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The History of Singapore Jean Abshire, 2011-03-21 This book overviews Singapore's fascinating history from the precolonial era to the present, examining this wealthy island nation from economic, political, cultural, and social perspectives. Singapore is a dominant player in the global economy, serving both as an essential business hub for international finance and home to some of the world's most important ports. It is also one of the world's smallest and most resource-poor countries. This book offers an engaging examination of Singapore using a theme of globalization to explain how the country's worldwide interactions across centuries have resulted in an ethnically diverse society and allowed it to ascend to a position of being an economic powerhouse. Every significant historic event and era—from its status as a meeting point for traders in the 600s to its colonization by the British in 1819, and from Japanese occupation during World War II to the 2002 arrest of a group of Islamic terrorists—is covered.

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seeking to engage with this enigmatic and vastly successful nation.

Singapore in Global History Derek Thiam Soon Heng, Syed Muhd Khairudin Aljunied, 2011 This important overview explores the connections between Singapore's past with historical developments worldwide until present day. The contributors analyse Singapore as a city-state seeking to provide an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of the global dimensions contributing to Singapore's growth. The book's global perspective demonstrates that many of the discussions of Singapore as a city-state have relevance and implications beyond Singapore to include Southeast Asia and the world. This vital volume should not be missed by economists, as well as those interested in imperial history.

A General History Of The Chinese In Singapore Chong Guan Kwa, Bak Lim Kua, 2019-06-21 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

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Studying Singapore's Past Ping Tjin Thum, Karl Hack, Kevin Blackburn, John Bastin, Anthony Milner, Kelvin W.K. Ng, A.J. Stockwell, Jason Lim, 2012-07-01 C.M. (Mary) Turnbull's contributions to historical writing on Singapore extended from her 1962 thesis, published in 1972 as *The Straits Settlements, 1826-1867: Indian Presidency to Crown Colony*, to her magisterial history of Singapore, first published in 1977 and re-issued in 2009 in an updated edition as *A History of Singapore, 1819-2005*. Her approach to history involved detailed work with documents and published materials, with a particular focus on political and economic history. One contributor to the present volume described the book as an exercise in endowing a modern 'nation-state' with a coherent past that should explain the present. As styles in history evolved, younger scholars including some of her former students and colleagues began exploring new approaches to historical research that drew on non-English-language source material and asked fresh questions of the sources. Mary enjoyed controversy and expected debate, and had a deep interest in these accounts, which were in many ways a natural progression from her own publications even when they raised questions about her interpretations and conclusions. *Studying Singapore's Past* had its origins in a conference organised to discuss her work. The volume includes ten contributions, some from long-

established scholars of Singapore's history, others from a new generation of researchers. Their work offers an evaluation of established understandings of Singapore's history, and gives an indication of new directions that researchers are exploring. In publishing the book, the editor not only pays tribute to a distinguished historian but also seeks to make a contribution to the historiography of Singapore and to ongoing debates about Singapore's past.

Historical Dictionary of Singapore Justin Corfield, 2010-12-02 The Historical Dictionary of Singapore relates this history of this country through a chronology, an introductory essay, an expansive bibliography, and over 500 cross-referenced dictionary entries on significant persons, events, places, organizations, and other aspects of Singapore history from the earliest times to the present.

One Hundred Years' History Of The Chinese In Singapore: The Annotated Edition Ong Siang Song, 2020-03-12 Since its publication in 1923, Sir Song Ong Siang's *One Hundred Years' History of the Chinese in Singapore* has become the standard biographical reference of prominent Chinese in early Singapore, at least in the English language. This fact would have surprised Song who saw himself primarily as a compiler of historical and biographical snippets. The original was not referenced in academic fashion and contained a number of errors. This annotation by the Singapore Heritage Society takes Song's classic text and updates it with detailed annotations of sources that Song himself might have consulted, and includes more recent scholarship on the lives and times of various personalities who are mentioned in the original book. This annotated edition is commissioned by the National Library Board, Singapore and co-published with World Scientific Publishing.

A History of Singapore Ernest Chin Tiong Chew, 1991 This is the first of a series of five volumes on the ASEAN countries being published by Oxford University Press in collaboration with the Southeast Asian Studies Program. In 1819 Thomas Stamford Raffles established an outpost of British India on a sparsely populated island at the southern end of the Straits of Malacca. This book tells how that settlement became a Crown Colony that was for over 100 years one of the most prosperous ports not just of British Malaya, but in the entire British Empire. This multi-faceted historical process is discussed by eighteen Singapore scholars. Starting with a short survey of the pre-modern history of Singapore, their work provides both a chronological account of events and specialized studies including community, the family, education, mass media, housing, health care, welfare, population growth, and national identity.

A History of Modern Singapore, 1819-2005 C.M. Turnbull, 2009-01-01 When C.M. Turnbull's *A History of Singapore, 1819-1975* appeared in 1977, it quickly achieved recognition as the definitive history of Singapore. A second edition published in 1989 brought the story up to the elections held in 1988. In this fully revised edition, rewritten to take into account recent scholarship on Singapore, the author has added a chapter on Goh Chok Tong's premiership (1990-2004) and the transition to a government headed by Lee Hsien Loong. The book now ends in 2005, when the Republic of Singapore celebrated its 40th anniversary as an independent nation. Major changes occurred in the 1990s as the generation of leaders that oversaw the transition from a colony to independence stepped aside in favour of a younger generation of leaders. Their task was to shape a course that sustained the economic growth and social stability achieved by their predecessors, and they would be tested towards the end of the decade when Southeast Asia experienced a

severe financial crisis. Many modern studies on Singapore focus on current affairs or very recent events and pay a great deal of attention to Singapore's successful transition from the developing to the developed world. However, younger historians are increasingly interested in other aspects of the country's past, particularly social and cultural issues. *A History of Modern Singapore, 1819-2005* provides a solid foundation and an overarching framework for this research, surveying Singapore's trajectory from a small British port to a major trading and financial hub within the British Empire and finally to the modern city state that Singapore became after gaining independence in 1965.

The Scripting of A National History Lysa Hong, Jianli Huang, 2008-04-01 Rather than presenting another narrative of Singapore history, *The Scripting of a National History: Singapore and Its Pasts* studies the constructed nature of the history endorsed by the state, which blurs the distinction between what happened in the past, and how the state intends that past to be understood. The People's Action Party (PAP) government's unbroken mandate to rule has come in no small part from the way it explains its lineage and record to Singaporeans. The power vested in various aspects of Singapore's history is thus examined through a consideration of past and present politics. The authors trace state discourses on Singapore history from the decision immediately after independence to recognize the nineteenth-century British acquisition of the island as its founding moment, to the 1980s and 1990s when an essentially Confucian heritage was recognized under the rubric of Asian values, and finally to an emphasis on the history of racial fragility and harmony in response to the threat of terrorism in the twenty-first century. Embedded within these discourses is the story of the PAP as the heir of the economic dynamics of the pax

Britannica, as an exponent of the morality and righteousness of the Chinese scholar-gentleman, and as the firm hand that balances the interests of the majority Chinese against those of the minority populations, particularly the Malays. The authors examine the underlying template of Singapore history, the negotiation with its immigrant past, and the popularization of history through conscription of national heroes. The chapters range from considering how political leaders claim to be historians by virtue of being the makers of history, to the vicissitudes undergone by two originally private homes turned into symbols of Singapore's Chinese modernity. *The Scripting of a National History: Singapore and Its Pasts* is highly relevant not only to academics but also for the Singapore general reader interested to see what are meant to be received wisdoms for the citizenry interrogated in a well-reasoned and engaging exercise, as well as for an international readership to whom Singapore has become a fascinating enigma. They may well be intrigued by the anxieties of being Singaporean.

Studies in Malaysian and Singapore History Bruce McFarland Lockhart, Tse Siang Lim, 2010

A Sociolinguistic History of Early Identities in Singapore Phyllis Ghim-Lian Chew, 2012-11-29 What role does race, geography, religion, orthography and nationalism play in the crafting of identities? What are the origins of Singlish? This book offers a thorough investigation of old and new identities in Asia's most global city, examined through the lens of language.

1819 & Before Kwa Chong Guan, 2021-04-02 The essays published here began as a series of lectures commemorating the bicentennial of Thomas Stamford Raffles's establishment of a British Station in 1819. The essays draw on thirty-five years of archaeological investigations on and around Fort Canning, new

readings of the Malay Annals, early Chinese records reporting Singapore, and the Portuguese and Dutch records to probe and challenge our understanding of Singapore's history before Raffles. Altogether, these essays suggest that Singapore had a pre-1819 past that was deeply connected to the millennium-long maritime history of the Straits of Melaka and its links to the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean.

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One Hundred Years' History of the Chinese in Singapore Ong Siang Song, 1923

A History of Singapore, 1819-1975 Constance Mary Turnbull, 1980

Singapore Mark Ravinder Frost, Yu-Mei Balasingamchow, 2013-02-19 Brimming with verve and dramatic incident, *Singapore: A Biography* offers fresh insights into the life story of this island city-state through the personal experiences of the workers, adventurers, rulers and revolutionaries who have shaped its history over the last seven centuries. The authors, drawing on research undertaken in collaboration with the National Museum of Singapore, have woven together ancient chronicles, eyewitness accounts, oral histories and even modern radio and television broadcasts to create a vivid and compelling narrative that brings the past back to life. Grounded in scholarship yet fired by the imagination, this book reveals the Singapore story to have been as rich, diverse and multilayered as the city-state is prosperous, ordered and successful today.

Singapore Gretchen Liu, 2001 This is the story of Singapore through the eyes of artists and photographers. Each image conveys a strong sense of place, and together they tell the story of a nation and the island they transformed from a fishing village to a global city state.

Decoding Sejarah Melayu: The Hidden History of Ancient Singapore Jason Heng, 2021-05-28 Everyone knows Singapore as the Lion City and the story behind of a Palembang prince, Sang Nila Utama, sighting a lion on this island that was first published 200 years ago in John Leyden's translation of the Malay classic *Sejarah Melayu*. But few people have actually read the *Sejarah Melayu* to realise the fairytale-like claims of Singapore's supposed medieval founder as a descendant of Alexander the Great, and the son of an Indian king who tried to conquer China and a princess from underwater; or that the creature he purportedly saw was not described as a lion, but a chimera with a red body, black head, white breast, and was a little larger than a he-goat. And barely anyone remembers the days when respectable residents of Singapore scoffed at suggestions that Singapore's name has anything to do with the *Felis Leo*. *Decoding Sejarah Melayu* daringly challenges the assumption that the *Sejarah Melayu* records Singapore's pre-modern past, which has been held since Sir Stamford Raffles arrived in 1819 and declared himself at the ancient Capital of the Malay kings. It seeks to grasp what is the *Sejarah Melayu* and how its accounts of Singapore as Temasek and Singapura were written, critically re-examines key historical text such as the Malay epic *Hikayat Hang Tuah*, Tomé Pires' *Suma Oriental* and 14th century Chinese travelogue *Daoyi Zhilue*, and makes an expansive study into other sources in Malay, Javanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Siamese, Arabic, Portuguese, Dutch, French, and the English language to discover clues to ancient Singapore's long hidden past. This is a book that will profoundly change understandings of Singapore's history and identity.

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