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Anthropology

The Home of an Eastern Clan : A Study of the Palaungs of the Shan States / Leslie Milne
Bangkok : White Lotus Press,c2004
428 p.: 21cm.
Includes Index
974-4800-56-9
Reprint of the 1924 edition
\$ 19.50

[The Home of an Eastern Clan is a detailed study on all aspects of life and culture of the Palaungs of the Shan States. This study, which was researched in the 1910s and published in 1924, deals for the most part with the Katur tribe of the Palaungs. They live in or near Namhsan, the capital of Tawngpeng, which was nominally a Shan State but which was governed by a Palaung chief then, and inhabited almost entirely by Palaungs. The Palaungs are a Mon-Khmer speaking group [as are the Lamet in Laos]. Since her first encounters with the Palaungs in 1906-1980 the author learned the languages of the main dialect spoken in Namhsan. This scarce book is still one of the main studies on the subject and covers chapters on babies, young girls and boys, young men and maidens, marriage, the dwelling and home life, village life, medicine, customs on child birth and death, religion and cosmology, and some details on proverbs and folktales indeed most topics a female author would explore.]

Medical Publications

Case Reports on Working Elephants (Illustrated) / Sai San Aik B.V.S.
Myanmar : S.N.
110 p.; ill.; 25cm.
\$ 27.50

On the Diseases of Working Elephants

HISTORY

A Journey in Burma (1861-1862) / Adolf Bastian
Bangkok : White Lotus Press, c2004
ix, 323p.: 21cm.
Adolf Bastian's Travels in South-East Asia : Volume 1

974-4800-58-5
\$ 21.50

[A Journey in Burma (1861-1862), Volume 1 of Adolf Bastian's Travels in South - East Asia, contains the travelogue written by Dr. Adolf Bastian during his journey in Burma. Bastian was a renowned ethnographer, who founded both the ethnological Museum in Berlin and the Berlin Anthropological society. In Burma he insisted on learning Burmese so as to obtain first-hand information about everything that struck his keen interest in the everyday and religious life of various ethnic groups. He traveled through Burma's disputed areas, which were the subject of peace negotiations between the British and the Burmese king, just after the Second Burmese War had ended. Bastian held numerous talks with key British officials. Journeying on the Irrawaddy, he visited small towns and pagodas hidden from travelers to arrive at Pagan's pagoda fields, where he spent time inspecting important monuments.]

Down the rat hole : Adventures underground on Burma's Frontiers / Edith Mirante
Bangkok : Orchid Press, c2005
188 p.: ill.; 21 cm.
974-524-050-8
\$ 21.75

[A new memoir of the author's journeys among the brave indigenous peoples of some of Asia's most remote the violent regions. Knowledgeably obsessed with Burma's struggle for freedom, American artist / activist Mirante breaks laws and infiltrates borders, in impassioned journeys of discovery that take her through China, India, Laos and chaotic Bangladesh. Down the Rat Hole is a wild and exotic headlong plunge into a hidden world of guerrilla warfare, heroin and jade trading, the AIDS pandemic, rainforest destruction, strikes and rioting, and one of the worst natural disasters of the century.]

The Native Tourist : A Holiday Pilgrimage in Myanmar / Ma Thanegi
Bangkok : Silkworm books, c2004
x, 209p.: ill.; 21cm.
974-9575-62-8
\$ 12.00

[This is the delightful story of an eighteen-day local bus pilgrimage to sixty pagodas across Myanmar. As the author settles into her bus seat, the aisle' blocked with luggage, she trains our eyes on the collection of characters that, like it or not, will be her traveling companions for the whirlwind tour. This native tourist amuses us with her adventures of eating at roadside cafes, climbing up pagodas, bathing in rivers, shopping at markets, and sleeping on temple floors. Along the journey, she encounters deeply rooted cultural values and develops camaraderie with strangers that become like family for the duration of her travels.]

U Than Htut (Taik Soe) in Memoriam
Yangon : U Kyi Win, at the Universities Press [Myanmar Historical Commission],
2005
v.; 22cm.
\$ 25.00

Selected Writings of U Sai Aung Tun

Yangon : U Kyi Win, at the Universities Press [Myanmar Historical Commission],
2004

467 p.; 24cm.

\$ 25.00

Traditions of Knowledge in Southeast Asia : Part 2 [Proceedings of the Traditions of
Knowledge in Southeast Asia Conference 17-19 December 2003]

Yangon : Myanmar Historical Commission [Book Promotion and Service Co. Ltd.,
Bangkok], 2004

367 p.; 25cm.

\$ 25.00

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1. Thai Manual Knowledge : Theory and Practice / Craig J. Renolds
2. The Media and Historical Understanding in Southeast Asia / Glen Lewis
3. Art and History Some reflections from Old Siam / David K. Wyatt
4. Harp of Burma and the Southeast Asian Influence on the Modern Japanese Minds /
Takehito Onishi
5. Myanmar Art at Denison University : Acquisition and Analysis / Alexandra Green
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Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt
7. Zimme Pannatha (Pannasa Jataka) and Myanmar Literature / Khin Aye
8. Re-locating the Interlocutor : Taw Sein Ko and the Triangulation of Colonial
Knowledge / Penny Edwards
9. Symbolism, Theme and Message in a Persian (Sufi), English (Anglican) and
Myanmar (Buddhist) Poems Written Throughout the Centuries / Myint Zan
10. Myanmar : A Country modeled by Buddhist Traditions / Guy Lubeigt
11. Indigenous Medical Knowledge : Myanmar / Chowdhury Anwar Husain
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/ IIKUNI, Yukako
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Shwegyin Perspective / Jason Andrew Carbine
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Win
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analysis of archaeological data / Bob Hudson
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17. The Observance of Myanmar Traditional Occult Sciences / Daw Kyawt Kyawt.]

Essays in Commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of the Myanmar Historical
Commission

Yangon : U Kyi Win, at the Universities Press [Myanmar Historical Commission],
2005

410 p.; ill.; 24cm.

\$ 30.00

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Foreword

1. Narrative in the Mahanipata Plaques of the Ananda / Tun Aung Chain
2. Bayinnaung in the Hanthawadi Hsinbyumya Shin Ayedawbon Chronicle / Thaw

Kaung

3. Sir Hubert Rance and Myanmar Independence / Hla Thein
4. Ceramics, Commerce, and Culture / John Miksic
5. Judicial Administration under the Reign of King Badon / Ryuji Okudaira
6. Natural Resources, Agricultural Produce and Commercialized Goods in Pre-colonial Myanmar A Survey of Some Travel Accounts (c. 1570-1800) / Jacques P. Leider
7. Inscriptions from Bagan, edited and translated / Tilman Frasch
8. British Policy toward Burma (Myanmar) in the 1920's and 1930's: Separation and Responsible Self-Government / Robert H. Taylor
9. Is History my Journey's End? / Thet Tun
10. Chiang Tung and the Thai State before 1948 / Rujaya Abhakom
11. Stone Tools and Rings: Neolithic and Bronze Age Change / Elizabeth Moore
12. The British Administration in the Shan States / Sai Aung Tun
13. My "affairs" with Myanmar Historical Commission / Khin Maung Nyunt
14. The Anglo-Myanmar Wars in Myanmar Perspective / Khin Hla Han
15. Cooperation in a Rival Sphere of Influence: French Roman Catholic Missionaries in Myanmar, 1856-1918 / Aurore Candier
16. Another Look at 'Thibaw's Queen': A Challenge to Colonial Historiography / Stephen Lee Keck
17. Introduction of western culture in Myanmar in the 19th century: from Civilian Acceptance to Religious Resistance / Guy Lubeigt.]

Some Observations on History and culture of Early Myanmar / Than Tun
Yangon : U Kyi Win, at the Universities Press [Myanmar Historical Commission],
2005
255 p.; 25cm.
Includes Index.
\$ 25.00

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1. Pottery in Myanmar
 2. Agriculture in Myanmar A.D. 1000-1300
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 4. Social life in Myanmar in the 16th century
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 6. Ayut'ia Men in the Service of Myanmar Kings 16th and 17th Centuries
 7. The Royal Order (Wednesday 28 January 1795) of King Badon
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Official Publications

Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking in the Greater Mekong
Sub-region : Senior Officials and Ministerial Meetings : Proceedings
Yangon : Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking, 2004
iv, 120 p.; ill.; 30cm.
\$ 25.00