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From Oloibiri to Bonny : My Life and Insights from Rising and Leading in Nigeria's
Petroleum Industry / Godswill S. Ihetu

Kawe Books, Lagos, Nigeria 2022

xxiii, 329p.

9789789705283

\$ 70.00 / null

540 gm.

Godswill S. Ihetu shares his remarkable journey from Oloibiri to Bonny. His encounters from joining the petroleum industry from the age of eighteen as a trainee technician in Shell-British Petroleum to his rise to leadership in the petroleum industry as Managing Director in both the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas Limited (NLNG) and the Nigerian Gas Company (NGC) and eventual retirement from the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) as Group Executive Director. This book narrates his pioneering roles in the different institutions that shaped the Nigerian petroleum industry, the early government steps and missteps, the politics preceding the incorporation of NNPC and a historical account of the overall development of the petroleum industry in Nigeria.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835892>

Fulfilling Your Destiny / Mike Bamidele

Great Vision Publishing House, Ilesa, Osun State, Nigeria 2020

280p.

9789785792256

\$ 50.00 / null

500 gm.

Fulfilling your Destiny gives you actionable guidelines to how you can be and do, what you were ordained to be, and do.

Mike Bamidele is a prolific author and a minister of the Gospel. He is also the founding president of Victory Life Ministries Int'l, based in Ilesa, Nigeria.

This book is his personal memoir, and also a chronicle of the massive achievements of God in Victory Life Ministries.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835891>

I Called Him Dad / Fatima Ishiaku

Christian Faith Publishing Inc., Meadville, PA, USA 2019

132p.

9781098004194

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

My name is Ishiaku Ada Fatima, born on December 25, 1975, in Kaduna state, Lagos Nigeria. I grew with a man that I thought was my dad, not knowing he wasn't my dad.

I was sexually abused before the age of seven 'til I was fourteen years old.

How I almost killed myself, how I lived on alcohol, how my mother treated me so badly.

Now I'm using my story to help victims like me, to help them break their silence by speaking out and also to let the world know what sexually abused girls go through mostly in Nigeria and also to let people know that victims should not be bullied. I believe my book will help victims speak out and also open the eyes of society to see what victims go through that way people can help them and not bully them. Mothers in Africa believed victims should keep quiet because they see this act as a taboo while the victims die in silence. This book is about saving the girl child by breaking the silence.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835890>

The Life and Times of George Fernandes / Rahul Ramagundam

Penguin Random House India Pvt. Ltd., Haryana 2022

Xxv, ill. 533p.; 23 cm.

Includes Index.

9780670092888

\$ 20.00 / HB

980 gm.

George Fernandes (1930-2019)-a firebrand trade union leader, socialist politician and an incredibly powerful orator-was best known for leading the All India Railwaymen's Federation (AIRF) in May 1947 and calling upon its approximately 1.7 million employees to strike, which brought India to a halt for twenty days. Often described as a rebel, he pursued every cause he took up with passionate devotion, heedless of the many ups and downs in his life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833237>

Dairy of an I-Bad-an Lawyer : The Sights, The Times, The Prejudices / Okezi Uwede-Meshack Esq

Kawe Books, Lagos, Nigeria 2019

viii, 201p.

9789789743933

\$ 30.00 / null

300 gm.

Fresh out of university and vocational law training, okezi tells weekly stories of his experience in the city of ibadan, western Nigeria. With early misconceptions about the city and the practice of law, he starts out his journey with confidence and hope as the city opens him up to it's realities, it's opportunities and its adventures.

This collection of events exposes the struggles of a young law professional and the many intrigues that the city of ibadan had to offer. This thrilling piece of literature touches on legal, political, social and environmental themes and is intended to be a conversation starter.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835899>

Tesilimi Thunder Balogun : Legacy of a Legend / Kunle Solaja

Extra Time Communications Limited, Magboro, Ogun State, Nigeria 2022

xz, 146p.

Includes Index

9789787901922

\$ 50.00 / null

250 gm.

Tesilimi 'Thunder' Balogun: Legacy of a Legend is a deeply researched account of the odyssey of one of the earliest international footballers from Nigeria. He is regarded as the first football legend in Nigeria as the early history of Nigeria's national cup competition is almost an account of the football exploits of Balogun. To many who were born in the 1940s or before 1960 – the old generation – Balogun was the best footballer to have come from Nigeria. He was regarded as a total footballer who combined scheming skills with striking skills. He was seen as a footballer with sharp shooting, dribbling and heading skills. On the international scene, he was one of the earliest Nigerian footballers to venture abroad and also trained as a coach. He is reported to be Africa's first qualified professional football coach. He was the assistant coach to the Nigerian team at the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico. But as his star began to take an international dimension, he died suddenly in his sleep on 30 July 1972. This book recalls his exploits.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835898>

The Many Lives of Mangalampalli Balamuralikrishna: An Authorized Biography / Veejay Sai

Penguin Random House India Pvt. Ltd., Haryana 2022

Xiii, 306p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9780670090426

\$ 15.00 / HB

730 gm.

Mangalampalli Balamuralikrishna, an internationally renowned Carnatic musician from the illustrious musical lineage of composer Saint Tyagaraja, wore many hats in his lifetime. Having made his stage debut at the age of seven, he was hailed as a child prodigy. From then till the time he passed away, at the age of eighty-six in 2016, he remained in the spotlight, not just for his extraordinary talent versatility as a vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, but as a composer, playback singer and even, briefly, as a character actor.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833236>

Dear Senthuran : A Black Spirit Memoir / Akwaeke Emezi

Farafina (Kachifo Limited), Lagos, Nigeria 2021

240p.

9789785892789

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

In three critically acclaimed novels, Akwaeke Emezi has introduced readers to a landscape marked by familial tensions, Igbo belief systems, and a boundless search for what it means to be free. Now, in this extraordinary memoir, the bestselling author of *The Death of Vivek Oji* reveals the harrowing yet resolute truths of their own life. Through candid, intimate correspondence with friends, lovers, and family, Emezi traces the unfolding of a self and the unforgettable journey of a creative spirit stepping into power in the human world. Their story weaves through transformative decisions about their gender and body, their precipitous path to success as a writer, and the turmoil of relationships on an emotional, romantic, and spiritual plane, culminating in a book that is as tender as it is brutal. Electrifying and inspiring, animated by the same voracious intelligence that distinguishes Emezi's fiction, *Dear Senthuran* is a revelatory account of storytelling, self, and survival.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835897>

Dear Pastor's Wife : A Memoir / May Ijisesan

Mackae Books, Nigeria 2021

200p.

9781737596806

\$ 50.00 / null

350 gm.

Dear Pastor's Wife is an inspiring memoir that talks about faith in the face of uncertainties, resilience despite struggles, and the cost & rewards of a consecrated life. It draws the reader into the private life of a woman who works both at the forefront and behind the scenes but is often hidden in the shadows. This beautiful work of art is for Pastors' wives, any woman married to a man in leadership, or anyone who wants to know about the inner workings of a Pastor's wife's life. May Ijisesan shares practical life experiences and lessons peculiar to the Pastor's wife from over two decades of her journey.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835896>

By His Grace : My Autobiography / A. B. O. Desalu

A. B. O. Desalu, Nigeria 2022

xiv, 150p.

9789789705764

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835895>

Thirty Roses One Road : Challenges And Achievements Of A Technocrat In Government : My Memoirs / Demola Badejo, Esq.

Goldzek Multi Projects Ltd., Abeokuta, Osun State, Nigeria 2021

xxii, 342p.

9789789978922

\$ 50.00 / null

540 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835894>

The Memoirs of an African Comedian / Okey Bakassi

Tribal Marks Media Production, Nigeria 2019

xiv, 210p.

9789789777624

\$ 45.00 / null

300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835893>

From Valley to Hill Top : A Biography of Deacon (Chief) Simon Adedeji Sayomi (JP) (The Asiwaju of Igosun Land) / Oluwole Osundeyi

Dee-Sage Nigeria Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2006

438p.

Includes Index

9783839136

\$ 50.00 / null

650 gm.

From Valley to Hill Top is an inspiring story of Deacon (Chief) Simon Adeleji Sayomi (JP), the Asiwaju of Igosun Land, a fearless and charismatic leader. It is an all-important biographical story of industry, faith, courage, perseverance, selflessness and service to God and humanity.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835881>

A Legacy on the Move : An Autobiography of Alex Olu Ajayi / Alex Olu Ajayi

EKSU Printing Press, Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria 2021

xii, 342p.

Includes Index

9789785730777

\$ 50.00 / null

500 gm.

The book tells the story of a legend, a teacher, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather and the son of a true preacher who was more interested in the gospel of Jesus Christ and not the things of the flesh.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835880>

The Ohiozebau Dynasty: The Memoirs of Late Hon. (Chief) Ohiozebau Paul Abiodun Aigbevboile (The Uben of Emai Land) / Tunde O.T. Imoobe

Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Benin City, Nigeria 2022

xxviii, 68p.

9789994553198

\$ 40.00 / null

200 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835889>

The Burden of Leadership : My Story / Sunday Ohousi Onohaebi

Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Benin City, Nigeria 2022

xvi, 128p.

Includes Index

9789788548997

\$ 65.00 / HB

500 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835888>

Standing Tall : A Biography of Olaitan Alabi / S. Ademola Ajayi

Jaak Debson Publications Limited, Ibadan, Nigeria 2020

xxxii, 421p.

Includes Index

9789785630091

\$ 65.00 / null

600 gm.

This is a biographical sketch of the life and times of Olaitan Alabi, the Asiwaju of Apomu Kingdom in Osun State, Nigeria. The book vividly captures ther birth, boyhood, schooling, career and family life of an octogenarian servant-leader who has left an indelible imprint on society at both the micro and macro levels.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835887>

Double Jeopardy : The Doyin Okupe Story / Doyin Okupe

Celebrity Chronicles, Lagos, Nigeria 2022

316p.

9789789997824

\$ 65.00 / null

450 gm.

Dr. Okupe's autobiography; his personal views about the highs and lows of Nigeria's political experiment will surely be one of the major topics of the year. The incisive and forthright compendium contains the explosive chronicles of his life as a front-row partaker in Nigeria's political history over the past four decades.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835886>

My Ancestors and I : An Autobiography of Sam O. U. Igbe : The Iyase of Benin Kingdom / Sam O. U. Igbe

Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Benin City, Nigeria 2022

xx, 208p.
Includes Index
9789788548973
\$ 70.00 / HB
600 gm.

My Ancestors and I is a voyage, a compelling piece of family history, a biography and autobiography.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835885>

My Life Journey So Far : Autobiography of Senator Professor Sir Chief Adegó Erhiawaríe Eferakeya / Adegó Erhiawaríe Eferakeya

Mindex Publishing Co. Ltd., Benin City, Nigeria 2016

xviii, 492p.
Includes Index
9789788515784
\$ 75.00 / HB
900 gm.

Senator Professor Adegó Erhiawaríe EFERAKEYA hails from Aghalokpe near Sapele in Delta State of Nigeria. He is a holder of B Pharm (Ife, now OAU), PhD and MD (Kansas, USA) degrees. Thus, he is a Pharmacist, Pharmacologist and Physician. He is a bridge between Pharmacy and Medicine. He is a retired (not tired) Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria.

Professor Eferakeya is the author of the book titled "High Blood Pressure Time Bomb", and also co-authored the book "Some Contemporary Health Issues" with Professors Peter Hugbo and James I. Ogonor. He has published many scientific research papers in reputable national and international journals.

He taught Pharmacology and Toxicology (for twenty six years) to undergraduate Dental, Medical and Pharmacy students and graduate students within and outside Nigeria. He supervised many MSc and PhD students some of whom are now Professors.

Administratively, Sir Eferakeya functioned as the Chief Pharmacist of the defunct Bendel State; Head, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology and Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Benin; Chairman, Department of Pharmacology, King Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

Professor Eferakeya served his Country, Nigeria, as a Senator of Federal Republic of Nigeria (2007 – 2011). He is honoured with Chieftaincy titles of OKAKURO, The Omakpokpor of Okpe Kingdom, The Ohworode of Mosogar Kingdom and The Ogburebe of Uvwie Kingdom. Sir Eferakeya is a Catholic Church Knight of the Order of Knights of Saint Mulumba Nigeria, (KSM). He is happily married to Barr. Lady Chief Oyeiwo M. Eferakeya (LSM, nee Osime) and the marriage is blessed with lovely children.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835884>

The Man, The Soldier, The Patriot : Biography of Lt. Gen. Ibrahim Attahiru / Niran Adedokun ,Fati Attahiru

CableBooks, Lagos, Nigeria 2022

xxvi, 170p.
Includes Index
9789789703029
\$ 50.00 / null
400 gm.

He inspired courage and confidence in the Nigerian Army which informed successes recorded during his watch. He led the Nigerian Army from the front and was a source of inspiration worthy of emulation by all officers and men of the armed forces of Nigeria. – President Muhammadu Buhari, President and Commander-in-Chief, Nigerian Armed Forces***Gen. Attahiru was a great leader. His career was very impressive. At every step, he did very well and showed that he was a bold, brave, and accomplished officer of integrity. Throughout his career, he served without blemish. He served with integrity. He served with great courage, and we are very proud of him. – Mallam Nasir El-Rufai, Governor, Kaduna State***He was an officer and a gentleman, a dependable man of few words. He was a very intelligent and hardworking officer. And that is why, amongst his mates, you could count him as being among the best. As a result, it was no surprise that he was chosen as Chief of Army Staff from among his peers. He was worth his calling as a General. – General Lucky Irabor, Chief of Defence Staff

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835883>

To The Stars Through Bows and Arrows (Ad Astra Per Ardua) / Basorun Seinde Arogbofa

John Archers (Publishers) Ltd, Ibadan, Nigeria 2019

280p.

Includes Index

9789785655537

\$ 50.00 / null

450 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835882>

All Will Be Well : The Autobiography of Itse Sagay / Itsejuwa Sagay

Safari Books Ltd., Ibadan, Nigeria 2022

xiv, 618p.

Includes Index

9789785926927

\$ 50.00 / null

1000 gm.

Professor Itsejuwa Esanjumi Sagay (Senior Advocate of Nigeria) obtained his law degree (L.L.B) from Ife in 1965 and was enrolled as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in 1966 after obtaining his Certificate from the Council of Legal Education (B.L.). He was awarded a Master of International Law (L.L.M) from Cambridge in 1968 and a Ph.D in International Law in 1970.

He has been conferred with several distinguished academic honors including the National Scholarship for the Best Performance in University (LL.B.) Law Examinations (1963 - 1966); Sweet and Maxwell Publishers Prize for the Best performance in Revenue Law in the Nigerian Bar Examinations (1966); Willoughby Prize for Best Overall Performance in the Nigerian Bar Examinations (1966) amongst several others.

He is a 1976 recipient of the Certificate of The Hague Academy of International Law and was conferred Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) in 1998. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, (Nigeria) and Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal studies (NIALS).

Prof Sagay has one of the most extensive professional legal experiences in Nigeria serving as Managing Partner of Itse Sagay & Co for over 28 years. He has also served as Dean Faculty of Law, University of Benin and Dean, Faculty of Law University of Ife. He has consulted for the United Nations, the African Union and the African Commission. He has also advised several National Ministries Departments and Agencies including being Reviser of Nigerian Minerals Law for the Nigerian Federal Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources in 1993 as well as Mediator in the Former Workers Mediation for the Nigerian Security Minting and Printing Company in 2002 and 2003.

His areas of professional and teaching experience include but are not limited to Public International Law, Constitutional Law, Law of Contract, Family Law, Law of Succession, Corporate Law, Business Law, Nigerian Customary Law, Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law. He has published 18 law books and monographs with over 200 publications in local and international journals and newspapers. He is happily married with children.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835879>

Sons of a Priest : Testimonials of Past C.K.C. Onitsha Students Under Rev. Fr. Nicholas C. Tagbo, OON / Odili Ujubuonu

Brande Aristotle Ltd., Lagos, Nigeria 2019

298p.

9789789767526

\$ 90.00 / HB

1500 gm.

Sons of a Priest is a collection of witty, honest and soul-stirring experiences of former students of the famous Christ the King College, Onitsha under Very Rev. Fr. Nicholas Chukwuemeka Tagbo (OON). Each story uncovers the young, innocent and impressionable mind of each schoolboy. Each packs the distinct signature of the contributor's circumstances and unveils the ties that bind him to this wonderful priest and great college. The book is, however, more than a C.K.C. testimonials; it is a guide to principals, school administrators, child psychologists, parents and teachers on the fading art of turning boys to men.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835878>

The Witness / Gilling, Tom

Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

320 pages

9781760879273

\$ 42.99 / null

445 gm.

The fighting had ended but for Sandakan's most notorious prisoner the war was not over.

'That bastard's still alive? I'm going to kill him with my bare hands.' POW Bill Moxham

At the Australian war crimes trials that followed World War II, one prosecution witness stood out: Warrant Officer Bill Sticpewich.

During his three years in the infamous Sandakan POW camp, Sticpewich had seen hundreds of fellow prisoners die of starvation, sickness and overwork. Others were shot or bayoneted to death by Japanese guards on forced marches through the Borneo jungle. Of more than 2400 Allied prisoners at Sandakan at the start of 1945, only six survived. It was Sticpewich's meticulous evidence that sent Sandakan's commandant and his murderous henchmen to the gallows.

But to his fellow prisoners Sticpewich was not a war hero, he was a collaborator who avoided heavy labour and obtained extra rations by ingratiating himself with the Japanese.

Was Sticpewich a traitor or a man who did what he needed to stay alive? Drawing on wartime records, original interviews and the recollections of other survivors, The Witness reveals the compelling story of Australia's most notorious POW.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832741>

The New Ringer / Breckwoldt, Roland

Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

280 pages

9781761067839

\$ 39.99 / null

385 gm.

A shy young man from the suburban outskirts takes himself to Gulf Country on a 1960s boys own adventure that changes his life forever

'A beautifully written - yet stunningly different - memoir of a young misfit. Absolutely loved it.'
- Ray Martin

'We can give you a start. You will need a six foot by four foot piece of canvas and blanket. If you stay for three months we will refund your fare. You will need to fly TAA out of Cloncurry and advise me your date of arrival.'

And so began the adventures and misadventures of young Roland Breckwoldt. It was 1960. He was not yet sixteen, and the unworldly Roland was leaving his home on the semi-agricultural fringes of Sydney to work as a stockman on the vast cattle stations of the Gulf Country of North Queensland.

A more unlikely stockman you would not find. Born in an internment camp in Central Victoria, his family had come to Australia from Germany via Shanghai. But it was out mustering on horseback and living in remote bush camps with characters as eccentric as any in outback Australia that Roland learnt about the world and discovered his place in it.

Full of youthful stumbles and told with great freshness and gentle humour, this beautifully written coming of age story is a nostalgic and evocative reminder of a disappearing way of life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832733>

The All of It / Bell, Cadance

Penguin Books, Australia 2022

448 pages

9781761045028

\$ 39.99 / null

595 gm.

A heart-warming, heart-breaking and heart-stopping coming-of-gender memoir

If you're alive, you can do anything.
If you're reading this, you're not dead.

Seven years ago, Ben was loveless, overweight, in debt and living in his parents' rumpus room, trying to find a way to quietly die. Days passed by in a haze of marijuana smoke and self-loathing.

Then, one day, Ben decided not to die. He decided to change everything - starting with the Ben bit. Becoming Cadance would be more than a gender transition. It would be a transition in every way. It would mean leaving behind a rural Mudgee childhood filled with Frogger, hot chips, Godliness and a forbidden love of Sarah Parker's My Little Pony; and the violence, drugs and secrecy that plagued her twenties. Choosing to live was just the beginning; what mattered was how she existed. She was going to experience the all of it.

Written with dazzling creativity and exuberance, The All of It is a wild coming-of-gender memoir like no other. Tender, tragic, hilarious and life-affirming, it will leave you understanding a little more about trans people, rural Australia, family, millennials and the beautiful contradictions of our kaleidoscopic world.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832735>

Between me and myself : a memoir of murder, desire and the struggle to be free
/ Sandra Willson ; edited by Rebecca Jennings

Text Publishing Company, Australia 2022

xxiii, 300 pages, 4 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations ; 24 cm.

9781922330116

\$ 44.99 / null

460 gm.

On 29 April 1959, Sandra Willson, a twenty-year-old trainee psychiatric nurse from Paddington, devastated by the break-up of her relationship with her female lover, left her home and hailed a taxi. Asking the driver to take her to a remote location on the coast near Cronulla, she waited until he had stopped to consult a map and then shot him in the back of the head. Found not guilty of murder on the grounds of insanity and sentenced to detention at the 'Governor's Pleasure', Willson spent the next seventeen years in prison and psychiatric hospitals, becoming the longest-serving woman prisoner in NSW. Her memoir, largely written in prison and now published for the first time, describes the events leading up to the shooting, the day itself and the years of incarceration that followed. Raw, compelling, *Between Me and Myself* is a fascinating insight into life on the social margins of post-war Sydney, an indictment of the justice system's treatment of gay women, and a tragic story of abuse, mental illness, desire and repression.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832774>

Raised by Wolves / Ho, Jess

Affirm Press 2022

288 pages

9781922806307

\$ 39.99 / null

360 gm.

Growing up Cantonese in the racist outer suburbs was hard enough for Jess Ho, but add in a dysfunctional family who only made peace over food, and it was clear that a normal life was never on the menu. Jess emerged from childhood with a major psychological complex and a kick-arse palate, traits that would help them fit right in to the messy world of Melbourne's food scene.

In hospitality, Jess found a new family of outsiders who shared their lust for life and appetite for destruction. As the Australian food scene exploded, fuelled by the kinds of 'exotic' foods Jess had grown up on, they became one of the most influential voices in Australia's bar and restaurant scene. But the industry Jess loved had its own dysfunctions: greed, ego, sexual harassment, exploitation and a never-ending fetishisation of Asian food culture. And Jess wasn't one to hold their tongue.

Raised by Wolves is a fierce, funny and razor-sharp coming of age story from a savage new voice.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832773>

Stronger : how losing everything set me free / Dinesh Palipana

Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd., Australia 2022

264 pages ; 23 cm

9781760984786

\$ 46.99 / null

345 gm.

"A puddle of water on a highway changed Dinesh Palipana's life forever. Halfway through medical school, Dinesh was involved in a catastrophic car accident that caused a cervical spinal cord injury. After his accident, his strength and determination saw him return to complete medical school - now with quadriplegia. Dinesh was the first quadriplegic medical intern in Queensland, and the second person with quadriplegia to graduate medical school in Australia. Despite all of the pain and hardship he's faced, Dinesh now sees his accident as a turning point for the better in his life. He believes it has made him a better doctor, with a better grasp of the concerns and fears of his patients, and a more sensitive, open human. He fights for equal and equitable access for disabled people, and is a compassionate and skilled doctor working in one of Australia's hospitals. After everything he's been through, Dinesh believes he is now happier, stronger and more capable than he was before the accident. It helped him to clarify what was important in his life, and taught him that happiness and strength can always be found within.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832776>

No One Listens to Your Dad's Show / O'Connell, Christian
Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

336 pages

9781761068140

\$ 29.99 / null

295 gm.

The hilarious and moving story of Christian O'Connell's very public journey from number one to no one.

As a radio DJ in London, Christian O'Connell appeared to have it all.

He held the number one spot nationally, with a faithful audience of millions who'd listened to him for years. Celebrities flocked to come on his show and no other radio DJ had won more awards.

But not everything was as it seemed. Minutes before going live one morning, something happened that changed everything and led to a decision of seismic proportions. He quit his job, moved to the other side of the world, where no one knew him, and took on the toughest radio market in the world - Australia.

Why? Is the question he's been asked every day since landing Down Under. Until now he's never shared the real reason.

No One Listens to Your Dad's Show is the story of Christian risking everything, uprooting his wife, two daughters and his dog to move to Australia. A move that lands him as a complete unknown in a country where, he soon finds out, no one wants to hear him on the radio.

He was failing, fortysomething and falling apart.

Until he wasn't.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832763>

Untwisted / Jennings, Paul

Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

336 pages

9781761065903

\$ 29.99 / null

300 gm.

Honest, insightful, funny - a brilliant memoir about writing and teaching and life from one of Australia's most loved children's authors.

In the telling of his own tale, children's author and screenwriter Paul Jennings demonstrates how seemingly small events can combine into a compelling drama. As if assembling the pieces of a jigsaw puzzle he puts together fragments, memories and anecdotes to reveal the portrait of a complex and weathered soul.

The accounts of the trials and joys of turning his stories into episodes of the television program Round The Twist will be of special interest to the millions of fans of this series. Untwisted is revealing, moving and very funny.

Paul Jennings has crafted perhaps his most masterful story yet ...the story of his life.

About the Author

Paul Jennings has written more than one hundred stories and sold over ten million books. Since the publication of Unreal! in 1985, readers all around the world have loved his stories. The first two series of the top-rating TV series Round the Twist were based on Paul's popular short story collections and he received two Awgie awards for screenwriting episodes. He was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to children's literature in 1995, was awarded the prestigious Dromkeen Medal in 2001 and was made a Fellow of Monash University in 2010. In 2019 he was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Children's Book Council of Australia. He lives in Warrnambool with his partner, comedian, actor and author Mary-Anne Fahey.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832760>

My father and other animals : how I took on the family farm / Vincent, Sam

Black Inc. Books, Australia 2022

294 pages : map ; 23 cm

9781760640439

\$ 39.99 / null

410 gm.

Sam Vincent is a twenty-something writer in the inner suburbs scrabbling to make ends meet, when he gets a call from his mother: his father has stuck his hand into a woodchipper, but 'not to worry, it wasn't like that scene in Fargo or anything'. When Sam returns to the family farm to help out, his life takes a new and unexpected direction. Whether castrating calves or buying a bull, or knocking in a hundred fence posts by hand when his dad hides the post-driver Sam's farming apprenticeship is an education in grit and shit. But there are victories too: nurturing a fig orchard to bloom; learning to read the land; joining forces with Indigenous elders to protect a special site. Slowly Sam finds himself thinking differently about the farm, about his father and about his relationship with both. By turns affecting, hilarious and utterly surprising, this memoir melds humour and fierce honesty in an unsentimental love letter. It's about belonging, humility and regeneration of land, family and culture. What passes from father to son on this unruly patch of earth is more than a livelihood; it is a legacy.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832744>

My Adventurous Life / Smith, Dick

Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

352 pages

9781761068058

\$ 44.99 / null

755 gm.

"Entrepreneur, adventurer, philanthropist ... Australian icon Dick Smith shares his extraordinary life story.

'Part Bear Grylls, part Bill Gates, but 100% Aussie larrikin. Dick is a great innovator, philanthropist and adventurer, who in my eyes can do no wrong.' - Paul Hogan

'I have been charmed by good fortune to be born in Australia in the 1940s. I have lived through a time of great prosperity and every day I am reminded of my good luck.'

Dick Smith is a remarkable and proud Australian. He has been part of our national consciousness for over fifty years as an innovative and astute businessman, a ground-breaking adventurer, a generous philanthropist and a provocateur for the causes he feels deeply about. Yet, despite his great successes and achievements, Dick has remained down to earth and close to his roots.

So how did the young boy who was one of the most academically hopeless in class become the national living treasure he is today? And what was it within that kid with a speech impediment that allowed him to create three successful businesses, and take on some of the world's greatest and most dangerous aviation challenges?

In *My Adventurous Life*, Dick shares his inspiring story and the lessons he's learned about staying true to yourself. He has welcomed the freedoms that wealth brings, but has found the simple life more fulfilling. His responsibility is to the world and the people we share it with.

'I have known Dick Smith for such a long time and he truly is a "one-off"! This marvellous tale of this fascinating life adds colour and insight to what most Australians know of him as a leader, businessman, philanthropist and great Aussie stirrer. To this all I can add only one phrase, he is a true patriot.' - General the Honourable Sir Peter Cosgrove AK AC (Mil) CVO MC (Ret'd)

'A compelling yarn of an extraordinary Australian life - one that he was lucky not to lose on about ten occasions by my count!' - Peter FitzSimons AM

'Businessman, adventurer, philanthropist . . . Dick Smith is a true Australian legend.' - Greg Mortimer OAM"

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832747>

The Digger of Kokoda / Lane, Daniel
Pan Macmillan Australia Pty Ltd., Australia 2022
368 pages
9781761260278
\$ 49.99 / null
470 gm.

The battle that saved Australia. The track that saved one man's life.

Reg Chard endured hell as an 18-year-old Australian soldier who fought in 1942 on the infamous Kokoda Trail in World War II.

Ironically, Kokoda rescued Reg decades later when he decided to take his own life. After losing Betty, his wife of 66 years, the grief-stricken great-grandfather lost the will to live. But he found new purpose through educating young people, giving guided tours of Sydney's Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway.

On these tours, Reg relives Kokoda every day. He sees an image on the wall of a soldier - a comrade - who succumbed to disease weeks after the photograph was taken. He feels his heart beating as his patrol chases down Japanese troops who had mutilated women in a jungle clearing. He hears the war cry of a samurai sword-wielding officer charging towards him. And he tells these stories along the walkway, preserving the memory of those who never came home.

As one of the last surviving diggers of Kokoda, Reg Chard has become a custodian of its legacy. This deeply moving, healing and inspiring biography of the 98-year-old veteran tells us of Reg's war in the jungle and how, 80 years after the battle that saved Australia, Kokoda still lives within him.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832795>

Serendipity : from truffles and champagne to corn flakes and coffee: stories of accidental success / Oscar Farinetti ; translated by Barbara McGilvray

Black Inc. Books, Australia 2022

xiii, 285 pages : illustrations ; 24 cm.

9781760643249

\$ 44.99 / null

415 gm.

Did you know that your morning coffee could be thanks to a herd of energetic goats? Or that a forgotten ingredient is behind the invention of the beloved brownie? Who got the fright of their life discovering corn could pop? And which popular soft drink started out as a medicinal syrup? Oscar Farinetti, founder of high-end global food chain Eataly, presents this collection of insightful and entertaining interviews with leading artisan food producers, chefs, inventors and CEOs around the world. Reflecting on the accidental discoveries that gave birth to some of the world's most well-known gastronomic delights - including Nutella, the humble sandwich, french fries, the ice-cream cone, rum and balsamic vinegar - these serendipitous tales ponder humankind's never-ending quest to find something new, and remind us that our mistakes, our flaws, our failures, can often be the most essential ingredient in finding success.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832797>

Sir Robert Ho Tung: Public Figure, Private Man / May Holdsworth

Hong Kong University Press, Hong Kong 2022

xii, 208p.

Includes Index; Selected Bibliography

9789888754243

\$ 55.00 / HB

500 gm.

Sir Robert Ho Tung (1862–1954) is a compelling figure in Hong Kong history. He is regularly portrayed as the colony's greatest philanthropist and wealthiest man of his day, the first Chinese to live on the Peak, and, at the end of his life, the 'Grand Old Man of Hongkong'. The illegitimate son of a Chinese mother and European father, he was highly sensitive about his mixed heritage though he consistently made the most of his fate. He was a man perfectly in tune with his place and time, his success driven as much by his entrepreneurial talents as by his being Eurasian. This book shows him in all his immense variety—clerk with the Imperial Maritime Customs, chief compradore of Jardine Matheson, financial wizard, husband and lover, patriarch of a large family of five sons and eight daughters, loyal British subject but also, paradoxically, Chinese patriot. China's president Yuan Shikai awarded him the Order of the Excellent Crop, and King George V knighted him.

May Holdsworth's thoughtful and deftly written account of the life is the first full-length biography in English. Given unique and unprecedented access to family and personal papers, including letters, diaries, notes, and photographs, she offers a nuanced perspective on a public but also private man. Her book will be a rich resource for historians and general readers interested in the men and women who played a key part in the shaping of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Hong Kong.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832004>

Developing the Heart: E.M. Forster and India / Nigel Collett

City University of Hong Kong Press, Hong Kong 2022

xliv, 424p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789629375904

\$ 45.00 / null

650 gm.

Both a reflection on India's history and a biographical retelling of Forster's travels there in the early 1900s, this book delves into the past to better understand the impact certain events and people had on his writing, allowing readers to watch as Forster matures over time.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832005>

Gama Pehalwan: The Lion of the Ganges: Icon of India and Pride of Pakistan Life Story of A Champion Wrestler of the World (1882-1960) / Balbir Singh Kanwal
SLM Publishers, Patiala 2022

xiv, 186p.; ill. 22 cm.

9789391083335

\$ 6.25 / null

320 gm.

Balbir Singh Kanwal is the Dean of Indian wrestling historians. He is a living link to the golden era of Indian Wrestling before the Partition of India/Pakistan. He Personally knew Gama, Imam Baksh, Ghulam Mohiuddin, Chota Gama and many other all-time greats.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833327>

28 Japan: Four Weeks, One Epic Trip, and the Realisation that Backpacking in Your-Almost 40's is Not For Everyone / Nadiah Kimie

Nadiah Kimie Binti Othman (Self-Published), Malaysia 2022

288p.

9786299717706

\$ 49.50 / null

500 gm.

28 Japan shares my personal travel tips, hopefully useful insights, moments of inspiration and the occasional frustration alongside many, many photographs I captured along the way. Use this book as a guide to help you plan a future trip to Japan, or indulge in a little wanderlust as I reminisce this memorably epic vacation through a country that charms me every single time.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835979>

Son of Sarawak Who Walked on the Streets of Kuching / Edward Larkin Mansel (Ed), H. Azahar

Edward Larkin Mansel (Self-Published), Malaysia 2020

380p.

9789672675709

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

'Edward Larkin Mansel was born in 1942 to a Japanese-Bidayuh mother and English father. He was educated in St. Thomas's Anglican School, Kuching. He served for 35 years in the Research Branch of the Department of Agriculture Sarawak. Edward has a long list of experience with him, starting as a field assistant to several foreign field scientists in the Soil Survey and Tree Crops Agronomy Division since 1962. He retired as Senior Assistant Agricultural Officer (Research) in 1996 after serving in various sections within the Research Branch. In 1994 Edward was awarded the Sarawak Government Long Service Medal and Pingat Perkhidmatan Terpuji (PTT) by the Sarawak Government for his active involvement in Charity Organisations. He is Vice-Chairman of the Malaysian Leprosy Relief Association (Sarawak Branch) since 1992.

After retirement, Edward became a free-lance tourist guide. He was appointed as one of the panel members of the Sarawak Tourist Guides' Association by the Ministry of Tourism to develop a new syllabus for the training of tourist guides. In addition, he is a vocational training officer and a speaker for the Sarawak Tourist Guides' Association's Continuing Tourism Related Education (CTRE) programme.'

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835978>

Footprints Along the Way : Lifetime Memories of a Journalist, Author and Publisher / David Hilton-Barber

Footprint Press, South Africa 2020

402p.

9781928539810

\$ 50.00 / null

700 gm.

With a great-grandfather who founded the Cape Times in 1876, journalism was always my life choice. Born in Grahamstown and with 1820 Settler blood in my veins, I was infused with history. A degree at Rhodes under the tutelage of Professors Guy Butler (English) and Winnie Maxwell (History), mapped the future. More as a bystander than a participant, I have witnessed 80 years of history unfolding, from the bucolic Eastern Cape to the colonial world in Northern Rhodesia, from the politically doomed

Central African Federation to the bustle of Johannesburg, from the steamy Lowveld to the serene seaside of the Western Cape. I have failed in farming, lost a loving wife after 56 years of marriage, grieved over the premature deaths of a son and grandson, and made some really terrible choices in my career. But another wedding late in life has redeemed my happiness.

Throughout my life, the written word has been my motif. In my latter years I have turned to researching, writing and publishing non-fiction historical books, slim volumes of interest to a niche readership. I have launched books at bookshops, given presentations at book fairs, addressed meetings of historical societies, participated in Zoom events and, gratefully, begun receiving author's submissions from far and wide.

This work has sustained me and my last modest contribution to my family, friends and readers is this memoir.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833390>

Unforgiven : Face to Face with my Father's Killer / Liz McGregor

Jonathan Ball Publishers, Jeppestown, Johannesburg, South Africa 2022

272p.

9781776191888

\$ 40.00 / null

340 gm.

A searing, intimate memoir tracing the author's attempt to find out the truth about her father's murder.

Robin McGregor, an older man living in a small town outside Cape Town, is brutally murdered in his home. Cecil Thomas is convicted for the crime, but his trial leaves more questions than answers. His daughter, Liz, tries to move beyond her grief but she still wants answers. What drove Thomas to torture and kill a complete stranger?

The author meets the murderer's family and discovers that he comes from a loving, comfortable home. He is educated and skilled – there is no apparent reason for his descent into delinquency. After protracted obstruction from the prison authorities, she finally gets to confront him but not without putting herself in danger. She finds answers, but not the answers she is looking for.

Unforgiven tells a story seldom told: what happens to a family when one of their own is murdered?

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833391>

Milner : Last of the Empire-Builders / Richard Steyn

Jonathan Ball Publishers, Jeppestown, Johannesburg, South Africa 2022

xx, 380p.

Includes Index ; Select Bibliography

9781776191789

\$ 50.00 / null

560 gm.

Alfred, Lord Milner was a brilliant public servant and one of Britain's most celebrated – or notorious – empire-builders, who left an indelible imprint on the history of South Africa.

Sent to southern Africa to bring President Paul Kruger's obstreperous Boers to heel, Milner was primarily, though not solely, responsible for the Anglo-Boer War (1899–1902), a conflict that marked the beginning of the end of the British Empire. In the aftermath of the war, a determined Milner set out to reconstruct the former Boer republics, but his policies stoked resentment among Afrikaners, particularly in respect of language and education. He left behind a coterie of young administrators, the so-called Kindergarten, who contributed significantly to the unification of South Africa and the fostering of imperial ideals through the Round Table Movement.

In this biography, the first by a South African, Richard Steyn argues that Milner's reputation should not be defined by his eight years' service in South Africa alone. Despite his controversial stance on the issue of Irish Home Rule, Milner's legendary administrative ability made him the obvious choice for War Secretary in Lloyd George's five-man War Cabinet, and Milner did much to shape the Allied victory in the First World War.

If his personal qualities and beliefs made him the wrong man to send to South Africa, where he failed to accomplish the over-ambitious goals he set himself, he was the right man in a far greater international conflict.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833381>

Across the Border : Surviving the Secret War in Angola / Norman McFarlane (Ed)
Gillian Warren-Brown

Tafelberg (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2022

360p.

9780624093046

\$ 50.00 / null

540 gm.

Norman McFarlane was just out of high school when he was conscripted for national service and sent to Angola. Like so many other ordinary troops, he was thrown into the horror, deprivation and banality of war. He recounts his loss of innocence in Angola, the subsequent 'camps' and his journey towards confronting his post-traumatic stress disorder. Told with disarming honesty and humour, he gives voice to a generation of white South African men forced into a grisly, life-defining experience.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833380>

Too White to be Coloured, Too Coloured to be Black : On the Search for Home
and Meaning / Ismail Lagardien (Ed) Melinda Ferguson

Melinda Ferguson Books (mf), Cape Town, South Africa 2022

244p.

9781990973420

\$ 50.00 / null

400 gm.

Too White to be Coloured, Too Coloured to be Black is a dazzling hybrid of memoir, commentary, first-hand observation and analysis, encapsulating defining moments of contemporary South African history and society. As a photographer, journalist, academic and columnist, the author forces a conversation between the present and the past of a country wracked by racial injustice. In exposing details of his own life – how the personal is interwoven with the public, and how the past cannot be separated from the present – Lagardien provides a taut indictment of South Africa's politics of race and recrimination. Amid it all are his own struggles with being.

Throughout the book he pauses, often, on his own failures and shortcomings, in search of freedom; looking back, always, as if to find more pain in the past to perhaps fill the emptiness of displacement and meaninglessness.

Tortured by psychological and physical violence and struggles with his "coloured" white skin and green eyes, he eventually drifts away from the ties that bind one to family, faith, identity and community towards displacement.

Eventually Lagardien comes to accept his own helplessness and lack of purpose, without surrendering responsibility for his own choices. A triumphant marriage between intellectual rigour and personal disillusionment.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833389>

Now You Know How Mapetla Died : The Story of a Black Consciousness Martyr / Zikhona Valela (Ed) Hugh Macmillan

Tafelberg (NB Publishers), Cape Town, South Africa 2022

192p.

9780624091875

\$ 45.00 / null

340 gm.

Mapetla Mohapi was a leading member of the Black Consciousness Movement, and the first to die in detention in 1976. Police produced a 'suicide note'. The note was later confirmed by a British expert as a forgery. Since then, his wife Nohle has worked tirelessly for justice. Zikhona Valela traces the politics of the time, the convergence of biographies that led to the brutal and tragic death of Mapetla Mohapi, and the effects on Nohle and the Mohapi family. A shocking and necessary book.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833387>

Magda : My Journey / Magda Wierzycka

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House South Africa (Pty) Ltd), Cape Town, South Africa 2022

xii, 244p.

9781776096664

\$ 50.00 / null

400 gm.

How did a teenage refugee from communist Poland become one of the richest women in South Africa?

In what ways did she disrupt the financial services industry?

What drove her to become an activist exposing corporate and government corruption?

What are her secrets for succeeding in business and life?

The founder of multibillion-rand financial services empire Sygnia Limited, Magda Wierzycka is South Africa's most successful businesswoman. In this engaging and insightful book, she tells the story of her life, from her childhood in communist Poland, her family's escape and relocation to South Africa, her early struggles in the male-dominated financial services industry, and the formation and growth of her own company, Sygnia.

With a business model built on transparency and low fees, it was a natural step for Magda to become an outspoken critic of corporate and government corruption, exposing wrongdoing and making her many powerful enemies in the process.

In this book, Magda shares the life lessons and business principles that have driven her and brought her success. This is a fascinating story that will inspire you to speak out, lean in, break out, and ultimately empower yourself not only to survive in life and business, but to thrive.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833386>

Curlews on Vulture Street / Jones, Darryl

NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2022

320 pages

9781742237367

\$ 39.99 / null

355 gm.

Darryl Jones, author of *Feeding the Birds at Your Table*, reveals the not-so-secret lives of the most common birds that share our towns and cities.

Despite the noise, heat, dust and fumes, the ceaseless movement, light and toxins, many birds successfully live their lives among us. And not just furtively in the shadows. Ibis steal our lunch, brush-turkeys rearrange gardens and magpies chase us from near their nest.

From blackbirds and sparrows in his childhood country town to brush-turkeys in the suburbs, Darryl Jones shares a fascinating story of curiosity, discovery, adventure and conflict, played out in the streets and backyards of Australia. He also provides rare insights into the intimate lives of some of our most beloved and feared, despised and admired neighbours. Magpies, curlews, ibis, lorikeets and cockatoos will never seem the same again.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832817>

Mortal divide : The autobiography of Yiorgos Alexandroglou / George Alexander ; photomontages by Peter Lyssiotis

Giramondo Publishing Company, Australia 2022

189 pages

9781922725295

\$ 36.95 / null

240 gm.

A groundbreaking novel which combines fiction and biography, memory and imagination, *Mortal Divide* is even more striking now for its range and inventiveness than when it was first published twenty-five years ago. It focuses on the eponymous narrator George Alexander who, as Yiorgos Alexandroglou, is both the author himself under his Greek name, and his grandfather, whose name he carries. Suffering a breakdown in confidence because of the stresses in his marriage, and the failure of his vocation as a writer, he finds himself in Perth where he was raised, then in Port Said where he was conceived, then in Kastellorizo, the tiny Greek island just off the Turkish coast, which was the home of his forebears. These places and others he has lived in are overlaid, like the figures from his past, his parents and grandparents, his wife and daughters and lovers, his own multiple identities and those he has drawn from films and books. The result is an intricate interweaving of connections, the associations doubling, tripling, proliferating, in proof that 'elsewhere is inscribed everywhere'

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832813>

The Bookseller at the End of the World / Shaw, Ruth

Allen and Unwin, Australia 2022

320 pages

9781988547756

\$ 39.99 / null

445 gm.

A rich, immersive, funny and heartbreaking memoir of the charming bookseller who runs two tiny bookshops in the remote village of Manapouri in Fiordland, in the deep south of New Zealand.

'An extraordinary story.' Shaun Bythell, *The Diary of a Bookseller*

Ruth Shaw weaves together stories of the characters who visit her bookshops, musings about favourite books, and bittersweet stories from her full and varied life.

She's sailed through the Pacific for years, been held up by pirates, worked at Sydney's Kings Cross with drug addicts and prostitutes, campaigned on numerous environmental issues, and worked the yacht *Breaksea Girl* with her husband, Lance.

Underlining all her wanderings and adventures are some very deep losses and long-held pain. Balancing that out is her beautiful love story with Lance, and her delightful sense of humour.

This will make you weep and make you laugh and make you want to read more books - and make you want to visit Ruth and her two wee bookshops.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832819>

Weekends with Matt / Coleman, Peter & Fowles, Matt

Affirm Press 2022

288 pages

9781922711991

\$ 42.00 / null

435 gm.

The "peacock's tail" is used to describe a wine that is wonderfully complex and ultimately rewarding. Surely there's no better metaphor for life.

Weekends with Matt is a classic odd-couple tale of two very different men and the common ground that can be found over a shared passion.

It was at the bottle shop, somewhere between the chardonnay and the zinfandel, that Peter realised he didn't have a clue about wine. On his way to a dinner party and in a mild panic, he called Matt, a wine-loving acquaintance who expertly steered him towards the perfect bottle. The selection was a hit, but it was Matt's passion that stuck in Peter's mind. He decided to visit Matt's vineyard for an introduction to the noble grape. One visit led to another and this unlikely pairing of a Proust-quoting intellectual and a farmer with a love of hunting found themselves bonding over life, ideas, vulnerability, aspiration, nature, philosophy and, of course, a glass or three of wine.

Like a tipsy Tuesdays with Morrie, this well-crafted tale is as much a guide to life as the mysteries of wine. With thought-provoking notes and philosophical undertones, this is a delightful story that readers will love to sip and savour.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=832800>

She Tells It All : Experiences of Rape and Sexual Assaults / Dolapo Oyedipe

Books and Prints Limited, Lagos, Nigeria 2018

114p.

9789789711727

\$ 35.00 / null

200 gm.

Each year, millions of women are raped or sexually abused but only a few out of them tell their stories. Some of them commit suicide because they believe their honor and dignity had been snatched away from them during the unwanted and shameful act often lasting only a few minutes. Research has shown that young female children and women are the prime targets of this crime. Many rape victims are still hurting from its shame till this moment while others have ended their lives because they were blamed for being raped. She Tells It All is about some aspects of my life while growing up, incidents which I have always felt the need to shout out to families, to other girls /daughters. By taking the bold step of writing this book and being a voice that can be heard, I hope that others as well can make a positive change in their lives by coming out with their stories knowing that it is never too late to take a bold step. Being raped or sexually molested is a traumatic experience which could bring one's life to an end. She Tells It All is an eye-opener to every reader that whoever goes through such an experience should not keep silent but dare to speak out for justice to take its course. The laws relating to the offence of rape has been explained in such a way that any reader can understand. The experiences of other victims should also serve as a courageous beginning to tell it all...

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835902>

Surviving Sajomaco : A Nigerian Boarding School Odyssey : A Memoir / Bunmi Asaolu

Bunmi Asaolu (Self-Published), Nigeria 2021

260p.

9781739941505

\$ 40.00 / null

400 gm.

Asaolu presents a wry, satirical and at once serious look at a Nigerian public boarding school in the 1990s through the eyes of a sheltered child navigating its brutal corridors. In Surviving SAJOMACO, Asaolu's experiences and those of his contemporaries are laid bare, giving the reader a raw and at times jarring insight into the incongruencies of school life, whilst subtly tracking the story of Nigeria itself.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835901>

Breaking Barriers : The Hitherto Untold Story of How I Survived Withdrawal from Medical School and Went Through 300 Level Four Times : A Memoir / Oladotun Awe

SegzyBen Communications Nig., Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria 2021

9789789971091

\$ 25.00 / null

200 gm.

How I survived withdrawal from medical school" is my personal story. It tells of my survival, tenacity, the many hurdles, and the years I had to go through repeating a class in University to being asked to withdraw, and finally finishing as a pharmacist. This is a journey that birthed greatness.

This book will make meaning to everyone that wants to inspire their world, no matter the setbacks. I shared my stories, my struggles, failures, and accomplishments in the course of the faltering journey to greatness. It is a book that will not only inspire, it will also enlighten you that you can be great, do amazing, and magnificent work. Reading this book will increase your chances of survival against all odds. Greatness awaits you!

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835900>

Patting the Shark / Baker, Tim

Penguin Books, Australia 2022

384 pages, 23cm.

9781760898915

\$ 39.99 / null

510 gm.

A surfer's journey learning to live well with cancer

Tim Baker was living the dream. A best-selling and award-winning surf writer with a beautiful family, a lifetime of exotic travel and a home walking distance to quality waves.

That all changed on July 7, 2015, when he was diagnosed, out of the blue, with stage 4, metastatic prostate cancer. So began a descent into the debilitating world of aggressive cancer treatments and a fight for a survival as brutal as any big wave hold down.

Tim writes candidly and with a raw vulnerability about this perilous journey through chemotherapy, hormone therapy, radiation and surgery, and his own determined lifestyle strategies to maintain mind, body and spirit. Happily, surfing provided one of his most powerful forms of therapy, and writing about his experiences has proven deeply cathartic.

In 2020, 1.5 million men were diagnosed with prostate cancer globally and 375,000 lost their lives. In Australia, one in seven men will develop prostate cancer. Yet mainstream oncology concedes its ability to keep men with prostate cancer alive has outstripped its ability to manage the often-devastating side effects of treatment. Men with prostate cancer are living longer but with a steadily declining quality of life.

Patting The Shark documents Tim's efforts to navigate his way through the maze of conventional and supportive therapies - meditation, diet, exercise, emotional support, counselling. Ultimately, it is a desperate plea for a more integrative approach to cancer care, treating the whole person and not just the cancer, allowing cancer patients a sense of empowerment and agency in charting their path through treatment.

This is a story about facing your mortality, staring down your fears, and working out what really matters in life, when so many elements of your identity are stripped away. It offers hope, comfort and empathy for anyone facing a cancer diagnosis and their loved ones.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833477>

August in Kabul : America's last days in Afghanistan / Andrew Quilty

Melbourne University Press, Australia 2022

292 pages : illustrations ; 23cm

9780522878769

\$ 39.99 / null

460 gm.

"August in Kabul is the story of how America's longest mission came to an abrupt and humiliating end, told through the eyes of Afghans whose lives have been turned upside down- a young woman who harbours dreams of a university education; a presidential staffer who works desperately to hold things together as the government collapses around him; a prisoner in the notorious Bagram Prison who suddenly finds himself free when prison guards abandon their post.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833496>

Matthew Flinders : the man behind the map / Gillian Dooley

Wakefield Press, Australia 2022

vii, 254 pages ; : illustrations (some colour), map, portraits (some colour), facsimiles (some colour) ; 24 cm

9781743059203

\$ 44.99 / null

570 gm.

Born at the end of the Age of Enlightenment and growing up as Romanticism took hold of European culture, Matthew Flinders was the embodiment of these seemingly irreconcilable movements. His achievements as a navigator and leader are impressive, but he was much more than an action hero, idolised by generations of admirers. In *Matthew Flinders: The Man Behind the Map* Gillian Dooley looks to the primary sources to discover Flinders as a friend, a son, a brother, a father and a husband; as a writer, a researcher, a reader, and a musician - and above all as a romantic scientist.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833434>

My Giddy Aunt and her sister comedians / Sharon Connolly

Upswell Press 2022

320 pages, 21cm

9780645247985

\$ 34.99 / null

380 gm.

A vivid and original account of the age of vaudeville in Australia and the eccentric women who gave it life.

Whip-smart and fabulously funny, the women of vaudeville entertained Australia and challenged ideas of how women should behave. Opening a forgotten case of photographs, Sharon Connolly begins a search for the great aunt she never knew. Gladys Shaw was a whistling comedian, a singer and saxophonist, an eccentric dancer and a whip cracker - one of the 'girls' who once made Australia laugh. They were musical comics, character actors and male impersonators in an entertainment industry being transformed by cinema and radio.

They parodied men, played naive maidens and maiden aunts, but they were modern women - independent, determined and sometimes wild. And they lived in a world of changing ideas about how women were expected to behave and dress. Filmmaker Sharon Connolly finds a sisterhood of jesters who charmed and surprised the backblocks, towns and big cities of Australia and New Zealand during the early 20th century. With a foreword by historian Professor Ann Curthoys, *My Giddy Aunt* tells how funny girls became entertaining women, while negotiating a society made for men.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833427>

Three-ring circus : the dramatic, mysterious, and tragic life of Mabel Worley, a destitute asylum girl / Corinne Ball

Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2022

x, 278 pages : illustrations, portraits ; 23 cm.

9781922669346

\$ 49.99 / null

475 gm.

Who was Mabel Worley? A life on the margins of polite society is seldom investigated. Mabel's seven decades spanned the turn of the 20th century and in that time she gave birth to a daughter in a destitute asylum, got married, ran away, joined a circus, navigated love and loss, and rubbed shoulders with star entertainers of her day -- only to lapse eventually into criminal existence as a vagrant and public drunk. She lived vitally and quite sensationally, but how and why did her life go so wrong, and what happened to her daughter? Corinne Ball has delved deep into archives to reveal the mystery.

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Alannah Coleman : a life in art / Simon Pierse

Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2022

xvii, 364 pages : illustrations, portraits ; 23 cm

9781922669438

\$ 59.99 / null

600 gm.

Alannah Coleman was admired as a free spirit and loved by many for her creative energy and physical beauty. She was part of a bohemian enclave in Australia and most significantly in postwar London where as a gallery director and curator she cultivated and captivated artists and literary figures such as Arthur Boyd, Charles Bush, Alister Kershaw, Sidney Nolan, Elizabeth Paterson, Albert Tucker and Phyllis Waterhouse. She tirelessly promoted Australian art and was a central figure in the sixties London art scene. In this biography, Simon Pierse reveals the fascinating and turbulent life of a neglected figure in British and Australian post-war art.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833422>

The worlds and work of Clarice Beckett / Edith M. Ziegler

Arcadia 2022

x, 271 pages, 24 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations (chiefly colour), portraits ; 24 cm

9781922669384

\$ 59.95 / HB

610 gm.

Clarice Beckett was one of Australia's most important early Modernist painters, excelling in portraiture, still-life and landscape. The discovery of a trove of her artworks has led to her remarkable talent and evocative art being recognised afresh and greatly admired.

Clarice Beckett was self-effacing; she left no diaries or letters and was only occasionally mentioned in the diaries of her friends. For an insight into her enigmatic genius, Edith Ziegler focuses on Clarice's family background, childhood; art education; philosophical, spiritual and psychological enquiries and influences; friendships and contacts. The reader is drawn into the world in which Clarice's vision was formed and her talent developed.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833420>

The women who changed country Australia : celebrating 100 years of the Country Women's Association of New South Wales / Liz Harfull

Murdoch Books, Australia 2022

320 pages : illustrations, portraits ; 24 cm.

9781922616227

\$ 59.99 / HB

1170 gm.

A compelling and thoroughly researched account of the CWA of NSW - its beginnings, its remarkable achievements and the indomitable women who have driven each one of its many successes. In 1922 a group of determined women from both the city and the country joined forces to change the lives of Australian families in the bush. Many had found their voices campaigning for the right to vote. Now they had no intention of sitting quietly at home while women and children suffered and died in their thousands from preventable causes. One hundred years on, the iconic Country Women's Association is famous for making scones, stitching handicrafts and raising money for worthy causes. But there is so much more to this national treasure. Refusing to give up or sit back and wait for governments to act, the CWA has always taken a forthright approach to getting things done. And, despite its conservative reputation, it has often pursued radical agendas ahead of their time. In the 1920s the CWA built hospitals and baby health clinics. In the 1930s it worked to save the Australian wool industry and encouraged women to take an interest in international affairs. During the Second World War it became a household name for reliability in a crisis. In the 1950s it set up branches in Aboriginal communities. A decade later it challenged public perceptions of mental illness. During the early 2000s it protested against new coal mines. In *The Women Who Changed Country Australia* best-selling author Liz Harfull reveals how the CWA struggled into existence, beset by clashing personalities and moments of high drama. In fitting tribute, it celebrates the CWA's astonishing achievements and the remarkable women who have led it, while coping with their own personal tragedies. Along the way, generations of grassroots members created what one prime minister described as a 'power in the land'. And they're not done yet!

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833418>

Moods Moments and Memories- Former Presidents of India (1950-2017): A Visual History / Nil

Publication Division, New Delhi 2022

313p.; ill. 27 cm.

9789354095443

\$ 67.00 / HB

1910 gm.

A collection of images, carefully selected from the rich archives of the Rashtrapati Bhavan, that seeks to bring out the lesser known but fascinating sides of their personalities. The compilation is also a visual record of the journey of the nation after Independence. The photographs, some rarely seen before, are shared here in the spirit of making the heritage of the Rashtrapati Bhavan more accessible to all.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833585>

Ranjit Singh Monarch Mystique (1780-1839) / Vanit Nalwa

Hari Singh Nalwa Foundation Trust, New Delhi 2022

xv, 343p.; ill. 28 cm.

9788191052619

\$ 97.50 / HB

1710 gm.

Monarch Mystique recounts the meiotic rise of Ranjit Singh, from a chieftain of Punjab to the Maharaja of the Sikh Empire. The rise of the Sikh Empire in the first half of the nineteenth century paralleled the downfall of the Afghan Empire. Numerous invasions by Ahmed Shah Abdali in the eighteenth century had demoralised Punjab. Ranjit Singh's exceptionalism reversed this sentiment by registering victories against the Afghans. His army the Khalsaji, became a symbol of fearlessness. By the mid-1820s, there were only two powers in the subcontinent, the East India Company and Ranjit Singh. The rapidly changing alignments in Europe and ambition of the Company, made it imperative for it to adopt the dual policy of exploiting its strength and thwarting the growth of the Sikh Empire. Despite the machinations of the Company the Sikh Empire continued to expand and retain its sovereignty until after Ranjit Singh's death. The Maharaja earned the respect of both the Afghans and the East India Company.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833584>

Nouméa Santiago en 55 jours / Philippe Gras

Philippe Gras, New Caledonia 2021

22 x 30 cm, broché, 256 pages

9791069981737

\$ 60.00 / null

1100 gm.

Cet ouvrage reprend le récit détaillé et illustré du pèlerinage de Saint-Jacques-de-Compostelle entrepris par le Calédonien Philippe Gras.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835316>

Histoire extraordinaire d'un homme ordinaire Mr Diamond Shine / Nathalie Philip Seigner

Edition à compte d'auteur, New Caledonia 2022

15 x 21 cm, broché, 288 pages

\$ 50.00 / null

Nouméa 2020. Ils n'étaient que de simples voisins, la crise sanitaire les a réunis et unis. Comme deux arbres qui poussent côte à côte, leurs racines se sont entremêlées au fur et à mesure des jours qui s'écoulaient. Prisonniers de leur île, ils ont su profiter du côté positif de cette situation anxiogène pour donner vie à cette histoire extraordinaire. Ils remonteront ensemble le temps et parcourront le monde dans un périple où émotions, confidences, affections, révélations, excitations seront leurs bagages... Voulez-vous faire partie du voyage ? Alors, attachez vos ceintures et prenez garde aux turbulences !

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835317>

De l'ombre à la lumière / Jean-Pierre Héraut

Jean-Pierre Héraut, New Caledonia 2021

15 x 21 cm, broché, 148 pages

9791069975842

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

Récit autobiographie de Jean-Pierre Héraut, personnalité calédonienne, illustrée de nombreux documents d'archives et de photographies couleur.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835314>

Robert et Jeanne Frouin : Histoire de la Nouvelle-Calédonie / Sari Oedin

Michel Frouin, New Caledonia 2022

22 x 22 cm, broché, 266 pages

\$ 100.00 / null

Cet ouvrage, très largement illustré, est un vibrant hommage à Robert et Jeanne Frouin, disparus en 2018, tous deux pionniers et figures emblématiques du Nord calédonien.

Ce livre mémorial raconte l'histoire de Robert Frouin, ce « broussard » atypique du Nord de la Nouvelle-Calédonie qui épousa Jeanne Pacilly. Ensemble, ils surmontèrent toutes les épreuves de la vie, les défis multiples comme la foire de Koumac, Tiébaghi ou encore la politique communale, provinciale et du pays.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835315>

Seizing the Moment : The Amazing Story of The Aworis of Kenya and Uganda / Horace Awori and Kondia Wachira

Afritell Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya 2017

308p.

Includes Index

9789966734427

\$ 75.00 / null

600 gm.

The pioneer Canon is described in the book as "a great leader among the early Anglican priests in Western Kenya and Eastern Uganda" who became the first Luhya to be ordained as a priest in Western Kenya, which he used to play a leading role in reaching out and converting thousands of residents in that region. Family has made big impression. Politics and the Awori family have been synonymous for close to a century, thanks to the patriarch Canon Jeremiah Awori of the Anglican Church. Canon Awori married Mariamu in 1919 at the age of 26 years and, by the standards then, could afford a bride wealth of 20 head of cattle. They were blessed with 16 children, three of who plunged into politics and left an indelible mark. The Awori patriarch was the first member of the North Kavirondo Local Native Council in 1925. Other than his three children who went into politics and became household names, the other 14 followed their hearts and were great achievers in their chosen paths in surgery, banking, sports, law, academia, writing, diplomatic service, the corporate world and business.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835397>

Uprooting the Roots of Poverty / Olivia Susan Ochoo

African Ink Publishers, Kombewa, Kenya 2022

viii, 152p.

9789914961539

\$ 25.00 / null

200 gm.

Judge me as unfortunate since you have not once lived through adversity. If you have never passed through life minus an opponent then there is no single person who can ever imagine or know what you are capable of or where your strength lies. We neither choose where we are born nor are given a life manual, we all design our survival skills and adjust appropriately to the ecosystem. Pain, hard times, hostility, and frustration should make us victorious! Turn your pain into your power! I conquered destitution through Him who orders my steps and walks with me through the thickest- 'Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23: 4). You too, can do it!

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835398>

Netaji - A Life in Pictures / Sugata Bose and Sumantra Bose

The Director General, Publication Division, New Delhi 2021

128p.; ill. 28 cm.

9789354093203

\$ 9.00 / HB

820 gm.

Drawing on the treasure trove of the Netaji Research Bureau archives, 'Netaji: A Life in Pictures' presents an evocative visual record and inspiring narrative of the life and struggle of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, dedicated to the cause of India's freedom. It portrays Netaji's many-splendoured personality in varied attire, multiple settings, and in many different moods.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833513>

Impressions and Expressions : Vignettes of Ideas and Issues from Personal Vantage / Subas KC

Shabdayatra Prakashan Banepa, Kavre, Nepal 2022

288p.

9789937653480

\$ 25.00 / null

320 gm.

My Dream for Nepal is: Beautiful Nepal, and Dutiful Nepali (coexisting at the same time!!!). Nepal in itself or by itself cannot be beautiful, Nepali must make it. If Nepali become dutiful, Nepal will be beautiful. Undeniably, we face a leadership crisis across society in the shape of the diminution of leadership or its absence altogether in many cases. Lesser leaders with constipated – vision, self-centric values, misunderstanding of roles, punctured moral grounds, and unprofessional practices rule the roost. We have suffered lesser leadership. Largeness is the identity and character of those who lead, but this is in short supply in our case. Hence, making larger leaders should be our aspiration and action. Sadly, what we are witnessing is the powerlessness of knowledge and the knowledgelessness of 'power' in our society. Thinking and sharing thoughts are two core processes that give deeper meaning to life as a higher existential experience, elevating us from sub-existence. At this difficult existential juncture of our life – both individually and collectively – such life-enhancing processes are even more critical to fighting for keeping life from sinking below conscious existence, a way to refuse to under-exist. Most of us choose not to create courses – and even not to correct the wrong courses – being happy with complying with the courses already set. It is particularly painful to see the youth falling into this cultural trap. My hope is. our youth will invest themselves more in creating courses for themselves. Courses are for creation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834801>

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

Landmark Books, Singapore 2022

216p.
9789811852701
\$ 25.00 / null
500 gm.

Mention the name "Sim Kee Boon" and it might draw blank stares, especially among the younger generation of Singaporeans.

Hand-picked by the colonial government to be a key civil servant, he participated in the merger talks with Malaysia, headed Intraco, the national trading company that was one of the drivers of the economy of a newly independent Singapore, and later, became Head of the Civil Service.

Sim Kee Boon is acknowledged as the man who oversaw the development of Changi Airport – from land reclamation and architecture, to clean toilets and plush carpets, making it the world's best air hub by always putting customer experience first. At the same time, he saw to the design of the neighbouring Tanah Merah Country Club to create world-class golf courses.

Another significant contribution was the salvaging of Keppel by turning it into a diversified, visionary Singapore corporation. Through it, he not only gave M1 its name but led it to become a leading telco from scratch.

He chaired the Council of Presidential Advisers, and after retirement from executive positions, sat on the board of Temasek Holdings and was the President Commissioner of Indonesia's Bank Danamon.

Sim Kee Boon: The Businessman Bureaucrat is more than the biography of this pioneer generation leader. It is a primer of the principles and values that he lived out in his successful career.

Meticulous research by biographer Low Shi Ping, with personal insights by Sim Kee Boon's granddaughter Leanne Sim, makes this an engaging and valuable book about a man who made a difference to Singapore.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833524>

Carving of a Firebrand : A Journey of Brokenness, Breakthrough, Loss and Restoration / Irene Kendi and Abuta Ogeto

Zanya Solutions, Nairobi, Kenya 2022

186gm.
9781560732626
\$ 30.00 / null
300 gm.

Through a life filled with struggle, meaning, tragedy, and accomplishment, Irene Kendi has emerged as one of the most iconic and compelling women of our era.

As the Deputy President of the Students Organisation of the University of Nairobi (SONU) – the first female student leader to serve in that role – she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive student leadership in Kenya's student leadership history.

While at it, she established herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in Kenya and worldwide. She showed us a few dance moves along the way, regaled us with her pulsating humorous banter, raised a down-to-earth son, and kept her family dignity under an unforgiving media glare.

In this memoir, Kendi invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood in Maua, on the northwestern slopes of Nyambene Hills and west of Meru National Park, to her years as a trade unionist, civil servant, and advocate. She tells of balancing the demands of motherhood and work at Kenya's most famous address – Nairobi.

With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her struggles, triumphs, and disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it—in her own words and on her terms.

Warm, wise, and revelatory, Carving of a Firebrand is the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul and substance who has steadily defied expectations – and whose story inspires us to do the same.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835415>

Lee Njiru – Presidents' Pressman : A Memoir / Lee Njiru

Kenya Literature Bureau, Nairobi, Kenya 2022

xviii, 366p.
Includes Bibliography

9789966658098

\$ 60.00 / null

600 gm.

After President Daniel Moi's retirement in 2002, many were not surprised that Lee Njiru, the long-serving Head of Presidential Press Service (PPS), was retained as his Press Secretary.

They had walked together through the highs and lows of his Presidency, weathering storms, including the attempted 1982 coup and strong waves of multi-partyism. Earlier, Lee was among the few pressmen Moi inherited from Mzee Jomo Kenyatta's regime. He was loyal, passionate, and delivered on this challenging assignment.

A household name, Lee's grasp of historical subjects and current affairs are impressive, partly explaining Moi's firm confidence in him. He employed an optimistic approach and a persuasive technique to every task assigned, allowing him to influence positively as Mzee's adviser. He helped the government to arm or nullify an idea, belief or attitude to create progress or preserve the nation State.

As Head of PPS, he used his knowledge and skills to pave the way for others, helping them to achieve big dreams, and went beyond the call of duty to give back to society. A number of individuals, schools, churches, self-help groups and communities can attest to his philanthropy and relief efforts.

The book, therefore, gives a rare glimpse of happenings in the corridors of power and illustrates efforts made at the Presidency to advance project Kenya. It is a useful read for everyone, but more so scholars, historians, policy makers, public policy experts, and politicians in Kenya and beyond.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835416>

Sheer Grit : A Memoir / Zipporah Kittony

Kenya Literature Bureau, Nairobi, Kenya 2022

xvi, 312p.

9789966657664

\$ 65.00 / HB

650 gm.

This is a memoir by Hon. Zipporah Kittony, an inspiration to girls, and a champion of women empowerment and gender equity in Kenya and beyond.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835413>

Beaten Odds : Footprints of Uncertainty, Resilience, Adventure and Triumph /
Stephen Mabea and Joshua Araka

Nsemia Inc. Publishers, Kenya 2020

xiv, 282p.

9781989928059

\$ 40.00 / null

440 gm.

Stephen Mabea was born to newly converted Seventh Day Adventist (SDA) parents as British missionaries made inroads into Western Kenya. With a life punctuated with challenges, Mabea's Christian upbringing, dedication to service and excellence saw him triumph at every turn.

One of the first teachers from his locality in pre-independent Kenya, he focused on shaping and moulding the lives of young people. Hard work and creativity saw each of his schools record stellar performance. Many of his students went on to pursue successful careers across the country and elsewhere in the world.

As a Staffing and Education Officer in Kisii and Siaya, he was central to implementing education programmes, improving teaching outcomes, streamlining teacher recruitment, and reforming the school equipment programme. Away from education, Mabea worked with fellow pyrethrum and tea farmers to get better returns for their sweat and toil.

Beaten Odds brings to the fore the story of an ordinary man who, within his abilities and limitations, scaled the heights. Is Mabea one of our unsung heroes? Be the judge!

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835414>

Uhuru Kenyatta : Promises Broken / Joe Khamisi
Jodey Book Publishers, Kenya 2022
xxii, 406p.
Includes Index
9789966192134
\$ 80.00 / null
700 gm.

This book is about Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta. It focuses on his upbringing, life, and political career, with emphasis on the ten years he served as president of the Republic of Kenya. It looks at his rise to power from his early years as a scion of one of the most prominent and wealthy families in Kenya, to a suspect at the International Criminal Court (ICC) on charges related to the 2007 post-election violence, to the president of one of Africa's biggest economic powerhouses in Africa. The book also brings in friends and foes among them Raila Amolo Odinga and William Samoei Ruto. Uhuru was not a dictator, but like his father, he wielded power, almost unchallenged. He muted the opposition, enacted retrogressive laws, disregarded the judiciary, and violated the constitution. He allowed cartelists, relatives, and friends, to exploit the country in cahoots with corrupt public officers. President between 2013 and 2022, Uhuru left an unprecedented debt burden on Kenyans that will take generations to pay. With borrowed money, he built huge infrastructure projects including highways, dams, health centres, and stadiums, even as half of the population lived in poverty and joblessness. Son of the Founding Father, Jomo Kenyatta, Uhuru failed to stop runaway corruption, wastage of resources, impunity, extra-judicial killings, and outright theft of public money. It is a compelling, informative, and resourceful book for everyone.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835412>

My Footprints on the Sands of Time : An Autobiography (With a New Postscript / Bethwell A. Ogot
Anyange Press Limited, Kisumu, Kenya 2011
600p.

\$ 90.00 / null
980 gm.

While Allan Ogot's circuits of influence have been very wide, and while he has participated in conferences and forums around the world, he has never yielded his intellectual and personal anchorage in Kenya – though he has had numerous opportunities to accept distinguished chairs overseas. Extraordinarily, Allan Ogot has sustained his incredible level of service and scholarship through shifting and challenging conditions within Kenya and within Africa, navigating changing economic and political circumstances. His steady hand and persistent commitment to the highest ideals of scholarly engagement and community provide remarkable models for all who are dedicating themselves and will dedicate themselves to Africanist scholarship. This autobiography provides a commentary on the history of Kenya as seen through Allan Ogot's life experiences.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835410>

Courage is a Calling : Saving Mombasa's Street Children / Lucy W. Vinda
Crimson Communication Limited, Mombasa, Kenya 2022
xii, 142p.
9789914747768
\$ 65.00 / null
500 gm.

Courage is a Calling takes the reader through the meticulous scary journey of a young woman seeking her purpose, her depth in her faith for what she perceives is her purpose and the courage to take up the challenge once she finds it. This book pulls us in with the audacity to venture into areas that are disregarded and "uncomfortable". It forces you to dive into this journey by Lucy Yinda and carries your yearning to the end of it.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835406>

Reminiscing Wonderland / Mong'Are Bw'Onyancha

Nsemia Inc. Publishers, Kenya 2020

180p.

9781734654905

\$ 24.00 / null

250 gm.

Dr. Bw'Onyancha paints a clear picture of his student life at his alma mater, Kisii High School dubbed Wonderland, in the late 1980s in this 170 pages Book titled Reminiscing Wonderland. Dr. Bw'Onyancha tells of a snapshot in time of the lives of students at Wonderland. He includes tales of the school backyard, Greenland (Arcadia), where a few rogue students used to drink alcohol, smoke bhang, and cigarettes, all smuggled from the neighbourhood. He also shows how some mischievous boys could dress in school uniforms borrowed from a neighbouring girls boarding school. The idea is to access the girls' school at night for an encounter with their girlfriends. The girls boarding school administration learns of the nocturnal activities, sets up a trap, and captures a couple of the mischievous students. Life lessons are learned. Dr. Bw'Onyancha also narrates his encounter with a bully at Wonderland whom he nicknames Molo. He first encounters the bully when he is admitted to Wonderland and is assigned to reside in dorm Ruri. It is here we see Molo making other students' life experiences, including his, challenging.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835404>

Lifted from the Pit of Brokenness and Despair : A Testimony of Healing and Restoration / Anastasia Queen

Fredrick & Judy Ndung'u, Nairobi, Kenya 2019

168p.

9789966070050

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

A real life account of the author's battle with depression and an attempted suicide after going through a painful relationship breakup. The author candidly shares the details around the relationship break-up, the struggle with humiliation, shame and despair – but also her journey of healing. Complete with advise on how to bounce back from a hurtful relationship break-up.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835402>

Drafts : 100 Letters I Will Never Send / Nkosilesisa Kwanele Ncube

Nkosilesisa Kwanele Ncube (Words by Nkocy), Kenya 2020

168p.

9781779259783

\$ 20.00 / null

240 gm.

As I (very reluctantly) approach my late mid-twenties, I can't help but think back on the many conversations I have had over the years. However, more than this, I can't help but regret the ones I didn't have. That's what this book is about. It is a collection of conversations that I could have, would have and should have had but didn't because they were too difficult or too awkward or too honest.

This is an assortment of 100 letters to different people, things and situations I have encountered in my 25 years of life. Some are quite heartfelt while others make for a good laugh. Through these letters, I document the best, worst and okayest moments of my life. Finally, while I still have the folly of youth as a plausible excuse, these are my honest thoughts on:

Family, Friends, God, Boys, People, A Million Little Things and it my greatest hope that anyone reading this finds a bit of themselves in these pages.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835403>

COVID STORIES Tests and Testimonies / Larry Liza

Lamor Connections, Kenya 2021

152p.

9789914401516

\$ 15.00 / null

200 gm.

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) swept throughout the globe, leaving behind a wretched world. Like the grave, it equalled the developed and the developing world wherein lay COVID-19—19 stories of tests and testimonies.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835400>

Korondo-Panic! : A Satirized Diary of a Kenyan's Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic / Joshua Nyang'au Araka

Nsemia Inc. Publishers, Kenya 2021

x, 226p.

9789966082473

\$ 24.00 / null

300 gm.

Articles in this book overflow with humour and thought provoking jokes. The way Araka twists and plays around with names of public figures, their actions and inactions, and blends it with the joys and disappointments of 'ordinary' citizens is on another level. The style is readable and appealing. The articles revolve around the novel Coronavirus disease. This is a time to be told and retold to present and future generations." – Rose Kong'ani Keya, Book Editor and Teacher.

"The author has banked on wordplay to offer his contribution in chronicling a critical moment in our lives when COVID-19 threw the world into panic and confusion. The book tells of humanity's inadequacies, hits and misses. Through his trademark satire, Araka shows that as human beings, we deserve better and can do better even when caught up in difficulties. - Dr. Edna Thamm, Gutenbergschule, Leipzig.

"Many occurrences happen in everyday life and can go unnoticed despite being significant. Araka is a gifted writer that makes such occurrences memorable through satire and humour. The themes in the articles including: political manipulations, exploitation, corruption, family relations, hypocrisy, traditions, and modern technology are well intertwined in the writer's rich narrative style with vivid descriptions that capture the reader to achieve reading this collection in the shortest time possible. I recommend this collection to readers that wish to relive occurrences in their lives and surroundings in a laughable way." - George Onkundi, Principal, Nyamira School.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835401>

Invisible Bridge : An African Journey Through Cultures / Francis Mading Deng

Africa World Books, Khartoum, Sudan 2021

484p.

9780648929185

\$ 90.00 / null

800 gm.

Francis Deng was in his second year in 1959-60, one of only four or five Southern law students. He was one of the favoured sons of Deng Majok, the well-known Paramount Chief of the Ngok Dinka, the only Nilotic people to live in Northern Sudan. Francis was quite short for a Dinka, only about six-foot, but he was recognizably Nilotic and, without putting on airs, had a dignified aristocratic bearing. He spoke very good English and Arabic and, in some respects, became a leader of the whole class, not just the few Southerners, for instance, leading an expedition to Germany during a long vacation. Oliver Farran and I encouraged him to gather information about Dinka custom and this turned out to be the beginning of his life-long involvement with writing about Dinka culture. In 1965 in New Haven, I helped to record his memories of his childhood and education from his father's compound, through village, primary, and secondary school, to universities in Khartoum, London and Yale. This became an intimate memoir, the publication of which awaits his retirement from public life. Francis later followed a very distinguished academic, political and diplomatic career as well as publishing about forty books. After sixty years, we are still close friends. – Prof William Twining.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835429>

Relentlessly Resilient / Peter Wasamba
Marimba Publications Ltd., Nairobi, Kenya 2022

viii, 224p.

7989966794506?

\$ 50.00 / null

320 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835427>

Dreams on a Motorcycle : A Riveting Life Story / Kevin WW Rombosia

Dayanka Publishers Limited, Nairobi, Kenya 2020

152p.

9789914700671

\$ 20.00 / null

320 gm.

Dr. Rombosia is a medical doctor, healthcare manager, budding geospatial epidemiologist, and the 2019 Kenya Excellence in Healthcare Leadership Award Winner.

"Dreams on a motorcycle", travels the reader through a journey of resilience in different seasons of life. With honest and lucid articulation, he describes his life's journey and parallels this with how motorcycling has throttled him on in this sojourn.

His story is a classic example of applying fortitude and resilience when faced by the different road conditions that assail us in life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835424>

Unveiling the Bald : My Alopecia Story / Carol Nkinda

Lifsource Publishing, Kenya 2020

66p.

9789914703573

\$ 25.00 / null

150 gm.

Alopecia/hairloss can happen to anyone. This is my personal walk in a book. My story with an autoimmune condition that is so daunting and full of challenges. It's not just hair. This has been said over and over. Going bald is the most daunting experience. It's a journey filled with low self-esteem, pain and unending stigma. Society judges you and you must find a way to remain afloat and relevant. Spreading awareness to a community that would rather hide than speak about Alopecia has been a challenge to overcome. I have had to boldly speak about it against all odds.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835425>

The Child of Many Worlds : Lessons on Career Growth, Leadership, Business and family : A Memoir / Susan Karanja

Big Books Ltd., Nairobi, Kenya 2022

160p.

9789914405347

\$ 30.00 / null

260 gm.

The Child of Many Worlds is the illuminating autobiography of a young girl who grew up in rural Kenya, facing many challenges in her quest for education and eventually rising to a senior position in the National Treasury, from where she retired as a Deputy Director, Investments, a post that led her to sit in the boards of critical public institutions such as the National Construction Authority, the Communications Commission of Kenya and the Agricultural Finance Corporation where she represented the Permanent Secretary for Finance.

However, this book is more than the story of one woman. It is a narrative which shows that anyone, more so women, can achieve the goals that they set for themselves if they invest time, effort, courage, dedication and commitment. Susan dared to dream and, as a result, remains an inspiration to girls and women everywhere.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835423>

Madam First Lady : My Work, Experience and Lessons as Machakos First Lady / Lilian Ng'ang'a

Lilian Wangui Ng'ang'a (Self-Published), Kenya 2022

100p.

9789914794106

\$ 35.00 / null

200 gm.

In this riveting little memoir, Lilian chronicles her achievements as the very first person to hold office of First Lady Machakos County. She treats us to snippets of her life that reveal she was more than just the Governor's ex-partner and more than just another pretty face.

We see her diligence, drive, determination to live her truth, her heart for the people and undeniable call to service. We get a sneak peek of the circumstances leading up to the role, the emerging cracks, and the eventual stepping down.

She continues to render her service to the disadvantages through the Lilian Nganga Foundation.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835420>

Leadership Through the Eyes of a Prisons Officer / Wanini Kireri

Bafeafrica Inspiration Networks, Kenya 2021

170p.

9789966139634

\$ 30.00 / null

250 gm.

Leadership Through the Eyes of a Prisons Officer is a veritable manual on management and leadership. As an officer who has risen steadily through the ranks of the Prisons Service, Ms Kireri combines theoretical and practical aspects of management and leadership throughout the 14 chapters of the 169-page book.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835421>

Staying the Course : A Memoir / Lydia Nzomo

Kenya Literature Bureau, Nairobi, Kenya 2022

xx, 308p.

9789966657671

\$ 40.00 / null

480 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835419>

Raila Odinga : An Enigma in Kenyan Politics / Babafemi A. Badejo

Yintab Books, Nairobi, Kenya 2006

xvi, 368p.

Includes Index

9789783720886

\$ 40.00 / null

550 gm.

Raila Amolo Odinga was the main opposition candidate in the disputed 2007 presidential election. Following a post-electoral crisis that resulted in the deaths of 1,500 people and the displacement of 600,000 more, Odinga took office as Prime Minister, at the head of a national unity government, in April 2008. He has played a key role in the modern political life of Kenya. This timely biography gives an overview of politics in Kenya over the last sixty years, and traces Raila's role in them.

The author is a political scientist who seeks to explain and assess Raila's political life. He covers background about the Luo, Raila's background and inheritance as the son of a prominent political leader, the one-party state by fiat, the failed coup, detention, exile & return, cooperation with KANU, the Rainbow Alliance, Kibaki's succession in 2002, Raila as a Minister.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=835417>

Notes on Womanhood: A Conversation About Gender and Identity / Sarah Jane Barnett

Otago University Press, New Zealand 2022

170p.

9781990048364

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

After Sarah Jane Barnett had a hysterectomy in her forties, a comment by her doctor that she wouldn't be less of a woman prompted her to investigate what the concept of womanhood meant to her. Part memoir, part feminist manifesto, part coming-of-middle-age story, Notes on Womanhood is the result. Here, Barnett examines the devastation she inflicted on herself as a young woman, the invisibility she feels as her youth fades, the power of female friendship, the stories women learn about midlife and menopause, and how being the daughter of a transgender woman changed her ideas of womanhood.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826571>

The Bookseller at the End of the World / Ruth Shaw

Allen & Unwin, New Zealand 2022

320p.

9781988547756

\$ 38.00 / HB

500 gm.

Ruth Shaw weaves together stories of the characters who visit her bookshops, musings about her favourite books, and bittersweet stories from her full and varied life before bookshops. She sailed through the Pacific for years, was held up by pirates, worked at Sydney's King's Cross with drug addicts and prostitutes, campaigned on numerous environmental issues, and worked the yacht Breaksea Girl as an expedition/tourist boat with her husband, Lance. But underlining all her wanderings and adventures are some very deep losses and long-held pain. Balancing that out is her beautiful love story with Lance, and her delightful sense of humour. This memoir will make you weep and make you laugh and make you want to read more books - and make you want to visit Ruth and her two wee bookshops.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826570>

How to be a Bad Muslim and Other Essays / Mohamed Hassan

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House, New Zealand), New Zealand 2022

216p.
9780143776215
\$ 35.00 / null
250 gm.

Funny, elegiac and chilling, these essays from award-winning New Zealand writer Mohamed Hassan blend storytelling, memoir and non-fiction to map the experience of being Muslim in the 21st. This is the breakout non-fiction book from award-winning New Zealand writer Mohamed Hassan. From Cairo to Takapuna, Athens to Istanbul, *How To Be A Bad Muslim* maps the personal and public experience of being Muslim through essays on identity, Islamophobia, surveillance, migration and language. Traversing storytelling, memoir, journalism and humour, Hassan speaks authentically and piercingly on mental health, grief and loss, while weaving memories of an Egyptian immigrant fighting childhood bullies, listening to life-saving '90s grunge and auditioning for vaguely-ethnic roles in a certain pirate movie franchise. At once funny and chilling, elegiac and eye-opening, this is a must-read book from a powerfully talented writer.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826573>

You Probably Think This Song Is About You / Kate Camp
Te Herenga Waka University Press, New Zealand 2022

224p.
9781776920129
\$ 40.00 / null
300 gm.

In these disarming true stories, Kate Camp moves back and forth through the smoke-filled rooms of her life: from a nostalgic childhood of the Seventies and Eighties, through the boozy pothead years of the Nineties, and into the sobering reality of a world in which Hillary Clinton did not win. 'Never apologise, never explain', Kate's mother used to say, and whether visiting her boyfriend in prison, canvassing door-to-door for Greenpeace, in a corporate toilet with sodden underwear, or facing the doctor at an IVF clinic, she doesn't. The result is a memoir brimming with hard-won wisdom and generous humour; a story that, above all, rings true. 'I didn't want it to end. Kate is clever, observant, funny, moving yet never sentimental, wise, and as brave as they come. She takes risks. Combine these attributes with her exceptional ability to craft the perfect phrase, sentence, paragraph, story-and there you have it: a deeply rewarding read.' - Linda Burgess

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826572>

A Fish in the Swim of the World / Ben Brown
Penguin Books (Penguin Random House, New Zealand), New Zealand 2022

224p.
9781761047343
\$ 30.00 / null
300 gm.

The Updated Edition of the Classic Memoir

Affecting and evocative, this classic memoir by one of Aotearoa's finest Maori writers is now updated with new material. Affecting and evocative, this classic memoir by one of Aotearoa's finest Maori writers is now updated with new material. 'This is a book of memories. Some of them are my own. Some of them belong to others. They are as true and as fallible as any memories-distorted by time and distance and a writer's choice of words...' In the debut memoir that kickstarted a writing career that has spawned more than 20 books, including many award-winners, Ben Brown writes of a quintessentially New Zealand way of living that may not change the world or even ripple its waters, but is replete with meaning. Gathered from the tobacco-green valleys of the Motueka River where he grew up during the 1960s and 1970s, Brown's memoir is rich with a sense of place, of family. The strands of his parents' lives reach from Outback Australia and the hardship years of the Great Depression and World War II, to the Waikato heart of the Kingitanga and a re-emergent people, to a time and place where 'tobacco was king' and a small farm by a river was the sum of all ambition. Each story, each portrait, resonates with the dignity, warmth and understated humour of one of our finest poetic voices.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826574>

The Boy from Gorge River: From New Zealand's Remotest Family to the World Beyond / Chris Long

HarperCollins Publishers, New Zealand 2022

320p.

9781775541776

\$ 45.00 / null

500 gm.

The story of how an extraordinary childhood shaped an extraordinary life.

On the West Coast of the South Island, past deep fiords and snow-capped mountains, Chris Long grew up two days' hike from the nearest road. He was born into the country's most isolated family, his parents committed to freedom from capitalist society and connection to the natural world.

In this inspiring memoir, Chris describes a childhood with nature on his doorstep - helping his father catch crayfish and his mother grow vegetables, playing with toys crafted from driftwood and jade, and learning to live in the wild - until, in his teenage years, he began to wonder: could he survive in the wider world?

By the son of the authors of *A Life on Gorge River* and *A Wife on Gorge River*, *The Boy from Gorge River* is an enthralling account of chasing adventure while forever staying true to where you come from.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826566>

A Gentle Radical: The Life of Jeanette Fitzsimons / Gareth Hughes; (Foreword) Chloe Swarbrick

Allen & Unwin, New Zealand 2022

384p.

Includes Index

9781988547831

\$ 45.00 / null

550 gm.

Jeanette Fitzsimons was a visionary, a pioneer and a radical. This is the story of someone who battled the patriarchy, the old boys' club in Parliament and had the courage to challenge political sacred cows. She was the co-leader of the Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand from 1995 to 2009, and Member of Parliament from 1996 to 2010. Highly regarded by all, she was the first (and until recently, the only) Green MP to win an electorate seat. She died very suddenly and unexpectedly in 2020. Fitzsimons is a unique figure in our political history yet someone whose personal story is still unknown. How did a girl from a conservative rural family get to the front lines of radical political thought and then into the front benches of Parliament? How did she become the first Green MP in the world to win an electorate seat? How did she survive the brutal world of politics and get through the death of her co-leader Rod Donald? Why did she decline ministerial power in 1999 and later why did she declare war on Labour over genetic engineering? What can we learn from her politics and what did she think of the Green Party that followed her? Fitzsimons lived a fascinating life, filled with moments of high political drama, and her example of how to navigate politics, adversity and triumph is more important than ever.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826565>

Points of No Return: A Memoir / Brian Lynch

Brian Lynch, New Zealand 2022

402p.

Includes Index

9780473624316

\$ 40.00 / null

850 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826568>

Party Hopper / Peter McCardle

Yourbooks, New Zealand 2022

340p.

9780473616885

\$ 40.00 / null

550 gm.

"I've found over the many years that, when elections come along, I just sit still at my Beehive desk, buy a coffee, the people around me all change, and I just carry on." This is the story of Peter McCardle's journey through the last thirty years in New Zealand politics. Beginning as a National MP, then with New Zealand First as a Cabinet Minister, later as a manager with ACT, completing an unplanned full circle return to the Beehive in the John Key Government. In this journey, Peter worked near to twelve political party leaders, including seven Prime Ministers, and played a leading role for NZ First in the 1996 MMP coalition talks. He created WINZ, subsequently served as senior political advisor to National's health ministers until 2017, which included National's response to the 2009/10 Swine flu pandemic. This health experience helped inform his insight into New Zealand's political and public response to Covid-19 and omicron. This book shares his insights and views on the National's party leadership changes over the years, including the current leadership. Party Hopper may surprise, please, differ from your views, or just entertain. Or all of these. Regardless, it will certainly leave you better informed.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826567>

Foundations / Karin Speedy

Karin Speedy, New Zealand 2022

xiv, 270p.

9780473636890

\$ 40.00 / null

450 gm.

Every day we face decisions, crossroads that can take us on wildly different rides. Our lives are never certain, no matter how well we plan. Although, fascinatingly, unknowingly, sometimes spookily, we can find ourselves on paths once trodden by our forebears... In *Foundations*, Karin Speedy takes us on a whirlwind journey through time and space as she navigates intersecting personal, local, family and global histories, stories that help her reckon with who she is and where she stands in this complicated (post)colonial world. If colonialism, slavery, violence and heartbreak feature heavily in her memoir so too do friendship, love, poetry, books, music, laughter and resistance. Warm, funny, quirky yet also confronting and, at times, shockingly brutal, her childhood and young adult memories bring to life the scenes and sounds of 70s, 80s and 90s New Zealand. At university, Karin's unquenchable thirst for knowledge and social justice see her embark on her first research project, a decolonial study of Louisiana Creole, research that cements her future as an anti-racist, activist scholar. Forever questioning the master narratives, digging deeper and peeling back layers to expose what lies hidden beneath and behind, Karin reminds us that history and trauma are all around us, ingrained in our lives, etched into our landscapes and at the very foundations of our cities and infrastructure. When she begins to examine her own family stories, rooted in colonisation and working-class struggle and embedded in the national histories of Aotearoa and Australia, she uncovers astonishing inter-generational palimpsests and starts to grasp the importance of listening to her ghosts.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826569>

The Life and Art of Lynley Dodd / Finlay Macdonald

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House, New Zealand), New Zealand 2022

208p.

Includes Index.

9780143779483

\$ 45.00 / null

800 gm.

'People don't believe me when I tell them that Hairy Maclary fell out of a book - literally - but he did. It was just a scrap of paper I'd tucked between the pages of my ideas book, as you do. And I picked it up and thought, well, yes, I could do this. So I did.'

In *The Life and Art of Lynley Dodd*, Finlay Macdonald tells the tale of how a small girl raised in Kaingaroa Forest became the illustrator and virtuoso wordsmith behind so many picture books that are living classics. But this is not just a story about a storyteller, it is a book that explores Lynley Dodd's working world. What is the secret behind her stories' linguistic dexterity? How does her paintbrush capture the sometimes comic, sometimes tragic expressions of her animal characters with such precision? As well as many favourite and familiar book illustrations, this volume contains never-before-seen sketches and cartoons, character roughs and picture-book drafts.

The Life and Art of Lynley Dodd is both a tale of remarkable success and a window into a brilliant creative mind. This new paperback edition has been updated to include Lynley's latest story, *Scarface Claw, Hold Tight!* and the sellout exhibitions of her artwork over the last decade.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826562>

Around the Corners, Out to the Edge: A Memoir By Composer Jonathan Besser / Jonathan Besser & Nicola McCloy

Bateman Books, New Zealand 2022

280p.

Includes Discography

9781776890187

\$ 65.00 / HB

850 gm.

Acclaimed classical music composer and director Jonathan Besser's career has been colourful and experimental, immersed in the burgeoning New Zealand art scene of the 70s and 80s. Born into a Jewish household in New York in 1949, Jonathan struggled in school as a neuro-atypical child, before delving into music with single-minded zeal. After studying composition at Mannes College of Music, on a whim he went into the Australian immigration office, and was promptly redirected across the hall to the New Zealand office. One can only imagine the culture shock of moving from a New York music school to New Zealand in the 1970s. From the gritty student flats of Grafton, to living as an unemployed composer in Wellington and working as a Dunedin postie, Besser offers a fascinating perspective on New Zealand's cultural heritage via vivid, lively stories. Travelling widely, and collaborating with the likes of Billy Apple, Whirimako Black, Warwick Broadhead, Jon Cells, Marti Friedlander, Don McGlashan, Gaylene Preston and Ian Wedde, Jonathan describes the oscillations of life as an artist, from impoverishment to sought-after director and composer across a strikingly broad range of disciplines, including poetry, theatre, film and television, painting, ballet and opera, as well as classical and avant-garde music. Now in his seventies and still composing, Jonathan Besser leads us entertainingly through a career of music-making in a country that warmly welcomes the unconventional.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826564>

Grow: Wahine Finding Connection Through Food / Sophie Merkens

Beatnik Publishing, New Zealand 2022

240p.

9780995142367

\$ 60.00 / HB

1000 gm.

Sophie Merkens takes us on a journey across Aotearoa, meeting 35 inspiring women who find meaning and connection through food. From mothers, gardeners, hunters, chefs and hobbyists, their conversations dive deep into how food influences their lives. Grow - Wāhine Finding Connection Through Food is a refreshingly honest and insightful book about women, food and connection.

Food is a central force of people's lives, work and travels: it's often the only shared language. Meet women who know which mushrooms to pick, how to preserve the olives growing along public land, how to make rosewater from blooms, and how to make 'coffee' from roasted dandelion roots. Meet women who make it a priority to grow, nourish and connect.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=826563>

Shivaji: India's Great Warrior King / Vaibhav Purandare

Juggernaut Books, New Delhi 2022

308p.; 23 cm.

Bibliography Includes Index.

9789391165505

\$ 20.00 / HB

550 gm.

"Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, the legendary seventeenth-century Maratha warrior who audaciously took on the Mughal empire at the height of its powers under Emperor Aurangzeb, and became a beacon of inspiration well after his death for those fighting for Indian independence, is one of the most compelling figures of early modern India. This is his definitive biography, relying on a vast variety of Marathi language sources overlooked in standard English works and enriched by author Vaibhav Purandare's deep knowledge of the rugged terrain and culture of the region. With a wealth of evocative detail, it charts the dizzying story of this self-made military hero who started out as a teenage rebel of great precocity and daring, and ended up crowning himself king of an independent Maratha state after changing the political map of his native Deccan.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833619>

Bose: The Untold Story of an Inconvenient Nationalist / Chandrachur Ghose

Penguin Random House India Pvt. Ltd., Haryana 2022

727p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9780670096008
\$ 25.00 / HB
1150 gm.

There are not many Indian heroes whose lives have been as dramatic and adventurous as that of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. That, however, is an assessment of his life based on what is widely known about him. These often revolve around his resignation from the Indian Civil Service, joining the freedom movement, to be exiled twice for over seven years, throwing a challenge to the Gandhian leadership in the Congress, taking up an extremist position against the British Raj, evading the famed intelligence network to travel to Europe and then to Southeast Asia, forming two Governments and raising two armies and then disappearing into the unknown. All this in a span of just two decades.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833613>

Strange Encounters: Adventures of a Curious Life / Parikshat Sahni

Simon and Schuster India, New Delhi 2022

246p.; 22 cm.
9789392099069
\$ 17.50 / HB
420 gm.

Drawing its wisdom from Hindu, Judaic and Islamic philosophies, this is the multicultural, multifaceted saga of Parikshat Sahni's journey from being a film student in Soviet Russia to surrendering Stanislavski for Indian cinema. Strange Encounters is a prismatic collection of travel portraits, impressions and life lessons that Parikshat Sahni has accumulated in his itinerant life moving within the golden autumns of Moscow to the tune of Tchaikovsky, returning to Mumbai and his roots, entering Bollywood, and finding fame. Sahni chronicles stories from a life whose pendulum swings wildly from the humorous to the utterly horrifying. He confronts his thanatophobia on film sets and his atheism on an ill-prepared trek to Amarnath; he gives us drinking lessons with screenwriter friends and a profound insight into the state of culture wars in present-day Kashmir; he recalls the thrill of young love in Russia and its attendant treacheries of the heart, as well as a study of Pakistan, a history of India as the land of many, and a look at the current political discourse through the eyes of a refugee.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833614>

An Intent To Serve: A Civil Servant Remembers / Tejendra Khanna

HarperCollins Publishers, Haryana 2022

x, 215p.; 23 cm.
Includes Index.
9789354898921
\$ 17.50 / HB
450 gm.

These are the memoirs of a bureaucrat who served at several levels in government – most notably twice as Lt Governor of Delhi, as Chief Secretary of Punjab, and as Secretary of the Ministries of Food and Commerce. Along with the highs and lows of prominent postings, the book provides an insider's look into the workings of Indian bureaucracy. There are fascinating details about the way government business is transacted, on the ground – the politics, the pressures, the lack of resources – and the constant balance a civil servant must maintain while simultaneously trying to somehow get things done. During his tenure as L-G in Delhi for more than seven years, Tejendra Khanna worked with two chief ministers – Sahib Singh Verma and Sheila Dikshit – and the book delves into the at-times fraught relationship between the LG's office and that of the CM in Delhi.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833611>

An American Girl In India: Letters and Recollections 1963 To 64 / Wendy Doniger

Speaking Tiger, New Delhi 2022

254p.; ills. 22 cm.

9789354472855

\$ 17.50 / HB

450 gm.

An American Girl in India: Letters and Recollections Twenty-two-year-old Wendy Doniger arrived in Calcutta in August 1963, on a scholarship to study Sanskrit and Bengali. It was her first visit to the country. Over the coming year—a lot of it spent in Tagores Shantiniketan—she would fall completely in love with the place she had till then known only through books. The India she describes in her letters back home to her parents is young, like her, still finding its feet, and learning to come to terms with the violence of Partition. But it is also a mature civilization which allows Vishnu to be depicted on.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833612>

The View From My Perch A 360-degree View Of An Uncharted Life / Raju Menon

HarperCollins Publishers, Haryana 2022

xv, 242p.; 23 cm.

9789354897276

\$ 12.50 / HB

450 gm.

Raju Menon's trajectory can be traced from his childhood in the green, pristine villages of Kerala to the remarkable empire he has built in Dubai as the Founder of Kreston Menon Group, one of the leading audit and business consultancy firms in the region.

The View from My Perch is not just a personal biography, it steps beyond its own generic limits to become an inspiring tale for hardworking youth who want to reach great heights. As he took a look at the world from atop the gleaming, iconic Burj Khalifa and penned down his thoughts that would later take the shape of this book, his heart was filled with overwhelming gratitude to God and his parents, and the nostalgic story of how he got here.

A masterpiece that will appeal to aspiring entrepreneurs and passionate readers, this book is the legacy of a businessman, a family man, and a glorious human being.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833604>

Gajanan Jagirdar: A Monograph by Milind Damle / Ambrish B. Kishore (ed)

Publications Division, New Delhi 2022

126p.; ill. 23 cm.

Includes Bibliography.

9789354096402

\$ 11.00 / HB

510 gm.

Gajanan Jagirdar, an all-encompassing artiste was probably the first freelancer of Indian films. Jagirdar, his screen name, was an actor, writer, director, producer, film activist, teacher and also the only 'Principal' of the premier film school, 'Film Institute of India, Pune' in 1960. He was associated with important films such as shejari, Ramshastri, Bairam Khan, Umrao Jaan, Guide, Hum Dono, Apradhi Kaun, Jail Yatra, etc.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833605>

Satyajit Ray Miscellany On Life, Cinema, People and Much More / Sandip Ray (Ed)

Penguin Random House India Pvt. Ltd., Haryana 2022

274p.; ill. 24 cm.

9780143448990

\$ 15.00 / null

500 gm.

More than seventy rarest essays on filmmaking, screenplay writing, autobiographical pieces and rare photographs and manuscripts of Ray 'Ray is a most singular symbol of what is best and most revered in Indian cinema' - Adoor Gopalakrishnan 'Satyajit Ray, I salute you. The greatest of our poets of the cinema'-Ben Kingsley Satyajit Ray (1921-1992), one of the doyens of world cinema, gave a unique aesthetic expression to Indian cinema, music, art and literature. His writings, especially, autobiographical works, thoughts on filmmaking, screenplay writing and eminent personalities from art, literature and music, among others, are considered treasure troves, which largely remained unseen and therefore less known till date. Satyajit Ray Miscellany, the second book in The Penguin Ray Library series, brings to light some of the rarest essays and illustrations of Ray that opens a window to the myriad thought-process of this creative genius. With more than seventy gripping write-ups and rare photographs and manuscripts, this book is a collector's item.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833603>

The Chosen One in 100 Years History of Malaysia and China : The Biography of Wu Lien-Teh / Cheah See Kian (Translator) Natalie Lim Yu En

Malaysia Silk Road Society, Penang, Malaysia 2021

208p.

9789671725726

\$ 35.00 / null

400 gm.

In those turbulent times,
people would throw their hands up in despair easily
if they lacked faith.

I think that people should take it seriously
after making a career choice.

Don't follow the suit,

and complete it in a perfunctory manner.

If you have something on your conscience,
you won't fear taking responsibility for your actions.

—Dr. Wu Lien-The

At the beginning of this year, I heard about Dr. Wu Lien-Teh, who is closely related to masks. The texts and images on the Internet were the first steps that got me to know Dr. Wu. The time of this sudden cognition fell on the tense moment of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pneumonia (COVID-19) in Wuhan.

It was inevitable to feel a little guilty in hindsight. I felt incredibly proud when I learned that Dr. Wu was Malayan-born and died in Malaya. Slowly, I opened the door to know Dr. Wu, and then I read more about his wonderful life and outstanding contributions. It made me admire him even more.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=807324>

Malaysian Son : A Progressive's Political Journey in the Heart of Southeast Asia / Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad

Penguin Books (Penguin Random House SEA), Singapore 2022

xiv, 278p.

9789815017724

\$ 27.90 / null

350 gm.

Malaysian Son is the story of Nik Nazmi Nik Ahmad, the Member of Parliament (MP) for Setiawangsa. Growing up privileged under the authoritarian regime of Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the imprisonment of Anwar Ibrahim led him to join the Reformasi movement.

As a member of the multiracial People's Justice Party (KEADILAN), he later became the youngest elected state representative in the 2008 General Elections. In 2018, as Youth Leader of the Pakatan Harapan (PH) coalition, he participated in the 2018 campaign against Prime Minister Najib Razak, spending time in jail and the courts.

PH achieved a historic victory but, in spite of warnings from Nik who was a backbench MP, failed to achieve a cohesive and stable government. It eventually collapsed in 2020, leading to years of political instability that has yet to abate.

Malaysian Son is a must read for all who want to understand the country's tumultuous recent history.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=831899>

The Birthday Book: (Re)Start / Aaron Maniam (et al.)

A Birthday Collective Publication, Singapore 2022

288p.

9789811850363

\$ 25.00 / null

600 gm.

57 people tell stories of life in a city they love.

Artists, cartoonists, poets, academics, engineers, entrepreneurs, advocates and everything in-between share their views of what it means to restart: at home, in their community, and for Singapore itself.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833677>

Roar : Football Legends of Singapore / A Thiyaga Raju

Pagesetters Pte Ltd., Singapore 2022

272p.

9789811850738

\$ 25.00 / null

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=831951>

Brave 10 : Inspiring Southeast Asia Tech Journeys / Jeremy Au & Adriel Yong

Candid Creation Publishing LLP, Singapore 2022

x, 142p.

9789811849466

\$ 65.00 / HB

400 gm.

The BRAVE 10: The Singapore Edition anthology showcases the top 10 journeys of Singapore's technology leaders. We aim to inspire the next generation of leaders to tackle our region's challenge

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=831942>

Dancers / Colin Grafton

IPML Services, Cambodia 2021

140p.

Includes Index ; Notes (Khmer)

9789924963134

\$ 45.00 / null

400 gm.

In 1974, on the occasion of a rare classical dance performance in Phnom Penh during the Cambodian Civil War, I wandered into a theatre dressing room and took a few candid photos. The dancers did not notice me. 32 years later, by extraordinary chance, I met one of those dancers in Tokyo, Japan, where she had come to perform. This led to a chain of events whereby other dancers in the pictures were rediscovered one by one when I finally returned to Cambodia.

In 1980, while I was working in Thailand as a volunteer for World Food Programme, I witnessed and photographed the incipient stages of a classical dance revival in the refugee camp of Khao-I-Dang. Meanwhile, on the other side of the sealed border, the surviving dancers of the classical ballet were also struggling to piece together the remnants of their art.

Their stories of hardship, perseverance and survival, and their individual contributions to the renaissance of the dance, which is the spirit of Cambodia, form the core of this project.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=831996>

Tuesdays with Bapak / Nuraina Samad

Bru Publication Sdn. Bhd., 2022

380p.

9789672693802

\$ 25.00 / HB

550 gm.

How did Bapak do all that? Well, the story was that there was a "go-slow" industrial action by the editorial staff of the Straits Times in Kuala Lumpur. As Malaysia was still under the emergency laws enforced following the May 13, 1969 riots, the European-dominated management in Singapore thought that the go-slow would definitely end without much ado. It was illegal, for heaven's sake. So the management thought that they could hold out by asking for arbitration in the Labour Department. Basically, they were unyielding. They wanted to tire out the journalists, thinking and perhaps, also hoping, that the journalists would eventually give up. Their spirit broken, and their struggle along with it. They didn't realise that the journalists had Bapak on their side. His sympathies were with them.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833745>

Dating the Kiwi Male : Mostly True Tales from Kiwi Women / Olivia Caldwell

Upstart Press Book, Auckland, New Zealand 2022

208p.

9781990003387

\$ 38.00 / null

350 gm.

Dating the Kiwi Male recounts the dates of Kiwi women looking for a Kiwi man – the fun, the funny, the awkward and the ugly, all the while laughing at our own expense.

What is it like to date the Wellington hipster, the Auckland yacht owner, the Queenstown ski champ, the Canterbury bogan, the Waikato dairy farmer? Are they true to form, or is the Kiwi man misunderstood? Dating the Kiwi Male provides comedy in spades. If you take yourself seriously, this book isn't for you.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834325>

Straight Up / Rubi Tui and Margie Thompson

Allen and Unwin, Auckland, New Zealand 2022

320p.

9781991006141

\$ 39.99 / null

500 gm.

Ruby learned to rely on herself and her own strengths as a child, growing up without role models, in an atmosphere of misery and shame. Her extended family did all they could but it was sport that was the one constant in her childhood, and that pulled her through. Her sporting talent helped her fit in as she was moved from school to school and community to community throughout her childhood. From the age of about eleven, Ruby found herself in some very difficult and dangerous situations and things could have turned out quite differently for her. Fortunately her strength of character and resilience meant that she survived. Not only survived, Ruby managed to make it to university. And it was there that she discovered her love of rugby. From there, her stellar career in rugby took off, firstly in the Black Ferns Sevens team and now playing fifteens for the Chiefs and the New Zealand team. Off the field Ruby is a regular commentator for SKY TV and passionate about healthy environments for Kiwi kids and speaking up about mental health within the sporting community. Impacting change through speaking out about public issues, and providing motivation and gratitude to her peers is how she would like to leave her mark. Ruby is the current ambassador for the Headfirst initiative.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834317>

Ko E Pongipongi Fo'Ou / Emeli Sione

Mila's Books, New Zealand 2022

64p.

9780473643683

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

Tongan version of A New Dawn Story: Emeli Sione shares her Dawn Raid story to help us understand the real impact of this dark time in our history. With valuable lessons for all New Zealanders, A New Dawn provides us with hope on our journeys of equality, justice and healing as Pasifika in New Zealand.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834313>

Bushline : A Memoir / Robbie Burton

Potton & Burton, Nelson, New Zealand 2022

260p.

9781988550367

\$ 55.00 / HB

900 gm.

Robbie Burton is a trumper, mountain-lover and book publisher, who has had a like-long infatuation with the wild places of New Zealand. In this memoir he recalls a childhood in which the natural world played a central part, and led to a youthful obsession with tramping, skiing and mountaineering. In his long career at the helm of Potton & Burton, one of New Zealand's largest independent publishers, he has continued this interest by publishing many significant books about the outdoors and our natural history. Bushline is a blend of reflection about the backcountry and the people who inhabit it, the authors who write about it and the books they have produced, as well as an inside view into independent publishing in Aotearoa. Ultimately, though, it is a book about belonging, and how a life has been shaped by the power and beauty of the New Zealand landscape.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834314>

A New Dawn / Emeli Sione, Mele Lolohea and Dr. Edmund Fehoko

Mila's Books, New Zealand 2022

84p.

9780473630287

\$ 40.00 / null

300 gm.

Emeli Sione shares her Dawn Raid story to help us understand the real impact of this dark time in our history. With valuable lessons for all New Zealanders, A New Dawn provides us with hope on our journeys of equality, justice and healing as Pasifika in New Zealand.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834312>

Needs Adult Supervision : Lessons in Growing Up / Emily Writes
Penguin (Penguin Random House New Zealand), Auckland, New Zealand 2022
288p.
9781761048494
\$ 40.00 / null
350 gm.

Ever thought 'I wish there was an adult around', then realised you're the adult? Emily Writes, best-selling author of Rants in the Dark, shares stories of growing up as your children grow up.

Needs Adult Supervision is Emily Writes' take on growing up and feeling like a real adult. This book looks at the growing pains of kids and their parents and their attempts to navigate a world that's changing by the minute. Emily paints a vivid picture of all the feelings, fortunes and failures that come with trying to parent when you don't always feel up for the task. What it feels like to be learning at the same time your kids are. What happens when we get radically honest about the challenges parents are facing. In Emily's inimitable way it's incredibly insightful and hilarious, and leads to the odd tear being shed along the way. From trying to convince your child's teachers on Zoom that your house isn't falling apart around you, or staging a funeral for a sea creature, to rescuing a dog that rescues you - Emily's stories will have you reflecting on what it means to grow up. Funny, sad, thoughtful, inspiring and ultimately up-lifting for parents at all stages of life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834335>

Adopted : Loss, Love, Family and Reunion / Jo Willis and Brigitta Baker
Massey University Press, Auckland, New Zealand 2022
240p.
9781991016102
\$ 40.00 / null
300 gm.

The experience of closed adoption in Aotearoa New Zealand.

To not know your family story is a huge loss of your sense of self. It has the potential to undermine your wellbeing and your relationships across a lifetime. Adopted is the powerful and honest account of two of the thousands of children affected by closed adoption in Aotearoa New Zealand, from 1950 to the mid 1970s.

Jo Willis and Brigitta Baker both sought and found their respective birthparents at different stages of their lives and have become advocates for other adopted New Zealanders. They share the complexity of that journey, the emotional challenges they faced, and the ongoing impacts of their adoptions, with candour and courage. Closed adoption also exacts a physical and emotional toll on birthparents, partners and children. Their stories are also told in this compelling book.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834336>

Maria Dronke : Glimpses of an Acting Life / Monica Tempian , Sue McRae
Playmarket, Wellington, New Zealand 2021
viii, 166p.
Includes Index ; Bibliography
9780908607730
\$ 50.00 / null
500 gm.

In 1938, the Jewish actress Minnie Maria Korten, star of the European stage, left Nazi Germany for the safety of the United Kingdom. In her hand luggage she carried a few theatre reviews, some photographs and a copy of Goethe's Faust. Eventually she arrived in New Zealand with her family 'in exile at the other end of the world'. In her new home she was known as Madame Maria Dronke. Renowned for her dark, beautiful voice and magnetic presence, Maria Dronke entranced audiences with her acting and poetry recitals, created spectacular productions and trained the first generation of New Zealand professional actors.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834333>

Rugby Head : A Man, A Game, A Life, A Shambles ... / Greg Bruce
Penguin (Penguin Random House New Zealand), Auckland, New Zealand 2022
256p.
9780143776574
\$ 40.00 / null
300 gm.

In this brutally honest, hilarious and forensic examination of both himself and the game he loves, Greg Bruce tells the story of his life growing up and becoming a man in a country and culture obsessed with rugby.

From the triumphs and devastations of All Blacks performances during his 1980s and '90s childhood, his own brief and tortured playing days, his time walking among the game's legends as hospitality worker and failed sports journalist, to his subsequent years spent struggling with the recurring torment of World Cup disaster, Rugby Head otherwise tackles mental health crises, love, grief, friendship, hero worship, and especially what it means to be a modern New Zealand man.

It's the story of a life shaped in ways big and small by rugby and its greatest team, and all they stand for.

There has never been a rugby memoir like it, and probably for good reason.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=834334>

Memories of a Malabar Lady: M. Sreekumari Vasudevan's Reminiscences of Life with Justice K.S. Menon 1926-1956 / M. Sreekumari Vasudevan Hari Vasudevan
Manohar Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi 2022
258p.; 23 cm.
Includes Bibliography.
9789391928155
\$ 37.50 / HB
540 gm.

Memories of a Malabar Lady: M. Sreekumari Vasudevan's Reminiscences of Life with Justice K.S. Menon, 1926-1956, emerged from conversations between a mother and son spanning a decade. It recalls Sreekumari Vasudevan's early life in the company of her father, K.S. Menon, whose career in the law took them from Mamballikalam, the matrilineal family estate in Malabar, to Madras, other places in Madras Presidency, and the princely state of Jodhpur.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833078>

Changing Attitudes and Values: My Life and Times / Nalini Ellawala
Nalini Ellawala (Self-Published), Sri Lanka 2021
372p.
9786249870208
\$ 25.00 / null
650 gm.

Nalini Ellawala's memoirs span two centuries and five generations. She writes of the transformations she has witnessed during the course of her life, in our society and in Sri Lanka's physical environment. She also reflects on the remarkable inner journey that she has undergone, because of social activism and her sensitivity to nature.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836123>

My Journey with the Commando Regiment / Lt. Col. Sunil Peiris

Lt. Col. Sunil Peiris, Sri Lanka 2022

228p.

9786249795501

\$ 25.00 / null

350 gm.

LT Col Peiris recounts his experiences in his own inimitable style interspersed with his own brand of humour. He draws the reader's attention to the widespread and numerous difficulties that he had to face and the various obstacles that were placed in his path at almost every stage in his journey mostly as a result of the petty jealousies, envy, bitterness, and short-sightedness displayed by his seniors, peers, colleagues and even his friends in the Army.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836122>

Sarath Amunugama: Autobiography, Volume Two (1977-1990) : To Paris and Back (The JRJ Years) / Sarath Amunugama

Vijitha Yapa Publications, Colombo, Sri Lanka 2022

500p.

9786242050249

\$ 45.00 / null

650 gm.

In volume II of his autobiography Dr. Sarath Amunugama covers the period 1977 to 1990 aptly sub titled "The JRJ Years". He covers a momentous period in the nation's history and in his own career: JRJ's landslide victory in 1977 and the 2nd Republican constitution which established the executive presidency, his appointment as the youngest Permanent Secretary and his enduring contributions to the development of broadcasting and TV and tourism including the investments by international hotel chains, the open economy which has endured, the emasculation of the opposition and the rise of Tamil militancy in the wider context of the vicissitudes in Indo-Lankan relations, and the violence unleashed by the JVP. He takes us on his foreign sojourns including those as an international civil servant with perceptive references to world leaders he interacted with and ends with his return home. Dr. Amunugama writes lucidly with a wry wit and an unerring eye for detail whilst providing a deeper contextual insight into leading political personalities and events, including their misadventures, reflecting his academic training in sociology and economics. This volume builds on volume I and is a rich tapestry of the life and times of a brilliant and now preeminent elder statesman whose sagacity and involvement in national affairs is sorely missed. This autobiography will undoubtedly be an indispensable reference for the contemporary history of Sri Lanka.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836121>

Anecdotes from a Surgeon's Life in Sri Lanka / Channa Ratnatunga

Channa Ratnatunga (Self-Published), Sri Lanka 2021

128p.

9786249646704

\$ 20.00 / null

200 gm.

Professor Channa Ratnatunga relates through a series of anecdotes, his nearly five decades of experience as a surgeon in various parts of Sri Lanka.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836126>

In the Line of Duty: Life and Times of a Surgeon in War and Peace. / Gamini Goonetilleke (Ed-in-Chief) Sonali Samarasinghe

Gamma Print Solutions, Sri Lanka 2016

322p.

9789556190144.

\$ 25.00 / null

400 gm.

The story of the life and times of a surgeon in war & peace. It is my story of a 25-year career as a surgeon in strife torn Sri Lanka. I have gone much beyond relating the experiences of a surgeon. This is by providing a deep insight into Sri Lankan society and some aspects of the North-East conflict which has now descended into a full-scale war. My experiences in treating battle casualties have been highlighted. I have also visited the so-called "Tiger territory" to obtain first hand impressions which are recorded. Great attention has been focused to an area of my specialty – treating mine injuries and control of trauma. This is why I believe my book would not only interest medical students and doctors but also other professionals from various walks of life.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836124>

From a Medical Rep to a CEO: 7 Mantras for Success : An Inspiring Story of a CEO's Mantra to Success / T. Sayandhan

T. Sayandhan (Self-Published), Sri Lanka 2021

120p.

9786249859807

\$ 30.00 / HB

500 gm.

7 Mantras for Success, for career development and growth. A journey from a medical representative to a Chief Executive Officer.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836119>

Once Upon a Place: 8 Singaporean Memoirs (A Ground-UpProject) / Koh, Gek Ling Emily (et al.) (Foreword) Verena Tay

Helang Books, Singapore 2022

128p.

9789811844829

\$ 18.00 / null

250 gm.

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

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

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

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836051>

George Yeo: Musings - Series One / George Yeo

World Scientific Publishing, Singapore 2023

xvi, 464p.

Includes Index

9789811261282

\$ 35.00 / null

650 gm.

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

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

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836049>

Completing The Singapore Story? : Memoirs of A. Mahadeva – Journalist
Imprisoned Without Trial / Arun Bala

SIRD-Strategic Information and Research Development Centre, Singapore 2022

516p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789672464617.

\$ 40.00 / null

800 gm.

Mahadeva, the founding secretary-general of the Singapore National Union of Journalists (SNUJ), suddenly found himself in the news when he was arrested in 1963 under Operation Coldstore. This is his story, told posthumously by one of his brothers, who delved into the rich collection of Maha's documents and publications he kept over the years.

Imprisoned without trial as a security threat with more than a hundred other political and union leaders, he had no recourse but to subject himself to six years of unjustified detention.

These memoirs not only chart Mahadeva's life and beliefs but also question the orthodox Singapore Story that now conveniently frames and justifies his and his cohort's imprisonment without trial—some for as long as nearly two to three decades.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836048>

Aniceti Kitereza : A Tanzanian Epic / Shoonie Hartwig (Intro) Joseph Mbele

Mkuki na Nyota Publishers, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2022

168p.

9789987084968

\$ 20.00 / null

300 gm.

"Words that are spoken fly like the wind. Words that are written live forever."
Aniceti Kitereza spoke those words while telling Gerald (Jerry) and Charlotte (Shoonie) Hartwig the story of his novel. The year was 1969. They couldn't have imagined that this conversation would inaugurate an eleven-year saga, one of determination and commitment revealed in a significant collection of letters and the extraordinary tale of a man and a book.

The book you are holding is the story of this Tanzanian epic in words written and life lived. Aniceti Kitereza completed his epic novel in Kikerebe, in early 1945 and later translated it into Swahili as, *Bwana Myombekere na Bibi Bugonoka na Ntulanalwo na Bulihwali* (Tanzania Publishing House, 1980), and which was later translated from the Kikerebe original into English by Prof. Gabriel Ruhumbika under the title of, *Mr Myombekere and His Wife Bugonoka, their Son Ntulanalwo and Daughter Bulihwali; The story of an Ancient African Community* (Mkuki na Nyota, 2000).

What you will discover in these pages is not only the significant contribution of Kitereza's writing to African and world literature but also his heroic life as revealed through conversations and letters. It is his personal story captured particularly in the eighty blue aerograms written during his last years that bring his voice to life. He was forty-nine years old when he completed *Myombekere* and eighty-one when his novel was published. His is an epic life to inspire not only Tanzanians but also the world, particularly as his life passion is encaptured in a question he posed: "What should we teach our children?".

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833818>

38 Reflections on Mwalimu Nyerere / Mark J. Mwandosya and Juma V. Mwapachu
Mkuki na Nyota Publishers, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2022

xx, 428p.

Includes Index

9789987753048

\$ 30.00 / null

600 gm.

The novelty of this book is in the choice of individuals selected to be interviewed, the kinds of probing questions asked, and the quality of the conversations held. These led to the disclosure by the interviewees of details that would not normally have been known about Mwalimu. The individuals selected had each worked closely or lived with Mwalimu and, we believed, had unique insights and perspectives to share about him. It was an approach that we think evoked candid anecdotes that constitute the chapters of this book.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833815>

FO S. A. N Angwafo III : Remembered His Leadership, Wisdom and Deeds, As Seen by the People of Mankon, Cameroon and Beyond / Ntsewah F. Angwafo, Lumkap B. Angwafo and Francis B. Nyamnjoh

Langaa RPCIG, Bamenda, Cameroon 2022

xvi, 350p. ; 229x152mm. ; Colour Photographs

9789956552931

\$ 50.00 / null

700 gm.

We are thrilled to share with you this rich harvest of tributes on Fo Solomon Anye Ghamoti Angwafo III of the Kingdom of Mankon. The tributes are by people and institutions from Mankon, Cameroon and the world at large, that knew him well and generously responded to our call for memories, testimonies and reflections to mark his transitioning from Atsum to join his ancestors at Alankyi. The tributes share with the reader their thoughts on various aspects of who King Solomon Angwafo III was and what he meant to them. A common thread in the tributes is the irrepressible admiration for the ideas, ideals, principles and values he championed and lived by for 97 years. His leadership, wisdom, deeds, sociality and humanity are in focus

Fo Angwafo III had a lifelong commitment to cultivation. To him, living was not just about tilling the soil for sustenance, it was also about tending the mind and the soul. He valued agriculture and culture in equal measure. In this and other aspects he was a pacesetter all his life. He had a warm heart and welcoming smile for all and sundry. In conversations and good company, his distinctive laughter brightened and lightened the weights of hearts and minds. In leadership, he distinguished himself most as a servant

Fo Angwafo III was father of both the beginner and the expert, the pupil and the teacher, the fool and the philosopher. He was the father of all: the good, the bad and the ugly. His disappearance offers us an opportunity for introspection. He leaves us in the well-cultivated hands of Fo Fru-Asah Angwafo IV, an educationist, through whom his presence and inspiration will continue to be felt, and from whom we will continue to learn.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833801>

Passion to Excel : An Autobiography / Dunstan Magu Ngumo
AfriteLL Publishers, Nairobi, Kenya 2019

xii, 268p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789966734420

\$ 30.00 / null

400 gm.

Autobiography of Dunstan Magu Ngumo IOD (K) HSC, who served as a graduate teacher, senior assistant registrar at the University of Nairobi, deputy directory at the Kenya Medical Research Institute and chairman of the Tea Board of Kenya. He also served as chairman of a Presbyterian Church congregation, boards of management of two public high schools, a water services provider company, an economic advisor to the first Nyeri governor and director of a tea factory company.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=657733>

A Long Way from Hyderabad: Diary of a Young Muslim Woman In 1930s Britain /
Muhammadi Bgum

Primus Books, Delhi 2022

318p.; 23 cm.

9789355722515

\$ 28.75 / HB

650 gm.

A Young Muslim Woman, Muhammadi Begum, arrived on English shores from the princely state of Hyderabad in the early 1930s. Her sharp intellect had won her a scholarship to attend Oxford University, making her one of just a few Indian Muslim women to receive such an opportunity. A keen observer of the social scene and aware of new ideas regarding communism, fascism, and socialism, she joined the conversation on politics because the movement for freedom had already gained momentum in one of the colonies of the British Empire, namely India.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833105>

1999 Syria : Memories of Syria : A Picture Journey / Abdelhamid Dihna, Moritz
Kinzel and Felix Pirson (Hrsg.)

Ege Yayinlari & DAI Istanbul, Istanbul, Turkey 2022

120p.

9786258056273

\$ 40.00 / null

480 gm.

Archaeology and traveling are very much connected. How to experience an archaeological context without traveling and visiting the actual sites? Travelling, archaeology, and photography joint from the beginning of photography. This blog will present some images taken in 1999 while visiting sites and cities in Syria as a DAI travel grant holder. Syrian archaeologists, architects, and heritage conservators are commenting on the images and sharing their immediate memories and thoughts. They take us on a journey through Syria in the past and the present.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833141>

A General in Particular: Interactions with Pervez Musharraf: A Political Memoir / Javed Jabbar

Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, Pakistan 2022

322p.

Includes Index; Bibliography

9789692106214

\$ 35.00 / HB

500 gm.

A political memoir! It primarily focuses on this writer's personal and working relationship with Pervez Musharraf from 1994 to 2022. This book is based on direct first-hand experiences, recollections, written notes recorded during or soon after those experiences, other documents, as also material available in the public domain.

(Includes first ever publication of the closed door dialogue between Bill Clinton and the General, March 2000 – and other exclusive content.)

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836228>

Life Literally: 25 Eventful Years of a Writer's Journey / Dr Erum Hafeez

Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, Pakistan 2022

xii, 388p.

9789692105422

\$ 25.00 / HB

550 gm.

Life Literally is a compilation of articles, features, columns, blogs, reviews, and interviews written for leading national newspapers, magazines, and websites of Pakistan from 1996 to 2021. It revolves around the diverse themes of human rights, health, gender, education, media, and relationships, skillfully narrated from both individual and social perspectives, rooted in reality and research.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836227>

My Life and Times: Autobiography of Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai (1907-1973) / Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai (Ed) Rashid Khattak (Translator) Muhammad Khan Achakzai

Khan Shaheed Research Centre, Quetta, Pakistan 2022

736p.

Includes Index

9789692347709

\$ 40.00 / HB

900 gm.

Abdul Samad Khan Achakzai's autobiography, "My Life & Times" translated into English by Muhammad Khan Achakzai

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836226>

Sahabzada Yaqub Khan: Pursuits and Experiences as Prisoner of War / Major General Syed Ali Hamid

Paramount Books (Pvt) Ltd, Pakistan 2022

xviii, 214p.

Includes Bibliography

9789692106108

\$ 35.00 / HB

400 gm.

A fascinating, lively, and insightful book penned by Syed Ali Hamid honors a respected soldier and statesman in Pakistan, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan. This depicts the history of Lieutenant General Sahabzada Yaqub Khan's Second World War career and experience as a prisoner of war has been meticulously put together by Major General Syed Ali Hamid. He used his prisoner of war journal as the main source. It shares his experience in several prisoners of war camps, and his duty with the 18th King Edward VII's Cavalry in North Africa, and for the first time, it exposes what it was like for an Indian Army officer to be a prisoner of war.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=836230>

People I Have Been / Lissa Romero de Guia

Atma Prema Wellbeing Group, Inc., Philippines 2022

294p.

9786219672306

\$ 35.00 / null

300 gm.

An intimate glimpse into the life and memories of Lissa Romero de Guia, her debut anthology, entitled People I Have Been is a collection of recollections mapping out the milestones of her inner truth. Vulnerable and powerful, these short stories will transport you to moments in Lissa's life that will prompt you to reflect on your own journey. A beautiful compilation filled with illustrative narrative woven with insight and experience, Lissa is an author to behold and celebrate.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=833994>

Mabuting Loob Atsuko Nambu: A Filipino Memory / Amadio Arboledo (Foreword)
Naomi Fujiwara

Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), Philippines 2022

xii, 188p.

9786214481835

\$ 35.00 / null

250 gm.

This account focuses on recalling a seemingly insignificant event that briefly affected the people of two countries, the Philippines and Japan, and the young Japanese female runner who made it happen. Sixty-eight years ago, in 1954, during the Second Asian Games in Manila, Atsuko Nambu did not only win four medals—including the gold in the 100-meter women's race—she also unwittingly managed to charm a nation still gripped in the throes of agony over the brutal Massacre of Manila wrought by rampaging Japanese soldiers a scant nine years before, in 1945, thereby helping to avert a disaster. For this feat, she was dubbed the "sweetheart" of the Games.

The fame Atsuko gained in helping to save the 1954 Asian Games was short-lived, and by 1960, it was all but forgotten. However, the author, who saw her at the Games, did not forget. More than a decade later, when he came to work in Japan in 1969, he began to search for her. This was cut short by Atsuko's sudden death in an automobile accident in 1970. Grief-stricken, he abandoned the search for thirty-eight years until in 2008, he chanced upon a clue that led to meeting her mother, her daughter, and some of her friends. The search also sparked a revival of her memory in Japan, even reaching one surprise personage who also remembered her and what she had done. This retelling of all the events is presented in the form of a series of letters written to Atsuko after her death.

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Bone Deep : Hospital Diary and Other Essays / Romulo P. Baquiran Jr.
(Translator) Philip Yerro Kimpo

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Balik-Tanaw : The Road Taken / Soledad S. Reyes

De La Salle University Publishing, Philippines 2022

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Pre-War Cebuano Writers / Hope Sabanpan-Yu & Mari-Rose Y. Lapad

University of San Carlos Press (for USC Cebuano Studies Center), Philippines 2022

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COVID-19 Journals : Women Writing Women / Ma. Diosa Labiste (et al.)

Gantala Press, Philippines 2021

x, 172p.

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This collection of women's stories represents a little more than a year of living under the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. It is a year remembered in the Philippines for the nationwide strict lockdown that took place from March to May 2020, and yet another hard lockdown from March 28 to April 11, 2021, rounding out the year in crisis. This book joins the growing literature and publications of stories that document the lives of women and their communities drained by the pandemic. The stories function as a logbook of the various stages of lockdown, starting with mothers selling vegetables and cooked food in their neighborhood and ending with a minutely detailed account of receiving a vaccine. Eighteen writers present the experiences, events, and facts they encountered. Here, they explore moments of living in extraordinary times, and write them in a manner that the circumstances, grounded in life and vivid details, become remarkable.

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My Mother is More Than a Comfort Woman = Ang Aking Ina ay Higit sa Isang
Comfort Woman = — / The Mother's Storybook Project Team (Illustrator)
Naoko Okimoto

Gantala Press, Inc., Philippines 2021

64p.

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150 gm.

This book narrates the wartime experiences of comfort women during World War II from the perspective of their family members. It also aims to share the lives and roles they led as mothers, grandmothers, and human beings. The authors also hope that this is a step for younger generations to take the initiative to help the survivors to get justice and not let their stories fade away in history.

Four short narratives on the 'Lolas' or Filipino 'comfort women' survivors, written from the daughters' and granddaughter's perspectives. There is an urgent need to find an alternative way to convey the legacy of the Lolas. Since many Lolas spoke up in the early 1990s, they have continued fighting for justice, sharing their wartime experiences, and protesting against wars in order to avoid creating another generation of 'comfort women'. However, it is getting more and more difficult to hear their life stories from the Lolas themselves since most of them are already in their nineties and many Lolas have passed away. As of 2019, only three Lolas were still sharing their wartime experiences. Younger generations are responsible for carrying on the legacies of the Lolas. The authors wanted to make something that was not directly depending on the Lolas themselves, but on younger generations who can act on it. Thus, they interviewed the second or third generation of the Lolas' families. There are only a few books or other media focusing on the life

stories of the Lolas. In many cases, when the 'comfort women' survivors were interviewed, the focus of the interviews tended to be limited to their wartime experiences. Interviewing the family members of the Lolas was a way to find out their perspectives on their mothers or grandmother, to learn how they have lived after the war and how they associated with their family and many other aspects of their lives. We hope this book can honor the Lolas, or Filipino 'comfort women' survivors, as marvelous women who have continued fighting for justice and lived through the years despite all the difficulties.

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