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From Longhouse to Capital: Recollections / Leo Moggie
MPH Group Publishing Sdn Bhd., 2018

viii, 284p.
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500 gm.

1. Leo Moggie, Tan Sri Datuk Amar, 1941 – Biography
2. Politicians – Biography – Sarawak
3. Autobiography
4. Sarawak (Malaysia) – Politics and government

In this personal recollection of the main events in his life, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Leo Moggie brings to life the atmosphere of his early upbringing against a backdrop of nature and subsistence farming in the interior of Sarawak; his formal education in a number of boarding schools in Sarawak's main towns, separated from his family from a young age; his early career as a civil servant in Sarawak; and, after entering politics, his rapid rise to assemblyman, Member of Parliament, Sarawak state minister and federal cabinet minister. Well known for his cool persona—composed, confident and down to earth—Leo Moggie's humble beginnings and his Dayak roots were to influence the way he performed his various roles and duties, initially as the district officer of Kapit where his main means of transport around his district was by longboat up often-treacherous rivers, his keen interest in the welfare of his constituents regardless of their native ethnicity, his loyalty to his political party colleagues and his ability to negotiate the shifting sands of Sarawak politics. In the way that the pages of a history book can never aspire to do, he conjures up the atmosphere and excitement of Sarawakian and federal politics. These recollections also document the incredible changes and challenges that took place during the author's three tenures as Minister of Energy, Telecommunications and Posts (later Multimedia) and Minister of Works, among them the Bakun hydropower scheme, the privatisation of telecommunication services, the construction of the North-South and East-West Highways, the building of the Kuala Lumpur International Airport and the implementation of the Multimedia Super Corridor. The book is enhanced with a collection of photographs illustrating the author's personal and professional journey

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=408368>

The Journey of a Southern Feminist / Devaki Jain
Sage Publications India Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi 2018

xxii, 270p. ; 22 cm.
Bibliography Includes Index.
9789352806225
\$ 20.00 / HB
520 gm.

This book is a collection of Devaki Jain's writings and lectures related to the women's movement in India and interventions in policy and fact base drawn from that experience. A journey of over six decades, it presents important interventions in the design of national and international development policy.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=410309>

India's Vibgyor Man: Selected Writings and Speeches of L.M. Singhvi / Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Lokendra Malik

Oxford University Press, New Delhi. 2018

xxviii, 335p. ; 22 cm.

Includes Index.

9780199484164

\$ 20.00 / HB

580 gm.

Dr L.M. Singhvi was an eminent Indian jurist. He was deeply wedded to human service and produced many writings on a variety of issues, which are still relevant in the contemporary socio-political discourse. This book aims to highlight the scholarly contribution of Dr L.M. Singhvi in different fields of human activities such as law, diplomacy, democracy, and literature. The work is a thematic compilation of his unpublished papers and lectures, which address issues of burning topicality needing serious consideration. The editors have written a comprehensive introduction, which knits together the various themes discussed in the volume, and emphasizes their contemporaneous significance.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=410310>

The Moving Space: Women in Dance / Urmimala Sarkar Munsri (ed)

Primus Books, Delhi 2018

xii, 276p. ; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9789386552501

\$ 35.00 / HB

550 gm.

Aimed at addressing the lacunae in academic publications on women dancers in India, The Moving Space highlights the idea of the 'space' created, occupied and negotiated by women in Indian dance. It initiates a conversation between dance scholarship and women's studies, and brings together scholars from a multidisciplinary background, emphasizing that research and practice have roots in both these specific areas. This book takes dance as a critical starting point, and endeavours to create an inclusive discourse around the female dancer and the historic, gendered and contested 'space(s)' that accommodate or are created by her.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=410311>

Living Martyrs : The Lives and Works of Tanka Prasad and Rewanta Kumari Acharya - Second Edition / James F. Fisher

Himal Kitab Pvt Ltd., Kathmandu 2018

xxvi, 420p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789937597401

\$ 30.00 / null

550 gm.

This book details the life experiences of two important Nepalese. Tanka Prasad Acharya and his wife Rewanta Kumari. This is his story of a crusade against the autocratic Rana regime; it is also the story of Rewanta Kumari's struggle to keep the family together during the years of oppression and to keep alive her husband's efforts of bringing an end to the rule of the Ranas.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421732>

The Himalayan Trekker / Santosh Lama and Raman Grandson

Swadesh Prakashan Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu, Nepal 2017

188p.

9789937017138

\$ 18.00 / null

220 gm.

Through entertaining prose and lively background snippets, this book reveals the story of one of the first Nepalese trek leaders, Santosh Lama. His love of the Himalayas, together with his charming story-telling ability, shine through in this narrative. Written in a truly Nepalese style, this book is a national treasure for all mountain people, and an insight into trekking development in Nepal.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421730>

Yak Girl : Growing Up in the Remote Dolpo Region of Nepal / Dorje Dolma

OM Pilgrims Bookhouse, Kathmandu, Nepal 2018

xvi, 330p.

9789350761861

\$ 30.00 / null

500 gm.

This unusual memoir immerses the reader in the fascinating story of a spirited girl in a remote, undeveloped region of Nepal near the border of Tibet, a place made known to the world in Peter Matthiesen's *The Snow Leopard*. Life above 13,000 feet in northern Dolpo—often called the last paradise because of its breathtaking snow-capped peaks, untouched beauty, and hand-irrigated green pastures—was one of constant risk and harsh survival. In the 1980s, Dolpo had no running water, electricity, motor vehicles, phones, school, or doctors, other than the local lamas, trained in the use of herbs and prayer.

Dorje Dolma's life centered around the care of her numerous younger brothers and sisters and the family's sheep, goats, and yaks. At age five she began herding and was soon taking the animals high in the mountains, where she fought off predatory wolves and snow leopards. Covering her first ten years, the story takes Dorje from her primitive mountain village to the bewildering city of Kathmandu, and finally to a new home in America, where she receives life-saving surgery.

With humor, soul, and insightful detail, the author gives us vividly told vignettes of daily life and the practice of centuries-old Tibetan traditions. She details the heartbreaking trials, natural splendors, and familial joys of growing up in this mysterious, faraway part of the world with its vanishing culture. The sharp increase in recent years of western trekkers to the area, and the introduction of modern communication and transportation, is causing rapid change in Dolpo. This wonderful and surprising tale of survival, loss, and self-reflection offers us entry to this difficult, yet magical, place.

Above all, this is the inspiring story of an indomitable spirit conquering all obstacles, a tale of a girl with a disability on her way to becoming a dynamic woman in a new world.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421734>

The PR Guru / Dr. Crispin C. Maslog

Grupo Agatep, Inc., Metro Manila, Philippines 2018

188p.

9789713200655

\$ 15.00 / null

400 gm.

THE PR GURU, a biography detailing the triumphs and travails of the godfather of Philippine Public Relations, Carlos "Charlie" A. Agatep.

The biography, authored by Maslog, provides insights into the colorful life of Agatep, from the subject's childhood days, to the humble beginnings of his career, to being considered the godfather of PR in the country and a pillar of Philippine communication.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=416185>

Tan Kai Hee : Soaring Without Fear and Regrets / Tan Yen Fon (Ed) Ong Juat Heng (Translator) CE Wong

Kanyin Publications Sdn Bhd, Malaysia 2019

392p.

9789671536469

\$ 30.00 / null

600 gm.

1. Tan, Hai Kee
2. Businessmen – Malaysia
3. Success in Business

Mr. Tan Kai Hee is the Founder and Chairman of Hai O Enterprise Bhd. He started Hai O Enterprise in 1975, from nothing to building the company that offering a wide range of complementary medicines (TCM), medicated tonic as well as wellness, beauty and healthcare products and clinical services. It has a market capitalization of 1.32 billion (as at 20th August 2018)

Hai-O was the first traditional healthcare company listed on Bursa Malaysia Securities Berhad since 1996. But Mr. Tan Kai Hee success also lies being the first Malaysian entrepreneur who has pledged to donate all his wealth when the day comes. He took the lead to inspire more families to follow suit so as to avoid the ugly situation of descendants fighting over the wealth left by their predecessors. Mr. Tan led a troubled teenage life. He joined the social movement in his youth; he was poor most of the time and had barely enough to eat. When he finally built a successful business, he remained simple and continues to live a simple life. Most of his assets are the equity held by Hai-O Group, and every year the dividend income would be donated to the needy in society.

Mr. Tan has always been a socialist. To him, Hai-O would never have made it this far nor would he ever have been able to live such a prosperous life without the support of fellow comrades and shareholders. As a sign of gratitude, he has pledged to donate his wealth and managed his wealth as a fund in order to contribute to and benefit society on a long-term basis.

Mr. Tan may not be among the richest Chinese entrepreneurs in our country, but he was named one of Asia's top philanthropists by Forbes in 2017. His philanthropic acts have undoubtedly made him one of top philanthropic entrepreneurs in Malaysia. Read this book to learn more about him.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421933>

Balik Kampung : Memories of Fulbright ETAs in Malaysia /

MACEE, Malaysia 2016

xiv, 186p.

9789834027711

\$ 15.00 / null

400 gm.

Book Details:

Accidentally teaching Muslim students how to sing "Three Little Pigs" during school assembly; thinking your neighbor is a stalker; teaching your student, Michael Jordan how to play basketball in Borneo; going to school in a student uniform...as a teacher - All these faux pas colored the lives of American Fulbright English Teaching Assistants in Malaysia. Since the inception of the program in 2006, over 500 young Americans have travelled to Malaysia under the auspices of the Fulbright Program to serve as English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) in public secondary schools. Fulbright is a U.S. State Department funded educational exchange program between the U.S. and over 150 countries around the world that seeks to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the citizens of other countries. The ETA program in Malaysia, administered by a bi-national commission known as the Malaysian-American Commission on Educational Exchange (MACEE), is one of the largest Fulbright programs in the world and has impacted thousands of students, teachers, and ETAs in communities across the country. This compilation of essays, stories, and reflections has been written by present and former ETAs and compiled by MACEE to celebrate the breadth of experiences and depth of connections made possible by this cultural and educational exchange.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421937>

My Chinese Name is Salina / Zalillah Mohd Taib

Pelanduk Publications (M) Sdn Bhd, Malaysia 2018

x, 202p.

9789679789997

\$ 30.00 / null

700 gm.

1. Zalillah Mohd Taib – Biography
2. Autobiography
3. Public officers – Biography
4. Women in the civil service – Biography

Zalilah Mohd Taib was a Malay girl learning Mandarin in a Chinese school at a time when it was uncommon to do so. But she was never destined to take the conventional route. She stayed true to her Chinese education, right up to pursuing her degree at the prestigious National Taiwan University. Her mastery of the language led her to meet and work with ministers, dignitaries and even royalty. She welcomed Tunku Abdul Rahman into her home and had tea with Chiang Kai-shek and his wife. Zalilah has worked with the government, RTM, the Film Censorship Board and Film Appeals Board of Malaysia, the Girl Guides movement and Masjid Tun Abdul Aziz. Through those years, she has remained passionate about each chapter of her life. However, her greatest love, and the compass that has kept her in the right direction, has been her family.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421935>

Global Citizen from Gulmi : My Journey from the Hills of Nepal to the Halls of United Nations / Kul Chandra Gautam

Publication Nepalaya Pvt. Ltd., Kathmandu 2018

552p.

Includes Index

9789937921251

\$ 30.00 / null

550 gm.

'Global Citizen from Gulmi' recounts Kul Chandra Gautam's journey from a remote village in Nepal, lacking schools, roads and electricity, to the highest ranks of UNICEF. By turns serious, amusing and poignant, it shares the highs and the lows of an illustrious career spanning three decades. It contains candid anecdotes about Gautam's interactions with international personalities such as Nelson Mandela, Aung San Suu Kyi, Bill Gates, Eduard Shevardnadze and King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand as well as UNICEF's celebrity Goodwill Ambassadors. Gautam also shares his insightful views on the future of Nepal, the UN and global society as a whole.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421729>

Nepali Musicmakers : Between the Dales of Darjeeling and the Vales of Kathmandu / Peter J. Karthak

Himal Kitab Pvt Ltd., Kathmandu 2018

xiv, 210p.

9789937597456

\$ 25.00 / null

340 gm.

This book is an accidental product, an incidental result... Two of my other long-form pieces appear for the first time in this book ... They are, 'Other Encounters: Darjeeling' and 'Other Encounters: Kathmandu.' These twin folios mention and highlight those Nepali music makers - many past by now and quite a few still practicing their crafts, of two musical crucibles, one in the town of Darjeeling and the other in the capital city of Kathmandu.

This book is a collection of my personal reminiscences and not a set of historical records in any given sense. My narratives, therefore, don't cite exact days, dates, months and years per se ... However, a cursory mention of essential timelines has been made where applicable.- Peter J. Karthak

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=421727>

That F Word : Growing Up Feminist in Aotearoa / Lizzie Marvally

HarperCollins Publishers New Zealand 2018

xvi, 320p.

9781775541127

\$ 39.50 / null

480 gm.

In *That F Word: Growing up Feminist in Aotearoa*, award-winning columnist, musician and activist Lizzie Marvally tells the story of New Zealand's feminist roots, exposes our gender imbalances, challenges the traditional expectations in New Zealand society and celebrates the indomitable spirit of Kiwi women. She also shares her first-hand experiences of abuse, sexism and trolling, while shining a light on how young women are raised from birth and how they're conditioned in our schools.

That F Word is both an urgent and passionate battle-cry for all New Zealand women.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=418965>

Women Equality Power, Helen Clark : Selected speeches from a life of a leadership / Helen Clark and Jacinda Ardern

Allen & Unwin, New Zealand 2018

432p.

9781988547053

\$ 49.50 / HB

740 gm.

Women, Equality, Power is a celebration of an outstanding leader who continues to strive and work for change, and it's a rallying call for other women leaders, whether they are in positions of political, economic or social power. Helen Clark has been a political leader for more than 40 years, since first running in local elections in the 1970s. She entered parliament as a 31-year-old in 1981, led the Labour Party to victory in 1999 and was Prime Minister of New Zealand for nine years. She then took on a critical international role as Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme in New York. One of her key focuses throughout this time has been the empowerment of women and she has paved the way for other women to step up and lead. With a foreword by the Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister of New Zealand, this is a timely and important book.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=418966>

We Can Make a Life : A Memoir of Family, Earthquakes and Courage / Chessie Henry

Victoria University Press, New Zealand 2018

256p.

9781776561940

\$ 40.00 / null

420 gm.

Hours after the 2011 Christchurch Earthquake, Kaikōura-based doctor Chris Henry crawled through the burning CTV building to rescue those who were trapped. Six years later, his daughter Chessie interviews him in an attempt to understand the trauma that led her father to burnout, in the process unravelling stories and memories from her own remarkable family history. Chessie rebuilds her family's lives on the page, from her parents' honeymoon across Africa, to living in Tokelau as one of five children under ten before returning to New Zealand, where her mother would set her heart and home in the Clarence Valley only to see it devastated in the 2016 Kaikōura Earthquake, and the family displaced. Written with the same love and compassion that defines her family's courage and strength, *We Can Make a Life* is an extraordinary memoir about the psychological cost of heroism, home and belonging, and how a family made a life together.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=418967>

Girls Can't Be In The Mafia: A Memoir / Danielle West

Epigram Books, Singapore 2018

240p.

9789814785952

\$ 22.00 / null

440 gm.

Morbidly funny and inspiring, Danielle West's memoir is heart-breakingly honest about her years of angst and escape. Getting away from her dysfunctional family was Danielle's one mission as a child in America. After a stint of homelessness, she becomes a dominatrix and a go-go dancer, a soap-maker and a professional MMA fighter in London, a digital marketer and a novelist-all before stepping foot in Singapore, where she has made her home.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=422030>

A Reward Beyond Description : Treasured Recollections of a Dedicated Teacher /
Lee Gek Kim

Armour Publishing Pte Ltd., Singapore 2018

xvi, 256p.

9789814807357

9789814807357

\$ 25.00 / null

440 gm.

In a teaching career spanning a period of over 50 years, Mrs Lee Gek Kim has motivated numerous students to excel in the subjects she taught and others to discover the potential they had. Mrs Lee shares the secrets of her success as an educator and reveals the joys and learning experiences she has had as well as the wonderful friendships that she has gained with her students. As someone who has a great impact on her students' lives, she continues to keep in contact with many students who organise regular gatherings with her. Her memoir demonstrates how teaching can be a fulfilling experience.

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