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Reflections Down the Ages / Hemang Mani Dixit  
Makalu Publication House, Kathmandu, Nepal 2020

288p.  
9789937731409  
\$ 30.00 / null  
380 gm.

HEMANG MANI DIXIT, a Nepali born at Kathmandu in 1937, Following schooling at Sherwood College, Nainital and Bishop Cotton School, Shimla In India, he went to the U.K. to study medicine. He did so at the Charing Cross Hospital Medical School on the Strand in London, qualifying in 1961.

His writing career in Nepal started with a two year stint as Chief Editor of the Journal of Nepal Medical Association, starting in 1965/66. He has also been Chief Editor of the Journal of Institute of Medicine from 1983 to 1992. He is an occasional contributor to newspapers and magazines of Kathmandu. He writes both fiction and non fiction.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=746196>

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Legendary Country for Young People of the West / Prakash A Raj.

Dayitwa Bangmaya Pratisthan, Kathmandu, Nepal 2020  
108p.  
9789937941181  
\$ 10.00 / null  
200 gm.

Nepal was a country whose doors were closed to the outside world till 1950. It was in 1970's and 1980's that it became a popular destination for the tourists. Some of the early "tourists" were those travelling overland from Europe via Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India to Nepal.

Some of them were called "hippies". In Kathmandu they were living in "Freak Street" or "Pie Alley" and later in Thamel. The writer was writing a diary describing the people he met in those years. Some of these are reproduced here.

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Anura Bandaranaike : Legacy in the Legislature : Selected Speeches / George I. H. Cooke

Bandaranaike Research Hub of the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies,  
Colombo, Sri Lanka 2019  
352p.  
9789557646183  
\$ 35.00 / null  
700 gm.

The publication titled 'Anura Bandaranaike – Legacy in the Legislature 1977-2008' consists of key speeches he made in his varying capacities in the legislature over three decades. Categorized to reflect his speeches on Foreign Affairs, Constitutional Amendments, Special Bills and Ministry Votes, Parliamentary Affairs as well the several Votes of Condolence that he spoke at during his career, the publication also includes speeches made by his Parliamentary colleagues at the time a Vote of Condolence was moved upon his passing way.

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Gotabaya / Major General Kamal Gunaratne , Deepthi Horagoda

Vijitha Yapa Publications, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2020

xiv, 302p.

9789556654288

\$ 45.00 / HB

650 gm.

The biography of President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Since the book was written the author Major General Kamal Gunaratne is now the Secretary of Defence.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745676>

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Passionately Cricket / Anura Tennekoon

Stamford Lake (Pvt) Ltd., Pannipitiya, Sri Lanka 2020

146p.

9789556584981

\$ 25.00 / null

280 gm.

Anura Tennekoon (born 29 October 1946) is a former cricketer and captain of the Sri Lanka national cricket team. He was educated at the S. Thomas' College in Mount Lavinia. After captaining the school team and being selected as best schoolboy batsman of the year, Tennekoon went on to play first-class cricket for the Ceylon team (later Sri Lanka). He was regarded as an accomplished batsman. He made his ODI debut in 1975 against West Indies, leading Sri Lanka in the first Cricket World Cup of 1975. went on to lead them in the 1979 World Cup as well, although his participation was impeded by an injury during the tournament. He was the chief executive of Sri Lanka Cricket from 2000 to 2003, and is now a selector for the national team.

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My Country at War... And I Join the SL Navy / Y. U. Ranjit

Darshana Publication, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2020

156p.

9786249644304

\$ 18.00 / null

240 gm.

The saga of a young lad from Wattedagama who joined the Sri Lanka Navy during the tense days of the conflict between the Government Forces and the terrorist L.T.T.E. In spite of the seriousness of war it unravels the innocence of youth and the inborn heroism of a Naval recruit in the defence of his country's sovereignty and territorial integrity which is portrayed in simple terms with no extravagant claims.

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Sarath Amunugama Autobiography, Volume One (1939-1977) : The Kandy Man / Sarath Arumungama

Vijitha Yapa Publications, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2020

560p.

Includes Index

9789556654332

\$ 40.00 / null

680 gm.

Dr Sarath Amunugama's life story in a fascinating insight into one of Sri Lanka's best known public administrators. This record is only of the first part of his life, covering boyhood and student days and his first decade in public administration, but his literary and political understanding and contribution are also pervasive in this excitingly woven narrative. He won the state literary award in 2017 for his book "The Lions Roar: Anagarika Dharmapala & The Making of Modern Buddhism", and in 2019 for his second book "DREAMS OF CHANGE: Land, Labour & Conflict in Sri Lanka".

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President Battulga : Up Close and Personal / Turu Khan

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA Pte Ltd), Singapore 2020

xvi, 192p.

9789814882019

\$ 32.00 / HB

500 gm.

Biography of President Battulga (Mongolian president from 2017), on his philosophy, life experiences, successes and failures as businessman to successful politician.

This is the authorised biography of the current President of Mongolia, Khaltmaa Battulga. Battulga and the author studied together in college. At that time, Tulgaa, as his friends fondly called him, was sewing jeans, selling records and merchandizing. Then he went on to participate in sports and won the world championship in Sambo wrestling and became World Champion, while working at the branch of the city's Craftsmen's Committee. He went on to wear many hats of accomplishments in his life. He started a business that expanded into the Yellow Taxi Service, organised a lottery called Millionaire, opened a disco club and the first ever supermarket in Mongolia. With the advent of privatisation, he obtained big ventures like the Bread and Candy Factory, the Meat Company Impex and the Bayan Gol Hotel and matured into a major businessman known throughout the country. Since then, he was elected into the parliament three times, where he served as Minister for Road and Transportation as well as Minister for Industry and Agriculture, led the Mongolian Democratic Union and became President of the Mongolian Judo Wrestling Association. Under his leadership, a Mongolian judoka became the first ever Olympic champion born in Mongolia.

Despite his successful ventures, he has always been a secretive person. It is difficult to hear even a few words from his mouth. Who is Khaltmaa Battulga actually? He has numerous followers and just as many fierce critics and has always been in the attention of journalists who have sometimes turned him into a subject of controversy on mass media. What does he really want? What has he so consistently been fighting for?

Based on exclusive interviews with the man himself, enriched by objective facts and events that the author has witnessed, read on as the author attempts to give the readers a better understanding of the character of the man who built the gigantic statue of Chinggis Khan on horseback and initiated an eco-town named Great Maitra, and shares what he has been up to recently.

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Together We Prosper : A Memoir of Daniel Teo / Bak Lim Kua

World Scientific, Singapore 2021

250p.

9789811219061

\$ 42.00 / HB

The book depicts the storied life of Daniel Teo Tong How, a second-generation Singapore real estate developer, by chronicling the major events that took place in his family.

In tracing the developments of a family, we trace the opportunities paved and traditions passed on from generation to generation, as seen in the rise of Tong Eng Group as well as the family's pride for Daniel's granduncle, World War II hero Lim Bo Seng, and Lim Loh, a well-known building contractor in the early 20th century. Through oral history accounts and research, the authors provide a unique look into life in Singapore and China from the 19th up to the 21st century through the lens of a family.

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A Hakka Saga / Dr. Heenie Lee

Dr. Heenie Lee, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2020

xv, 272p.

9789671809501

\$ 24.00 / null

598 gm.

Dr. Heenie Lee has a sharp eye for detail and a keen ear for dialogue. The anecdotes as related to him by his mother are delightful, a veritable treasure trove of Chinese beliefs and customs. He makes the past come alive through them and in the process is leaving a wonderful legacy for the young generation who know little of their own customs. Although his mother's family is Hakka, the stories are universally Chinese and any Chinese who have ever sat on Grandmother's knee being fed food and fables will certainly relate to them. Along the way, the reader will be touched by the moral integrity, patriotism, family kinship, and charity displayed by Heenie's grandfather and indeed the values handed down through the generation. A heroic effort to document one family historical saga and may it act as a beacon of light for the younger generation.

- Puan Sri Dato' Sandra Lee, Founder, 22 Hale Street Heritage Gallery

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My Story : Justice in the Wilderness / Tommy Thomas

SIRD, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia 2021

xxii, 534p.

Includes Index

9789672464181

\$ 40.00 / null

900 gm.

As the first private practitioner in some 70 years to be appointed Attorney General of Malaysia, Tommy Thomas describes his experience in the highest legal office in the land in this highly personal book.

The former AG discusses key decisions he made, including the prosecution of former Prime Minister Najib Razak, Jho Low, Arul Kanda and Goldman Sachs for their roles in the 1MDB scandal.

His book is the first insider's account by a senior Pakatan Harapan government official on the achievements, disappointments and failures of the first non-Barisan administration in the 60-year history of independent Malaysia. His authentic voice is captured in this candid memoir, and is recommended reading for anyone interested in Malaysian politics and the law.

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Julio Augusto Massa : Missionario Pensador / Antonio Aresta

Instituto Internacional de Macau, Macau 2020

82p.

9789996559518

\$ 40.00 / null

250 gm.

O 12º. volume da colecção "Missionários para o Século XXI", do IIM, da autoria do prof. António Aresta, vai no encontro da biografia do missionário transmontano de Freixo de Espada à Cinta, que chegou a Macau em 1935, tornando-se desde cedo sacerdote e depois professor interino do Liceu de Macau, leccionando português e latim. Já no Seminário de São José, lecciona o curso de Filosofia em diferentes vertentes. Foi igualmente co-fundador do Jornal "O Clarim", em 1948, inspiração nascida a partir da "Revista O Clarim", criada pelo padre Manuel Teixeira em 1943. Na necessidade de aprofundar a sua formação intelectual, foi enviado em 1950 a Roma onde se licencia em filosofia na Pontifícia Universidade Gregoriana, obtendo em seguida o doutoramento em filosofia na Pontifícia Universidade de Salamanca e uma pós-graduação em Ciências Sociais, no Instituto Leão XIII de Madrid. No regresso a Macau para os Serviços Diocesanos de Assistência Social, foi nomeado director do "Boletim Eclesiástico da Diocese de Macau", de 1956 a 1962, e participou intensamente em programas de assistência aos refugiados portugueses de Xangai. Foi ainda nomeado Vogal da Comissão Central da Assistência Pública e procurador na Câmara Corporativa, tendo ainda assumido, por breves períodos, as funções de governador do Bispado de Macau.

Pensador com grandes afinidades com o existencialismo cristão, entrelaçado com as paisagens exteriores da vida, colocando acima do positivismo teológico, o Pe. Massa teve Macau sempre no seu imaginário, que deixou em poemas, alguns transcritos nesta edição de livro que conta também com testemunhos dos seus alunos, o padre Américo Casado e Eduardo Francisco Tavares, entre outros reunidos e recordados pelos membros da Associação dos Antigos Alunos do Seminário de S. José de Macau e por muitas outras pessoas atentas à persistência do legado português.

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Everyday Is Mine : The Life of Pedro Jose Lobo / Marco Lobo

Instituto Internacional de Macau, Macau 2020

242p.

9789996559419

\$ 45.00 / null

450 gm.

The title of this book about the story of Pedro José Lobo's life, born in East Timor in 1892, is the last line of a short poem by Portuguese poet Fernando Pessoa.

Sent to Macau for schooling in 1901, Pedro José Lobo began his work life as a mathematics teacher and then a bank employee, rising to the position of chief of Macau's economics department from where he guided Macau through some of its most difficult times such as the virtual Japanese occupation during the World War II, the refugee situation and the Border Gate Incident that took place in 1952. He knew that Macau's survival meant that it had to stay independent and be useful to all parties as an independent entity.

Readers of this book will have a better understanding of Macau as seen through the eyes of those who lived through some of its most important moments.

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Luminous Lives : 20th Century Sri Lankan Society and Politics Illustrated / Rajiva Wijesinha

S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., Colombo, Sri Lanka 2020

272p.

9786240010023

\$ 25.00 / HB

520 gm.

Given his highly educated and widely travelled background it seems fitting that Dr. Rajiva Wijesinha should write a book on the lives of Sri Lanka's 'Luminaries' who have touched his life socially, politically and professionally. They are not in any way biographical records. They are intensely personal stories and have been based on the author's intimate knowledge of his subjects.

The book can be read on many levels. Just reading for pleasure of course. But one realises that there is a sharply observant eye on the life of the 'luminaries' he has chosen to honour. In many cases the reader might wonder if Rajiva has been a little too candid but herein lies its interest. Intimate tales that have never been heard before abound. One is fascinated to the end and hopes, of course, that no offence is taken. It is certainly not meant.

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Exploring with Ena / Rajiva Wijesinha

S. Godage & Brothers (Pvt) Ltd., Colombo, Sri Lanka 2020

208p.

9786240010016

\$ 25.00 / HB

450 gm.

This is a very unusual book, hard to characterize as to genre but encompassing a sweeping and illuminating description of Sri Lanka: its outstanding physical beauty, social change over the years, political history (and declining standards) and a range of fascinating personal relationships. These involve a host of exciting individuals though easily the most enthralling is the bond between Ena de Silva and her not so closely related grand nephew, the author.

The narrative itself proceeds like a journey, albeit not an onerous one and one that moves with ease. Its characters breeze in and breeze out, with the author and the Ena character staying fixed and giving what would otherwise seem mere entertaining fluidity much required shape. So they remain its anchors, as it seeks to explain the ease of life and pace of a country blessed with natural beauty, history and culture.

It is a deeply personal tale of a developing relationship between a great aunt and a grandnephew. At the conclusion this has seasoned into a bond of friendship that has transcended the generation gap. It is perhaps the maverick in the Ena make-up so clearly illustrated by the author that allows her to flow through the generational divide, touching and influencing the like-minded no matter whatever their ages were. The author's flirtation with politics and his losing battle to short-sighted politicians when aiming for educational reform, and the sense of frustration arising there from, highlight the degenerating standards and outlook of a changing society.

It is also semi-biographical of the life and times of Ena De Silva, although it is not written in the form of a biography but as a series of amusing trips, journeys, visits, escapades or call them what you may which the author delighted in with the iconic Ena De Silva as a more than willing accomplice. Her character, traits, humour, wit and accomplishments all get conveyed in the various episodes from an early account of her eloping with her future husband even as a minor to her deeply evolved creative commitment and her colourful sense of fashion.

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Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar : The Champion Reformer of the Hindus : A Biographical Study, 1822-1879 / V. Muttucumaraswamy

Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Hindu Religious Affairs, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2017

104p.

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

Book Details:

Sri La Sri Arumuga Navalar is the most dynamic figure not only in the History of Hinduism in Ceylon but also in Tamilakam. He was truly a Champion Reformer of Hinduism.

His Biography should be read by everyone interested in the development of the Hindu religion and Tamil.

Scholars claim that Navalar is the father of modern Tamil prose. His entire life was dedicated to the promotion of Hinduism and Tamil. The renaissance of Hinduism which we see in our land today is due to Navalar's yeoman service in this direction.

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Growing Into Ethiopia and Its Melodies : Ali Birra In His Own Words / Surafel Gelgelo

Taher Mohammed Ali Tabet, Ethiopia 2019

x, 158p.

9789994474608

\$ 35.00 / null

256 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749890>

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Lucy's People : An Ethiopian Memoir / Mesfin Tadesse and Ianet Bastyan

Yerada Lij, Australia 2020

288p.

9780648828709

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

"Lucy's People: An Ethiopian Memoir" is the true story of Mesfin: UN scholarship student, civil and construction engineer and survivor of the brutal communist Derg, 1974 to 1991. Born into a military family of patriots who resisted Mussolini's 1935 invasion, he holds his head high throughout random arrest, torture and forcible military conscription. As a teenager, he serves in missions impossible at the Eritrean warfront. At home, he is breadwinner for a dozen; however, youth is in constant danger, so he flees to Kenya.

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Sift Through Life : Ilu Abba Boor in the Limelight, 100 Diverse Stories / Tadel Teferra (TT Dhaaba)

Finfinne, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia 2019

xv, 309p.

9789994471357

\$ 35.00 / null

320 gm.

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Nga Kete Matauranga : Maori Scholars at the Research Interface / Jacinta Ruru and Linda Waimarie Nikora

Otago University Press, Dunedin, New Zealand 2021

303p.

9781988592558

\$ 80.00 / null

1400 gm.

In this beautiful and transformative book, 24 Maori academics share their personal journeys, revealing what being Maori has meant for them in their work. Their perspectives provide insight for all New Zealanders into how matauranga is positively influencing the Western-dominated disciplines of knowledge in the research sector. It is a shameful fact, says co-editor Jacinta Ruru in her introduction to Nga Kete Matauranga, that in 2020, only about 5 percent of academic staff at universities in Aotearoa New Zealand are Maori. Tertiary institutions have for the most part been hostile places for Indigenous students and staff, and this book is an important call for action. 'It is well past time that our country seriously commits to decolonising the tertiary workforce, curriculum and research agenda,' writes Professor Ruru.

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Pakistan Archaeology : Inside Story of 38 Years / Ihsan H. Nadiem

Sang-E-Meel Publications, Lahore, Pakistan 2020

424p. ; color, b&w pictures.

9789693532913

\$ 120.00 / HB

1200 gm.

Biographical story of professional life of Ihsan H. Nadiem, being posted on key archaeological posts in Pakistan.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=749569>

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Manhood Is Not Easy / Karin van Nieuwkerk

The American University in Cairo Press 2019

224 p, 152 x 231 x 23mm

9789774168895

\$ 59.95 / HB

454 gm.

A unique biography of an Egyptian musician that sheds crucial light on notions of masculinity in Egypt

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=631074>

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Of Gifted Voice: The Life and Art of M.S. Subbu Lakshmi / Keshav Desiraju

Harper Collins Publishers India, Noida, U.P 2021

xix, 500p.;

Includes Index

9789390327546

\$ 18.00 / HB

800 gm.

M.S. Subbulakshmi's life was one of extraordinary achievement. Although she was portrayed in many ways - as a musician who sought and achieved an all-India appeal; a philanthropist and supporter of noble causes; an icon of style; a woman of piety and devotion; and a friend and associate of the good and the great - she was first and foremost a classical vocalist of the highest rank, of unmatched gifts, who lives on in the musical history of India.

Of Gifted Voice looks at her life and times, and the great musical tradition she belonged to and to which she brought so much, against the larger backdrop of the developments in the world of Carnatic music. It describes how music came to be performed in concerts; the impact the gramophone, the radio and the talkie had on music; the decline of the traditional performing families; and the appearance of women on public platforms. The book also delves into Subbulakshmi's brush with films as well as her concert style and that of her celebrated contemporaries.

Though her story has often been told, we know little of the woman behind the image and the musician behind the public persona. Of Gifted Voice attempts, with warmth and keen-eyed perception, to understand the music, the history, the artiste and her incomparable presence.



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On the Move: My Journey as a Relentless Entrepreneur / Hari Khemka  
Harper Business(An Imprint of Harper Collins Publishers India) Noida,U.P 2020  
232p.;ill.;25cm  
Includes Index  
9789390327065  
\$ 15.00 / HB  
750 gm.

Every entrepreneur's story is different; each follows a unique path to success. Even so, Hari Khemka stands out, because of the sheer range of his entrepreneurship. From textiles to paper to household goods to steel to IT (hardware and software) to real estate to sound technology to surveillance equipment, he's 'been there and done that'.

A one-man army, he always stays ahead of the curve, finding newer and ever more profitable paths. Accurately reading markets and entering and exiting at the right moment,

Today he dominates the field of security and surveillance through his flagship company, C P Plus, which is the youngest and fastest brand to enter the club of Top 4 security companies in the world and Top 2 in Asia. On the Move is Hari Khemka's account of his personal and professional life, peppered with anecdotes of his business triumphs and failures.

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The Khalistan Conspiracy: A Former R&AW Officer Unravels the Path to 1984 / G.B.S.Sidhu

Harpercollins Publishers India, Noida, Uttar Pradesh 2020

269p.;ill.;23cm  
Includes Timeline; Notes

9789390327720

\$ 15.00 / HB

500 gm.

The author, a former Special Secretary of India's external intelligence agency, the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), examines a series of interconnected events that led to the rise of the Khalistan movement, Operation Blue Star, the assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1984 and the anti-Sikh violence unleashed thereafter. With a timeline that moves from seven years before to a decade after 1984, the book strives to answer critical questions that continue to linger till today.

The narrative moves from Punjab to Canada, the US, Europe and Delhi, looking to sift the truth from the political obfuscation and opportunism, examining the role that the ruling party allegedly played, and the heart-rending violence that devoured thousands of innocent lives in its aftermath.

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Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar: A Pioneer Social Reformer of Bengal / Joydeep Pal  
Abhijeet Publications, New Delhi 2021

208pp

9789388865401

\$ 17.00 / HB

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Turmeric Nation: A Passage through India's Tastes / Shylashri Shankar  
Speaking Tiger Books LLP, New Delhi 2020

334p.;22cm;ills.

Includes Bibliography

9788194472995

\$ 16.75 / null

500 gm.

What exactly is 'Indian' food? Can it be classified by region, or religion, or ritual? What are the culinary commonalities across the Indian subcontinent? Do we Indians have a sense of collective self when it comes to cuisine? Or is the pluralism in our food habits and choices the only identity we have ever needed? Turmeric Nation is an ambitious and insightful project which answers these questions, and then quite a few more. Through a series of fascinating essays—delving into geography, history, myth, sociology, film, literature and personal experience—Shylashri Shankar traces the myriad patterns that have formed Indian food cultures, taste preferences and cooking traditions

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Azim Premji : The Man Beyond the Billions / Sundeep Khanna,Varun Sood

Harper Business,an Imprint of Haper Collins, New Delhi 2020

xxi; 225p; Photos; 24cm.

Includes Index

9789353579838

\$ 20.00 / HB

600 gm.

For over fi-ve decades, Azim Hasham Premji has been one of the trailblazers of India Inc. Taking over his family business of vegetable oils at the young age of twenty-one after the untimely demise of his father, he built one of India's most successful software companies along with a multi-billion-dollar conglomerate. As of 2019, he was the tenth richest person in India, with an estimated net worth of \$7.2 billion. Yet, the one facet of the man which has overshadowed even his business achievements is his altruism. His commitment to the Azim Premji Foundation, a non-profi-t focused on education, totals around \$21 billion, making him one of the world's top philanthropists.

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Being Sheela : The Life Journey of an Immigration Lawyer / Adithi Rao

Harper Collins Publisher India,Noida,Uttar Pradesh 2020

251p.; 23cm;

9789390327997

\$ 17.50 / HB

400 gm.

A young mother separated from her children for eight long years; a man facing deportation after being mistaken for a terrorist; a woman forced to endure domestic violence so that she can retain her right to remain in her adopted country...

These are just a few among the thousands of people whom Sheela Murthy-lawyer, entrepreneur and philanthropist-has helped to overcome injustice, dispossession and legal tangles, so they may live a life of dignity in an increasingly challenging world.

With insightful detours into her eventful growing-up years, the book follows her journey from India to America, through law school at Harvard to the inception of what went on to become one of the most successful immigration law firms in the world-the Murthy Law Firm. The book takes a close look at a few out of the countless cases that Sheela and her dynamic legal team have handled over twenty-five years in the face of rapidly changing American attitudes towards immigrants.

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The Book of Joshua : The True Story of a Dog who loved the World / Tanya Mendonsa

Harper Collins Publishers India,Noida,Uttar Pradesh 2020

x,196p.;20cm.

9789350291375

\$ 10.00 / null

200 gm.

Two world travellers meet at a party and realize, as they spend the evening in each other's com-pany, that they are meant to be together. Enter Joshua, an irresistible cocker spaniel, and the couple's life is transformed forever.

The Book of Joshua is a joyous romp through Paris and the South of France and from the city of Bangalore to the sun-splashed beaches of Goa and the blue mountains of the Nilgiris as the irrepressible pair of humans and their pack of four -legged friends coast from crises to parties and from disasters to miracles. Now available in a brand-new jacket, this is a book to treasure for all animal lover - about a dog and a mistress you'll never forget.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=744836>

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Honour Bound : Adventures of an Indian Lawyer in the English Courts / Sarosh Zaiwalla

Harpe Collins Publishers India,Noida,Uttar pradesh 2020

xxii,265p.; 22cm.

Includes Index.

9789390351022

\$ 15.75 / null

350 gm.

In this memoir, Zaiwalla looks back on his Carrier from his passage to England at a time when diversity had barely begun to take root in England's legal circles, to now leading a groundbreaking law firm. His is a story of a solicitor who made his way on his own terms, with creativity but without ever compromising on his values.

While he still has many chapters ahead (a lawyer never retires after all), the ones that have concluded have created a storm in India, and feature a diverse cast including Rajiv and Sonia Gandhi, P.V. Narasimha Rao, V.P. Singh, the Hinduja brothers, the Dalai Lama, Benazir Bhutto, and Amitabh Bachchan.

In this bold yet measured tale of trial and triumph, Zaiwalla tells all -- as much as lawyer-client privilege permits of course.

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Too Black to Wear Whites : The Remarkable Story of Krom Hendricks, a Cricket Hero Who Was Rejected by Cecil John Rhodes's Empire / Jonty Winch and Richard Parry

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House South Africa (Pty) Ltd), Cape Town, South Africa 2020

xx, 256p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781776095087

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

'Highly readable and packed with fascinating historical detail, this is the compelling story of a rip-snorting South African cricketer whose career was smothered by the shameless colour prejudice of Cecil John Rhodes and his snobbish cronies. By turns formidable, sad, enlivening and enormously informative, this book pays Hendricks the honour that has long been his due.' – Bill Nasson

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William Henry 'Krom' Hendricks was the first sportsman to be formally barred from representing South Africa on the basis of race. Hailing from Cape Town's Bo-Kaap, he played in 1892 for the South African Malay team against the touring English, who insisted that he was among the best fast bowlers in the world. This made his exclusion from South Africa's tour of England in 1894 and subsequent Test series all the more unjust.

Ranged against Hendricks were virulent racism and a political alliance between arch-imperialist Cecil John Rhodes, Afrikaner Bond leader J.H. Hofmeyr, and cricket administrator William Milton. *Too Black to Wear Whites* documents Hendricks's tireless struggle for recognition and the public controversies around his exclusion. The book shows how Hendricks was further sidelined at senior club level by a cricket establishment determined to save its white players the embarrassment of being shown up by the country's best fast bowler.

Considering his importance in South African sports history, surprisingly little is known about Krom Hendricks. The story of his life is told here for the first time in a fascinating drama that describes the formation of a segregated South Africa through the career of an exceptional cricketer who challenged the boundaries of the system.

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*Cop Under Cover : My Life in the Shadows with Drug Lords, Robbers and Smugglers* / Johann van Loggenrenberg

Jonathan Ball Publishers, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

xii, 276p.

9781868428113

\$ 35.00 / null

420 gm.

In the 1990s, deep-cover police agent RS536 took on the Durban underworld as part of a new organised crime intelligence unit. He rubbed shoulders with drug lords, smugglers and corrupt cops, and was instrumental in busting an international drug ring and foiling a bank heist, among many other dangerous engagements.

But then, as the country's new democracy birthed a struggle between the old and the new guard in the South African Police Service, his identity and his life came under threat. In this action-packed account, Johann van Loggerenberg describes how, as a young policeman, he worked closely with the investigative team of the Goldstone Commission to uncover the 'third force' – apartheid security forces that supplied weapons to the Inkatha Freedom Party to destabilise the country.

He also delves into how and why, at the height of state capture at the South African Revenue Service in 2014, he was falsely accused of being an apartheid spy, a lie that persists up to today. Here, finally, is the truth behind deep-cover police agent RS536.

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*The Whistleblowers* / Mandy Wiener

Pan Macmillan South Africa, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

xii, 452p.

9781770107045

\$ 35.00 / null

650 gm.

Whistleblowers are seldom seen as heroes. Instead, they are often viewed through a negative lens, described as troublemakers, disloyal employees, traitors, snitches and, in South Africa, as impimpis or informers. They risk denigration and scorn, not to mention dismissal from their positions and finding their careers in tatters.

With corruption and fraud endemic in democratic South Africa, whistleblowers have played a pivotal role in bringing wrongdoing to light. They have provided an invaluable service to society through disclosures about cover-ups, malfeasance and wrongdoing. Their courageous acts have resulted in the recovery of millions of rands to the fiscus and to their fellow citizens as well as improved transparency and accountability for office bearers and politicians. Some would argue it was whistleblowing that brought down a president and the corrupt 'state capture' regime.

But in most cases, the outcomes for the whistleblowers themselves are harrowing and devastating. Some have been gunned down in orchestrated assassinations, others have been threatened and targeted in sinister dirty-tricks campaigns. Many are hounded out of their jobs, ostracised and victimised. They struggle to find employment and are pushed to the fringes of society. Where there is litigation, this drags on and on through the courts. Mental health and relationships suffer. The psychological burden of choosing to speak up when there has been little reward or compensation is a heavy one to carry.

The Whistleblowers shines a light on their plight, advocating for a change in legislation, organisational support and social attitudes in order to embolden more potential whistleblowers to have the courage to step up. These are the raw and evocative accounts of South Africa's whistleblowers, told in their own voices and from their own perspectives: from the hallowed corridors of parliament to the political killing fields of KwaZulu-Natal, from the fraud-riddled platinum belt to the impoverished, gang-ridden suburb of Elsies River, from the gantried freeways of Gauteng to the Bosasa blesser's facebrick campus in Krugersdorp, from the wild east of Mpumalanga to the corporate.

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Predator Politics : Mabuza, Fred Daniel and the Great Land Scam / Rehana Rossouw

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

x, 246p.

Includes Index

9781431430024

\$ 40.00 / null

400 gm.

Corruption cost taxpayers around R1.5 trillion during Jacob Zuma's spell as president of South Africa. Despite attempts by the police, the courts and the Public Protector to stem the rising tide of graft in South Africa, several politicians were rewarded with high office after stealing the aspirations of millions of people. Fred Daniel, one citizen among many targeted by predator politicians, stood up against the scourge. The retaliation he faced after attempts by corrupt politicians to grab his nature reserve in Mpumalanga included vandalism, arson, smears and death threats. His nemesis is Deputy President D.D. Mabuza, who presided over several departments in the province that were wrecked by graft before he ascended to the position of the second most powerful politician in the country. Fred has won more than twenty cases over the past fifteen years in magistrates' and high courts where his claims of corruption-related harassment were found credible. The North Gauteng High Court is hearing his damages claim against Mabuza, government departments and officials amounting to more than R1 billion. It stems from Fred's exposure of fraudulent land scams allegedly orchestrated by Mabuza.

At great personal cost, Fred and his family stood up to corruption. They endured the loss of a livelihood and their home – and the fear that follows when the government places a target on the back of a citizen blowing the whistle on its misdeeds. Fred will not back down. For him, failure is not an option.

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My Only Story : The Hunt for a Serial Paedophile / Deon Wiggett

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House South Africa (Pty) Ltd), Cape Town, South Africa 2020

x, 302p.

9781776095605

\$ 35.00 / null

450 gm.

Deon Wiggett's series of sensational podcasts shook South Africa in November 2019, when he revealed the identity of the man who raped him as a schoolboy. Now, in *My Only Story*, Deon tells the full story of the sexual abuse he suffered at the hands of 'Jimmy,' the once brilliant teacher and later media luminary who led a sinister and predatory double life. Deon's mission to expose his abuser takes him from the perpetrator's high-school years at an agricultural school to his eventual arrest in Hartenbos in the Western Cape. Deon follows the trail from the highly regarded Grey College and Paul Roos Gymnasium to media titan Naspers. In the process, he devises a model that anyone can use to identify pedophiles in their midst. In Deon's own words: "It's nice to pretend that men don't rape children, but once you know what to look for, it becomes surprisingly easy to spot them. Once you match a universal pattern with a specific man's profile, what once was hidden becomes obvious." *My Only Story* is a riveting account of one man's struggle to overcome childhood trauma, to help others who might face the same ordeal, and to bring his abuser to justice.

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*Her Life and Extraordinary Ancestors* / Valerie Williams (Ed) Mike Kantey

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2015

120p.

9780620693455

\$ 50.00 / null

350 gm.

At a very tender age, Val herself experienced a remarkable marriage to a World War II air-force colonel (who was one of the first to down a German Messerschmitt fighter plane). She then enjoyed a career in Johannesburg, before retiring to South Africa's elite resort in Plettenberg Bay where she helped to inspire the whale-watching industry. At a time when men were at the zenith of their powers, Val's own life speaks of a highly gregarious woman, who managed to carve out a high position through a delightful combination of intelligence and infectious enthusiasm.

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*Uprooted By Genocide : My Journey From Rwanda to South Africa : A Life Turned Upside Down* / Pancras M. Malani

Pancras M. Malani, South Africa 2020

208p.

9798673001585

\$ 40.00 / null

400 gm.

On 1 October, 1990 a group of armed rebellion invaded Rwanda from Uganda. The group was quick to be identified as the Rwandan refugees who decided to come back home by the barrel of the gun. After almost 4 years of bitter fighting and negotiations with the Rwandan government, the war culminated into a genocide committed between April and July 1994. As a result, more than one million of Rwandans, mostly from Tutsi ethnic group, were savagely killed while up to three millions of mostly Hutu ran en masse into exile in neighbouring countries. I was one of them. While many refugees were forced to return to Rwanda from their refugee camps in Tanzania and Zaire, I trekked down the continent in search of both protection and greener pastures. This book narrates the where, the what and the how of major experiences of my journey from the minute I left my remote village in Rwanda in June 1994 until I settled down in South Africa in 1999 to start a new life. It also highlights the multifaceted obstacles that refugees and immigrants are faced with in adapting to a complete new and harsh environment.

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*The Man Behind the Beard : Deneys Schreiner, a South African Liberal Life* / Graham Dominy (Eds) Elana Bregin and Alison Lockhart

University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa 2020

xx, 220

Includes Index ; Select Bibliography

9781869144449

\$ 40.00 / null

420 gm.

Deneys Schreiner was one of an illustrious family that produced a world-famous author (his great-aunt Olive); a prime minister of the Cape Colony (his grandfather, W.P, who also defended a Zulu prince against specious charges in a colonial court); and Appellate Justice O.D. Schreiner, his father, who fought against National Party efforts to remove coloured people from the common voters' roll. Deneys was an academic, a scientist and a man of strong liberal principles, with a good sense of humour and widespread interests in the sciences, arts and public affairs. These qualities enabled him, in his quiet, steady way, to transform what was then the University of Natal and the society around it. Between the 1960s and 1980s, he supported and initiated several important endeavours to promote constitutional futures other than those imposed by the apartheid government. One of the most significant of these was the Buthelezi Commission, which he chaired. This biography sets out the contexts of Deneys's forebears, his youth, wartime service, studies in Britain and America, family life, and tenure as vice principal, as well as the context of the times in which he lived. It is based on extensive archival research, supported by interviews with family members, former colleagues, friends and journalists. The picture that emerges is of a man who made a great contribution to the struggle for democracy in South Africa. And then there is the story of his beard, once described as a potent symbol of his presence and implacable integrity.

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Where Light Shines Through : Tales of Can-Do Teachers in South Africa's No-Fee Public School / Kimon Phitidis (Ed) Wesley Thompson

Bookstorm (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

288p.

Includes Bibliography

9781928333159

\$ 50.00 / null

550 gm.

Two generations after democracy, South Africa's public schooling system continues to underperform. Despite some gains, many South African children still don't achieve basic academic milestones, and teachers are often blamed.

Where Light Shines Through allows glimmers of light to shine through the darkness of the public education story and reveals can-do teachers who are excelling despite the odds. It explores what we can learn from these teachers to build the quality of the schooling sector and the public sector more broadly – and turns our gaze momentarily away from public officials who are in power, towards those who are in service.

The remarkable stories of sixteen South African teachers from all over the country, illustrated with portraits from the Artist Proof Studio, show that while our attitude to life is often informed by our experiences, our attitude nevertheless remains our choice.

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Living on the Wild Side : A Game Ranger's Life in Southern Africa / Erwin Leibnitz

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2014

xii, 300p.

9780620605717

\$ 40.00 / null

520 gm.

The life of a game ranger: A career spanning over 40 years in nature conversation both in Namibia and South Africa.

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The Unlikely Mr Rogue : A Life with Ivan Pillay / Evelyn Groenink  
Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020  
424p.  
9781431429462  
\$ 45.00 / null  
640 gm.

The Unlikely Mr Rogue is the story of the quiet man behind the so-called 'rogue unit' at SARS, who has become a lightning rod for so many in politics today. It takes the reader on a journey – Ivan's growing up in Merebank, KZN, his politicisation, his friendship with Pravin Gordhan and his running of Operation Vula from Lusaka, reporting to Oliver Tambo. In some ways, the setting up of SARS was Operation Vula revisited. Many of the same operatives were now working for a higher purpose. And this higher purpose, of providing the money to reduce inequality in the state, was a daily mantra for Gordhan, Pillay and others. They really believed in it.

Groenink tells of the early 1990s in Lusaka, of their falling in love, of the insecurity in coming back to the country, and the times when Ivan was in charge of stationery in the bowels of Shell House. This is the story of a good man, an unlikely man, a quiet man, determined to use SARS to fund the post-liberation nation-building, and his downfall at the hands of his enemies and a scurrilous Sunday Times.

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Inside the Belly of the Beast : The Realk Bosasa Story / Angelo Agrizzi (As told to Phillipa Mitchell)

Truth Be Told Publishing (tbtp), Cape Town, South Africa 2020

320p.  
9780620902847  
\$ 40.00 / null  
500 gm.

In this multi-billion rand corruption memoir, former Bosasa C.O.O and whistleblower, Angelo Agrizzi rips open the can of worms, exposing two decades of untold greed, politicking, corruption, bribery and deep state capture. Inside the Belly of The Beast is a detailed confession, exposing the intimate fraudulent workings of a company, under the cult-like leadership of Gavin Watson. Agrizzi is one of few people with a first-hand account of what really happened behind the closed doors of Bosasa.

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The Golden Years : A Memoir of Old Rustenburg / Lionel Wulfsohn (Eds) Ben Wulfsohn, Marilyn Wulfsohn

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2011

xviii, 300p.  
9780620520584  
\$ 40.00 / null  
500 gm.

Lionel Wulfsohn's Golden Years is a nostalgic reflection of a life growing up in the platteland dorp of Rustenburg at the beginning of the Twentieth Century. The story starts with a historical description of the author's forebears, before presenting a series of childhood and adolescent memories. These serve to capture the closeness of family life and the freedom of skinny-dipping in the mountain pools of Magaliesberg. Other sketches include: a bitterly fought general election; transport in the 1290s; and a sprinkling of salty characters, such as veterans of both the Anglo-Boer War and the British Colonial era, and a German-Jewish air ace from World War One. The book ends with a detailed account of the author's own experience at the Battle of Monte Stanco in World War Two.

Taken altogether, the book is an enchanting mix of anecdote and bittersweet humour, presenting the essence of Rustenburg between the wars and the author's own powerful moment of destiny in war-torn Italy.

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Let Me Play : The Sewshanker 'Papwa' Sewgolum Story / Barry Cohen  
New Voices Publishing Services, Cape Town, South Africa 2020

262p.  
Includes Bibliography

9780620884716

\$ 40.00 / null

400 gm.

Papwa Sewgolum, against all odds, won the Dutch Open playing in only his second 'white' tournament, and a total of three times in four attempts. Then after being allowed to play in the Natal Open, he demolished a top field, BUT was presented with his trophy in the rain while the others players watched from the clubhouse igniting a worldwide backlash leading to South Africa being banned from the Olympics, whilst Papwa became the symbol of the anti-apartheid sport movement. Again allowed to play in the Natal Open he beat the world number 1, Gary Player, head-to-head, only for the apartheid government, after a failed assassination attempt, to ban him from all tournaments in South Africa, and then withhold his passport to prevent him playing abroad. This book is written in a popular, conversational style. It's easily understood by those who don't know much about golf, yet the book's message is of hope and perseverance and in so doing, creates a black golfing hero to inspire the youth.

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JPD Remembered : UCT Vice Chancellor, Rotarian, Cricketer and Mathematician /  
Andrew Duminy (Ed) Caroline Webb

Reach Publishers, Wandsbeck, South Africa 2020

214p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9781990960093

\$ 39.95 / null

500 gm.

JP Duminy (1897-1980) was the only university professor to play cricket for South Africa. He was also the first alumnus of UCT to become Vice Chancellor and the first non-American to be elected a First Vice President of Rotary International. In this book, his son Andrew writes about his life and his distinguished career. Using diaries and private papers in the family's possession, he portrays his father as someone known for his good humour, clear-thinking and fair mindedness. In the words of a senior academic who knew him well, he thought "dispassionately and fearlessly acted upon what he found to be true and in the best interests of the institution which he served".

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Walking Through Front Doors : Seeking Justice for a Stolen Childhood / Claudine  
Shiels (Ed) Angela Voges

Bookstorm (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

320p.

9781928257776

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

A memoir like no other – Claudine Shiels and her sister Lisa van der Merwe have brought South Africa's oldest sexual abuse case to court. The sisters used the Frankel 8 Criminal Procedures decision to bring court action against their sexually abusive step-uncles forty years later – this is their story.

On a hot summer evening in 1967, eight-year-old Claudine Brown watched from the back seat of a car stalled on a railway track in the suburbs of Cape Town, as a fast-moving train hurtled towards them. Her mother sat frozen with fear in the driver's seat. The events leading up to this moment were unremarkable, giving no clue to their catastrophic timing. The aftermath was brutal and childhood-wrecking, leaving Claudine and her younger sister Lisa world-weary before they had even got started.

When her mother, unraveled by post-traumatic shock, abandoned the family, and her father reached for the nearest comfort to ease his pain – a new wife – Claudine had only one defense against the years of exploitation and physical, emotional and sexual abuse that followed: hope. She remembered what normal life was, and plotted her course back there.

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Dr Abdullah Abdurahman : South Africa's First Elected Black Politician / Martin Plaiut

Jacana Media (Pty) Ltd, Auckland Park, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

xvi, 220p.

Includes Index ; Select Bibliography

9781431430550

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

Dr Abdullah Abdurahman (1872–1940) was the first person of colour ever to be elected to political office in South Africa. He represented some of the poorest people in Cape Town on the City Council and then the Provincial Council. First winning a seat in 1904, he was to serve the city for 36 years. Beloved by the people of District Six, for whom he fought so hard, Dr Abdurahman is a forgotten giant of the fight for justice.

The grandson of slaves, he trained as a doctor in Scotland, returning to the Cape with a Scottish wife. Nellie and he were powerful partners – and their daughter, Cissie Gool, was among the most important political figures of her generation. Dr Abdurahman led the African Political Organisation – the leading coloured party of this period. He was a friend and ally of key political figures of his time: Sol Plaatje, Walter Rubusana, Mahatma Gandhi and W.P. Schreiner. He was a leading advocate of black unity, working tirelessly to resist the onslaught of white racism. The doctor was among the most internationally admired South Africans of his generation, arguing his case on delegations to London and India. He led South African Indians to Delhi, confronted the Viceroy and made a memorable address to the Indian National Congress. At his death in 1940 Cape Town ground to a halt as the entire community paid their respects.

Drawing on previously undiscovered material, this biography lifts Dr Abdurahman from the obscurity into which he has so unjustly sunk – explaining his life against the background of the difficult times in which he lived.

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The Book of ProVerb / Tebogo Thekisho and Paballo Rampa

Penguin Random House South Africa (Pty) Ltd., Cape Town, South Africa 2020

x, 166p.

9781776094875

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

Tebogo Thekisho, better known as ProVerb, first caught South Africa's attention in 2005 with the release of his now classic debut hip-hop album, *The Book of ProVerb*. For over a decade he has been a regular on TV screens across the country as the host of *Idols South Africa*. While juggling a successful, multifaceted media career, he has also become a thriving entrepreneur with interests in property and TV production.

In this memoir, Tebogo pays tribute to the people who've contributed to him becoming the person he is, especially his parents, his grandmother and his siblings, while sharing the lessons he's learnt through the different seasons of his life. He talks frankly about his public divorce and attempted suicide, as well as his award-winning music and television career.

This is a vulnerable, inspiring account of how Tebogo has risen above his personal challenges to take charge of his life.

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'Here's Mudd in Your Eye : Bush Tales - Second Edition / Jack Mudd

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2013

160p.

9780620568722

\$ 25.00 / null

250 gm.

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Baboons on the Verandah / C.W. "Duke" Acheson

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2007

iv, 188p.

9780620390958

\$ 35.00 / null

320 gm.

The late C. W. "Duke" Acheson was an American Foreign Correspondent covering the War in the Middle East in 1948, and thereafter travelled throughout Africa interviewing heads of state and other fascinating people. This memoir captures the essence of daily life and describes his personal experiences after settling in Rhodesia with a young family "learning to be a farmer" in the wonderful years of the 50's and 60's when Rhodesia was at its best!

Often hilarious and moving with an informative account of the political situation of that era in southern Africa and the changes yet to come. Black and white photographs depict the life and times 'he' writes about.

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Autopsy : Life in the Trenches With a Forensic Pathologist in Africa / Ryan Blumenthal

Jonathan Ball Publishers, Johannesburg, South Africa 2020

224p.

9781776190188

\$ 39.95 / null

300 gm.

As a medical detective of the modern world, forensic pathologist Ryan Blumenthal's chief goal is to bring perpetrators to justice. He has performed thousands of autopsies, which have helped bring numerous criminals to book. In *Autopsy* he covers the hard lessons learnt as a rookie pathologist, as well as some of the most unusual cases he's encountered.

During his career, for example, he has dealt with high-profile deaths, mass disasters, death by lightning and people killed by African wildlife. Blumenthal takes the reader behind the scenes at the mortuary, describing a typical autopsy and the instruments of the trade. He also shares a few trade secrets, like how to establish when a suicide is more likely to be a homicide.

Even though they cannot speak, the dead have a lot to say – and Blumenthal is there to listen.

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Firemen Don't Cry : One Woman's Account of a Man's World / Sonja Kantey (Ed)  
Mike Kantey

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2019

vi, 140p.

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

While working as a gents hairstylist in 2003, Sonja Kantey joined the Bitou Fire Department as a volunteer fireman and spent five years in service.

During this time, she kept a journal about such incidents as shack fires and motor vehicle accidents.

This retelling of her story is not simply about the risks and struggles attached to attending to fires and accidents it's also about the difficulties of being an ordinary young woman in a tough man's world.

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By the Grace of God : Letters home from an 8th Army Doctor Gazala to Alamein  
North Africa 1941-42 / Jimmy Mullins (Ed) Chris Mullins

The Watermark Press, Plettenberg Bay, South Africa 2019

162p.

9780473469443

\$ 40.00 / null

280 gm.

Book Details:

Attached to the 1st South African Infantry Battalion (part of the British Eighth Army) from July 1941 to December 1942, Captain Jimmy Mullins served as a frontline doctor in North Africa during World War II and saw action in the battles of Tobruk, Gazala and Alamein. Compiled for the first time by his son Chris, this book presents his matter-of-fact letters, written under strict censorship to his family. Punctuated by a dry sense of humour, the letters contain colourful descriptions of desert life, trips to the Holy Land, ancient history, boredom, survival, the fine art of "scrounging" and the war itself"

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A different kind of seeing : my journey / Marie Younan with Jill Sanguinetti

Scribe Publications, Australia 2020

xxi, 214 pages, 8 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations (some colour), genealogical table, portraits (some colour) ; 21 cm

9781922310255

\$ 30.00 / null

270 gm.

Marie Younan was born in 1952 into a family of Assyrian refugees living in north-eastern Syria. Accidentally blinded by her grandmother as a baby, Marie was the quiet, ever-present listener within her large extended family. Locked out of school, play, and social gatherings, she lived a brave inner life of reflection and acceptance. The family migrated to Beirut, and then, in the mid-seventies, to Melbourne, Australia to escape the Lebanese civil war. Being blind, Marie was denied a visa, and was forced to wait in Syria and Athens for three years before the family could sponsor her to Australia. Unable to speak English, dependent for everything on her family, Marie, in her words, was 'only half alive'. Then, in 1985, aged 33, she attended the Royal Victorian Institute for the Blind. There she became fluent in English, literate in braille, and physically mobile with the help of a cane. Educated, independent, and professionally qualified at last, her life began to take off.

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Show me where it hurts : living with invisible illness / Kylie Maslen

Text Publishing Company, Australia 2020

x, 286 pages ; 24 cm

9781922330147

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

Kylie Maslen has been living with invisible illness for twenty years-more than half her life. Its impact is felt in every aspect of her day-to-day existence- from work to dating; from her fears for what the future holds to her struggles to get out of bed some mornings. Drawing on pop music, art, literature and online culture, Maslen explores the lived experience of invisible illness with sensitivity and wit, drawing back the veil on a reality many struggle-or refuse-to recognise. *Show Me Where it Hurts: Living with Invisible Illness* is a powerful collection of essays that speak to those who have encountered the brush-off from doctors, faced endless tests and treatments, and endured chronic pain and suffering. But it is also a bridge reaching out to partners, families, friends, colleagues, doctors- all those who want to better understand what life looks like when you cannot simply show others where it hurts.

Maslen, Kylie. | Maslen, Kylie -- Health. | Self-care, Health. | Diseases in motion pictures. | Women -- Health and hygiene. | Art and mental illness. | Chronic pain in women. | Diseases in art. | Literature and mental illness. | Chronically ill. | Chronic diseases -- Psychological aspects. | Australian

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Only happiness here : in search of Elizabeth Von Arnim / Carey, Gabrielle

University of Queensland Press, Australia 2020

250 pages : portrait ; 23 cm.

9780702262975

\$ 33.00 / null

330 gm.

This book narrates a riveting journey through the life and work of one of last century's most successful - and almost forgotten - women novelists, Elizabeth von Arnim. When I discovered Elizabeth von Arnim, I found, for the first time, a writer who wrote about being happy. Elizabeth von Arnim is one of the early 20th century's most famous - and forgotten - authors. Born in Sydney in the mid 1800s, she went on to write many internationally bestselling novels, marry a Prussian Count and then an English Lord, nurture close friendships with H.G. Wells and E.M. Forster and raise five children. Her novels were ahead of their time in their representation of women and their pursuit of happiness. Intrigued by von Arnim's extraordinary life and vibrant career, Gabrielle Carey sets off on a literary and philosophical journey to know more about this talented author. This is part biography, part memoir and part reflection on human nature's obsession with finding joy.

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Beyond the Sky / Vicars, James

Melbourne Books, Australia 2020

272 pages

9781925556520

\$ 35.00 / null

555 gm.

Ninety years after her drowning, the true story of Australia's first woman pilot reveals a pioneer in life as well as the sky.

In Australia in the mid 1920s, flight was still new, dangerous and glamorous - and aviators were all men. That was until a petite and quietly-spoken 49 year-old mother of three, Millicent Bryant, took her first flight, igniting a passion that led her to become the first woman in the Commonwealth outside Britain to gain a pilot's licence. While newspapers all over Australia began following her progress in the 'race', few outside her family knew the determination and depth of personality that took her into other areas considered unusual for a woman at that time, such as business and politics. And were it not for an ironic stroke of fate, her name may have become as familiar as other pioneers of the air such as Smithy, Hinkler or Nancy Bird Walton.

Working from Millicent's own rediscovered letters and writings as well as newspapers and other historical sources, this innovative biographical work reveals a pioneer of the sky and beyond. On one hand it tells, for the first time, of a flyer who was also a businesswoman, small-scale property developer, golfer, student of Japanese at Sydney University and early motorist who had driven over 35,000 miles around New South Wales up to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko - and who could fix her own car to boot. On the other, it seeks to illuminate the inner story of a highly individual, modern woman whose life encompassed not only hidden romance, heartbreak and tragedy but also a spirit of change in the social, political and marital conventions of 20th century Australia.

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Designing A Life : A Cross-Cultural Journey : The Memoirs of Kai-Yin Lo / Kai-Yin Lo

Blacksmith Books, Hong Kong 2019

60p.

9789887963837

\$ 32.95 / null

420 gm.

"Designing a Life: A Cross-Cultural Journey" tells the inspiring story of Kai-Yin Lo, a determined woman born to a wealthy Hong Kong family who had to build her own future following an abrupt change in the family's fortunes. After a first job at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Hong Kong, she made her way to New York, working at Time Inc. to establish a new life. Encouraged by her first collection being accepted by Cartier New York, she employed talent, innovation and determination to become a designer of international renown, respected as an ambassador for cross-cultural exchange in art, design and thought.

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Stories from the Royal Hong Kong Police : Fifty Accounts from Officers of Hong Kong's Colonial-Era Police Force / The Royal Hong Kong Police Association

Blacksmith Books, Hong Kong 2020

292p.

9789887963882

\$ 29.95 / null

420 gm.

Fighting to survive on a police patrol launch during a typhoon, and investigating a murder by a Vietnamese gangster in a refugee camp. Battling riots during the Cultural Revolution, countering drug smuggling and pimping by the triads, and dealing with bank robbers in a hostage situation. These are just some of the stories told in this riveting compilation of personal experiences of former Royal Hong Kong Police officers.

In 1997, Hong Kong returned to Chinese sovereignty after 156 years of British rule. This collection of no-holds-barred accounts by some 50 individual police officers, put together by three former colleagues, illustrates the last decades of the colony's colourful history. This is what life was really like on the front line.

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Biography of The Most Venerable Mula Mingun Jetavan Sayadawgyi : A Pali Commentator / Venerable Tikkhacara Taung-dwin Bhikkhu, (Translator) U Hla Myint

Thi Ri May Printing House, Yangon, Myanmar 2019

192p.

\$ 30.00 / null

350 gm.

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The Trials and Tribulations of a ZIPRA Soldier / Churchill Mpiyesizwe Guduza  
Langaa RPCIG, Bamenda, Cameroon 2021

xii, 504p. ; 229x152mm.

9956551783 ; 9789956551781

\$ 48.00 / null

800 gm.

The Trials and Tribulations of a ZIPRA Soldier is a riveting spider web story of courage, determination, pursuit of justice and survival against all odds. The reader is taken on a path of unparalleled heroism and determination of a young Zimbabwe People's Revolutionary Army (ZIPRA) soldier, Churchill Mpiyesizwe Guduza.

Churchill was born in Johannesburg to a Rhodesian father, Makhathini Bhekisizwe Guduza and Amy Poppy Lottering, a South African. After attending Fatima Secondary School in Rhodesia, with his father in continued political detention and his mother merely scrapping a living in the rural hinterlands of Rhodesia, he was compelled to leave for Johannesburg in early 1973 where his already shaped political consciousness led him to participate in the June 1976 Soweto student uprisings. At just under 20 years of age, Churchill escaped South Africa to join ZIPRA in Zambia, just in time before the apartheid net rapidly closed in on him. No sooner had Churchill joined ZIPRA than he experienced similar injustices which he immediately opposed with resolute bravery. Upon completion of military training in Angola, he was immediately deployed to the battlefields of Rhodesia where his unit gallantly fought against the Rhodesian security forces. Churchill's nom de guerre was Taffy Carlos.

From Rhodesia, Churchill returned to Zambia to face off ZIPRA's High Command, from where he fled to Angola. After his incarceration in Angola, he returned to independent Zimbabwe, from where he again escaped to the United Kingdom via Botswana and Zambia. Today, he leads the Mthwakazi Liberation Front (MLF), which seeks to EXIT Zimbabwe, and establish the Federal Republic of Mthwakazi.

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Growing Wild : The Correspondence of a Pioneering Woman Naturalist from the Cape / Mary Elizabeth Barber (Eds) Alan Cohenm Tanja Hammel

Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Namibia 2020

xxx, 306p. ; Illustrations ; Colour Photographs

Includes Bibliography

ISSN: 1660-9638, 9783906927046

\$ 70.00 / null

800 gm.

Mary Elizabeth Barber (1818-1899), born in Britain, arrived in the Cape Colony in 1820 where she spent the rest of her life as a rolling stone, as she lived in and near Grahamstown, the diamond and gold fields, Pietermaritzburg, Malvern near Durban and on various farms in the eastern part of the Cape Colony. She has been perceived as 'the most advanced woman of her time', yet her legacy has attracted relatively little attention. She was the first woman ornithologist in South Africa, one of the first who propagated Darwin's theory of evolution, an early archaeologist, keen botanist and interested lepidopterist. In her scientific writing, she propagated a new gender order; positioned herself as a feminist *avant la lettre* without relying on difference models and at the same time made use of genuinely racist argumentation.

This is the first publication of her edited scientific correspondence. The letters - transcribed by Alan Cohen, who has written a number of biographical articles on Barber and her brothers - are primarily addressed to the entomologist Roland Trimen, the director of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew, London. Today, the letters are housed at the Royal Entomological Society in St Albans. This book also includes a critical introduction by historian Tanja Hammel who has published a number of articles and is about to publish a monograph on Mary Elizabeth Barber.

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Road to the House / Hon (Rev) E. Francis Waive

Malthouse Press Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2020

xii, 120p. ; 216 x 140mm ; B/W Illustrations

Includes Index

9789785739794

\$ 30.00 / null

220 gm.

This book describes Reverend Francis Waive's journey getting elected to Nigeria's National Assembly, where he now is the member representing the people of Ughelli North, Ughelli South and Udu Federal Constituency. Before his dramatic election in February 2019, Rev Waive served as General Overseer of the Church of the Anointing Warri Delta State. He used the platform of the church to dispense of charity to the deprived communities of the Niger Delta through his establishment of the Riverine Communities Health Organisation. His involvement includes both action research projects and intervention programmes in Education Health Water and Sanitation, etc. His social advocacy efforts include convening the Free Delta Group for good governance in Delta State.

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Buried in the Debris of Independence : The Life and Death of Rev Alexander

Kutchona / T.S.E. Katsulukuta

Luviri Press, Mzuzu, Malawi 2020

50p. ; 210x148mm.

9789996066504

\$ 18.00 / null

100 gm.

As a boy I heard my mother warn my father never to walk alone and never to come home late lest he be killed like Kutchona. But why could people kill an innocent pastor? For Alexander Kutchona God stood above politics and God came first in all areas of life. The Party leaders believed differently. Politics to them could not be separated from Church life and that the church should be used as a platform for the political agenda. They labeled him traitor and removed him out of their path and memory.

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Te Kai a te Rangatira : Leadership from the Maori World / Rawiri J. Tapiata and Renee Smith

Bridget Williams Book, Wellington, New Zealand 2020

456p.

9781988587738

\$ 110.00 / HB



2480 gm.

'Awe-inspiring collective wisdom and a snapshot into the current state of Maori leadership' - this extraordinary book of interviews and photographs created by rangatahi enriches our understanding of what it means to be a leader. Featuring in-depth interviews with more than 100 Maori leaders spanning the length and breadth of Aotearoa.

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Encounters ... and Collisions / Gordon McLauchlan (Eds), Ian F. Grant

Fraser Books, Masterton, New Zealand 2020

viii, 178p.

9780994136077

\$ 45.00 / null

450 gm.

It was widely reported, when he died earlier in 2020, that Gordon McLauchlan's last book was "Stop the Clock" but, in fact, he was finalising details of Encounters until several days before his death in January. In 26 engaging and provocative essays, Gordon McLauchlan writes about people, illustrious and unknown, he has rubbed up against since his Press Gallery days in Wellington in the early 1950s. He gives fresh, and beautifully written, insights into a kaleidoscope of human nature - providing new perspectives on famous politicians, writers, broadcasters and 'ordinary' people who piqued his interest. Most - like Holland, Holyoake, Holmes, Key, Lange, Shadbolt, Davin and Ihimaera - are New Zealanders. Others - like Noam Chomsky and Felipe Fernandez-Armesto- are from elsewhere. Gordon McLauchlan was one of New Zealand best-known and most popular writers, cultural critics and social historians. In a long career he was a newspaper journalist, magazine editor, columnist, book reviewer, radio commentator, and television frontperson. For 10 years he was the editor-in-chief of The New Zealand Encyclopedia, and the author of more than 20 books, with The Passionless People the most famous of several bestsellers.

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Her Way : Real Stories of New Zealand Women Succeeding in Business and Doing So with Heart : A Better Way to Do Business and Make a Positive Difference / Jacqui Thomas

JT Publishing, Ahuriri, New Zealand 2020

312p.

9780473510763

\$ 60.00 / null

640 gm.

Her Way is a collection of authentic stories of New Zealand female business founders succeeding in business here and internationally, doing so on their own terms, and with heart. Includes women from Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Nelson, Hawkes Bay, Havelock North and more. The personal stories these women share are real and inspiring - sharing the ups and downs, the trials and challenges, but also showcasing the successes achieved through a more 'inherently female' style of doing business. The traditionally classified 'feminine' personality traits such as caring, nurturing, kindness, sharing, helping others, collaborating, creating win-win deals, being mindful of our effect on others and on the environment, balancing family and business, and more, can be harnessed to create a better way of doing business. More and more businesses are enjoying significant commercial success through these values (both female and male led). Women featured include: - Lisa King, Eat my Lunch - Brianne West, Ethique - Anna Guenther, Pledge Me - Sue de Bievre, Beany - Jan Hellreigel, Musician, Songbroker, Airplane Music Services.

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Busted! : Stories from New Zealand's Leading Private Investigator / Ron McQuilter (Ed) Duncan

New Holland Publishers, Auckland, New Zealand 2020

256p. ; 165x240mm.

9781760792824

\$ 45.00 / null

450 gm.

BUSTED looks at the intriguing world of Investigating numerous complex cases in New Zealand and how technology has helped (and sometimes hampered) successful outcomes. All the cases contained in BUSTED did happen, and the reader will probably remember a number of the cases. It's an eclectic collection of stories to show you the real world of a private investigator or PI – the warm, fuzzy jobs, the ugly ones and the downright bizarre

A lot of cases required good investigative work, some needed luck. Some were sad, some vicious. None were boring!

Ron McQuilter is a career investigator, brought up in the "hard" part of Glasgow. He joined the Glasgow Police aged 19 and was posted to the Gorbals, famous for its high crime rate. He fell in love with a Kiwi girl and immigrated to New Zealand in 1983 where he became a private investigator. Now the country's most prominent PI, he features regularly on television and is the go to man for media comment.

Ron is the founder of and still heads up Paragon, New Zealand's largest PI firm, with a team of agents and several national contracts. Ron has featured as one of the Missing Pieces team on TV3, specialising in tracking down lost family members. In 2008 he travelled solely to London and managed to solve a 6 year cold case involving a missing New Zealand man.

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Zen Heart : What I've Learned from Animals and Life / Mark Vette

Penguin Random House New Zealand, Auckland, New Zealand 2020

304p.

9780143775027

\$ 55.00 / null

500 gm.

The life and work of animal behaviourist Mark Vette - plus the dogs, cats, pukekos, wolves, horses, rats and other animals he has worked with!

A cheeky baboon, a cockatoo sending a heading dog out to round up sheep, a family of pukekos crossing the road, a dog saying 'bugger', an octopus taking a photo. Think of an ad you love, or a New Zealand-made movie, and if it has an animal in it chances are Mark Vette was behind it. He's trained almost every species you can think of. But the famous animal behaviourist and trainer who captured global attention with 'Dogs Who Drive Cars' and 'Dogs Who Fly Planes' is not just an animal maestro. He's a long-time Buddhist, who brings to his relationships with animals a true emotional bond, enormous respect, and the sure knowledge that we humans are just one piece of this great, interconnected puzzle we call Life on Earth. This is his story, and the stories of the animals he has worked with over the decades. From a classic Kiwi childhood of outdoor activities and sport, with plenty of time on the farm, through a growing conviction that killing animals wasn't for him, to his embracing of Buddhism and his developing work with animals of all kinds, Mark's life and beliefs unfold in a thoroughly relatable way - with jaw-dropping and laugh-out-loud moments thrown in.

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Black Hands : Inside the Bain Family Murders / Martin Van Beynen

Penguin Random House New Zealand, Auckland, New Zealand 2020

304p. ; 154x232x22mm.

9780143775263

\$ 45.00 / null

480 gm.

This is the story of a mass-murder that divided a nation. It began in a rickety old house on a cold June morning in 1994, where five members of a seemingly ordinary New Zealand family were gunned down. There were two suspects. One lay dead from a single bullet to the head. The other was the only survivor- David Bain. Since then, the country has asked- Who killed the Bain family? David, or his father Robin? And why? Award-winning journalist Martin van Beynen has covered the Bain story closely for decades. His 2017 Stuff podcast, Black Hands - based on the manuscript for this book - topped the charts in New Zealand and around the world and has been downloaded more than 5 million times. Now, his book brings the story completely up to date- exploring the case from start to finish, picking through evidence old and new, plumbing the mysteries and motives, interviewing never-before-spoken-to witnesses and guiding readers through the complex police investigation and court cases, seeking to finally answer the question- Who was the killer?

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Towards Compostela : Walking the Camino de Santiago / Catharina Van Bohemen (Ed) Jane Parkin

The Cuba Press, Wellington, New Zealand 2020

252p.

9781988595320

\$ 45.00 / null

400 gm.

Catharina van Bohemen walked the Camino de Santiago in 1998. Jenny Shipley was New Zealand's prime minister, Bill Clinton's relationship with Monica Lewinsky was exposed, the Good Friday Agreement was signed in Northern Ireland, and the Russian rouble nearly collapsed. Catharina's marriage had ended and she'd left the Auckland home where she'd raised her children. Cellphones were increasingly common but none of the pilgrims she walked with had them. Her journal was the most important thing she carried. Pilgrims to Compostela simply start walking; they stay in refugios and carry a passport or credential that is stamped along the way. Walking is physical and it reminds you of yourself in the world - you hear your breath and the scrape of your boots on the track; the straps bite your shoulders; you feel and hear your heart beat. You can move as fast as only you can move, and what you see while walking becomes infused with what you remember. Walking becomes as much a journey through your own inner landscape as the one you're passing through, and moves you towards a new way of seeing. And acceptance. Catharina's story is written with restraint, beauty, wit and insight, accompanied by the drawings of Gregory O'Brien.

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Colouring My Soul / Kat Maxwell (Ed) Mary McCallum

Makaro Press, Auckland, New Zealand

142p.

9780995111066

\$ 35.00 / null

220 gm.

"I am Tūhoe / Ngā Puhi. I was born in Marton in 1963 and raised there till I was seventeen years old. My family moved to Palmerston North for work and that's where we have been ever since. My usual employment is as a supervisor in civil construction.

As a child I was generally oblivious to events happening around me and didn't really wake up to other people's auras till later in life. My nanny called it selfish. I just think I was half asleep. So five kids, five step-kids and two husbands later, I have become more aware and am full of the need to redeem myself to those that didn't understand me, to those that pissed me off, to those that I pissed off, and to those members of my family who needed me but I wasn't there.

I wrote some stories with trepidation, for in writing them I was opening secrets. I wrote some stories as a way of instilling and sharing memories with those that have grown up hearing about the whānau but have never met or don't remember them, and I wrote others because they were worth writing. I write because I find it cleansing. Writing stories is easier for me than regaling them, letting them lay at rest on paper makes sure their content doesn't get mixed up when someone else repeats them. I write because my stories bruise my brain until they're written. They fell out of my fingers one day after I had been nostalgic remembering my childhood and my aunties, my nanny and my koro, and all my cousins." - Kat Maxwell

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Endless Yet Never / Martin Edmond (Ed) Jane Parkin  
McCahon House House Trust, Auckland, New Zealand 2020

72p.

9780473513856

\$ 35.00 / null

120 gm.

A short yet highly informative introduction to the life and work of New Zealand's esteemed artist Colin McCahon.

There is something about the way Colin McCahon's life and work intertwine that resists interpretation. He always insisted it was the work that was important, not the life; while at the same time maintaining that the work was autobiographical. He also said that all art is about death: biography, too, seeks to describe the shape of a life which is over.

Endless Yet Never is not exhaustive; nor psychological; nor even interpretative. Instead it sets out the primary facts of the artist's life in chronological order, relates those facts to the work he did and suggests what his influences, his preoccupations and his ambitions at any given time might have been.

The virtue of concision in the re-telling of a life is the opportunity it gives to identify the main lines without seeking to explain them. Biography may be an imperfect form; but it can show the trajectory of a soul and also say something about the character of that soul's journey.

This is what Endless Yet Never tries to do.

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Letters of Denis Glover / Sarah Shieff  
Otago University Press, Dunedin, New Zealand 2020

808p.

Includes Index

9781988592541

\$ 110.00 / HB

1320 gm.

Oh Christ, a bloody ½ witted student, for purposes of an essay, has just come in to ask me what I and Baxter write verse for, and if we mean what we say, or is there something deeper; could we write better verse in England, or here; or do the critics and professors just read a lot into what's said that isn't there? So much. And I have been very rude indeed. – Letter to John Reece Cole, 16 August 1949 Nothing about this excerpt from a letter by Denis Glover will surprise anyone who knows him by reputation. He – and his letters – could be witty, intelligent, alarmingly frank and frequently highly entertaining. A widely admired poet, honoured naval commander, gifted printer and typographer, Denis Glover was founder of the Caxton Press in Christchurch. For 15 years from 1935 he directed a publishing programme that did much to define New Zealand literature for its day, and for much of the rest of the century. His literary work was suspended for war service in the New Zealand Division of the Royal Navy, during which he earned a DSC for his activities in the Normandy landings. But he was also a serial philanderer and prodigious drinker, and his private life increasingly disintegrated around him, more and more publicly. And yet his energy as a correspondent appeared never to wane, and almost to the end he confided openly, prolifically and entertainingly to hundreds of acquaintances and confidants. In this magnificent volume Sarah Shieff presents around 500 of Glover's letters to around 110 people, drawn from an archive of nearly 3000 letters to over 430 recipients. Many now recall Glover as little more than a misogynistic old fart, a court jester. These letters should give readers the opportunity to revise – or at least complicate – those dismissive categorisations.

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Servant Leader : Leni Robredo / (Ed) Ed Garchia & Danton Remoto  
San Anselmo Publications, Inc., Manila, Philippines 2020  
x, 134p.  
9786218230026  
\$ 40.00 / null  
570 gm.

When the history of the Philippines is finally written, long after we had awakened from this nightmare when a pandemic crippled the economy, shut down factories and offices, closed schools and sports venues, and changed life overnight, there will probably be a footnote that would say: "Sayang. If only we had more servant leaders who responded to the situation then, that would have made a huge difference." And what a difference she would have made! In a style of her own, Vice-President Leni Robredo served her people wisely and humbly from the get-go as soon as she sensed that she could fill in a gap. Together with her team and people who had been working with her in delivering services to the most vulnerable, Vice-President Robredo identified strategic areas of involvement she could focus on. Team Leni took stock of the situation even at the onset of our health crisis and chose priority areas. She called them her "concerns of choice." The Office of the Vice-President, given its limited budget of P447 million in 2019, could apply its capacities and capabilities on the areas. Moreover, she began to harness efforts and resources from citizens to address the most urgent needs, particularly for those in the front lines of the health services. These included the medical workers were most vulnerable as she battled to heal the sick face-to-face while the rest of us helped create community defenses by physical distancing and staying at home during the lockdown.

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Jose Isidro N. Camacho in Conversation / Jose Isidron N. Camacho & David Jonathan Y. Bayot  
De La Salle University Publishing House, Manila, Philippines 2021  
x, 122p.  
9789715556842  
\$ 20.00 / null  
210 gm.

The Leadership in Conversation series is a platform designed to engage readers to a conversation with exemplary minds in leadership and management across disciplines. As the world experiences sweeping socio-economic, technological, and affective change, thoughtful leaders and discerning visionaries will provide the necessary strategies to meet new challenges. A primary aim of the conversations is to enthuse and motivate the wider reading public. Learning about the life-path of these leaders will inspire readers to engage more fully and successfully in their own professions and life-goals. As the leading subject of this volume unravels his story, the biography of his ideas, and the trajectory of his life-path and profession as a financial executive, a collector, and a total leader, readers will see how personal goals act within the wider frame of international business leadership. An annotated time-line section within the book puts this personal story in a broader economic setting.

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At the Crossroads of Church and World / Bienvenido F. Nebres, SJ

Anvil Publishing, Inc., Mandaluyong City, Philippines 2021

xx, 220p.

9789712736209

\$ 25.00 / null

280 gm.

Growing up in the shadow of World War II, in a small town with a simple upbringing, young Ben Nebres learned very early that life is difficult and he would do well to spend less time complaining and more time finding solutions. So find solutions he did. Bienvenido Nebres, SJ takes us through the formative years of his childhood and his education, through the harrowing Martial Law years as he played a pivotal role in the revolution and rebuilding of a wounded nation. His quest to close the poverty gap in the Philippines by way of education guided him through his years as the Ateneo de Manila University president and led him to the honor of a National Scientist award. A deeply inspiring memoir, At the Crossroads of Church and World is the story of a man and his unwavering love for the country he serves.

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Inspire Me 2 : Images of Nigerian Working Women / WimBiz

WimBiz, Lagos, Nigeria 2018

200p.

9789789640424

\$ 150.00 / HB

1660 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745025>

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Biographies and Strategic Leadership of Selected Commanders in Military Operations : Lt Gen Tukur Yusuf Buratai and Six Others in Perspective / Benedict U. Achodo

Abeysteph Globalink Lt, Abuja, Nigeria 2020

xxiv, 409p.

Includes Bibliography

9789789769803

\$ 75.00 / null

1310 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745026>

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The Dream : Pursuing The Black Renaissance Through The Murky Waters of Nigerian Politics : Memoirs / Femi Okurounmu

Bookcraft, Ibadan, Nigeria 2019

xxxii, 672p.

Includes Index

9789785602210

\$ 90.00 / null

1010 gm.

The book's subtitle, "Pursuing The Renaissance Through The Murky Waters of Nigerian Politics", foregrounds its structural and thematic import as that which is a mix of the national and the personal.

The Foreword was written by an expert in Yoruba history and politics, Professor Stephen Adebajji Akintoye, while the author's Prologue hints that his book is a fine mix of the personal history of a Nigerian and that of his country's politics.

The story of the author's roots and birth, first of all, highlights the simple, medical explanation for hitherto ravaging, mystical infant mortality. He was the fourth, yet the oldest surviving child of his father.

It also highlights his humble beginning as the son of a roadside watch repairer. The author's educational journey through primary schools in Abeokuta, to Government College Ibadan, and later to Harvard and MIT in the USA, are comprehensively captured in the first three chapters of the book.

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For Women and The Nation : Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti Of Nigeria / Cheryl Johnson-Odim & Nina Emma Mba

USA: University of Illinois Press, Chicago, Nigeria 1997

xviii, 200p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9780252066139

\$ 25.00 / null

340 gm.

Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti was a Nigerian activist who fought for suffrage and equal rights for her countrywomen long before the second wave of the women's movement in the United States. Her involvement in international women's organizations led her to travel the world in the period following World War II. She championed the causes of the poor and downtrodden of both sexes as she joined the anticolonial movement struggling for Nigeria's independence.

For Women and the Nation is the story of this courageous woman. One of a handful of full-length biographies of African women, let alone of African women activists, it will be welcomed by students of women's studies, African history, and biography, as well as by those interested in exploring the historical background of Nigeria.

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BIAFRA : The Horrors of War : The Story of A Child Soldier / Okey Anueyiagu

USA : Brown Brommel Publishers, Georgia 2020

277p.

9780983738428

\$ 40.00 / null

610 gm.

"Biafra: The Horrors of War, The story of a Child Soldier" by Okey Anueyiagu, takes you inside one of the world's almost forgotten wars with devastatingly sordid and haunting imagery. The author conjures a frightening reality that very few people, especially children have ever encountered. With candid details, the author describes in a uniquely dramatic and movie-like style, the perilous mental and physical struggles that he and his people suffered. In his grappling with the pains and horrors of war, he exposes the transformative powers of perseverance, showing how Biafrans turned their pains and sufferings into strengths in endurance. The author, Dr. Okey, using this war, brings to the fore, the fact that despite the odds against the Biafrans; the hunger, the death, and that despite the silence of the world in the perpetration of the holocaust, the pogrom and the genocide, the people of Biafra survived by forging an unbelievable bond that allowed them to overcome the horrific conditions of the war. This book is a compelling classic. A perfectly recalled bitter and wicked account of a people's journey through darkness and a country gone berserk.

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Amazing Grace : The Autobiography of Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala /  
Christopher Adebayo Alao-Akala

Noirledge Publishing, Ibadan, Nigeria 2020

xviii, 530p.

Includes Index

9789785781656

\$ 90.00 / HB

860 gm.

This autobiography gives a honest, unashamed glimpse into his family life; the man who runs his family with patience and Yoruban sagacity, the husband who carries his wives along and who is clearly still vulnerable where they are concerned, the lover who cheekily declares that he has never offended any woman, and the father who loves his children so much it would seem he is overcompensating for having missed the love and presence of a father.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=745030>

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Morning By Morning : The Autobiography Ayo Banjo / Ayo Banjo

Safari Books Ltd., Ibadan, Nigeria 2019

xx, 248p.

Includes Index

9789785598667

\$ 55.00 / null

500 gm.

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