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Art

The Black and White Project: Unseen Landscapes of Singapore / (Photographer) Peter Zaman (Foreword) Dr Julian Davison
Singapore: Mr & Mrs Z Pte Ltd Publishing, 2023
134p.
9789811878084
\$ 55.00 / HB
1180gm.

The Black & White Project-unseen Landscapes Of Singapore captures the unique beauty of Singapore in stunning black and white images. Unseen by most, this project explores the hidden and unexpected elements of the city from the perspective of an expert photographer. Enjoy an intimate look into the beauty of Singapore that you may never have seen before.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856463>

A Garden For All: Reflection. Inspiration. Solace (Singapore `s First UNESCO Heritage Site) / Wong Sher Maine & Nicholas Leong
Singapore: Epigram Books, 2023
240p.
9789814984850
1. Botanic Gardens (Singapore).
2. Botanical gardens – Singapore.
\$ 50.00 / HB
968gm.

Featuring over 180 full-colour photographs, paired with snippets of information, A Garden for All is a magnificent tribute to a green sanctuary in the heart of Singapore where people can come to refresh their minds and bodies. Whether you like art or photography, trees or birds, plants or flowers, or just want to spend a day out with the family in nature, the UNESCO World Heritage Site is the place to be.

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Architecture

Well-Being For All: A Holistic Framework for Tropical Cities / Yann Follain, Jamie Ding & Feranda Chua
Singapore: Pagesetters Services, 2023
346p.
9789811882548
\$ 75.00 / PB
528gm.

As cities continue to grow in this age of climate emergency, it is essential to question how cities are planned and designed in order to be prepared for the future. With a

background in the built environment ranging from macro to micro-scale projects, the framework was born from our research and practice while imagining the future for the Paya Lebar Air Base Conceptual Master Plan project in Singapore from 2021 to 2022. Building upon this work, further research and interviews with local experts from urban planning, architecture, public policy and community stakeholders led us to answer this crucial question: How can the built environment be designed to support a holistic way of life towards the well-being of Planet, People & Prosperity in a Tropical context?

In this book, readers will learn how well-being can be realised through 12 inter-reliant Principles, be equipped with the skills to analyse their urban environment through intangible and tangible objectives. Coupled with strategies across the scales from urban planning to the buildings and spaces we inhabit, the book is useful for all interested in improving our built environment for all, from urban planners to architects, policy makers, community stakeholders and the everyday city residents!

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Biography/Memoirs

An Attitude of Gratitude / Tan-Soh Wai Lan
Singapore: Focus Publishing Ltd, 2023
252p ; 152x229mm.
9789811879241
\$ 24.00 / PB
380gm.

Thankful for all the blessings – large and little – that have brought her to this point in her life, Wai Lan was moved to share her personal journey in a book that's been more than a decade in the making.

She has always seemed destined for a life in education, from when she was a mere five, playing make-believe teacher to her dolls and stuffed toy 'students'. She is a prodigious storyteller, and this book is an account of her formative years and beyond and the events and life experiences that have shaped her as a student, scholar, teacher, mother and school leader.

Beyond being a memoir of her days in school as a top student to being on the other side of the table – as an educator of distinction and the youngest principal in 2002 to her current role as NAFA president – each chapter provides an insight into how personal accountability and a spirit of gratitude have helped her become the person she is today. A must-read for any parent, and anyone who is preparing for a career in education or eager to make a difference in the complex world we live in.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856465>

The Last Fools: The Eight Immortals of Lee Kuan Yew / Aaron Low (et al.) (Ed) Peh Shing Huei (Illustrator) Lyn Ong
Singapore: The Nutgraf Books, 2022
224p.

Includes Index
9789811843631

1. Singapore – Officials and employees – Biography.
2. Pioneers – Singapore – Biography.
3. Singapore – Politics and government – 20th Century.

\$ 31.20 / PB
296gm.

Urban legend tells of eight men in Singapore so powerful that they controlled everything, from water to air. Such was their prowess that these decidedly earthly beings took on

near-mythical status, morphing from maverick superscale officers into modern superhero fighters. They were called The Eight Immortals.

As Lee Kuan Yew and his Old Guard founding leaders attempted to shape an improbable nation from a tropical island with no hinterland, they depended on this elite collection of bureaucrats to turn their ideas into icons. The chosen octet not only built the world's best airport, the best sea port, and the best airline, but also designed a housing, healthcare, infrastructure, security, leadership, and financial system that rivalled the best in the world.

Yet as Third World transformed into the First through the sheer creativity and grit of these men, the Eight Immortals faded from public memory, slowly forgotten by a young nation racing into the future. Some of their names adorn libraries, institutions, and scholarships, but few in Singapore would be able to recall the achievements of George Bogaars, Andrew Chew, Hon Sui Sen, Howe Yoon Chong, Lee Ek Tieng, Ngiam Tong Dow, J. Y. Pillay, and Sim Kee Boon.

For the first time, *The Last Fools* tells the extraordinary and inspiring stories of these eight civil servants. Through the eyes of eight experienced journalists and authors, this independent book reveals the trade-offs, sacrifices, and secrets behind the breathtaking rise of the tiny nation. Award-winning editor Peh Shing Huei delivers a provocative read that provides insights into how Singapore has become one of the world's most developed economies and peaceful countries.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=841018>

For Arts' Sake: Memoirs of a Singapore Arts Manager / Juliana Lim

Singapore: Talisman Publishing Pte Ltd, 2023

x, 254p. ; 140x215mm.

9789811879203

\$ 28.00 / PB

414gm.

Take a behind-the-scenes journey of Singapore's arts scene between the 1970s and the 2000s with insider Juliana Lim, arts manager extraordinaire. Joining Singapore's elite Administrative Service in 1973, Juliana found herself in overseeing arts and cultural policy and implementing key initiatives, such as the Cultural Vision 1999 and the building of Esplanade: Theatres by the Bay, Singapore's iconic arts centre. This is the untold story of the ideas, policies and people behind the development of Singapore's arts scene.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856466>

My Heart at 23: Memories from 139 Days in Whitley Road Detention Centre / (Original

Written in Chinese by Oh Teng Aik

Singapore: Oh Teng Aik (Self-Published), 2023

172p.

In Chinese & English Language

9789811863530

\$ 20.00 / PB

236gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856467>

Still My Husband / Margaret W.K. Ong

Singapore: World Image Pte Ltd., 2022

260p.

9789811856730

\$ 18.00 / PB

328gm.

Still My Husband continues the narrative from the first book, *One Husband Two Men*. The writer shares her struggles and insights as a caregiver whose faith helps to uphold her over more than 14 years, and even more so now.

If you are a caregiver, have you ever reached a point of desperation where you feel you have done everything, yet that's not enough? And when reality hits, there is no choice but to separate from your loved one. Loving and permanence of separation seem contradictory, yet one has to find solace in their co-existence.

For Margaret, the final decision taken for the care of her husband has brought some relief but also many moments of doubt.

Yet, as one of her friends testifies: "Life imposes things on us that we cannot control, but we do have the choice of how we want to live through it. And that's what Margaret did.

Through her choices, she has surfaced stronger, turning her pains and wounds into wisdom that spans the book."

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856468>

Locked In: Journeying with Supranuclear Palsy / Josephine Phun & Lucas Leow

Singapore: World Image Pte Ltd., 2023

134p.

9789811872891

\$ 25.00 / PB

146gm.

Resilience. Perseverance. Faithfulness and Love. This book has it all. Lucas shares the painful, yet inspiring journey of his wife Josephine and their loved ones after the couple discovered that she had an incurable disease - Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP).

Along their difficult journey, they found joy in life itself. They found love in friends, caregivers and all these were carried by their faith that PSP had given them a new mission in life.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856469>

Children Books

Kidz Explore Singapore / Gelyn Ong & Friends

Singapore: Marshall Cavendish Editions, 2019

144p.

9789814841498

1. Singapore – Description and travel – Juvenile literature.

2. Singapore – Juvenile literature.

3. Travel – Guidebooks – Juvenile literature.

\$ 18.00 / PB

294gm.

Kidz Explore Singapore is probably the first travel guide to be fully written by children. The team, whose ages range from 6 to 14 years old, has reviewed interesting places to visit in Singapore and provided their candid feedback. The book is written in a fun and simplified manner that other children can relate to. Packed with colourful illustrations, awesome photos and bursting with exciting activities and fun facts, this travel guide is truly one of a kind. All the places featured were selected by the young writers. They share their experiences and highlight what they like most in each place including useful tips to make your visits even more fulfilling. Kidz Explore Singapore will provide families with the necessary information to plan their itinerary and have an awesome time when they visit Singapore.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856470>

Cookbooks

Nasi – When Rice Grains Cry: A Pictorial Guide to Malay Rice Dishes / Hidayah Amin

(Illustrator) Jafri Janif

Malay Heritage Series
Singapore: Helang Books, 2023
128p.
9789811871320

1. Cooking (Rice) – Etymology.
 2. Malay language – Etymology.
 3. Malays (Asian people) – Social aspects.
 4. Malays (Asian people) – Social life and customs.
- \$ 30.00 / HB
434gm.

These small rice grains that we eat... they whisper forgotten stories. Tales relating to rice grains are diverse and varied, given that nasi or rice is a staple for most people in the world. In fact, 90 percent of rice is being grown and eaten by people in Asia. One of the many stories which we might have heard when we were young was likely to be about the crying rice grains. Every rice dish has its own story. How did it come about? What is in its name? Why use a particular ingredient? What makes the dish unique? This book tells the stories of 12 quintessentially Malay rice dishes, eaten and enjoyed by people in Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856471>

Economics

APEC Energy Overview 2022
Singapore: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat, 2022
1v.
\$ 150.00 / PB
690gm.

The APEC Energy Overview is an annual publication outlining the energy situation in each of the 21 APEC economies.

Based on the latest data compiled by the Expert Group on Energy Data and Analysis (EGEDA), the publication provides updated information on APEC's energy supply and demand trends. It also contains information on notable energy developments in the region, as well as APEC's progress towards its twin targets of reducing energy intensity by at least 45 percent by 2035 (from 2005 levels) and doubling the share of renewables in its energy mix from 2010 to 2030.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854666>

APEC Energy Overview 2023
Singapore: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat, 2023
1v.
\$ 150.00 / PB
776gm.

The APEC Energy Overview is an annual publication outlining the energy situation in each of the 21 APEC economies.

The publication provides updated information on APEC's energy supply and demand trends based on the latest data compiled by the Expert Group on Energy Data and Analysis (EGEDA). It also contains information on notable energy developments in the region and APEC's progress towards its twin targets of reducing energy intensity by at least 45% by 2035 (from 2005 levels) and doubling the share of renewables in its energy mix from 2010 to 2030.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854667>

APEC Energy Statistics 2020 (Energy Working Group February 2023) / Energy Statistics and Training Office (APEREC)

Singapore: Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Secretariat, 2023

1v.

\$ 120.00 / PB

574gm.

The APEC Energy Statistics 2020 was derived from the APEC energy database, the purpose of which is to establish a comprehensive and consistent energy database within the APEC region. This database is used in analyzing significant trends in energy supply and demand in APEC. The APEC data are likewise consistent with the definitions and targets set by the APEC Energy Working Group, such as the energy intensity goal and shares of renewable energy in total primary energy supply, electricity generation and total final energy consumption. The APEC data and statistics are prepared in close cooperation with member economies.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854670>

Technology Regulation in the Digital Economy / Yeong Zee Kin

Singapore: SAL-Academy Publishing, 2023

Ix, 356p.

Includes Index

9789811878237

\$ 110.00 / PB

626gm.

The digital economy is an integral part of our daily lives. We spend a significant amount of our time on social media services, e-commerce marketplaces and other online apps and platforms, but how much do we know about the policies and regulations that keep us safe and businesses honest? Additionally, the ubiquity of data-driven technologies, such as online search services, digital advertising and artificial intelligence, has prompted the need for regulations to safeguard consumer interests and expectations of privacy. As data is also an asset and important input for innovation and competitiveness, business-to-business tensions over access to and use of data are starting to froth.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856472>

History

Shipwrecks and the Maritime History of Singapore / (Ed) Kwa Chong Guan

Singapore: ISEAS Publishing (ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute), 2023

xii, 116p.

Includes Index

9789815104271

1. Shipwrecks – Singapore.
2. Navigation – History – Singapore.
3. Underwater archaeology – Singapore.
4. Entrepot trade – Singapore – History.

\$ 42.80 / HB

464gm.

On 16 June 2021 the National Heritage Board and ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute announced the successful conclusion of the archaeological excavation of two shipwrecks at the eastern approach to Singapore. This maritime archaeology excavation, the largest in Singapore's waters, was conducted by the Archaeology Unit of the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute over a six-year period. This book documents these two shipwrecks, complemented by essays on Singapore's maritime history, from Temasek in the fourteenth century through the emergence of country trade in the late eighteenth

century. These two shipwrecks challenge us to rethink Singapore's history as globally connected, determined by what was happening on the seas in and around the island.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855854>

A Coup in Canberra: The Political Assassination of An Australian Prime Minister / Alex Mitchell

Singapore: World Image Pte Ltd, 2021
320p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789811829741

\$ 50.00 / HB

566gm.

Sir John Gorton, the 19th Prime Minister of Australia, was ousted by his own party colleagues in 1971, after two years in office. An Oxford-educated farmer and war-wounded fighter pilot, he was a larrikin never accepted by the Liberal Party establishment who seized on scandals to undermine him. But he was also outgunned by powerful bodies in Washington and London who opposed his bid to build independent relationships for Australia in Asia.

In A Coup in Canberra Alex Mitchell for the first time presents the international context of Gorton's story, and reveals hidden forces still at work in Australian politics today.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856473>

Tuah Bugis: Chronicles of the Seafaring People of Singapore / Sarafian Salleh

Singapore: Sarafian Salleh (Self-Published), 2023

xxvi, 254p.

9789811870835

1. Bugis (Malay people) – Singapore – History.

2. Bugis (Malay people) – Singapore – Ethnic identity.

\$ 60.00/ HB

546gm.

This book traces the history of one of Singapore's smaller ethnic groups, the seafaring Bugis. Set sail on a journey as the author traces their maritime heritage, trading prowess, and enduring cultural legacy from their ancestral roots in Sulawesi to present-day cosmopolitan Singapore.

Through their strategic mastery of maritime routes, the Bugis played an instrumental role in shaping Singapore's early growth and prosperity. Regardless of whether you are an avid history enthusiast, a cultural explorer, or simply intrigued by tales of adventure and heritage, this book offers a captivating journey that will transport you through time to the world of the Bugis people with all of its cultural splendour, and the enduring legacy that continues to shape Singapore's narrative.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855770>

Ridiculous: Untold Tales of Singapore / (Eds) Teo Soh Lung & Yow Yit Leng

Singapore: Function 8 Ltd., 2022

244p.

9789811833779

\$ 35.00 / PB

457gm.

Book Details:

Ridiculous: Untold Tales of Singapore is precisely that. Stories from a range of individuals documenting their fractious interactions with the Law in Singapore. For those who have claimed for years that the rule of law does not exist in Singapore, this book is clear substantiation of that. It's not that these situations do not occur in other first world

countries but that in squeaky clean Singapore, we have been brought up to believe that such actions do not exist. Everything is done by the book and you wouldn't get into trouble if you just did things right. How far this is from the truth!

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856474>

Connections Across Oceans: Early Chinese Mutual Aid Organisations / Lin Chia-Tsun & Amanda Ho

Singapore: Sun Yat Sen Nanyang Memorial Hall, 2023

116p.

English & Chinese Languages

\$ 40.00 / HB

764gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856475>

Literature

The Black and White House: A Haunting Tale of Friendship and Fear in Singapore / Karien Van Ditzhuijzen

Melton Mowbray, UK: Monsoon Books, 2023

288p.

9781915310187

\$ 16.95 / PB

212gm.

Anna is thrilled to move into a black and white house in Adam Park, confident she will thrive in Singapore, find a job, make local friends. But echoes of footsteps in the hallways make her wonder whether rumours of the house being haunted are true.

Overwhelmed and lonely in a new country, Anna slowly unravels.

When Salimah, single mother to a wayward teenager, loses her job, she revisits Adam Park where her childhood was uprooted. A place with a dark history. Anna bumps into Salimah, and their lives intertwine in unexpected ways. Tensions rise as the house's haunting presence grips both women and threatens to upset an already fragile friendship.

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When Fear Fades Away: Poetry and Prose / Phoebe Tan Yi Xiu

Singapore: Phoebe Tan Yi Xiu (Self-Published), 2023

234p.

9789811873195

\$ 20.00 /PB

314gm.

A city girl's one-year quest to heal, explore and evolve.

The courage to take back her power changed everything.

When Fear Fades Away is a poignant and empowering journey through the heart of Phoebe Tan, a Singaporean writer who, against the backdrop of a conservative upbringing, embarks on a profound voyage of self-liberation, healing, and transformation.

The book chronicles Phoebe's metamorphosis, guided by the theme of letting go of fear, structured into chapters mirroring the stages of her healing journey. Through evocative poetry and prose, she shares her journey from grappling with identity to embracing vulnerability and finding empowerment in authenticity.

When Fear Fades Away extends an invitation to embark on a path of self-discovery and healing, reminding us that embracing vulnerability and shedding fears can lead to a life that is truly our own, free from societal expectations.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856476>

Sociology

'You Don't See The Sky': Life Behind Bars in Singapore 2022: A Report / Transformative Justice Collective

Singapore: Transformative Justice Collective, 2022

73p.

9789811877544

\$ 18.00 / PB

150gm.

Narratives about Singapore's prison often features success stories as told by the government's Yellow Ribbon Project. What is often ignored is the abusive and de-humanising conditions that many of those who are imprisoned have to endure. In the last two decades, the Singapore Prison Service has re-branded itself as an institution which aims to "rehab, renew, restart". Through first-hand accounts of those who have been incarcerated, this study takes a critical look at Singapore's prison system and argues for decarceration, and an urgent need to uphold the rights of prisoners.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=856477>
