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### Art

Faces of Yangon / (Photographer) Steve Golden; (Foreword) Simon Richmond  
Singapore: The Blue Roster, 2020

1v.  
9789811435140  
\$ 50.00 / PB  
1642gm.

Faces of Yangon was inspired by an image photographer Steve Golden made of a monk at Shwedagon Pagoda in 2015. Drawn by the captivating fearlessness of the gaze, the natural illumination of the afternoon sun on his face, and the distinctly exotic surroundings of the pagoda itself, Steve Golden began planning what would be a two year photographic exploration of the city of Yangon, in Myanmar. The result of his journey is this collection of fine art images, each is a self-contained vignette of real life in a city of profound and numerous traditions on the brink of major change. It is a snapshot in time... a catalog of the people the photographer crossed paths with, and their environment. It is a study of natural light, of color, and texture. Visiting neighborhoods several times to record the subtle changes brought by light and weather, the photographer traversed the city by foot and was able to observe life at street level. He spent days encamped at monasteries, and would often wander without a map seeking unplanned routes and encounters. The work in Faces of Yangon is currently being exhibited at the Leica Gallery in Marina Bay Sands in Singapore and will travel to other countries. The images have been carefully curated to give the reader the sense that they too are strolling through Yangon's majestic and faded streets, relishing chance encounters and observing one of Southeast Asia's extraordinary cities.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836044>

Art in Public Space, Singapore / (Ed) Lilian Chee & T.K. Sabapathy  
Singapore: Urban Redevelopment Authority, Real Estate Developer's Association of Singapore, 2022

174p.  
Includes Bibliography  
9789811834837  
\$ 55.00 / PB  
760gm.

Focusing on art in Singapore's public spaces, *Art in Public Space* offers spatially-informed perspectives of how art shapes, and is shaped by, the formation of public spaces in Singapore. Highlighting voices from architecture, urban and historical studies, and art history, this volume reconsiders the centrality of art practices situated in public space for engendering local and global modes of urban space, culture, identity, economy and labour.

The opening essay by architectural theorist Lilian Chee discusses the relationship between public space, art, and its public audiences. This essay is complemented by an extended interview with eminent art historian T.K Sabapathy about the future of public art in Singapore. In the second section, writers Selene Yap and Nicholas Lua examine artworks that lead the reader into myriad urban spaces, ranging from the construction of art spectacles to community-focused art at the fringes of mass housing and home interiors. As art in public space diversifies in its reach, durations, and affinities with multiple audiences, this volume asks what art in the public realm might mean for Singapore today, and what is at stake given the rapid transformation of its proverbial urban site.

This publication is jointly published by URA and Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore; and designed by Hanson Ho of H55, an award-winning Singapore-based design studio.

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Heritage Shops of Singapore / Steve Golden

Singapore: Talisman Publishing, 2022

xii, 148p.

9789811855986

\$ 26.00 / PB

404gm.

Photographer Steve Golden set off to find Singapore's remaining heritage shops—family run businesses that are multi-generational and at least 35 years old. His search saw him exploring nearly every street in Singapore by foot, from the bustling center of Chinatown to the quiet heartland housing estates. After nearly a year of research, including interviews with local neighbors, shopkeepers, and heritage experts, he photographed over 70 shops and the families that have run them for generations.

The photographer often arrived unannounced, and used small street cameras with natural light in order to observe and document daily life. The result is a snapshot in time in the long and ever evolving history of one of the world's fastest changing cities; a lasting tribute to the shops, the merchants and the artisans.

This book contains 34 heritage shops, organized by geographic location, and spanning the many different trades that collectively contribute to the patchwork of Singapore's cultural identity. The work also explores the themes of survival in the face of overwhelming and constant change, and why Singapore's intangible cultural assets must be saved.

This book has been designed to be portable for those who wish to explore the neighborhoods themselves and find the shops.

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## Biography/Memoirs

Sim Kee Boon: The Businessman Bureaucrat / Low Shi Ping & Leanne Sim

Singapore: Landmark Books, 2022

216p.

9789811852701

\$ 25.00 / PB

424gm.

Mention the name "Sim Kee Boon" and it might draw blank stares, especially among the younger generation of Singaporeans. Hand-picked by the colonial government to be a key civil servant, he participated in the merger talks with Malaysia, headed Intraco, the national trading company that was one of the drivers of the economy of a newly independent Singapore, and later, became Head

of the Civil Service. Sim Kee Boon is acknowledged as the man who oversaw the development of Changi Airport – from land reclamation and architecture, to clean toilets and plush carpets, making it the world’s best air hub by always putting customer experience first. At the same time, he saw to the design of the neighbouring Tanah Merah Country Club to create world-class golf courses. Another significant contribution was the salvaging of Keppel by turning it into a diversified, visionary Singapore corporation. Through it, he not only gave M1 its name but led it to become a leading telco from scratch. He chaired the Council of Presidential Advisers, and after retirement from executive positions, sat on the board of Temasek Holdings and was the President Commissioner of Indonesia’s Bank Danamon. *Sim Kee Boon: The Businessman Bureaucrat* is more than the biography of this pioneer generation leader. It is a primer of the principles and values that he lived out in his successful career. Meticulous research by biographer **Low Shi Ping**, with personal insights by Sim Kee Boon’s granddaughter **Leanne Sim**, makes this an engaging and valuable book about a man who made a difference to Singapore.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833524>

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The Birthday Book: (Re)Start / (Ed) Aaron Maniam (et al.)  
The Birthday Collective  
Singapore: A Birthday Collective Publication, 2022  
288p.  
9789811850363  
\$ 25.00 / PB  
530gm.

57 people tell stories of life in a city they love. Artists, cartoonists, poets, academics, engineers, entrepreneurs, advocates and everything in-between share their views of what it means to restart: at home, in their community, and for Singapore itself.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833677>

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Completing The Singapore Story? : Memoirs of A. Mahadeva – Journalist Imprisoned Without Trial / Arun Bala  
Petaling Jaya: SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, 2022  
516p.  
Includes Index; Bibliography  
9789672464617  
1. A. Mahadeva.  
2. Journalists – Singapore – Biography.  
3. Political prisoners – Singapore – Biography.  
4. Singapore – Politics and government.  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
762gm.

Mahadeva, the founding secretary-general of the Singapore National Union of Journalists (SNUJ), suddenly found himself in the news when he was arrested in 1963 under Operation Coldstore. This is his story, told posthumously by one of his brothers, who delved into the rich collection of Maha’s documents and publications he kept over the years. Imprisoned without trial as a security threat with more than a hundred other political and union leaders, he had no recourse but to subject himself to six years of unjustified detention. These memoirs not only chart Mahadeva’s life and beliefs but also question the orthodox Singapore Story that now conveniently frames and justifies his and his cohort’s imprisonment without trial – some for as long as nearly two to three decades.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836048>

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George Yeo: Musings - Series One / George Yeo  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2023  
xvi, 464p.  
Includes Index  
9789811261282  
\$ 35.00 / PB  
634gm.

Over sessions which lasted two to three hours each time, every week for half a year, George Yeo met and mused over a wide range of topics with writer Woon Tai Ho and research assistant Keith Yap. Speaking from notes, he began with himself and his hope for Singapore, and then spanned over a wide range of subjects — from the importance of human diversity and Singapore's reflection within itself of the world, to history, politics, economics, philosophy, taijigong and religion. He gives his views on India, China, ASEAN, Europe, the US and other parts of the world, and how Singapore's history and destiny are connected to all of them. The style is conversational and anecdotal.

George Yeo: Musings is exactly that — musings. Some themes recur throughout the book which reflect his view of life. But there is no grand theory. He does not expect all of his reflections to be of interest to everyone, but he hopes that everyone will find something of interest. This is the first of a three-part series.

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Once Upon a Place: 8 Singaporean Memoirs (A Ground-UpProject) / Koh, Gek Ling Emily (et al.)  
(Foreword) Verena Tay  
Singapore: Helang Books, 2022  
128p.  
9789811844829  
1. Singapore – Biography.  
2. Singapore – History.  
\$ 18.00 / PB  
230gm.

When does a space become a place? How do the places we inhabit shape our lived experiences and identities?

In Once Upon A Place: 8 Singaporean Memoirs, eight individuals from all walks of life share the stories of their places past and present found in different pockets of Singapore. These personal histories collectively unfold into a broader Singaporean narrative about landscapes that change with the passage of time.

Embark on an intimate journey of the heart as you delve into worlds lived, loved and lost, in this anthology.

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## Childrens Book

The Little Singapore Book (New Edition) / Sim Ee Waun & Joyceline See Tully  
(Illustrator) Chloe Chang  
Singapore: Pepper Dog Press, 2022  
90p.  
9789811831638  
\$ 25.00 / PB

"Once upon a time, there was a little island called Singapura. It was a rich and thriving kingdom ruled by ancient kings..." *The Little Singapore Book (New Edition)* is a fun-filled romp through Singapore's history, packed in four chapters. It starts with a simplified history of Singapore from the 14th century through nation building and to the present day, then on to a whirlwind tour of the historical districts of Singapore. Flitting from past to present, it reveals the fascinating origins of neighbourhoods such as Chinatown and Little India, and how they have changed. For instance, did you know that Serangoon was once cattle farmland? Or that there was a real fort that once stood at Fort Road? This is followed by the final chapter on the way we live and what Singaporeans are all about, from the rich colourful language that we call 'Singlish' to our collective love for food. Sprinkled within are also activities for kids, from walking routes to games and quizzes, and sidebars of fun facts to pique children's interest.

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Oyster Girl / Joyce Chng (Illustrator) Teresa Ong  
Singapore: Pepper Dog Press, 2022  
32p, 255mmx220mm (closed), soft cover, full colour.  
9789811854439  
\$ 15.00 / PB

Xiao Wei's grandma is an awesome hawker, well known for her Hokkien oyster cakes. But Xiao Wei always wanted to know why this snack was so special to her. One day, when Xiao Wei visits Ah Ma at her stall, all is revealed. Ah Ma's tale transports Xiao Wei and readers back to Hui'an, China long ago where, as a child, she harvests oysters by the sea and eventually, sails to Nanyang for a better life.

Oyster Girl is a charming celebration of family ties. It is also author Joyce Chng's tribute to her late grandma who was indeed an awesome hawker and whose traditional oyster cake recipe is included in the book. Ah Ma's story captures a slice of Singapore's pioneering past and the hardworking Hokkiens who settled in Singapore a long time ago. It is also a peek into Singapore's diverse hawker heritage, which is listed on the UNESCO Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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## Ecology

A Photographic Guide to Singapore Spiders / Joseph K H Koh (et al.)  
Singapore: National Parks Board, 2022  
774p.  
Includes Index  
9789811840197  
\$ 65.00 / PB  
2428gm.

This is a photographic guide which showcases about 790 species of spiders that can be found in Singapore. It also introduces readers to the spider taxonomy for scientists and amateurs. This book is a resource for researchers and citizen scientists engaging in biodiversity and anyone interested to learn more about the rich diversity of spiders.

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## History

Deutche in Singapur: Geschichten aus 200 Jahren Freundschaft im Zeichen der Globalisierung = Germans in Singapore: Stories from 200 Years of Friendship in an Age of Globalisation / Sabine Hein (Ed) Dr. Christoph Hein  
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd, 2022  
332p.  
Includes Index  
9789811846304  
\$ 105.00 / HB  
1550gm.

200 years ago, the first Germans came to Singapore. This book chronicles the economic, political and cultural relations between Germany and Singapore from their beginnings in 1822 to the present day. It is, however, not a history book, but a book full of stories.

The contribution of the Germans to the building of Singapore is as fascinating and multi-faceted as the development of the city-state itself. An overall view of the history of the Germans in Singapore has been lacking until now. This book sheds light on the dreams and daring, the life and work of the Germans in the equatorial city of Singapore.

This life was only possible because of togetherness. "Togetherness" shines through each and every line in this book. The role of the Germans in Singapore can only be understood in their interrelationships with the host country, in mutual exchange. Singapore paved the way for the Germans into Asia. And the Germans contributed to Singapore's growth into a city of the future.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826689>

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The Chiang Family History: A Tale of Three Cultures and Chia Keng Village / Bernard Chiang  
Singapore: Genealogy Society Singapore & World Scientific Publishing, 2022  
368p.

9789811253331

1. Chiang, Bernard – Family.
2. Families – Singapore.
3. Singapore – Biography.
4. Singapore – History.

\$ 55.00 / PB  
984gm.

In this book, Bernard Chiang records the history of his family and their contributions to Singapore's community in the country's early years. The book traces his family history, which spans across the countries of Singapore, China and Thailand, and across more than half a century. Following different branches of the Chiang family tree, it delves into his paternal family's ancestral roots and their ancestral home in the ancient port township of Zhanglin in Chenghai district of Shantou Prefecture, China, his extended family in Thailand, and his maternal family and their culture. The history of Chia Keng Village and its development via local bottom-up grassroots efforts are also chronicled in this volume. Of particular interest are the family's efforts in developing the kampong spirit in Chia Keng Village, including initiatives such as free clinics for the needy, a fire-fighting unit, and even an amateur Teochew Opera troupe. Through this book, the legacy of the Chiang family and Chia Keng Village lives on. It captures in its pages important events in the history of Singapore from a grassroots perspective, such as Konfrontasi and the racial riots of the 1960s.

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Through An Insider's Lens: RAF Seletar and Jalan Kayu, 1950s To 1960s / Chellapandi Chellaiyya  
Singapore: Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd (for Chellapandi Chellaiyya), 2022

228p.

9789811830914

\$ 50.00 / PB

768gm.

This is the latest book worthy of complementing the others which have been written on military aviation in Singapore—from the inception of the Royal Air Force in Seletar to its various iterations to today's air defence force in Singapore. A special annex details the airplanes and insignia of the different flying squadrons of RAF Seletar.

Chellapandi Chellaiyya also touches on the way of life in the 50s and 60s in RAF Seletar and Jalan Kayu and its parallel growth with the aviation world. Descriptions of the physical layout of the area then and now make for an interesting record of a slice of history in Singapore's development. That aside, the daily life and struggles of the different income groups, their games and enjoyment, celebration of friends and festivals, all come alive in these pages.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833161>

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Scrupulous, Thorough, Fearless: The CPIB Story / Clement Liew

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2022

xviii, 454p.

1. Singapore. Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau – History.

2. Corruption investigation – Singapore – History.

9789811267239

\$ 30.00 / PB

716gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836054>

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Scrupulous, Thorough, Fearless: The CPIB Story / Clement Liew

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2022

xviii, 454p.

9789811262715

1. Singapore. Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau – History.

2. Corruption investigation – Singapore – History.

\$ 65.00 / HB

844gm.

*Scrupulous, Thorough, Fearless – The CPIB Story* chronicles the journey of the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) from its beginnings to the present. The narrative contained within the pages of this book contextualises the role of the Bureau in Singapore's nation-building journey. The creation of the Bureau and its history and heritage are closely intertwined with the birth and history of Singapore.

It starts by providing an account of how corruption had become so prevalent in pre-war Singapore. The experiences of war, characterised by extreme shortages, hunger and privation, provided further impetus for many to resort to corrupt ways to get what they needed and coveted in the post-war period. This Bureau was established to clean up the corruption of the day, an endeavour which contributed to the birth of a strong nation whose people shared a common ethos of integrity. Singapore's reputation for being corruption-free has since been one of the pillars of the nation's economic success.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836055>

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The Comfort Women of Singapore in History and Memory / Kevin Blackburn  
Singapore: NUS Press, 2022  
x, 210p.

Includes Index; Bibliography  
9789813251861

Singapore Studies in Society and History

1. Comfort women – Singapore – History.
2. Comfort women – Singapore – Public opinion.
3. World War, 1939-1945 – Women – Singapore.
4. World War, 1939-1945 – Atrocities – Singapore.

\$ 35.00 / PB  
354gm.

"Comfort women" or *ianfu* is the euphemism used by the Japanese military for the women they compelled to do sex work in the Second World War. It has become the term generally used in English to discuss the subject. The role of comfort women in history remains a topic of importance — and emotion — around the world. Most scholarship concentrates on Korean comfort women, with less on their counterparts in Japan, China, Taiwan and even less on Southeast Asia. It is well-known that an elaborate series of comfort stations, or comfort houses, were organised by the Japanese administration across Singapore during the Occupation from 1942 to 1945. And historians have recorded eyewitness accounts from Korean comfort women who served here, and from managers of Singapore comfort stations.

So why did no local former comfort women come forward and tell their stories when others across Asia began to do publicly in the 1990s? To understand this silence, the book details the sex industry serving the Japanese military during the wartime occupation of Singapore: the comfort stations, managers, procuresses, girls and women who either volunteered or were forced into service and in many cases sexual slavery. Could it be that no former comfort women remained in Singapore after the war? Blackburn shows through a careful weighing of the different kinds of evidence why this was not the case. The immediate post-war years, and efforts to repatriate or 'reform' former comfort women fills in a key part of the history.

The author then turns from history to the public presence of the comfort women in Singapore's memory: newspapers, novels, plays, television, and touristic heritage sites, showing how comfort women became known in Singapore during the 1990s and 2000s. Blackburn brings great care, balance and sensitivity to a difficult subject.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836057>

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Khairat Kita: A History of Malay/Muslim Mutual Aid in Singapore / Fauzy Ismail, Zakaria Zainal & Zaki Jumahri

Singapore: Ethos Books (Pagesetters Services Pte Ltd), 2022  
108p.  
9789811811210

1. Fraternal organizations – Singapore – History.
2. Malays (Asian people) – Singapore – Societies, etc. – History.
3. Muslims – Singapore – Societies, etc. – History.

\$ 25.00 / PB  
272gm.

Khairat Kita documents the last few remaining Malay/Muslim Mutual Benefit Organisations (MMBOs) providing aid and charity to members in times of distress or need. Known as badan khairat kematian (death social welfare organisation), these MMBOs were initially set up to provide financial support to families in instances of a member's passing—a fundamental life event, especially to the Malay/Muslim community.



Being volunteer, community-led initiatives based on a centuries old tradition of mutual aid, these MMBOs were seen as social anchors in the community and custodians of intangible cultural heritage of Singapore's Malay/Muslim community. Today, with around twenty such organisations left, declining membership and ageing committee members, the future looks uncertain for these Malay/Muslim Mutual Benefit Organisations. A collection of interviews, photographs, essays and personal reflections, *Khairat Kita* is a concerted effort at archiving and documenting the history and people of the MMBOs.

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Nation-Building Through Historical Narration / Zawiah Yahya; (Eds) Syed Farid Alatas & Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib

Kertas Ilmu Mandiri = Papers in Autonomous Knowledge, No. 3, 2021

Singapore: Budhi Pte Ltd, 2021

24p.

9789811825682

\$ 20.00 / PB

76gm.

History, like nation-building, is a construct. It can be used as part of the national agenda to build a nation. History textbooks then become an important and effective apparatus for creating a shared narrative for citizens. As a result, one cannot divorce history as a subject in national curriculum from national political agenda. In this paper, Zawiah Yahya examines the provisional, relative and plural perspectives in historical writings and calls for the pondering over the nation's collective memory in a critical and comparative way.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836060>

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## Official Publications

Census of Population 2020: Administrative Report [Singapore]

Singapore: Department of Statistics, Ministry of Trade & Industry, 2022

181p.

9789811813832

\$ 75.00 / PB

300gm.

This Administrative Report provides a comprehensive documentation of the Census of Population 2020 planning and operations. It outlines the major milestones including preparations for the sample enumeration, implementation of the IT application system as well as documenting the collection, processing, dissemination, administrative activities and resources utilised to conduct Census 2020.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836062>

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Census of Population 2020: Statistical Release 1: Demographic Characteristics, Education, Language and Religion [Singapore]

Singapore: Department of Statistics, Ministry of Trade & Industry, 2022

247p.

9789811813818

\$ 120.00 / PB

400gm.

The Census of Population 2020 Statistical Release 1 - Demographic Characteristics, Education, Language and Religion is the first of the two statistical

publications on detailed census results. This release provides the broad trends and changes in the demographic characteristics, marriage and fertility, education, literacy and home language and religion of the resident population since 2010. The report comprises detailed statistical tables to facilitate users carrying out more comprehensive studies and analysis.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836063>

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Census of Population 2020: Statistical Release 2: Households, Geographic Distribution, Transport and Difficulty in Basic Activities[Singapore]

Singapore: Department of Statistics, Ministry of Trade & Industry, 2022

547p.

9789811813825

\$ 180.00 / PB

900gm.

The Census of Population 2020 Statistical Release 2 - Households, Geographic Distribution, Transport and Difficulty in Basic Activities is the second and final statistical publication on detailed census results. This release provides the broad trends and changes in the households and housing, married couples, geographic distribution of residence and transport since 2010. New data on geographic distribution of workplace and difficulty in performing basic activities are also made available for the first time through this release. The report comprises detailed statistical tables to facilitate users carrying out more comprehensive studies and analysis.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836065>

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Economic Survey of Singapore 2021

Singapore: Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI), 2022

1v.

ISSN: 2382-6541

\$ 70.00 / PB

278gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834277>

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## Law

Real Estate and Taxation in Singapore / Tay Hong Beng, Leung Yew Kwong & See Wei Hwa

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2023

xvi, 620p.

Includes Index

9789811226496

\$ 45.00 / HB

944gm.

*Real Estate and Taxation in Singapore* provides a multi-disciplinary approach to the subject for Singapore real estate and tax aficionados. The book helps the reader to navigate the complex world of real estate taxation by taking them through the various changes in the Singapore real estate market over the years, as well as the property development and investment life cycle from acquisition and development, to investment and ownership, to disposal.

The book primarily focuses on tax issues — income tax, stamp duty, property tax and goods and services tax — faced by property developers and investors in Singapore. It further explains the tax

and non-tax aspects of topics relating to the Master Plan, development charge and differential premium, the real estate market cooling measures, as well as real estate investment trusts and funds.

It is an all-in-one, 'must-have' reference book for professionals, policy-makers, academia, students and the general public who are interested in the field of real estate and taxation.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=799845>

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THE ANNOTATED SINGAPORE BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND STRATA MANAGEMENT ACT / Lim Tai  
Singapore: Sweet & Maxwell, 2022

1v.

9789811838682

\$ 250.00 / HB

The Annotated Singapore Building Maintenance and Strata Management Act provides section by section annotations of a popular and consistently moving body of law.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826010>

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LAW & PRACTICE OF FAMILY LAW IN SINGAPORE (2ND EDITION) / (Eds) Justice Valerie Thean,  
Foo Siew Fong

Singapore: Sweet & Maxwell, 2022

1v.

9789811805967

\$ 594.00

Law and Practice of Family Law in Singapore (2nd Edition) provides comprehensive coverage of Family Law written by a respected and authoritative team including judicial officers. The title incorporates legislative changes introduced in 2021 (divorce by mutual agreement) and 2022 (the new Adoption of Children Act). Fully updated to include the latest case law, the title provides a clear picture of the law and practice to family proceedings in the Family Court and High Court.

Additional developments since the last edition:

- New Chapters on Therapeutic Justice, Abduction of Children and Adoption.
- Key changes to Therapeutic Justice in Mediation for Family Matters and the adoption of the Family Justice Court
- New case law in the area of Division of Assets and Guardianship.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836070>

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Singapore Tax Law / Tang Siau Yan (Author)

Singapore: LexisNexis, 2022

1v.

9789815019346

\$ 299.00 / PB

The Singapore Tax Law forms a comprehensive guide to students; an authoritative reference to practitioners; to an experienced researcher or knowledge leader, it is part of a broader discourse. All relevant local case law is discussed in detail. It also gives a comprehensive coverage of relevant foreign case law so that the book can be used as a springboard for further research and inquiry by the reader if needed.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836071>

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Security of Payments and Construction Adjudication, Third Edition / Chow Kok Fong (Author)

Singapore: LexisNexis, 2022

1v.  
9789815019254  
\$ 400.00 / HB

The Third Edition addresses all the wealth of case law up to March 2022, examines new jurisprudential materials emanating from the UK, Australia, Ireland, Malaysia and New Zealand and the impact of the Building and Construction Industry Security of Payment (Amendment) Act in 2018.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826014>

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Woon's Corporations Law 2022 Desk Edition  
Singapore: LexisNexis, 2022

1v.  
9789815019438  
\$ 550.00 / PB

The 2022 edition covers amendments to the Companies Act following the omnibus Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018.

The looseleaf Woon's Corporations Law has been the authoritative research tool for many a corporate practitioner and business since its first publication in 1994. The 2022 edition covers amendments to the Companies Act following the omnibus Insolvency, Restructuring and Dissolution Act 2018.

This book is an invaluable source of information for practitioners, company secretaries, academics, students and anyone engaged in or interested in the laws governing companies in Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836072>

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## Literature

Migrantik / Norman Wilwayco (Translator) Peter Dominique Mutuc  
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022  
xii, 256p.  
9789815017892  
\$ 24.00 / PB  
369gm.

Tony is one of millions of Filipinos scattered across the globe, working to send money back to his family. But unlike other migrants, he's no pushover at work and doesn't live in fear of losing his visa.

Squatting in the office with an Irish co-worker to save money, Tony hustles as a web designer and battles with a ball-busting Scottish boss during the day. At night, he washes away the loneliness and fights the enormous pressure with booze and weed, saving most of what he earns to send back home.

But the money from all the hard work never seems to be enough.

If it's not a new phone for his teenaged daughter, it's for a cousin's birthday or an uncle who needs funding for a business. Everyone's counting on his salary. So Tony plugs away, seeking small comfort in video calls with his family, finding short-lived happiness in skateboarding in empty carparks, and diving deep into the dark side of Sydney – away from the posh lights of the Harbor Bridge and smack dab into the seedy suburbs.

Tony's life as a migrant begins to unravel as events come to a head, and he's forced to face the consequences of his actions.

Translated from Filipino by Peter Dominique Mutuc, *Migrantik* is told through the lens of economic, emotional, and occasionally actual violence.

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A Taste for Murder: A Das Sisters Mystery / Anjana Rai Chaudari  
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022  
vi, 310p.  
9789815017045  
\$ 29.90 / PB  
424gm.

Poisons. Mayhem. At Singapore's premier university. The Das Sisters follow the trail of a diabolical murderer. The second of the Das Sisters Mystery Series finds Inspector Dolly Das and her sister, Lily, embroiled in a university murder case. It is 2011. When a Korean postdoctoral fellow from the chemistry department dies suddenly, apparently from a heart attack brought on by food poisoning, canteen stall owner, Lily Das, is in danger of losing her business license. Intent on clearing her name, Lily, with the help of her sister, Dolly, discovers the victim had been deliberately poisoned. When more poisonings occur, endangering the lives of people they know, Lily, and Dolly suspect a serial killer is on the loose on campus. The Das sisters, with the help of their mother, Uma, Dolly's son, Ash, Lily's assistants, Vernon and Angie, and the domestic helper, Girlie, must race against time to catch the murderer and stop the killing spree. But can Lily think clearly when she is estranged from her husband? Can Dolly keep her job when her jealous boss is intent on retiring her? Both Lily and Dolly must overcome these challenges to nail an elusive, cruel, and highly dangerous killer.

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Chronicles of a Village / Nguyen Thanh Hien (Translator) Quyen Nguyen-Hoang  
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022  
viii, 136p.  
8785795017885  
\$ 16.90 / PB  
168gm.

*Chronicles of a Village* is set in an anonymous Vietnamese village based on the author's personal memories. The surrealistic narrative touches on the country's pre-modern history, the colonial era and the onslaught of modernity that irreversibly affects the mountains, rivers, soil and memories of a wretched people. Written in vibrant fragments that resemble prose poems, the novel combines the author's melodious style of oral storytelling with historical micro-narratives and mythological elements. The book takes the reader through poetic and political landscapes teeming with ancient legends, love stories, marvelous nature, war tragedies and modern alienation, which constitute the beauty and 'the fatal historical disabilities of a land'.

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We Do Not Make Love Here: A Novel / Nisha Mehraj  
Epigram Books Fiction Prize Series  
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2022  
248p.  
9789814984690  
1. Arranged marriage – Singapore – Fiction.  
2. Man-woman relationship – Singapore – Fiction.  
\$ 26.90 / PB

324gm.

Book Details:

Chandru, a third-generation Singaporean, realises his ambition through an arranged marriage. His wife, Meera, fights her fate by living a double life. Unhappily married, they make sense of their decisions through a study of their own past. Siddharth, their only son, is practically raised next door with their neighbour's granddaughter Malli. As the childhood best friends grow up, they helplessly watch their tumultuous love tear them apart. A generation raised on the Singaporean dream gives birth to another sheltered in its shadows. They are not the marginalised or the oppressed, merely the majority doing their best.

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The Accidental Malay / Karina Robles Bahrin

Singapore: Epigram Books, 2022

232p.

9789814984676

1. Racially mixed women – Fiction.

2. Malaysia – Fiction.

\$ 26.90 / PB

304gm.

Jasmine Leong wants to be the next CEO of Phoenix, her family's billion-ringgit company known especially for its bak kwa. But when Jasmine discovers she is actually a Malay Muslim, her newfound identity threatens to upend her life and ambitions. Set in Kuala Lumpur and other areas of Malaysia, *The Accidental Malay* examines the human cost of a country's racial policies, and paints a portrait of a woman unwilling to accept the fate history has designated for her.

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## Performing Arts

Innovation, Style and Spectacle in Wayang: Purbo Asmoro and the Evolution of an Indonesian Performing Art / Kathryn Emerson

Singapore: NUS Press, 2022

xxx, 346p.; 229x152mm.; 85 b/w images, 27 tables and charts

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789813251892

1. Wayang.

2. Shadow shows – Indonesia.

3. Asmoro, Purbo, 1961-.

\$ 32.00 / PB

544gm.

Wayang fascinates and endures thanks to the many ways it works as a medium — as bearer of Javanese culture and tradition, as key component of rites of passage, as a medium of ritual and spiritual practice, as public spectacle, and as entertainment of the broadest sort, performed live, broadcast or streamed. Over the last forty years, the form has been subject to a great deal of experimentation and innovation, pulled in these many directions, within an ever-changing media landscape, shaped in the most recent years by the constraints of pandemic response. Author Emerson outlines both the significant contributions by a number of key figures, and the societal or political influences propelling such innovations. She describes the deeper and more lasting changes in wayang, based on what the art form's most accomplished practitioners have to say about it.

The ultimate focus of the work is one pivotal figure, Purbo Asmoro of the Indonesian Institute of the Arts in Surakarta, who the author argues has taken the individual and singular innovations of the era and integrated them into a new system of performance practice, one which has shaped the key Surakarta school of performance. The book is based on an unprecedented decades-long participatory research project involving hundreds of interlocutors. Written in a lively style and beautifully illustrated, the book will be of considerable interest in Indonesian studies, to wayang connoisseurs, and to anyone seeking to learn about a dynamic, contemporary art form that finds its energy outside the structures of Western theatre and media.

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*"No-one is better placed than Kitsie Emerson to explain the shadow puppetry of contemporary Java to a world audience. Building on decades of involvement as translator, musician, student, teacher, and promoter of wayang and gamelan, Emerson paints a vivid picture of the innovative performance style of master puppeteer Ki Purbo Asmoro. A must-read for all who are interested in the performing arts of Indonesia."* – Bernard Arps, Leiden University

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## Politics/Current Affairs

Liberalism Unveiled: Forging a New Third Way in Singapore / Bryan Cheang & Donovan Choy  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2021

xviii, 234p.

Includes Index; Bibliographical references

9789811220746

\$ 48.00 / HB

514gm.

Since 1965, Singapore has been propelled to the dizzying heights of first-world prosperity. Yet, the People's Action Party's signature style of technocratic elitism has come under increasing criticism by a new generation of left-leaning progressive scholars and activists condemning the excesses of neoliberalism. The PAP's mode of governance that prioritizes economic growth is criticised in favour of a vaguely European-style welfare state and greater state intervention.

Bryan Cheang and Donovan Choy break this traditional pro-PAP versus anti-PAP dichotomy by providing a fresh classical liberal perspective. The authors contend that both sides discern only parts of the political puzzle correctly. This book envisions a new path forward for Singapore's policy-making, one characterised by greater competition & freedom. It critiques the conservative-right through a fresh take on the philosophical underpinnings of the "Singapore Consensus": communitarianism, meritocracy and technocracy. The authors also engage with the new social democratic orthodoxy, demonstrating the dangers of egalitarian interventions & state-based environmentalism.

Applying the interdisciplinary insights of political philosophy and political economy, this novel account recommends epistemic liberalism, a system of governance based on intellectual humility, limited government, and decentralisation.

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China Phobia: A Wasted Opportunity / Karim Alwadi & Mohammad Kheir Alwadi

Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022

xiv, 266p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789815017717

\$ 29.90 / PB

380gm.

*ChinaPhobia – A Wasted Opportunity* is an informative book, unbiased towards either China or America. It has been written in the form of a conversation between a father-a former journalist and senior diplomat-and his businessman son. Both academics present the facts combined with insights gained from years of observations of China.

Part one describes the factors that have led to ChinaPhobia: pace of China's economy, gravitational shifts towards Asia, territorial disputes, lack of soft powers, Belt and Road Initiative, resignation as the 'world's factory', Covid-19, and tries to explain China's cultural and political thinking.

The second part of the book concerns changes within the economic partnership which led to the increasing distrust of the US government and corporations towards China, reflected not only in their trade war, but also in growing US and Western support for China's red-lines including Taiwan, Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Tibet. It is mirrored in an ongoing behind-the-scenes arms race, which has a paramount impact on the relationship between the two regimes-and on the rest of the world. Thirdly, China's increasingly sensitive ambition towards global leadership is explained, and the roles of various think tanks and experts on both sides is analyzed objectively.

Urgent questions are addressed in the final part of the book. Without a timely response, inflating ChinaPhobia could become the biggest threat to global peace, economic growth and stability, poisoning international relations in the coming years. The authors discuss the means of mitigation at home and abroad.

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ASEAN and India: The Way Forward / (Eds) Tommy Koh, Hernaikh Singh & Moe Thuzar  
Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2023

xxii, 322p.

Includes Index

9789811263514

1. Southeast Asia – Foreign relations – India.
2. India – Foreign relations – Southeast Asia.
3. Southeast Asia – Foreign economic relations – India.
4. India – Foreign economic relations – Southeast Asia.

\$ 28.00 / PB

514gm.

India became a Sectoral Dialogue Partner of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1992. In 1995, India became a full Dialogue Partner. In 2002, ASEAN and India held their first Summit in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Since then, a bilateral Summit has been held annually. India's relations with Southeast Asia date back a thousand years. There are many cultural, religious and people-to-people linkages between India and the 10 ASEAN member states. Trade and investment ties have also grown since the opening of the Indian economy in the early 1990s. Relations are good but not optimal.

*ASEAN and India: The Way Forward* hopes to inspire policymakers on both sides to understand the multifaceted relationship and explore ways to raise the bilateral ties to a higher peak.

The book first traces the evolution of ASEAN-India relations over the centuries. It then examines the key areas of convergence and divergence between ASEAN and India. The final part explores the emerging areas where ASEAN and India can deepen their cooperation.

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Singapore and Multilateral Governance : Securing Our Future / Noeleen Heyzer

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2023

xviii, 114p.

IPS-Nathan Lectures

Includes Index ; Bibliography



9789811264177

1. Singapore – Foreign relations – 21<sup>st</sup> century.
2. Singapore – Politics and government – 21<sup>st</sup> century.

\$ 24.00 / PB

256gm.

Dr Noeleen Heyzer is the Institute of Policy Studies' 10th S R Nathan Fellow for the Study of Singapore. This book is an edited collection of her three IPS-Nathan Lectures, delivered in November and December 2021, and includes highlights of her question-and-answer segments with our audience.

Dr Heyzer examines how Singapore can continue to contribute to multilateral governance amid 21st century global challenges. Highly dependent on multilateral governance, Singapore has to engage the region and contribute to the multilateral global order. Dr Heyzer highlights the need for Singapore to build a mindset of "solidarity as self-interest", contribute to a normative future that is equitable, inclusive and sustainable, and rethink our current multilateral governance framework. What does a renewed multilateralism look like? Can Singapore become an epicentre for this new multilateralism? And critically, how can we secure our common future and shape what we become as a nation?

The IPS-Nathan Lecture series was launched in 2014 as part of the S R Nathan Fellowship for the Study of Singapore, named after Singapore's sixth and longest-serving president. It seeks to advance public understanding and discussion of issues of critical national interest for Singapore.

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Myanmar's Fragmented Democracy: Transitions or Illusion? / Felix Tan Thiam Kim

Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2022

xxvi, 270p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789811251351

World Scientific Series on International Relations and Comparative Politics in Southeast Asia, Volume 1

1. Burma – Politics and government – 1948-.
2. Burma – History – 1948-.

\$ 120.00 / HB

558gm.

The recent military coup in Myanmar perpetrated by the Tatmadaw has set the country back to the days of political uncertainty and military authoritarianism. This book examines how far the country has come since its nascent attempt at democratic reforms and democratisation in 2010.

Each chapter considers some of the more prominent issues that have plagued Myanmar since political reforms started. First, there have been debates about the extent to which democratic reforms have been achieved since the Constitution was formalised in 2008. Second, what has been the significance of the three elections in 2010, 2015 and 2020? Third, how has the National League for Democracy transformed in the past decade? How far has the Union Solidarity and Development Party changed the political landscape? What roles did the Tatmadaw play in the last decade? Fourth, questions surrounding how the ethnic crisis, not least the Rohingya issue, have continued to dominate the country's political landscape in the last decade, thereby overshadowing its democratisation process.

Finally, how far have these efforts at democracy demonstrated Myanmar's futile attempts at appeasing the domestic and international audience? Myanmar's relations with the global and regional community vis-à-vis the US, China, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations have also taken a toll in the last decade. There is already a shift in power politics, especially with China determining the direction of Myanmar.

Myanmar has been locked in a perpetual cycle transitioning between military authoritarianism and democratisation. These prevailing issues have led to a fragmented democracy and a lost opportunity to demonstrate its foray into a genuine democracy.

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CPC Futures: The New Era of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics / (Eds) Frank N. Pieke & Bert Hofman  
Singapore: East Asian Institute, 2022  
viii, 194p.  
9789811851629  
\$ 24.00 / PB  
300gm.

What will the upcoming 20th Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC) bring, and what will the next decade of CPC rule look like? Who will rule China and what future do they envision for the Party and China? In this volume, the East Asian Institute in Singapore brings together an exceptional team of world-leading China experts from Asia, the United States, Europe and Australia to set out the future implications of trends in CPC politics and governance in CPC General Party Secretary Xi Jinping's "New Era."

The essays collected in this volume bring together cutting-edge research and insights into China's economy, society, politics, military and international relations targeted at a professional audience in government, business, the media, NGOs and universities.

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## Religion-Buddhism

Maha Prajna Paramita Heart Sutra (2022 Version) / Woon Chok Thin  
Singapore: Woon Chok Tin (Self-Published), 2022  
40p.  
Sanskrit-English Translation  
9789811155741  
\$ 12.00 / PB  
76gm.

In 649 A.D. Tang Xuanzang (aka Tang Tripitaka) first wrote The Maha Prajna Paramita Hrdaya Sutra (abbreviation, The Heart Sutra) in the Tang Dynasty Chinese language. Soon after, he wrote a Sanskrit version. The Chinese version was widely translated into Japanese, Korean and Vietnamese languages. Meanwhile, the Sanskrit version was translated to Hindi, Tibetan, English and other languages. First, The Heart Sutra Mantra is the perfect wisdom to enlighten both the thoughts of all human beings and the consciousness Of all sentient beings to have pure compassion and loving kindness, and to perform righteous deeds according to the Dharma teachings. These noble deeds summarily enable them to activate their Bodhi light to the heavenly realms. As everything in this world is changing, there is nothing one can possess or hold onto continually. When one's mind is at peace With the happenings around him, there shall be peace in one's heart and the entire universe shall be in harmony with him. Second, for the same reason, all sentient beings should rest and let go of the worldly affairs, thereby, successfully free themselves from sufferings by way of nirvana, where they return to the realm of Lord Lokeshvara, or Bodhisattva Guanyin. Indeed, all sentient beings are true spiritual travelers and should not have any plan, especially the idea to revisit the mundane world, through reincarnation. May, all beings be well and happy.

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## Sociology

The Malays in Multi-Religious ASEAN : Protecting Identity, Upholding Integrity : Inaugural Syed Hussein Alatas Memorial Lecture 2018 / Chandra Muzaffar (Eds) Syed Farid Alatas & Mohamed Imran Mohamed Taib

Kertas Ilmu Mandiri = Papers in Autonomous Knowledge, No. 4, 2021

Singapore: Budhi Pte Ltd, 2021

56p.

9789811828898

\$ 20.00 / PB

130gm.

In this paper, delivered as the Inaugural Syed Hussein Alatas Memorial Lecture, Chandra Muzaffar explores two key concepts - identity and integrity - and their interface in Malay society. Generally, the Malay identity has been all-encompassing and a reason why a multi-ethnic Malaysia could survive and flourish. At the same time, the Malays are aware that integrity is a moral imperative. Malays relate to issues of integrity as part of identity through both the philosophical dimension and in the examples of personalities who uphold integrity. However, there were episodes in Malaysian history that saw a conflict between identity and integrity, such as the corruption case involving Bank Rakyat in the 1970s. In more recent times, the 1MDB scandal had brought the issue of integrity to the fore and caused the seismic political event on the 9th of May 2018's Malaysian general election. That day saw the people voting for integrity and against the manipulation of identity and crude appeal to ethnicity and religion. Integrity therefore, is identity and there could be no identity without integrity.

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## Sports

Choke. Clinch. Crank. Combat: Behind the Stories of Blood, Sweat, Tears and Triumph of 25 Singapore-Based Fighters

Singapore: Choke Clinch Crank Combat, 2022

204p.

9789811846335

\$ 65.00 / PB

856gm.

What makes someone want to purposely put themselves at the receiving end of a punch? What does it mean to willingly choose a career in combat sports - especially in Singapore, a nation where pragmatism is so highly prized? In this book, we answer these questions. We speak to local professional fighters like Tiffany "No Chill" Teo and Syafiq "The Slasher" Abdul Samad who have made fighting their career. We ask promoters and gym owners like Arvind "The Juggernaut" Lalwani why he chooses to keep the lifeblood of the Singaporean scene flowing through the running of gyms and the staging of tournaments. We listen to the stories of instructors like Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu black belt Alexandro "Leke" Machado and Capoeira Master Silvano "Tucum" Santos who have travelled from places far and wide to set up home and gym on our sunny island.

This is Singapore's fight scene.

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## Travel Guidebooks

Kopi Dulu: Caffeine-Fuelled Travels Through Indonesia / Mark Eveleigh  
Singapore: Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), 2022  
x, 392p.  
Includes Index  
9789815017748  
\$ 32.90 / PB  
544gm.

A journey of 15,000 kilometres – by rail, road, on foot and under sail – through about 50 Indonesian islands, shining a light on what has been described as the world's most invisible country. From tracking tigers (and the mythical 'short man') in the Sumatra jungle to the mystical Dayak tribe that lives near the geographical centre of Borneo, this book touches on some of Indonesia's most intriguing secrets. The author meets Tana Toraja's 'living dead', the Bugis people (once known as the Bogeymen) who build and sail the spectacular Sulawesi schooners and the villagers who are literally besieged by dragons in the Komodo archipelago. He surfs the legendary reefs of G-Land, Nias and Occy's Left (and pioneers a previously un-surfed wave in the remote Alor Archipelago). He road-trips across Sulawesi and Flores and sails in the wake of Alfred Russel Wallace around Spice Islands, which have remained largely unchanged for centuries.

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