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Monsoon Books is an award-winning independent publisher of trade books on Asia. Established in 2002 in Singapore, and registered in the UK in 2016, Monsoon publishes fiction and narrative nonfiction with Asian themes by writers from around the world. Its titles have been translated into numerous languages and adapted for TV, film and stage. Monsoon actively acquires rights in exceptional new and backlist titles set in Asia.

Monsoon’s UK office is housed in the converted stables of Burrough Court Estate in north Leicestershire. A hunting lodge for the royal family and gentry, Burrough Court belonged to Lord Furness, who kept a zebra and a giraffe on the grounds – the zebra was ridden regularly in the paddock by Lady Furness. A mistress of the then Prince of Wales, Lady Furness introduced her lover to Wallis Simpson during a party at Burrough Court, and was soon supplanted in the prince’s affection by the American socialite, for whom the future King Edward VIII would later abdicate the throne.

Lord Furness housed his private aeroplane on the estate and it was this aeroplane that was commissioned by Prime Minister Chamberlain, a familiar visitor to the house, to transport him to Germany in his efforts to prevent the Second World War. The main house survived the war but was destroyed in a fire shortly afterwards when, as the tale goes, a band of enthusiastic Canadian soldiers accidentally burned the house down while attempting to blow up the sealed entrance to the estate’s wine cellar.

We love a good story at Monsoon Books.
Singapore 1942: Sirinya and her family are members of the Thai underground, who risk their lives to resist the Japanese occupation and to help prisoners of war building the Thai-Burma rail in the war years. While the immigrant population of recently arrived Chinese threatens to riot, someone is smuggling powerful new American weapons into the British colony, and rumours of Chinese undead wandering the night-time streets puts even the powerful Chinese clans on edge. Explore the dark underbelly of 19th-century Singapore and Malaya in this hard-boiled historical thriller trilogy, comprising Singapore Black, Singapore Yellow and Singapore Red.

About the author
American author William L. Gibson is a Singapore permanent resident working in education.

Selling points
- Popular trilogy set in Singapore, NJ and Malacca.
- Learn about triads, opium, prostitution and gambling in colonial Singapore and Malaysia.

‘Thriller trilogy offers crime, intrigue and mysticism Singapore style’ The Star, Malaysia

Bamboo Road
Ann Bennett

Volume 3 in the Bamboo series of historical WW II fiction set in Southeast Asia that can be read in any order.

About the author
Ann Bennett was born in a small village in Northamptonshire, UK. She read Law at Cambridge and qualified and practised as a solicitor. During a career break, to have children, she started to write. Her father had been a prisoner of war on the Thailand-Burma Railway and the idea for a Southeast Asian WW II trilogy came from researching his wartime experiences. The research took her back to Asia, a place she loves and has returned to many times. She lives in Surrey with her husband and three sons and works in London as a lawyer.

Selling points
- Bamboo Heart (vol.1) awarded Winner: Fiction Published in Asia, Asian Books Blog 2015.
- Global English-language audiobook rights sold.
- UK launch at London’s historic Daunts Marylebone bookstore.

Island of Demons
Nigel Barley

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More Books by Nigel Barley

Not many British schoolgirls have grown up to become revolutionary heroes of distant, eastern nations but Muriel Stewart Walker did just that. Under a multitude of different names – ‘Kut Tantri’ and ‘Surabaya Sue’ being the best known – she joined in the struggle for Indonesian independence after the Second World War and broadcast its revolutionary message to the world on Rebel Radio. But she did more and smuggled arms and probably drugs to help finance the new Republic and experienced bloody battle in the British attack on Surabaya that some have seen as a war crime. She went on to become an intimate of the revolutionary leaders and finally lived to see Indonesia take its place amongst the free nations of the world.

A longsitting resident of Indonesia, and frequent visitor to Singapore, ‘Surabaya Sue’ is virtually unknown in the West and, even in Indonesia, there have always been doubts about her version of events that many have dismissed outright as a blatant mixture of outrageous fantasy and dishonest omissions. Snow over Surabaya happily embraces those doubts and brings a new, spirited account of her adventures in that tempestuous period.

About the author
A graduate of Oxford and Cambridge universities, Dr Nigel Barley originally trained as an anthropologist and worked in West Africa. He survived to move to the Ethnography Department of the British Museum and settled on Indonesia as his principal research interest and has worked on both the history and contemporary culture of that area. After escaping from the museum, he is now a broadcaster and writer with over fifteen books to his name, and divides his time between London and Indonesia.
In the fourth installment of the award-winning Kain Songket Mysteries detective series set in east coast Malaysia, amateur sleuth Makcik Maryam investigates the death of a winning contestant at a kite flying contest. With little experience, the winner is found to have beaten some of Kelantan’s best competitors, but no one knows why he suddenly took up the sport. Makcik Maryam’s investigation leads her into a labyrinth of unexpected relationships in a seemingly peaceful village.

About the author
Barbara Ismail holds a PhD in Anthropology from Yale University and lived in Kelantan, Malaysia, where she learned the local dialect, arts and customs.

Selling points
• Malaysia’s answer to No.1 Ladies Detective Agency.
• Shadow Play (vol.1) won Best Debut Novel at the 2012 Singapore Book Awards and was shortlisted for The Star Readers’ Choice Awards 2013 in Malaysia.
• Princess Play (vol.2) was shortlisted for The Star Readers’ Choice Awards 2014 in Malaysia.
• North American rights sold in the series.

Kuala Lumpur Undercover II
Ewe Pak-Leong
The sequel to bestselling Kuala Lumpur Undercover, with new venues, new girls and new, outrageous escapades.

As eight sexy girls strut their stuff on stage, splaybox shorts swathing their behinds as tightly as the lotus-leaf wrappings of a Chinese dumpling, author Ewe Pak-Leong once again finds himself on the trail of Kuala Lumpur’s ladies of the night. Following the success of his original book, which resulted in several red-light areas being closed down by the Malaysian authorities, he is back with new girls, new locations and new, shocking material. In his new book, the author reveals websites where tuk-tuk freelancers advertise their services and, in true Malaysian fashion, where the names of dishes denote the different races: nasi lemak (NL) for Malay girls, char kwey teow (CKT) for Chinese, and chapatti for Indians. He visits KL’s ethnic enclaves and he interviews sex workers in ‘Little Vietnam’, ‘Little Indonesia’, ‘Little China’ and ‘Little Nepal’.

This follow-up volume to bestselling Kuala Lumpur Undercover, the author also travels north to Thailand to report on activities in Bangkok, the ‘City of Angels’. In this self-contained prostitution village, or bok bai, where women idle under front porches of houses while feathered chickens scratch the dirt looking for their next victim.

Selling points
• Sequel to bestselling Kuala Lumpur Undercover.
• Features stories about Malaysians and Singaporeans in KL, Bangkok, Phuket, Batam and Kaimur.
• Part of the Undercover series that includes Bali Undercover and Jakarta Undercover (vols. 1 and II).

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You'll Die in Singapore
Charles McCormac
978981425562
NONFICTION / BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR
This book features an Afterword by Chin Peng.

Malayan Spymaster
 Boris Hembry
9789810854423
NONFICTION / BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR
This is a true story of 1930s Malaysia and Singapore, of jungle operations, submarines and spies in WWII, and of the postwar Malayan Emergency, as experienced by an extraordinary man. A rubber planter when the Japanese invaded Malaya, Hembry remained behind enemy lines before escaping by sampan to Sumatra. He returned to Singapore shortly before its surrender then escaped to India, where he joined the British Secret Intelligence Service and returned to Sumatra and Malaya several times by submarine on intelligence-gathering missions.

Out in the Midday Sun
Margaret Shennan
9789814423319
NONFICTION / BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR
A fascinating history of the British in Malaya and Singapore from 1880 to 1940, told through memoirs, letters and interviews.

The Defence and Fall of Singapore
Brian Farrell
9789814423385
NONFICTION / BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR
Based on the most extensive use yet of primary documents in Britain, Japan, Australia and Singapore, history professor Farrell provides the fullest picture of how and why Singapore fell and its real significance to the outcome of WWII.

Growing Up in Trengganu
Awang Goneng
9789810586928
NONFICTION / BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR
Listen to the azan call to prayer from the surau of Hai Mat Kerinci, order satay with toast for breakfast and relive the pleasure of hearing the rain hammer down on a corrugated-iron roof while reading. The Boar and eating kuih putu. Sultans, sweetmeat sellers and shopkeepers all act as springboards as you meander through the history of Trengganu state in Malaysia.

Our Man in Malaya
Margaret Shennan
9789814423364
NONFICTION / BIOGRAPHY & MEMOIR
Our Man in Malaya is a personal story of a lost generation that doesn’t entirely appeal to the Straits Chinese but is a must-read for all those interested in the region.

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Jasmine Fever
Frank Visakay
9789810589738
248pp
When NY chef Visakay traded in the sweaty heat of the restaurant kitchen for the glorious tropical heat of Thailand, he thought he had found paradise. Not only was the lifestyle laid back, the food delicious and the beers chilled but he was even attracting the attention of beautiful Thai women. Or so he thought. With Jasmine Fever, Visakay offers a series of revelations about his and his fellow expatriates’ relationships with Thai bargirls.

Red-light Nights, Bangkok Daze
William Sparrow
9789810810764
224pp
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Singapore Girl
James Eckardt
9789810562342
240pp
This is the true story of a long-vanished Singapore and the dangerous carnival known as Bugis Street. Eckardt arrived in Singapore in 1975 and fell in love with a Singaporean nymph named Missy. He lost touch with Missy but in 2004, an email arrived that would lead Eckardt to discover what had happened to the Singapore girl who, at the time he had loved her, had not technically been female. A very moving memoir of love and loss in Singapore.

Indiscreet Memories
Edwin A. Brown
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432pp
Arriving in 1901, Edwin A. Brown knew little about Singapore. Through diary extracts and personal memories, this young Englishman brings to life characters and events in a country he knew little about Singapore. Through diary extracts and personal memories, this young Englishman brings to life characters and events in a country he knew little about Singapore. Through diary extracts and personal memories, this young Englishman brings to life characters and events in a country.

Nightmare in Bangkok
Andy Botts
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Bali Raw
Malcolm Scott
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In this extraordinary expose, Australian author and Bali resident Malcolm Scott reveals the raw underbelly of Bali. He walks readers down Bali’s mean streets with honesty, humour and gritty realism and offers up a Bali chocking with violent street fights, cheap sex and aggressive crime. Bali Raw is a must-read for anyone who has visited, or is thinking of travelling to, Indonesia’s Island of the Gods.

Remembering Josh
Brian Deegan
9789810592127
224pp
On 12 October 2002 Brian Deegan’s son Joshua was killed in the terrorist explosion in Bali. Raw and powerful, this memoir cuts to the heart of love and honesty. Nobody reading this book will be left unaffected by it.

Deegan knows he will never speak to or see his son again, and in his own simple way he allows the reader to enter into that nightmare space.” Sydney Morning Herald, Australia

‘This book is a treasure trove for anyone interested in Singapore’ The Scots Times, Singapore

Confessions of a Bangkok Private Eye
Stephen Leather
978910548322
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Bestselling author Stephen Leather brings to life true case files of Bangkok private detective Warren Olson, whose clients included Westerners who had lost their hearts—and life savings—to money-hungry bargirls. But he had more than his fair share of Thai clients, too, including a sweet old lady who was ripped off by a Christian conman and a Thai girl blackmailed by a former lover.

Bangkok Hard Time
Jon Cole
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The memoir of a Western teenager whose clients included Westerners who had lost their hearts—and life savings—to money-hungry bargirls. But he had more than his fair share of Thai clients, too, including a sweet old lady who was ripped off by a Christian conman and a Thai girl blackmailed by a former lover.

Escape
David McMillan
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240pp
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Bali Undercover
Malcolm Scott
9789814625135
NONFICTION / TRUE CRIME
240pp
When in this follow-up to his international bestseller Bali Row, Scott strips off the island's sunny veneer to reveal its dark and dirty underbelly, taking the reader where no tourist guide ever will. Take a walk through the night streets of Kuta Beach, and discover first hand all the sexy and sleazy secrets that the island hides by day. In yet another steamy exposé of Bali and its sins and secrets, Bali Undercover suggests why the island may no longer be paradise, but a paradise lost.

Kuala Lumpur Undercover
Eve Paik Leong
9789814423175
NONFICTION / TRUE CRIME
224pp
Veteran writer Eve Paik Leong uncovers a hidden world of KTV lounges, hair salons, massage parlours that offer services beyond the therapeutic and food courts that transform at night into whirlpools of vice, drawing both young and old, the curious and the regulars. In a series of fascinating encounters and interviews with high-end nightclub hostesses and their mamasans, freelance escorts and surreptitious streetwalkers, the author confronts KL's underbelly head-on.

Jakarta Undercover
Moammar Emka
9789814423357
NONFICTION / TRUE CRIME
240pp
When it comes to providing unlimited sexual services, Jakarta—the world's fourth largest city, and the capital of the world's largest Muslim country—never seems to run out of sexual gasoline. This is the book that took Indonesia by storm; Moammar Emka is the male equivalent of Carrie Bradshaw; this is "Sex and the City" Indonesian-style!

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The Red Thread
Dawn Farnham
9789814432359
FICTION / HISTORICAL
328pp
Set against the backdrop of 1830s Singapore where piracy, crime, triads and tigers are commonplace, this cultural romance follows the struggle of two lovers: Zhen, once the lowliest of Chinese coolies and triad member, later chosen to marry into a Peranakan family of Baba Chinese merchants; and Charlotte, a painting description of the world's fourth largest city, and the capital of the world's largest Muslim country—never seems to run out of sexual gasoline. This is the book that took Indonesia by storm; Moammar Emka is the male equivalent of Carrie Bradshaw; this is "Sex and the City" Indonesian-style!

Over 500,000 copies of the Jakarta Undercover series sold worldwide!

In the final volume of the The Straits Quartet, Charlotte's love affair with Zhen, wealthy Chinese merchant, is an open scandal. Singapore in 1860 is a vice-ridden town filled "with the dregs of humanity from two continents": Opium makes up half of the British Empire's trade in the East and, from Singapore, the Chinese triads control its distribution. As turf wars fought on the streets of Chinatown, The colonial government, impoverished and inefficient, can do nothing about it. Only the Chinese godfather, the Lord of the Kings, has that power through his control of the coolie, prostitute and opium trade.

The Hills of Singapore
Dawn Farnham
9789814423625
FICTION / HISTORICAL
328pp
In Vol. 3 of The Straits Quartet, young, beautiful and wealthy widow Charlotte Macleod leaves Batavia in 1850s and returns to Singapore for the English education of her two young sons. She is determined not to be drawn back into a secret affair with Zhen, the married Chinese merchant, triad-member and man she loves who is, unknown to him, the father of her eldest son, Alex. Charlotte is convinced she can find happiness in a respectable marriage with a man she does not love in a town she does not understand.

The English Concubine
Dawn Farnham
9789814423618
FICTION / HISTORICAL
328pp
In Vol. 2 of The Straits Quartet, Charlotte Macleod is nineteen, pregnant, and alone in 1842. She is reeling a scandalous liaison with her married Chinese lover; a liaison which would bring ruin on him, herself, and her brother Robert, the police chief of Singapore. When Tigran Manouk, the richest merchant in Batavia, capital of the Dutch East Indies, asks for her hand in marriage, the choice is no choice. Through loss and pain, Charlotte will find a way to make a life with a man she does not love in a town she does not understand.

The Shallow Seas
Dawn Farnham
9789814423632
FICTION / HISTORICAL
328pp
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The Straits Quartet Box Set
Dawn Farnham
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4 x PAPERBACK (b-FORMAT)
Drawing on real-life historical personalities and actual places from 19th-century Singapore, author Dawn Farnham brings to life the heady atmosphere of Old Singapore where piracy, crime, triads and tigers are commonplace. This intense and passionate 4-volume romance follows the struggle of two lovers: Charlotte Macleod, sister of Singapore's Head of Police, and Zhen, triad member and once the lowliest of Chinese coolies and triad members, later chosen to marry into a Peranakan family of Baba Chinese merchants; and Charlotte, an 18-year-old Scots girl and sister of Singapore's Head of Police. Two cultures bound together by the invisible threads of fate yet separated by cultural diversity. The Red Thread in Vol. 1 of The Straits Quartet,

9789814423571
NONFICTION / TRUE CRIME
208pp
Singapore's hottest nonfiction series with over 30,000 copies sold. Invisible Trade explores the city-state's burgeoning sex industry, from high-class escorts to legal brothel workers and illegal freelance sex workers in a series of vivid portraits offering insights into this remarkable area of modern commerce. Over 35,000 copies sold!

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NONFICTION / TRUE CRIME
224pp
Meet the girl who works at a public relations agency by day and moonlights as an escort by night, the kara-oke-bar masquerade who deals in wild girls from mainland China, the American male escort who gets paid by visiting Shanghai socialites, and the Singaporean university student who freelances as a bondage model.

9789814423564
NONFICTION / TRUE CRIME
240pp
After the enormous success of Jakarta Undercover, Moammar Emka is back with more on the seedy nightlife and underground sex services of modern, hip Jakarta. Delving deep into the city's karaoke clubs, massage parlours and transit hotels, the author takes it upon himself to experience first-hand the tasty delights on offer and what exactly they involve.

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240pp
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In this blend of stirring fiction and heart-wrenching history set in WWI and contemporary Southeast Asia, Ann Bennett narrates the story of a soldier’s strength and survival in the bleakest of times and a daughter’s journey of discovery about her father and herself. Bamboo Heart is part of a Southeast Asian WWII trilogy of historical fiction that can be read in any order and includes Bamboo Island and Bamboo Road.

Bamboo Heart
Ann Bennett
9789814423731
FICTION / HISTORICAL
INPBK (b FORMAT) 336pp

Juliet Crosby has lived a recluse life on her Malayan rubber plantation since the Second World War robbed her of everyone she loved. However, the sudden appearance of a young woman from Indonesia disrupts her lonely existence and stirs up unsettling memories. Juliet is forced to recollect her prewar marriage, her wartime ordeals in Japanese-occupied Singapore and the loss of those she once held dear.

Bamboo Island
Ann Bennett
9789814423717
FICTION / HISTORICAL
INPBK (b FORMAT) 336pp

In May 1950, Eurasian Annie Collins returns to Singapore seeking her lost baby. As the time bomb ticks, Annie unravels the threads of her quest into increasingly dangerous territory, she finds strange recollections intruding, ones that have nothing to do with her own memories of her wartime experiences. This novel is a lament for the loss and damage of war, an unravelling mystery and a journey into suppressed memory and the nature of self-delusion.

Singapore Yellow
William L. Gibson
9789814423656
FICTION / HISTORICAL
INPBK (b FORMAT) 272pp

Singapore/Malaya. 1890s. Inspector Hawksworth travels to Malacca to meet a mysterious woman who claims his mother is alive, only to find a British Resident has been brutally murdered and a Singapore police expedition has vanished in the jungle. Children are being snatched from villages, unscrupulous merchants are fighting over virgin resources, and a seductive vampiric pontianak is on the loose.

Singapore Red
William L. Gibson
9789814423670
FICTION / HISTORICAL
INPBK (b FORMAT) 320pp

Singapore/ Malaya. 1890s. A cholera epidemic breaks out in Singapore’s congested Chinatown, and Chief Detective Inspector Hawksworth finds himself embroiled in a case that threatens to spill over into regional warfare. While the immigrant population threatens to riot, a woman from Indonesia disrupts his investigation and stirs up unsettling memories. Juliet is forced to recollect her prewar marriage, her wartime ordeals in Japanese-occupied Singapore and the loss of those she once held dear.

Shadow Play
Barbara Ismail
9789814358682
FICTION / COSY CRIME
INPBK (b FORMAT) 288pp

Vol. I. In the Kain Songket Mysteries series set in Kelantan, Malaysia, Malick Maryam, a smart and take-charge Kain songket (skk) trader discovers a murderer in her own backyard, shattering the bucolic village world she thought surrounded her. She steps up to solve the mystery herself but her investigation brings her into the closed world of the wayang Jult Shadow Play theater and the lives of its performers—a world riven by rivalry and black magic.

Flight of the Swans
D. Devika Bai
9789814423113
FICTION / HISTORICAL
INPBK (b FORMAT) 320pp

At once magical, poignant and exotic, this rich and fascinating family saga set in British India and Malaya memerises as it unrolls the love, loyalty and courage of the Bhosile family. The saga unfurls against the backdrop of war, famine, family conflict and social injustice, and hurries towards its inevitable end in a masterful blend of history and fiction.

Winner: Best Debut Novel, Singapore Book Awards: 2013

Shortlisted, Popular Readers’ Choice Awards 2014, Malaysia

A Crowd of Twisted Things
Dawn Farnham
9789814423083
FICTION / HISTORICAL
INPBK (b FORMAT) 240pp

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‘You’ll read this steamy new thriller in one go’ — Holland

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It is the First World War and German naval captain, Julius Lauterbach, is a prisoner of war in Singapore. He is also a braggart, a womaniser and a heavy drinker and through his bored fantasies he unwittingly triggers the 1915 Singapore Mutiny. Rogue Raider is the adventure story of how one ship, the Emden, tugs up the navies of four nations and how one man eludes Allied Forces in a desperate chase across Indonesia and the rest of Asia to America as he attempts to regain his native land.

It is 1942 and Singapore is Siyono, part of the Japanese Empire, where violence and starvation stalk the streets but in the Singapore Botanic Gardens a bizarre tranquillity reigns between warring nations and even love awakes as old identities melt away in the heady atmosphere of the Orchid House. From its unique perspective and with a mixture of humour and romance, The Devil’s Garden pictures a formative time in the emergence of Singapore, where loyalties are less secure than those of the official histories and truth is anything but simple.

Pete, a young travel writer, wanders into a Bangkok bar and meets the love of his life. Pete thinks that joy is the girl of his dreams; young, pretty and one of the top-earning go-go dancers in Nana Plaza. What follows is a roller-coaster ride of sex, drugs, lies and murder as Pete discovers that his very own private dancer is not all that she claims to be.

'Among the ten finest novels written about Asia' — The Asian Wall Street Journal

The book embrace a wide range of erotic beliefs and practices. Absolutely nothing is out of bounds, offering readers a glimpse into the erotic lives of Singapore’s inhabitants.

Crimes are few and far between in the city-state of Singapore and the crimes that do occur are usually solved quickly and efficiently. But when there’s a crime that has the police baffled, it’s Inspector Zhang. That they turn to in this anthology of locked-room mysteries set in Singapore. Inspector Zhang solves brain-teasing mysteries in the style of Sherlock Holmes and Poirot but with a modern twist.

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