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THE SINGAPORE STORY: MEMOIRS OF LEE KUAN YEW

Marshall Cavendish International Asia Pte Ltd The Singapore Story is the first volume of the memoirs of Lee Kuan Yew, the man who planted the island state of Singapore firmly on the map of the world. It was first published in 1999. In intimate detail, Lee recounts the battles against colonialists, communists and communalists that led to Singapore's independence. With consummate political skill, he

countered adversaries, sometimes enlisting their help, at others opposing them, in the single-minded pursuit of Singapore's interests. We read how he led striking unionists against the colonial government, how over tea and golf he fostered ties with key players in Britain and Malaya, of secret midnight meetings in badly lit rooms, drinking warm Anchor beer with a communist underground leader, of his purposeful forging of an alliance with communists to gain the support of the Chinese-educated masses. Readers will find inspiration in his tenacity as he fought for the people's hearts and minds against first the communists and later the communalists – in parliament, on the streets and through the media. Drawing on unpublished Cabinet papers, archives in Singapore, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the United States, as well as personal correspondence, he gives us a vivid picture of how others viewed him: determined ("Lee will bluff, bully and blackmail up to the eleventh hour"), motivated ("Choo knew I sweated blood to master Hokkien"), ambitious ("He would think himself as legitimate as I was to be the leader of Malaya"), dangerous ("Crush Lee! Put him inside"). It is a sometimes controversial yet strangely consistent portrait of this Asian statesman. These experiences and his dealings with the political leaders were to shape his views and policies, which have had a major impact on Singapore and the region.

THE WIT & WISDOM OF LEE KUAN YEW

Editions Didier Millet Lee Kuan Yew played the pivotal role in Singapore's transition from British Crown Colony to independent developing nation, and on to the economically powerful and diplomatically influential city-state it is today. Throughout this surprising and at times painful journey, he has proved a charismatic and occasionally controversial leader. Lee is a conviction politician whose speeches are unambiguous, characterful and eminently quotable; this collection of almost 600 short quotations provides a compelling summary of his views on a wide range of topics from Singapore's past, present and future. In Lee's own words: "I have been accused of many things in my life, but not even my worst enemy has ever accused me of being afraid to speak my mind."

ONE MAN'S VIEW OF THE WORLD

LEE KUAN YEW

THE MAN AND HIS IDEAS

Lee Kuan Yew passed away on 23 March 2015 at the age of 92. This book, which was first published in 1998, tells the story of his life from when the Japanese occupied Singapore in 1941 until 1998 when he was Senior Minister. Based on 13 exclusive interviews held over 30 hours, this book chronicles the events, people and political fortunes that were to shape Lee's view of the world, as well as the

path he set for the transformation of Singapore. It delves into the choices he made, the political turnings he took, the insights gained and lessons learnt, some of which were expounded to the authors for the first time, with wit, wisdom, candour and vivid recollection. Written by three leading journalists from The Straits Times.

UP CLOSE WITH LEE KUAN YEW

INSIGHTS FROM COLLEAGUES & FRIENDS

Marshall Cavendish International Asia Pte Ltd Up Close with Lee Kuan Yew gathers some of the vivid memories of 37 people who have worked or interacted closely with Lee Kuan Yew in some way or other, from when he was at Raffles College in 1941 right up to his demise in 2015. Among these are his 13 Principal Private Secretaries and Special Assistants, and Mdm Yeong Yoon Ying, his Press Secretary of over 20 years. The others include former President S.R. Nathan, Puan Noor Aishah who is the widow of President Yusof Ishak, former Chief Justice Yong Pung How, and friends such as Robert Kuok from his Raffles College days. This book captures an unvarnished look at what it was like to interact with the serious and no nonsense Mr Lee, both at work and outside of work.

Contributing authors: Robert Kuok, Yong Pung How, Othman Wok, Puan Noor Aishah, S.R. Nathan, J.Y. Pillay, Lim Chin Beng, Wee Cho Yaw, Chn'g Jit Koon, Sidek Saniff, Philip Yeo, Jennie Chua, Liew Mun Leong, Lim Siong Guan, Jagjeet Singh, Ng Kok Song, Lam Chuan Leong, Bilahari Kausikan, Stephen Lee, Li Ka-shing, Tan Guong Ching, Dr S. Vasoo, Moses Lee, Ho Meng Kit, Yatiman Yusof, Yeong Yoon Ying, Alan Chan, Peter Seah, Heng Swee Keat, Leo Yip, Andrew Tan, Peter Tan, Cheng Wai Keung, Lee Seow Hiang, Chee Hong Tat, Anthony Tan, Lim Teck Kiat

FROM THIRD WORLD TO FIRST

THE SINGAPORE STORY: 1965-2000

Harper Collins Few gave tiny Singapore much chance of survival when it was granted independence in 1965. How is it, then, that today the former British colonial trading post is a thriving Asian metropolis with not only the world's number one airline, best airport, and busiest port of trade, but also the world's fourth-highest per capita real income? The story of that transformation is told here by Singapore's charismatic, controversial founding father, Lee Kuan Yew. Rising from a legacy of divisive colonialism, the devastation of the Second World War, and general poverty and disorder following the withdrawal of foreign forces, Singapore now is hailed as a city of the future. This miraculous history is dramatically recounted by the man who not only lived through it all but who fearlessly forged ahead and brought about most of these changes. Delving deep into his own meticulous notes, as well as previously unpublished

government papers and official records, Lee details the extraordinary efforts it took for an island city-state in Southeast Asia to survive at that time. Lee explains how he and his cabinet colleagues finished off the communist threat to the fledgling state's security and began the arduous process of nation building: forging basic infrastructural roads through a land that still consisted primarily of swamps, creating an army from a hitherto racially and ideologically divided population, stamping out the last vestiges of colonial-era corruption, providing mass public housing, and establishing a national airline and airport. In this illuminating account, Lee writes frankly about his trenchant approach to political opponents and his often unorthodox views on human rights, democracy, and inherited intelligence, aiming always "to be correct, not politically correct." Nothing in Singapore escaped his watchful eye: whether choosing shrubs for the greening of the country, restoring the romance of the historic Raffles Hotel, or openly, unabashedly persuading young men to marry women as well educated as themselves. Today's safe, tidy Singapore bears Lee's unmistakable stamp, for which he is unapologetic: "If this is a nanny state, I am proud to have fostered one." Though Lee's domestic canvas in Singapore was small, his vigor and talent assured him a larger place in world affairs. With inimitable style, he brings history to life with cogent analyses of some of the greatest strategic issues of recent times and reveals how, over the years, he navigated the shifting tides of relations among America, China, and Taiwan, acting as confidant, sounding board, and messenger for them. He also includes candid, sometimes acerbic pen portraits of his political peers, including the indomitable Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan, the poetry-spouting Jiang Zemin, and ideologues George Bush and Deng Xiaoping. Lee also lifts the veil on his family life and writes tenderly of his wife and stalwart partner, Kwa Geok Choo, and of their pride in their three children -- particularly the eldest son, Hsien Loong, who is now Singapore's deputy prime minister. For more than three decades, Lee Kuan Yew has been praised and vilified in equal measure, and he has established himself as a force impossible to ignore in Asian and international politics. From Third World to First offers readers a compelling glimpse into this visionary's heart, soul, and mind.

LEE KUAN YEW

THE GRAND MASTER'S INSIGHTS ON CHINA, THE UNITED STATES, AND THE WORLD

MIT Press Grand strategist and founder of modern Singapore offers key insights and controversial opinions on globalization, geopolitics, economic growth, and democracy. When Lee Kuan Yew speaks, presidents, prime ministers, diplomats, and CEOs listen. Lee, the founding father of modern Singapore and its prime minister from 1959 to 1990, has honed his wisdom during more than fifty years on the world stage. Almost single-handedly responsible for transforming Singapore into a Western-style economic success, he offers a unique perspective on the geopolitics of East and West. American presidents from Richard Nixon to Barack Obama have welcomed him to the White House; British prime ministers from Margaret Thatcher to Tony Blair have recognized his wisdom; and

business leaders from Rupert Murdoch to Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxon Mobil, have praised his accomplishments. This book gathers key insights from interviews, speeches, and Lee's voluminous published writings and presents them in an engaging question and answer format. Lee offers his assessment of China's future, asserting, among other things, that "China will want to share this century as co-equals with the U.S." He affirms the United States' position as the world's sole superpower but expresses dismay at the vagaries of its political system. He offers strategic advice for dealing with China and goes on to discuss India's future, Islamic terrorism, economic growth, geopolitics and globalization, and democracy. Lee does not pull his punches, offering his unvarnished opinions on multiculturalism, the welfare state, education, and the free market. This little book belongs on the reading list of every world leader.

CONVERSATIONS WITH LEE KUAN YEW

CITIZEN SINGAPORE: HOW TO BUILD A NATION

Marshall Cavendish International (Asia) Pte Limited This is a succinct, penetrating, richly detailed and candid book on Singapore's first prime minister, based on the Asian legend's first extended interviews with a Western journalist.

LEE KUAN YEW, MY LIFELONG CHALLENGE

SINGAPORE'S BILINGUAL JOURNEY

REFLECTIONS

THE LEGACY OF LEE KUAN YEW

World Scientific

KEEPING MY MANDARIN ALIVE

LEE KUAN YEW'S LANGUAGE LEARNING EXPERIENCE(WITH RESOURCE MATERIALS AND DVD-ROM)

GIANTS OF ASIA: CONVERSATIONS WITH LEE KUAN YEW

CITIZEN SINGAPORE: HOW TO BUILD A NATION

Marshall Cavendish International Asia Pte Ltd Political genius is never without controversy, or without mystery. This is what makes it so interesting and so rare. Is Lee Kuan Yew the feral, authoritarian figure that Western critics claim? Or a stoic pioneer in new approaches to developing a nation—uncorrupt, modern, almost scientific? American journalist Tom Plate first interviewed the founder of modern Singapore in 1996 in a continuing back-and-forth with LKY that led to the summer of 2009, when the former prime minister agreed to sit down for two days of unprecedentedly informal but intense conversations that led to this special book. This new edition includes fascinating excerpts from prior interviews, as well as the author's assessment of the man who goes down in history as the world's longest-serving prime minister—and as one of the most unforgettable political figures of modern times. "You have done a superb job of capturing the many facets of this extraordinary man...." - Dr Henry A. Kissinger on Conversations with Lee Kuan Yew.

THE BIG IDEAS OF LEE KUAN YEW

INTERVENTIONS

A LIFE IN WAR AND PEACE

Penguin A "candid, courageous, and unsparing memoir" (The New York Review of Books) of post-Cold War politics and global statecraft Written with eloquence and unprecedented candor, Interventions is the story of Kofi Annan's remarkable time at the center of the world stage. After forty years of service at the United Nations, Annan—who received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001—shares his unique experiences during the terrorist attacks of September 11; the American invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan; the war between Israel, Hizbollah, and Lebanon; the brutal conflicts of Somalia, Rwanda, and Bosnia; and the geopolitical transformations following the end of the Cold War. A personal biography of global statecraft, Interventions is as much a memoir as a guide to world order—past, present, and future.

GENERAL HISTORY OF THE CHINESE IN SINGAPORE, A

World Scientific A General History of the Chinese in Singapore documents over 700 years of Chinese history in Singapore, from Chinese presence in the region through the millennium-old Hokkien trading world to the waves of mass migration that came after the establishment of a British settlement, and through to the development and birth of the nation. Across 38 chapters and parts, readers are taken through the complex historical mosaic of Overseas Chinese social, economic and political activity in Singapore and the

region, such as the development of maritime junk trade, plantation industries, and coolie labour, the role of different bangs, clan associations and secret societies as well as Chinese leaders, the diverging political allegiances including Sun Yat-sen's revolutionary activities and the National Salvation Movement leading up to the Second World War, the transplanting of traditional Chinese religions, the changing identity of the Overseas Chinese, and the developments in language and education policies, publishing, arts, and more. With 'Pride in our Past, Legacy for our Future' as its key objective, this volume aims to preserve the Singapore Chinese story, history and heritage for future generations, as well as keep our cultures and traditions alive. Therefore, the book aims to serve as a comprehensive guide for Singaporeans, new immigrants and foreigners to have an epitome of the Singapore society. This publication is supported by the National Heritage Board's Heritage Project Grant.

GOVERNING ASIA

REFLECTIONS ON A RESEARCH JOURNEY

World Scientific These thirty-eight essays by the professors and research fellows of the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy is dedicated to the tenth anniversary of the School. The core theme of the essays is governance in Asia and what its governments and peoples are doing for the public good. As Asia rises, its policymakers and citizens, and indeed the rest of the world, are increasingly asking how this dynamic region is making public policy, what we can learn from that exciting, often turbulent process, and how Asians can do better. The School's diverse and international group of scholars have written a set of informal, provocative, and passionate essays about governance in Asia — its past, present, and future — and why they study it. The volume — a candid, engaging act of transparency and disclosure — is also an invitation to join the conversation on the problems and promise of Asia and the larger dialogue on public policy and policy research in a globalized world. Contents: In Search of Good Public Administration and Governance (Naomi AOKI) A Third Generation Theory of Collective Action (Eduardo ARARAL) Growing Importance and Increasing Complexity: Research in Public Financial Management in Asia (Mukul G ASHER) India on My Mind (Kanti BAJPAI) New Mindsets: Solving the World's Water and Wastewater Problems (Asit K BISWAS) How Did I Get Here? Where am I Going? Thinking on a Bicycle (Joost BUURMAN) Is There a Macroeconomic Policy Regime in China? (CHEN Kang) The Story of Missing Women (Yvonne J CHEN) Why Public Policy Needs to Take a Broader View on Well-Being (Namrata CHINDARKAR) From Slobodan Milosevic to Doraemon (HENG Yee Kuang) The Poetry of Politics: What I Research and Why (Selina HO) Tracing How Governments Think (Michael HOWLETT) The Challenge for Labour Market Policy Research (HUI Weng Tat) The Price of the Invaluable: The Role of Companies and Markets in Water Supply (Olivia JENSEN) From Gangnam Apartments to Urban Development Policy in Asia — A Personal Journey (JOO Yu Min) Research Passion for Excellence in Teaching (Suzaina KADIR) Population Ageing in the East and West (KIM Erin Hye-Won) Coincidences or Opportunities? (Ashish

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Keywords:Public Policy;Education;University;Management;Leadership;Institution-Building;Lee Kuan Yew;Singapore;Research

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"In ten short years, the LKY School has achieved a certain international reputation. This is partly due to the inimitable leadership of Kishore Mahbubani and partly because the work of the School meets a crying need for better governance in Asia. The 38 essays in the book are snapshots of what the School has been doing from different perspectives, giving the reader a sense of where the School is heading as it rides a current of history." George Yeo Chairman, Kerry Logistics Former Singapore Foreign Minister

"This volume of essays by the faculty and research fellows of the LKY School is a series of succinct and candid reflections on public policy research — it is also an insightful guide to rising Asia." Pascal Lamy Former Director General of the World Trade Organization

"Kishore Mahbubani and his colleagues draw us into the exciting world of Asian governance and the making of public policy for development in this most dynamic region." Helen Clark UNDP Administrator and Chair of the United Nations Development Group

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"The School shares its intellectual passions and ambitions with a directness and clarity which justifies the international attention it so well deserves." Lim Siong Guan Group President, GIC

LEE KUAN YEW'S EDUCATIONAL LEGACY

THE CHALLENGES OF SUCCESS

Springer The late Mr Lee Kuan Yew (1923–2015) laid the foundations for the creation of a first-world education system in Singapore. Like many other issues concerning the country, his ideas for education were transported in a red box, which he took with him wherever he went, even up to his last days. Inside it was always something designed to help create a better life for all Singaporeans. The editors of this volume were inspired by the idea of Mr Lee's red box and by the Founding Father's selfless drive to continuously improve the country he loved. As such, the book explores in detail Mr Lee's plans, including chapters on Education: The Man and His Ideas; Foundational Pillars of Singapore's Education; Education for Nationhood and Nation-Building; and 21st Century Readiness and Adaptability. The chapters also include the authors' visions, no matter how great or small, for the future of education in Singapore. They explore how Mr Lee's educational policies resulted in a system that attracts the right and best candidates to become teachers; that forms them into effective teachers, specialists and leaders; that ensures they and the education system are able to deliver the best possible learning for every child; and that establishes a legacy that has allowed the education system to continue to move forward while tackling the challenges of its success. From the little red box came the ideas that led to the country's meteoric rise. Likewise, the editors hope this book will lead to a brighter future in education.

MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE: FIFTY YEARS OF CONTENTIONS 1965-2015

The Other Press This book offers an interesting and informative account of the often fractious account of two countries in the heart of Southeast Asia. It outlines the primary issues that plagued relations between Malaysia and Singapore in the last fifty years and the political, diplomatic and legal initiatives taken to address them. The author gives a first-person narrative of the seemingly endless behind-the-scenes episodes that have brought the love-hate relationship to where they are today. He further delves into the vast reservoir of information on the rocky bilateral relationship to provide a reasonable argument over why Malaysia has behaved as it has since 1965. Exhaustive records of, among others, minutes, letters and documents are brought to light to substantiate the Malaysian view in relation to issues of contention with Singapore. Coming from an insider with more than four eventful decades in the Malaysian Foreign Service, it will be an eye opener for many.

THE CENTRAL LIBERAL TRUTH

HOW POLITICS CAN CHANGE A CULTURE AND SAVE IT FROM ITSELF

Oxford University Press Looks at social values around the world and how each nation's culture has affected it's political and economic progress.

HOW TO LIVE. WHAT TO DO

IN SEARCH OF OURSELVES IN LIFE AND LITERATURE

Pantheon A brilliant psychoanalyst and professor of literature invites us to contemplate profound questions about the human experience by focusing on some of the best-known characters in literature—from how Virginia Woolf's Mrs. Dalloway copes with the inexorability of midlife disappointment to Ruth's embodiment of adolescent rebellion in Kazuo Ishiguro's Never Let Me Go. "So beautiful ... a fantastic book." —Zadie Smith, best-selling author of White Teeth In supple and elegant prose, and with all the expertise and insight of his dual professions, Josh Cohen explores a new way for us to understand ourselves. He helps us see what Lewis Carroll's Alice and Harper Lee's Scout Finch can teach us about childhood. He delineates the mysteries of education as depicted in Jane Eyre and as seen through the eyes of Sandy Stranger in The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie. He discusses the need for adolescent rebellion as embodied in John Grimes in James Baldwin's Go Tell It on the Mountain and in Ruth in Kazuo Ishiguro's Never Let Me Go. He makes clear what Goethe's Young Werther and Sally Rooney's Frances have—and don't have—in common as they experience first love; how Middlemarch's Dorothea Brooke deals with the vicissitudes of marriage. Vis-a-vis old age and death, Cohen considers what wisdom we may glean from John Ames in Marilynne Robinson's Gilead and from Don Fabrizio in Giuseppe Tomasi di Lampedusa's The Leopard. Featuring:

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- And more!

THE BATTLE FOR MERGER

THE EAST ASIAN CHALLENGE FOR DEMOCRACY

POLITICAL MERITOCRACY IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

Cambridge University Press The rise of China, along with problems of governance in democratic countries, has reinvigorated the theory of political meritocracy. But what is the theory of political meritocracy and how can it set standards for evaluating political progress (and regress)? To help answer these questions, this volume gathers a series of commissioned research papers from an interdisciplinary group of leading philosophers, historians and social scientists. The result is the first book in decades to examine the rise (or revival) of political meritocracy and what it will mean for political developments in China and the rest of the world. Despite its limitations, meritocracy has contributed much to human flourishing in East Asia and beyond and will continue to do so in the future. This book is essential reading for those who wish to further the debate and perhaps even help to implement desirable forms of political change.

TALL ORDER

THE GOH CHOK TONG STORY

World Scientific Publishing Company Goh Chok Tong was an improbable Prime Minister for an unlikely country. Not by the norms and logic of most developing Asian countries. He had neither the connections nor the cunning to rise to the top, and was even once famously derided by his mentor Lee Kuan Yew for being "wooden" in his communication skills. Except for an imposing height most unusual in this part of the world, he was an ordinary man. He lost his father at a young age, lived in a two-bedroom public flat with his mother and four siblings and needed a government bursary to complete university.

LEE KUAN YEW THROUGH THE EYES OF CHINESE SCHOLARS

World Scientific Lee Kuan Yew through the Eyes of Chinese Scholars is a compilation of essays by highly-respected Chinese scholars in which they evaluate the life, work and philosophy of Lee Kuan Yew, founding Prime Minister of Singapore. Presenting a range of views from a uniquely Chinese/Asian perspective, this book provides valuable insights for those who wish to gain a fuller and deeper understanding of Lee Kuan Yew — the man, as well as Singapore — his nation. Marking the momentous event of his death as well as the 50th anniversary of Singapore's independence in 2015, this compilation reflects both the high regard in which Lee Kuan Yew is held across the Chinese-speaking world as well as the reservations of a few. The contributors are all ethnic Chinese from different academic disciplines ranging from a Nobel laureate in physics, Chen-Ning Yang, to historians, economists and political scientists. They include Singaporeans such as Wang Gungwu and Chew Cheng Hai, as well as scholars from China, the US and Hong Kong such as

Yongnian Zheng, Ying-Shih Yu, Lawrence Lau and Hang-Chi Lam among others. Originally published in Chinese, this English translation makes the material accessible to a wider English-reading audience.

SEVEN HUNDRED YEARS: A HISTORY OF SINGAPORE

Marshall Cavendish International Asia Pte Ltd Assessments of Singapore's history invariably revolve around Sir Stamford Raffles' arrival in 1819. Before this date – we've been told – "nothing very much appears to have happened in Singapore". Pre-1819 Singapore was a sleepy, historically insignificant fishing village, little more than the "occasional resort of pirates". This ambitious book, co-written by four of Singapore's foremost historians, offers an assertive re-evaluation of that view, firmly situating Singapore's starting point seven hundred years ago. Drawing on a multi-disciplinary range of archival, textual and cartographical records, as well as the latest archaeological discoveries, the authors cast a singular historical trajectory for Singapore over the past seven centuries, animating its history like never before. Written in a compelling and accessible manner, and richly illustrated with more than 200 artefacts, photographs, maps, art works and ephemera, this volume builds upon the foundations of an earlier book, Singapore: A 700-Year History. Extensively rewritten to incorporate ground-breaking research findings, Seven Hundred Years: A History of Singapore widens the historical lens and offers a vital new perspective on the story of Singapore.

REBEL CITY: HONG KONG'S YEAR OF WATER AND FIRE

World Scientific SCMP's reporting team looks back at Hong Kong's most wrenching political crisis since its return to Chinese rule in 1997. Anti-extradition bill protests that morphed rapidly into a wider anti-government movement in 2019 left no aspect of the city untouched, from its social compact to its body politic to its open economy. The demonstrations which continued well into 2020 have tested every institution of the city, from the civil service to the police to the courts and even its rail transport operator, and from offices and businesses to universities and schools, and from churches to families and even friends. This book is for anyone seeking to understand not just what Hong Kong has gone through but also the global phenomenon of increasingly leaderless protest movements. Fueled by profound angst about the place of millennial youth in society, widening income inequality, and the speed of digital communications, Hong Kong was in retrospect ripe to be the laboratory for a new-age protest movement, nearly a decade after the Middle East's Arab spring. The essays in the book collectively compose a picture of a society in trauma, bent and broken, but showing signs of an uncanny ability to bounce back. What shape it will be in a few years from now, however, is much harder to predict. Related Link(s)

GE2020: FAIR OR FOUL?

Epigram Books Singapore's 2020 general election saw its fair share of drama and comedy, and the results were not unexpected. But beyond the polls, the hard truth is impossible to avoid—the electoral system is in dire need of an overhaul. Former journalist and university lecturer Bertha Henson takes you through the days leading up to 10 July 2020 and peels back the veneer of Singapore politics. Aided by a team of NUS undergraduates, she draws on her past experience covering Singapore's polls to give you a blow-by-blow account of the campaign, and some cold truths about the political playing field.

FRAGILE EMPIRE

HOW RUSSIA FELL IN AND OUT OF LOVE WITH VLADIMIR PUTIN

Yale University Press "A beautifully written and very lively study of Russia that argues that the political order created by Vladimir Putin is stagnating" (Financial Times). From Kaliningrad on the Baltic to the Russian Far East, journalist Ben Judah has traveled throughout Russia and the former Soviet republics, conducting extensive interviews with President Vladimir Putin's friends, foes, and colleagues, government officials, business tycoons, mobsters, and ordinary Russian citizens. Fragile Empire is the fruit of Judah's thorough research: A probing assessment of Putin's rise to power and what it has meant for Russia and her people. Despite a propaganda program intent on maintaining the cliché of stability, Putin's regime was suddenly confronted in December 2011 by a highly public protest movement that told a different side of the story. Judah argues that Putinism has brought economic growth to Russia but also weaker institutions, and this contradiction leads to instability. The author explores both Putin's successes and his failed promises, taking into account the impact of a new middle class and a new generation, the Internet, social activism, and globalization on the president's impending leadership crisis. Can Russia avoid the crisis of Putinism? Judah offers original and up-to-the-minute answers. "[A] dynamic account of the rise (and fall-in-progress) of Russian President Vladimir Putin." —Publishers Weekly "[Judah] shuttles to and fro across Russia's vast terrain, finding criminals, liars, fascists and crooked politicians, as well as the occasional saintly figure." —The Economist "His lively account of his remote adventures forms the most enjoyable part of Fragile Empire, and puts me in mind of Chekhov's famous 1890 journey to Sakhalin Island." —The Guardian

PAP V. PAP

THE PARTY'S STRUGGLE TO ADAPT TO A CHANGING SINGAPORE

Cherian George & Donald Low The 2020 General Election results have raised expectations that Singapore will transition to a more competitive democracy. But this is far from preordained. Nor is there a clear societal consensus that the city-state needs this amid a pandemic and its deepest economic crisis since independence. For now, the People's Action Party still controls all the levers of power. With the opposition still not ready to step up as an alternative government-in-waiting, Lee Kuan Yew's prognosis still applies: the PAP's internal dynamics will be the primary determinant of its continued viability. PAP v. PAP expands on one dimension of this inner struggle: between a conservative attachment to what worked in the past, and a boldly progressive vision for the future. Cherian George and Donald Low argue that a reformed PAP — comfortable with political competition and more committed to justice and equality — would be good for Singapore, and serve the long-term interests of the party. An adaptive PAP, buttressed with stronger democratic legitimacy, would also maintain one of Singapore's most important strengths: a strong consensus on the virtues of an expert-led, elite government. Only by strengthening democratic practices and norms can Singapore maintain its edge in a world pulled apart by identity politics, populist nationalism and nativism, and an erosion of trust in public institutions. The anthology draws from the authors' many years of commentary on Singapore government and politics, and also includes new essays responding to the exceptional events of 2020.

NEITHER CIVIL NOR SERVANT

THE PHILIP YEO STORY

A BOY NAMED HARRY

THE CHILDHOOD OF LEE KUAN YEW

Epigram Books The future leader of Singapore spent his growing up years doing what other children did in the 1920s. Harry liked to play with spinning tops, marbles, kites—and even fighting fish! While he was a little mischievous as a child, Harry worked hard in school to achieve academic success, eventually winning scholarships to attend the prestigious Raffles College. Especially for younger readers, this inspiring picture book about the childhood of Harry Lee Kuan Yew is one that parents, caregivers and teachers can share with children, providing the perfect opportunity for grown-ups to tell share with them his contributions to the country.

SUNDAYS WITH SUMIKO

COLUMNS FROM THE SUNDAY TIMES

Collection of Sumiko Tan's column that appeared fortnightly in The Sunday Times' lifestyle section.

A CHANCE OF A LIFETIME

LEE KUAN YEW AND THE PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATION OF SINGAPORE

Didier Millet, Csi A Chance of a Lifetime details Singapore's history of urban planning, and Lee Kuan Yew's role in the development of the modern city-state.

SPEECH AND SOCIETY IN TURBULENT TIMES

Cambridge University Press

HARD CHOICES

Flipside Digital Content Company Inc. Singapore is changing. The consensus that the PAP government has constructed and maintained over five decades is fraying. The assumptions that underpin Singaporean exceptionalism are no longer accepted as easily and readily as before. Among these are the ideas that the country is uniquely vulnerable, that this vulnerability limits its policy and political options, that good governance demands a degree of political consensus that ordinary democratic arrangements cannot produce, and that the country's success requires a competitive meritocracy accompanied by relatively little income or wealth redistribution. But the policy and political conundrums that Singapore faces today are complex and defy easy answers. Confronted with a political landscape that is likely to become more contested, how should the government respond? What reforms should it pursue? This collection of essays suggests that a far-reaching and radical rethinking of the country's policies and institutions is necessary, even if it weakens the very consensus that enabled Singapore to succeed in its first fifty years.

MEN IN WHITE

THE UNTOLD STORY OF SINGAPORE'S RULING POLITICAL PARTY

Marshall Cavendish International Men in White is the inside story of one of the world's most successful political parties—the ruling People's Action Party of Singapore (PAP). With its victory in the 2006 polls, PAP has won 12 successive general elections since it assumed power in 1959. Narrated in three parts, Men in White chronicles the rise, fall, capture, split, and rise of a political party which has become synonymous with the spellbinding success of Singapore, and delves into the reasons for its track record and longevity. The authors are experienced journalists from leading Singapore newspapers, The Straits Times and The Sunday Times. Part One tells how Lee Kuan Yew and his anglicized associates collaborated with radical Chinese-speaking trade unions to form a small left-wing party in 1954 to drive out the British colonialists, and how they fell out over the issue of merger with Malaya. Part Two captures the agonies of leadership self-renewal. Part Three wraps up the PAP story by tracing the origins and discussing some of the key principles that characterized Singapore governance.

NATIONAL DAY RALLY SPEECHES

50 YEARS OF NATIONHOOD IN SINGAPORE, 1966-2015

This book presents a collection of 50 National Day Rally speeches made between 1966 and 2015 by Singapore's Prime Ministers Mr. Lee Kuan Yew, Mr. Goh Chok Tong, and Mr. Lee Hsien Loong. This is the first time that these speeches have been published in one book. It is an excellent resource for researchers and academics as well as anyone who seeks a better understanding of Singapore's nation-building journey and insights into how the country has evolved into what it is today.

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