad tune softly,
careful not to stir the water. And in the still reflection, I see me.
My poetry.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848622>

Minority Blues / Alison Lew (et al.)
Batu Pahat, Johor: Shuren Press, 2022

48p.

9789671922828
\$ 20.00 / PB
108gm.

Back in May 2021, Shuren Press put out an open call for submissions on the topic of minority blues, their very first open call at that. This book contains short stories and poems pertaining to the other on the fringes of normative society, whether it be due to their prevailing socio-economic background, their sexual orientation or gender identification, having an unpopular political view, being mentally ill, or simply just being an immigrant in a foreign land. This book aims to challenge it's reader, to put aside and forget what one assumes to know about a minority, and through the process of erasure, hopefully illuminate the fact that the minority narrative is not the narrative of the victim.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848623>

Everything in Life is a Fire, No. 01: Poetry and Haiku from 2009-2020 / Dano Chow
Batu Pahat, Johor: Shuren Press, 2021
44p.
9789671922811
\$ 30.00 / PB
218gm.

Everything In Life is a Fire is Dano Chow's first collection of poetry and haiku, a montage in retrospect spanning a decade. At times introspective and playfully philosophical, the book offers insight into the development of a young writer's sense of self. Fire by fire, Dano illuminates a pathway with words, attempting to mesmerize us by making the most ordinary of things appear divine.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848625>

Official Publications

Akaun Negara: Keluaran Dalam Negeri Kasar Kaedah Pendapatan 2021 = National Accounts: Gross Domestic Product Income Approach 2021 [Malaysia]
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2022
1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN: 2289-6686; 9772289668004
\$ 25.00 / PB
146gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841804>

Perusahaan Mikro, Kecil dan Sederhana 2021 = Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises 2021 [Malaysia]
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2022
1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN: 2948-4146; 9772948414003
\$ 35.00 / PB
214gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841805>

Malaysia 2019 & 2020: Jadual Input-Output = Input-Output Tables
Putrajaya: Department of Statistics Malaysia, 2022

1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN: 0127-919X ; 9770127919004
\$ 80.00 / PB
1558gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842063>

Penemuan Utama Banci Penduduk dan Perumahan Malaysia 2020 – Kawasan Pihak Berkuasa Tempatan = Key Findings Population and Housing Census of Malaysia 2020 – Local Authority Area Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia= Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2023

1v.
English & Malay Languages
9789672536970
\$ 40.00 / PB
950gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842743>

Statistik Ekonomi Tahunan 2022 : Perkhidmatan Kesihatan Swasta dan Kerja Sosial = Annual Economic Statistics 2022 : Private Health and Social Work Services [Malaysia]
Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia= Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2023

1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN: 2637-1421; 9772637142002
\$ 25.00 / PB
172gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842744>

Statistik Ekonomi Tahunan 2022: Perkhidmatan Persendirian dan Lain-Lain Aktiviti = Annual Economic Statistics 2022 : Personal Services and Other Activities [Malaysia]
Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia= Department of Statistics, Malaysia, 2023

1v.
English & Malay Languages
ISSN: 2672-703X; 9772672703008
\$ 25.00 / PB
174gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=842745>

Performing Arts

101 Albums You Need To Hear Before I Die, 1929-1973 / Martin Vengadesan (Ed) Alena Nadia Petaling Jaya: Matahari Books, 2023

356p.
9789670042640
\$ 20.00 / PB
334gm.

Great music is about so much more than just the end product. Very often the stories behind the songs and their creators can be as scintillating as the music itself. This book is about more than just 101 slabs of music you are being advised to listen to. It's about the also-rans and stars that burned out too fast. As a music journalist for many years, the author managed to meet many of his idols - and they provided interesting insights as well as moments of humour.

In the first of two volumes, we look at the timeless stories the musicians were telling, and just why they deserve to live forever.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848628>

Muzik Independen / Joe Kidd (et al.)

Ipoh, Perak: Kampung Karyawan Amanjaya Sdn Bhd, 2020

124p.

English & Malay Languages

9789671768518

Ipoh Music Symposium Project

\$ 20.00 / PB

222gm.

Projek simposium muzik anjuran PORT (People of Remarkable Talents), yang dinamakan sebagai Ipoh Music Symposium (IMS), buat julung-julung kalinya dilaksanakan di Bandaraya Ipoh pada 26 Oktober 2019. Bertemakan "Muzik Independen", acara selama dua hari ini dipenuhi dengan pelbagai perbincangan dan wacana seputar dunia muzik independen di Malaysia dan juga Indonesia.

Penerbitan dwibahasa ini memuatkan himpunan kertas kerja yang dibentangkan sewaktu IMS 2019, di samping beberapa artikel baharu serta gambar-gambar foto sekitar simposium tersebut. Buku ini boleh dijadikan salah sebuah sumber rujukan penting buat para pengkaji seni dan budaya, khususnya yang berkecimpung dalam bidang muzik dan seni bunyian.

The music symposium project organized by PORT (People of Remarkable Talents), also known as the Ipoh Music Symposium (IMS), was held for the first time in Ipoh city on 26 October 2019. Themed "Independent Music", the two-day event was filled with various discussions and discourses around the world of independent music in Malaysia and Indonesia.

This bilingual publication contains a collection of papers presented during the IMS 2019, as well as several new articles and photographs taken during the symposium. This book will serve as a useful resource for researchers in arts and culture, especially those in the field of music and sound.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=848629>

Politics

Electoral Reform and Democracy in Malaysia / (Eds) Helen Ting M.H. & Donald L. Horowitz

Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2023

xiv, 296p.

Includes Index

9788776943202

Nordic Institute of Asian Studies-NIAS Studies in Asian Topics, No. 79

\$ 94.62 / HB

580gm.

The historic electoral defeat suffered in 2018 by Barisan Nasional (BN), which had ruled Malaysia for over half a century since independence, raised high expectations for electoral reform. Wide-ranging reform recommendations were indeed advanced but clearly these were complicated by the ethnic dimension and required a sustained effort to succeed. Prospects for their implementation were dimmed by the dramatic fall of the 22-month-old Pakatan Harapan government, reduced political activity during the Covid lockdown and in recent times the revived fortunes of BN-aligned political forces. Taking all of these factors into account, this impressive study takes stock of the state of democracy in Malaysia by offering readers a deep but readily understandable analysis of an array of electoral reform issues. Produced by a team of scholars ranging from very senior to

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