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### *Art*

Yee I-Lann: The Sun Will Rise in the East / (Ed) Beverly Yong  
Kuala Lumpur: RogueArt, 2023  
216p.  
9789672807186  
\$ 140.00 / PB  
1112gm.

the sun will rise in the east is a book of journeys. It follows the arc of Yee I-Lann's artistic practice through a sequence of essays and conversations, and photographic documentation of works made from 2011 to 2023. In doing so, it traverses different geographies and maps unfolding lines of thinking, bringing us along on an adventure across languages, and across philosophies for living in the world.

Born in 1971, Yee I-Lann lives and works in her hometown, Kota Kinabalu in Sabah, Malaysian Borneo. With a long- standing interest in the Southeast Asian region and its global connectivities, her practice as an artist has cut across photomedia, text, textile, site-specific installation, and video. In recent years, she has been collaborating intensely with other makers to make mats.

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Yee I-Lann: At the Table (Essays and Conversations 2011-2023) / (Ed) Beverly Yong  
Kuala Lumpur: RogueArt, 2023  
80p.  
9789672807193  
\$ 20.00 / PB  
406gm.

This is a book of propositions. It follows lines of thinking in an artist's practice, through different geographics and their landscapes, through economics and politics. It is thinking which draws from different languages and philosophies for living in the world.

Let us consider three images, or visualisations, from Yee I-Lann's work, and from her collaborations we will come to read more about later.

The first is a dramatic mise-en-scène. On the cover of this book, there is an image of an unruly woman seated at either end of a long formal table, barefoot and dressed in a batik sarong, her long hair hanging over her face. On the right, she is on a blue plastic stool, one hand firmly down on the table, the other waving a stalk of rice out in front of her. On the left, she is slouched back in an executive's chair, legs unbecomingly splayed open on the table. It is a picture of trouble, surely, of disruption, of confrontation, full of haunted rage and laughter.

The second is an attempt to visualise an idea, emerging from I-Lann's conversations with her Dusun Murut weaver collaborators in inland Sabah. In the bamboo pus mats they have made together, there is a traditional basic weave, a simple step rhythm, called in Dusun

tukad kad. For its look and feel, it is named for the ridges on the mouth's palate which become raised when they come into contact with heat or acidity. English readers may be reminded that the words "text" and "texture", like "textile", come from the Latin stem *texere*, from the PIE root *teks-*to weave, fabricate, make. We can read, understanding that to weave is to make is to create texture to react to a trigger, to create text. When the architecture of the mouth is used to describe art-making, we are reminded of its function as the space between the private and the public, a site of ingestion and expression, We can see the propositions in this book as tukad had.

The third is a visual proposition. It asks us to think abo how we see and use architecture, and how we see and use power. Picture 60 tables on 60 mats facing you on a wall. The mats are woven by 1-Lann's weaver collaboration on Pulau Omodal in Semporna, on the coast of Sabah, each using variations of their many different heritage and contemporary Bajau Sama DiLaut pandanus weave patterns. They are richly coloured, mesmerising in their symmetries, their precise and rhythmic geometric expressions. Into these colourful weaves are woven images of different "tables" in plain pandanus-office bureaux, school desks, dining tables, a speaker's podium, archal for reading the Quran- of various styles and designs. How do you see the tables in relation to the mats?

I hope the above images might serve as prompts or entry points as we follow the arguments and narrative of the texts to come.

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Seletar / Jefree Salim (Ed) Wendia Sia

Malaysia: GERIMIS Art Project, 2022

1v.

English & Malay

\$ 55.00 / PB

388gm.

His photobook features selected photographs from over the past years, a brief history of the sea people and his family and genealogy, and a look into the lives of the Orang Seletar through his lens.

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Jefree Salim is a self-taught photographer and a fisherman from the Orang Seletar village of Kampung Sungai Temon, Johor Bahru. His photographic work revolves around the lives of the Orang Seletar, capturing the moments of his people as they work, swim, and play in the sea and what remains of the mangroves at the coast of Johor.

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Gerimis Journal – Mad Weave: Gerimis Findings, Peninsular Malaysia, Kampung Paya

Rumput, Sepang, Selangor / GERIMIS Art Project

Malaysia: Sia Wen Di (GERIMIS Art Project), 2021

86p.

English & Malay

9789671882306

\$ 32.50 / PB

218gm.

First published in 2019 covering the story of a Master Weaver in Kampung Paya Rumput, the latest edition of Mad Weaves has been updated to include a comparison about the past and present of weaving and our dying forests.

Crafts are often seen as an end product, rarely the love and labour involved in their making. This journal unmask the craftswomen behind craft-making, told through an anecdote of

how the heart and soul are weaved into creations. Featuring Master Weavers Yau Niuk and her daughter Nadiawati Miah from Kampung Paya Rumpit, Sepang, Selangor.

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## Architecture

Kedah: A History in Drawing / Azim Sulaiman (et al.) (Eds) Keith Tan Kay Hin & Nurul Alia Ahamad

Petaling Jaya: Suburbia Office Enterprise, 2023

182p.

9789672585947

\$ 60.00 / PB

608gm.

This book tells the late-modern history of Kedah, the oldest state in Malaysia, through a collection of structures that illuminate an era that is rarely discussed in English. It honours a design story that is both colonial and post-colonial and has ties to Malay, Thai, and European styles of architecture. In addition to providing the reader with illustrated measured drawings in the magnificent style of the classical architect, Kedah - A History in Drawings also provides a timeline of current events in Malaysia's "cradle of civilization." It is a must-have for all those who support the conservation, and celebration, of Malaysia's diverse architectural and cultural heritage.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856480>

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Arch-Volution: Evolution of Malaysian Architecture / Lim Teng Ngiom (et al.) (Ed) Ngiom

Kuala Lumpur: PAM-Pertubuhan Akitik Malaysia, 2023

472p

Includes Index

9789675264351

\$ 60.00 / PB

1370gm.

Arch-Volution, a remarkable book that explores the evolution of architecture in Malaysia, commemorating the 100-year anniversary of PAM (Pertubuhan Akitik Malaysia).

**856481**

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MUTD: Malaysia Top Unique Design / Jerry Chua (Ed) Wendy Hor (et al.)

Malaysia: Trends Academy, 2023

190p. ; 25cm.

9789670980621

\$ 45.00 / PB

442gm.

"Malaysia's Top Unique Design" is the first guidebook in Malaysia that gathers top unique designs from all over the country. The purpose of this book is to let more Malaysians know about the uniquely designed buildings in the country.

At the same time, readers can understand more about the background story and brand of the designer or company. This book will feature the best brand story and promote design industry players.

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Mindshaping for the Future: KLAF2022 (Kuala Lumpur Architecture Festival) / Ngiom

Kuala Lumpur: Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), 2022  
288p.  
9789675264306  
\$ 15.00 / PB  
420gm.

Mindshaping's intention is to prompt a fertile environment for creativity to fester. All the evidence now points to the fact that the most creative environments hold the future narratives towards overall prosperity, with power to chart destinies. The future environment for creativity is not going to be handed on a silver platter. The people themselves must want it, and feel excited about the prospect of being part of a creative culture. The point of this book is to spark the desire for that creative culture.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856483>

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Guide To Fire Protection in Malaysia / (Ed) Dato' Hamzah bin Abud Bakar  
Second Edition  
Kuala Lumpur: The Institution of Fire Engineers (UK) Malaysia Branch (IFEM), 2011  
xii, 260p.  
\$ 65.00 / PB  
516gm.

The 2nd Edition of the GUIDE TO FIRE PROTECTION IN MALAYSIA which contains substantive updates and new information was launched in March 2006. Day one Seminar aims to help both users and those using this Guidebook as an academic subject to better understand the contents and intent of the Uniform Building By-laws 1984 with respect to Fire Requirement. Participants will get to learn firsthand how to apply the information contained in the Guidebook in terms of fire engineering, system design and application onto a hypothetical building project led by Seminar Speakers who are active practitioners. This Seminar will be particularly helpful to practicing Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Project Managers, Academics, Students, Insurance Risk Analysis, Fire Service Officers and Complex Managers.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856484>

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### *Biography/Memoirs*

A Civil Life / Tunku Tan Sri Shahrman Bin Tunku Sulaiman  
Kuala Lumpur: Bru Publication Sdn. Bhd., 2023  
288p.  
9789672693826  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
406gm.

A remarkable first-hand account of events and personalities that shaped Malaysia during the colonial era and critical post-Independent period. With observations taken from his diaries, Tunku Shahrman juxtaposes the minutia of daily Malaysian life with momentous political and historical events and the leaders who presided over them.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=853932>

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Anwar Triumphs: The Ascent of Malaysia's Tenth Prime Minister Against All Odds / Mark Trowell KC  
Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2023  
200p.

9789815113075

1. Anwar Ibrahim, 1947-.
2. Malaysia – Politics and government – 21st century.
3. Prime ministers – Malaysia.

\$ 30.00 / PB  
262gm.

An insider's biography of Anwar Ibrahim's remarkable political odyssey. The four years following Anwar Ibrahim's release from prison on 16 May 2018 were as dramatic as it were chaotic.

With rare insider insights, this book uncovers the collapse of the Pakatan Harapan coalition, the turmoil after Mahathir's shocking resignation, and the hard decisions made to secure power.

It reveals how Anwar's personal triumph over old rivalries, political betrayals by former allies, and sensational moves to make the nation stronger, eventually led to the hung parliament result of GE15 and his appointment as the tenth prime minister of Malaysia. Testament to the strength and perseverance of a nation and its leader, this book is a must-read for anyone interested in the political landscape of Malaysia and the incredible journey of a man who never gave up on his dreams of a better future for his country and his people.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856485>

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LIM KIT SIANG: Malaysian First: Bold to The Last Battle (Volume Two) / Kee Thuan Chye  
Malaysia: SIRD, 2023

1v.  
9786297575131  
\$ 44.00 / PB

In this continuing account of Lim Kit Siang's life and 56-year political career, dramatist-journalist Kee Thuan Chye picks up from the cliffhanger at the end of Volume One to present a story full of intrigue, heart-tugging moments, dramatic twists and turns – and even some laughter and joy.

What comes through unmistakably is Kit Siang's resilience in fighting for his Malaysian Dream – his lifelong vision for a united, democratic and prosperous nation in which all citizens will have the opportunity to achieve success and find fulfilment.

We see in this story how he is able to set aside deep-seated political differences and forgive the political enemies who had unfairly inflicted pain and suffering on him – and his son – for the sake of realising that Dream.

We also see the important role played by Kit Siang's devoted wife and children in giving him the support he needs as he battles the forces set on dividing the nation, stealing from the people and destroying the rule of law.

Malaysia would not be what it is without the political struggles and sacrifices of Lim Kit Siang and his fight for his Malaysian Dream. As this biography shows, he has proven unfailingly throughout his long career that he is not only someone who truly cares for his country and its people, but is also a visionary ahead of his time.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856486>

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### *Children Book*

My Country and I: The Malaysia Agreement 1963 / Mazlianie ML & Fazar Arif  
Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023  
24p.  
9789670076294  
\$ 20.00 / HB  
314gm.

The Malaysia Agreement 1963 is a story about the birth of a nation called Malaysia. Four territories agreed to combine forces and signed an Agreement called the Malaysia Agreement 1963 in London, together with representatives of the Queen of the United Kingdom. The agreement, popularly known as the 'MA63' is the birth certificate of Malaysia, and many rules and laws were made because of the MA63, including the highest law of the land called the Federal Constitution. As the date 16th September 1963 is the official birth date of Malaysia, every Malaysian should be aware of it and celebrate Malaysia's birthday every year on this date.

However sadly, Singapore left the coalition in 1965. Today, Malaysia is still standing with the three territories of Sabah, Sarawak, and Peninsular Malaysia (Malaya) together. The MA63 as the birth certificate of Malaysia, holds the identity; along with the hopes and dreams of every Malaysian.

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### *Communication / Journalism*

Malaysiakini and the Power of Independence Media in Malaysia / Janet Steele  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2023  
xii, 196p.; 229x152mm.; 10 b/w images  
Includes Index; Bibliography  
9789813252400  
\$ 32.00 / PB  
310gm.

Malaysiakini was founded in 1999 by Steven Gan and Premesh Chandran, two young Malaysians who met as overseas students in Australia. One of the many online portals that sprung up in the wake of Reformasi, a movement sparked by Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad's 1998 firing of his deputy Anwar Ibrahim, there was no reason to think that Malaysiakini would be different from the other blogs and portals that covered the trial of the charismatic former deputy PM. Yet this would be a mistake, as Malaysiakini wanted to do something much more important than report on Reformasi: its founders intended to bring independent journalism to Malaysia in hopes of changing the country.

Based on more than 15 years of observation of newsroom practices, this book is an intimate portrait of the people and issues behind Malaysia's only truly independent media outlet. The author illustrates Malaysiakini's particular mix of idealism in action, with attention to how "sensitive" issues such as race, religion, politics, and citizenship get worked out in practice in the newsroom. This attention to the inner workings of one of the most important media institutions in the region yields not only a deep newsroom ethnography, but a nuanced, rich history of modern Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856488>

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*Ecology/Environment Science*

Discovering The Forest Secrets: Heritage of the Orang Asli Peninsular Malaysia, Volume 1 /  
Madihah Muhammad Nawi (et al.) (Eds) Tan Ai Lee, Mazura Md. Pizar & Mastura Mohtar.  
Kepong, Selangor: Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), 2022  
xviii, 362p.

Includes Index

9789672810209

1. Traditional medicine.
2. Herbs – Therapeutic use.
3. Orang Asli (Malaysian people) – Medicine.
4. Alternative medicine.
5. Government publications – Malaysia.

\$ 100.00 / HB

1090gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856489>

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Flora of Peninsular Malaysia: Malayan Forest Records No. 49 = Series II : Seed Plants,  
Volume 9 / (Ed) G.L.C. Bramley (et al.)

Kepong, Selangor: Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), 2022  
x, 302p.

Includes Index

9789672810490

1. Phanerogams – Malaysia.
2. Plants – Malaysia.

\$ 52.00 / HB

954gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856490>

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20 Years Reforestation of Bukit Hari: Sustaining Timber Supply through Plantation Forest /  
Ahmad Zuhaidi Yahya & Amir Saaiffudin Kassim

Kepong, Selangor: Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), 2022  
xiv, 74p.

Includes Index

FRIM Research Pamphlet No. 150

9789672810247

1. Bukit Hari (Selangor, Malaysia).
2. Reforestation.
3. Forests and forestry.
4. Timber.

\$ 45.00 / HB

446gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856491>

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Reforestation Initiatives: Establishment of Forest Species Stand, Bamboos and Herbal  
Garden Within An Old Rubber Plantation / Ahmad Zuhaidi Y (et al.)

Kepong, Selangor: Forest Research Institute Malaysia (FRIM), 2023  
xii, 84p.

9789672810513

FRIM Research Pamphlet No. 152

1. Reforestation.
2. Forests and forestry.
3. Timber.

\$ 43.00 / PB  
302gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856492>

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### *Economics*

Malaysian Indian Community's Socioeconomic Development: Issues and Challenges / (Ed)  
Velan Kunjuraman

Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaysia Press (UMPress), 2023

xx, 152p.

Includes Index

9789674882754

\$ 25.00 / PB

262gm.

Malaysian Indian Community's Socioeconomic Development: Issues and Challenges is a captivating and comprehensive collection of papers that provides deep insights into the socioeconomic challenges and contributions of the Malaysian Indian community. Since Malaysia gained independence in 1957, the Malaysian Indian community has played a vital role in the nation's development, particularly in the economy. However, despite their significant contributions, they have faced disparities and a lack of equal opportunities. This thought-provoking book sheds light on the struggles and obstacles that the Malaysian Indian community has endured throughout the years. It examines the wealth distribution disparities, highlighting the pronounced inequality among the Indian community, and addresses issues of discrimination in education, employment, access to funding and suicide prevention. The book emphasizes the limited academic literature on the topic, as well as the lack of active research by Malaysian Indian scholars, making it a groundbreaking and essential contribution to the field.

The contributors of this book offer a comprehensive understanding of the socioeconomic challenges faced by the Malaysian Indian community and provide insightful policy recommendations to overcome these obstacles and foster a more equitable society. By documenting the challenges and highlighting the contributions of the Malaysian Indian community, the book aims to raise awareness among readers and policymakers, inspiring positive change and ensuring equal opportunities for future generations. This book stands as a compelling resource that uncovers the often-unheard stories and struggles of the Malaysian Indian community. It calls for action and endeavors to create a future where the Malaysian Indian community thrives and enjoys equitable socioeconomic progress in Malaysia.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856493>

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### *History*

Sikh Pioneers of Perlis Malaysia 1906-1957: A Community History / D. S. Ranjit Singh Darar  
Kuala Lumpur: Universiti Malaya Press (UMPress), 2023

xxx, 292p.

Includes Index

9789674882730

\$ 44.00 / PB

468gm.



History books which posit family histories as a major source for systematically constructing historical narratives, especially community constructs, is a rarity in Malaysia. In this context, this study on the Sikh pioneers of Perlis, is a novel and singular initiative undertaken by the author in expanding research to new frontiers. By methodologically examining the family histories of the Sikh pioneers of Perlis and skilfully juxtaposing them with the milieus of local and international events, the author has not only brought to life the trials, tribulations, and achievements of ordinary people, but has successfully constructed a cohesive and holistic community history of the Sikhs of Perlis. The study discovered that Sikhs started coming to Perlis in 1906 and soon began serving in large numbers as police officers and jail warders in the state. Over the years they forged a viable community in their new land of adoption and laid the foundations for future generations of Sikhs in the state. The waxing and waning of the community's fortunes from 1906 to 1957 ultimately inspired the author to create some new and interesting conceptual categories.

The study however is not only of great value intrinsically but has the potential of immensely enriching the local and national narratives, including the broader Sikh narrative and the comparative discourse on global diaspora. It is a refreshing and captivating read

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Writing Women: The Women's Pages of the Malay-Language Press (1987-1998) / Sonia Randhawa

Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2022  
xviii, 286p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789672464518

1. Women and journalism – 1987-1998.
2. Women journalist – 1987-1998.
3. Women in the mass media industry – 1987-1998
4. Mass media and women – 1987-1998

\$ 25.00 / PB

406gm.

This book examines how women journalists in Malaysia negotiated male power structures, in particular structures determined by the keystone party of the ruling coalition, the United Malays National Organisation. Through both oral histories and content analysis, it looks at how women journalists in the women's pages of the newspapers found spaces to advocate for their readers. It is thus the first work to look at the importance of the women's pages in the Malay-language newspapers, and how apparently monolithic institutions of the authoritarian state hid diverse contests for resources and prestige. In this contest, the concept of news values, the perception of the reader and the ways in which women constructed themselves as journalists all come into play, and are examined here. The book contributes to the field of feminist media studies by examining how gendered newsroom practices paradoxically allowed women journalists in the women's pages more editorial freedom than those in the mainstream press.

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### *Law*

Access to Justice in Malaysia and Beyond / (Eds) Rizal Rahman, Rasyidah Md Khalid & Muhammad Sayuti Hassan

Bangi, Selangor: Penerbit Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKMPress), 2023

468p.

Includes Index

9786297547367  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
682gm.

Access to justice is regarded as the basic tenet of law, as it is the reason for law being legislated. Although "justice" is always read as part and parcel of the judicial process, yet its application is far more outreaching. Every single issue that revolves around duties and rights has justice embedded to it, be it criminal or civil. Hence it is very important for everyone to understand the all-embracing concept of justice and whether it is reasonably and fairly accessible to all, regardless of one's social status. This book which covers various issues surrounding access to justice in Malaysia and beyond can be a useful reference and guide for the members of society.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856495>

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### *Literature*

Cermor: A Told by Puan Wah Ngah & Encik Ajak Alang / Sia Wen Di (GERIMIS Art Project) (Illustrated) Yiw Shuey Myn (Translator) Wendi Sia  
Second Edition  
Malaysia: Sia Wen Di (GERIMIS Art Project), 2021  
84p.  
9789671882320  
\$ 27.50 / PB  
270gm.

Cermor is an oral storytelling session among the Semai people of the Orang Asli community. It is usually told at night or as a form of entertainment as well as to convey moral teachings, taboos, and so on. To prevent the listener from falling asleep and to recollect each story and message contained in the cermor, it is customary for him/her to respond or "piherk" by saying "ha'ah".

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856496>

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Mah Meri Animal Folklore: As told by Julida Udu, Kampung Sungai Bumbu, Pulau Carey, Selangor, Malaysia = Cerita Rakyat Mah Meri : Kisah Haiwan, Dirikan oleh Julida Udu, Kampung Sungai Bumbu, Pulau Carey, Selangor, Malaysia / Ann Mari Chandy (Ed) Wendi Sia (Translator) Shazni Bhai (Illustrator) Sharon Yap  
Subang Jaya: Fiddle Fig Studio (Gerimis Art Publications), 2023  
92p. , Includes covers  
In English & Malay Language  
9786299807100  
\$ 27.50 / PB  
248gm.

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Mah Meri Animal Folklore is a collection of seven stories. The tales are filled with entertaining animal characters and are a glimpse into how Mah Meri perceives their environment.

Mah Meri is one of 19 culturally and linguistically distinct groups of Orang Asli living in Peninsular Malaysia. They are coastal people who live along the coast in Selangor from Sungai Pelek to Carey Island as well as Pulau Ketam.

Mah Meri, or Mha Meri means 'people from the forest'. In old literature, they have been referred to as Hma' Btsisi, or Hma' Besisi, which translates to 'people with scales'.

However among themselves they intimately use Hma' Heh that translates to 'we people' or 'our people'.

With no written language, their folklore is a repository of their wisdom, culture, customs, traditions, and history handed down from generation to generation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856497>

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Duet Me Not / Lilian Li

Penang: Lilian Li (Self-Published), 2023

356p.

9786299829003

\$ 25.00 / PB

454gm.

"I can be your practice makes perfect."

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ASHVIN didn't mean to join the Penang State Synchronized Swimming team. He didn't mean to go viral when he jumped into that pool and danced with that girl. It all started as a dare to ask his crush to prom, but all it takes is one dare, one wrong choice, to turn his world upside down.

JUNE will do anything to get to the Malaysian national team, even if it means performing a duet with the most annoying boy she's ever met. With less than three months to win over the council and save her stadium from closing, she needs his help. In exchange, she teaches him how to ask out the girl of his dreams from her own (zero) love experience. After all, like synchronized swimming, practice makes perfect. Even in love. Right?

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856498>

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Nipah Nightmares / Ismim Putera

Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise, 2023

300p.

9789670076300

\$ 19.00 / PB

318gm.

Negeri Sembilan, Malaysia, year: 1998. Seng Boo, 16, has a hard time adjusting to life in the squalor of the warehouse he shares with his family and relatives near the pig farms. The recurring nightmares of fires in the warehouse, coupled with other bizarre scenes continue to distress him.

Meningitis, dengue fever, and Japanese encephalitis had all contributed to a sudden spike in cases of respiratory illness in the area. The incidence rates kept rising despite widespread prevention efforts. An inquisitive doctor appears, with a hunch that pig farms are where the disease first emerged.

As Seng Boo watches his family's business collapse in the face of rampant viral outbreaks and racial tension, he must decide whether to aid his loved ones, or aid Dr Kaw in his investigation of the outbreak's origin.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855853>

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Children We Never Had / Nadia Khan

Petaling Jaya: Fixi Novo (Buku Fixi Sdn Bhd), 2023

252p.

9789670042695

\$ 12.50 / PB

208gm.

"The road less travelled really is hard. There's no map, no manual. It's just you trying to figure things out as you go along, all the while hoping you don't lose yourself or your humanity."

After suffering from a tragedy, Abby picks up the pieces of her broken self while still being plagued by the consequences of her impulsive actions. But words from the millennial bible – "Adulthood is hard" – follow her like a curse as she struggles to not fall into the trap of bad decisions.

Children We Never Had is a story of profound loss and interesting findings.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856499>

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### *Official Publications*

Banci Malaysia 2020: Kesejahteraan Penduduk (Kecergasan) = MyCensus 2020 : Population Well-Being (Fitness)

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Dept of Statistics Malaysia, 2023

1v.

English & Malay Languages

9789672536994

\$ 20.00 / PB

526gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851239>

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Buku Maklumat Perangkaan Malaysia 2023 = Malaysia Statistical Handbook 2023

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Dept of Statistics Malaysia, 2023

1v.

English & Malay Languages

ISSN: : 0127-4643

\$ 30.00 / PB

404gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854663>

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Laporan Survei Migrasi 2022 = Migration Survey Report 2022 [Malaysia]

Putrajaya: Jabatan Perangkaan Malaysia=Dept of Statistics Malaysia, 2023

1v.

English & Malay Languages

ISSN: 0127-8924; 9770127892000

\$ 20.00 / PB

366gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854665>

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### *Politics/Current Affairs*

State of Corruption: Power, Politics, and Policies in Malaysia / The Center to Combat Corruption and Cronyism

Petaling Jaya: Gerakbudaya Enterprise & C Four Consultancies Sdn Bhd, 2023

xii, 156p.

9789670076218

\$ 17.50 / PB

246gm.

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The strong links between the Malay world and the Middle East have been shaped by interweaving forces, foremost among them the historical role of the spread of Islam, the modern colonizing forces of Europe, and more latterly the contemporary interests of World Powers. To bring focus to these relationships, a Two-day International Conference on 'The Middle East and Malay World: Contemporary Issues and Future Challenges' was jointly held in Kuala Lumpur in October 2022 by AsiaWE, AMEC, Bait Al Amanah, Academy of Malay Studies, University Malaya, with an emphasis on History, Politics, Culture, and Finance.

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The chapters collected in this volume reveal to us these often hidden, historical landscapes of regional connections, reflecting ground level intermarriages of a vibrant trade and knowledge culture, the legacies of colonialism, and giving attention to the shifting axes of power in the 21st century. Tensions generated by intersecting forces of competing interests within these relationships are nowhere more visible than in the matter of Palestine. Several of these chapters highlight the opportunities that await judicious and wise working partnerships between the two regions.

Readers and fellow researchers are invited to gain further insight and understanding so as to build wholistic policies and ethical governance, honouring a common heritage inspired by the love of higher principles of life.

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The Islam that came to our shores in the 12th Century is the Ulamak Islam. It is the teaching of ancient ulamak that was spread through the words of mouth from religionists. It is not the Allah's approved Islam in the Quran (QC 3:19). Since the overwhelming majority of Malaysian Muslims are Quran illiterate, for centuries they remain vulnerable to the wrong religious teaching. The

Quran is Allah's only source of Guidance(QC6:19). The teaching and learning of Islam are exclusively meant to be based only on the Quran. Islam and Quran have always remained inseparable and pure. Due to prevailing Quran illiteracy, the final destiny of Malaysian Muslims depend entirely on the teaching of ulamak. Not the words and guidance of Allah from the Quran.

The Quran describes the resulting discrepancy due to the practice of idol worship; Allah's only unforgiveable sin (QC 4:48 & 4:116). The blasphemy has resulted in a very dire consequence. Our nation has been God Forsaken. We are without God, and is replaced with the strong presence of Satan and his evils, which come in the shape of wicked and corrupt politicians, and deviant agamawan. As a nation, we are being punished by our own kind!

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