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History

Tales from Myanmar History / Phoe Hlaing
Myanmar: s.n., 2012
148p. ; 21cm.
\$ 19.50 / PB
146 gm.

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A Trial in Burma : The Assassination of Aung San / Maung Maung
Yangon: UNITY Publishing House, 2012
115p. ; 22cm.
\$ 25.00 / PB
180 gm.

The 19th of July is the Day of the Martyrs in Burma, the day Bogyoke Aung San and his colleague were mown down by assassins while they sat at their Executive Council meeting in 1947. The magnitude of the crime shocked the world and shook the young nation of Burma, then in the tenderness of rebirth.

This book gives, for the first time, the full story of the crime, with its background of politics and personalities, and of the trial of U Saw, himself a former prime Minister, and the men he directed. Glimpses of Burma's history in those crucial times come through in the pages of this book, and snapshots of the people who have had a hand in the writing of that history.

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The Rice Industry of Burma 1852 – 1940 / Cheng Siok-Hwa
Reprint
Singapore: ISEAS, 2012
First published in Kuala Lumpur in 1968 by University of Malaya Press
xxvi. 307p. ; 22cm.
ISBN-13: 9789812304391

1. Rice trade – Burma – History
2. Rice – Burma – History

\$ 49.90 / PB
430 gm.

This study forms a welcome addition to the growing number of works on the economic history of Southeast Asia. In his Foreword, Dr John F. Cady, the author of A History of Modern Burma, writes that Dr Cheng "has placed all students of Burma in her debt by this highly articulate and clarifying contribution to the country's economic history".

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The Authority of Influence : Women and Power in Burmese History / Jessica Harriden
Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2012
xiii. 370p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9788776940898

1. Women – Burma – Social conditions
2. Women – Burma – History
3. Power (Social sciences) – Sex differences – Burma

Gendering Asia Series, no. 7

\$ 29.90 / PB

588 gm.

This is the first book to explore the relationship between gender and power in Burmese history from precolonial times to the present day. A key aim is to identify the sources, nature and limitations of women's power in Burma throughout history and thereby offer a broad understanding of how power is obtained and exercised today. The book thus examines the concept of "family" in Burmese political culture, how various influences like Buddhism shaped Burmese concepts of gender and power, and how the effects of prolonged armed conflict, economic isolation and political oppression have constrained opportunities for women to attain power in contemporary Burma.

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Politics /International Relations

Influx Viruses : The Illegal Muslims in Arakan / U Shaw Zan and Aye Chan
Planetarium Station, New York: Arakanese in United States, 2005

vii. 100p. ; 21cm.

ISBN-10: 0972869840

\$ 25.00 / PB

172 gm.

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Modern China – Myanmar Relations : Dilemmas of Mutual Dependence / David L. Steinberg
and Hongwei Fan

Copenhagen, Denmark: NIAS Press, 2012

xxvi. 480p. ; 23cm.

ISBN-13: 9788776940966

1. China – Foreign relations – Burma
2. Burma – Foreign relations – China
3. Burma – Foreign relations – 1948-
4. China – Foreign relations – 1949-
5. China – History – 1949-
6. Burma – History – 1948-

\$ 29.90 / PB

770 gm.

This volume examines the changing relations between China and Burma/Myanmar since Burmese independence and the formation of the People's Republic of China. Drawing on hitherto unavailable Chinese sources, it documents the shifting relationship over the years and explores Myanmar's changing role in Chinese strategy, economic links, military cooperation, etc. The volume highlights the policy dilemmas facing the central and provincial Chinese authorities, the Myanmar government and Burmese ethnic minorities, while analysing dilemmas for the United States, India, ASEAN and Japan in responding to the changed interdependent Sino-Burmese relationship.

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