



## THE FULLERTON HERITAGE, A RECIPIENT OF THE PATRON OF THE ARTS AWARD, CELEBRATES LOCAL WRITERS AND POETS THROUGH A COLLABORATION WITH BOOKSACTUALLY



**SINGAPORE, 25 July 2017** – An active supporter of the arts and culture in Singapore, The Fullerton Hotels Singapore, part of The Fullerton Heritage’s seven properties, celebrate local authors this National Reading Day on 29 July 2017. In collaboration with BooksActually – a Singapore-based independent bookstore, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore will be introducing books authored by local writers and poets to guests. The curated literary titles will be available in both hotels’ suites, The Fullerton Shop and The Fullerton Boutique, a lifestyle boutique located in the lobbies of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore respectively.

General Manager of The Fullerton Heritage, Cavaliere Giovanni Viterale hopes the inclusion of these books under The Fullerton Arts Programme will provide a more enriching experience for guests: “We invite guests to enjoy the vibrancy of the precinct, and with the convenience of the books in their suites, they can continue to be captivated by the tales of Singapore and her people as they take respite from the hustle and bustle of the city.”

Through a thorough curation process, three books titled ***Balik Kampung 2A***, ***Dreaming Cities*** and ***The Desire For Elsewhere***, have been shortlisted for the 28 suites in The Fullerton Hotel Singapore and six suites in The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore. These browsing copies invite guests to immerse in stories of Singapore in the comfort of their rooms. These books along with an additional title, ***Yesteryears***, will be available for



purchase at The Fullerton Shop and The Fullerton Boutique. Conveniently located in the Central Business District, The Fullerton Shop and The Fullerton Boutique also ideally situated for book-lovers to make a purchase.

Kenny Leck, the founder of BooksActually welcomed the opportunity to boost the visibility of Singaporean literary talents to the world through the introduction of the select books to The Fullerton Hotels' guests. He added, "Through this collaboration, I believe this will help readers to develop a better appreciation of Singapore's rich tapestry of history and culture."

The Fullerton Arts Programme plays an active role in promoting local talents by providing them visibility for their works. The recently launched art exhibition in conjunction with Singapore's National Day – Art for Autism: All Things Singapore – displays the works of 33 differently-abled student and alumni artists from Autism Resource Centre Singapore and Pathlight School at the East Garden Foyer in The Fullerton Hotel Singapore. This year, The Fullerton Heritage was awarded the Patron of the Arts Award by National Arts Council for its active contribution to the development of arts and culture in Singapore.

The Fullerton Shop at The Fullerton Hotel Singapore is open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. For enquiries, please contact (65) 6877 8178 or [fullertonshop@fullertonhotels.com](mailto:fullertonshop@fullertonhotels.com).

The Fullerton Boutique at The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore is open from 9:30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. daily. For enquiries, please contact (65) 6597 5288.

For more details on the synopsis of the books, please refer to Appendix A.



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**About The Fullerton Heritage**

Located where the dynamic developments of Marina Bay intersect with the world famous Singapore skyline, and where the historic district meets the future, The Fullerton Heritage precinct is the focal point for waterfront fine dining, upscale shopping and entertainment. The waterfront development's architecture combines both the historical and contemporary, adding vibrancy to the area's long-established cultural heritage and central business district. An exquisite dining and hospitality complex, the precinct consists of The Fullerton Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore, The Fullerton Waterboat House, One Fullerton, The Fullerton Pavilion, Clifford Pier and Customs House.

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### **About The Fullerton Hotel Singapore**

Gazetted as Singapore's 71st National Monument, The Fullerton Hotel Singapore was once home to the General Post Office, The Singapore Club and the Chamber of Commerce. It is a luxury hotel with 400 rooms and suites carefully designed to provide both business and leisure travellers with a sanctuary of serenity and comfort in which to retreat and rejuvenate. Dynamically located in the heart of the financial and arts districts, the hotel successfully blends rich heritage with contemporary style and personalised service to offer guests a world-class accommodation experience. Epicureans can enjoy a delectable array of dining selections. There are a total of 5 restaurants and bar in the hotel, namely Town Restaurant which presents international buffets and an à la carte menu, Jade features authentic Chinese cuisine, The Courtyard offers an Indian buffet, Japanese buffet and Afternoon Tea, and The Lighthouse Restaurant & Rooftop Bar with breathtaking views of the bay serves authentic Italian cuisine. Post Bar, which features the original ceiling and pillars of the General Post Office, is the popular choice amongst the trendy elite. Aside from the dining selections, The Fullerton Hotel also features an exquisite and intimate retail wing. Guests seeking rejuvenation can pamper themselves with the indulgent treatments at The Fullerton Spa. [www.fullertonhotels.com](http://www.fullertonhotels.com)

### **About The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore**

The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore is a stunning, jewel-like addition to the sparkling Marina Bay waterfront, with breathtaking architecture and stunning interiors that combine modernity and heritage. Seated on prime waterfront location in the Central Business District and arts and cultural precinct, the Hotel offers classic luxurious hospitality and exquisite service with rooms featuring 360 degree spectacular views of the Marina Bay and Singapore skyline. Step into a world of chic sophistication where The Fullerton Bay Hotel Singapore will set the tone for an indulgent lifestyle experience. <https://www.fullertonhotels.com/the-fullerton-bay-hotel>



## **APPENDIX A**

### **BALIK KAMPUNG 2A: PEOPLE AND PLACES**

Anthology edited by Verena Tay

Balik Kampung 2A: People and Places presents eleven new tales by authors who have lived in the respective neighbourhoods for at least ten years. What was it like to grow up in a particular district of Singapore during a specific decade? How can you go for a peaceful walk around your home if the area is being constantly remodelled by demolition and construction? How do present perceptions of space contrast with memory? Such questions fill the various stories that are inhabited with vivid characters and strong portrayals of different locales. If you wish to discover new perspectives about parts of Singapore that you may or may not have previously been aware of, then read this book.

### **DREAMING CITIES**

By Eddie Tay

In this book, poems and street photographs dream of the modern city, laying a poetic geography over the urban landscapes of Hong Kong and Singapore.

Born in Singapore, Eddie Tay is a long time resident of Hong Kong. He is an associate professor at the Department of English at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, where he teaches courses on street photography, creative writing and poetry. He is also the reviews editor of *Cha*, an online literary journal based in Hong Kong. This is his fourth collection of poetry.



## **THE DESIRE FOR ELSEWHERE**

By Agnes Chew

A girl who nearly meets with death while on board a plane from Paris to Marrakech; a boy who fills her arms with paper animals under the open skies of rural China; her doppelgänger whom she meets in the Middle East; a question she was once asked, and the answer she only finds three years after.

The Desire For Elsewhere takes you on an intimate journey to explore the interiors of the museum of the narrator's being, where otherwise ordinary artefacts reveal the stories they contain within. Travelling to the past, parallel planets, and the future, it tells a story of stories that explores the universal themes of love and loss, time and transience, and travel and wanderlust.

Enchanting and evocative, the tales of Agnes Chew transport you to places that run on lost time, missed opportunities, and deep-rooted aspirations. These are voyages fuelled by a sense of nostalgia, possibility, and hope. Ultimately, this debut collection raises fundamental questions on the ways in which we live our lives.

## **YESTERYEARS**

A photo publication by Sean Cham

Yesteryears captures 50 abandoned and forgotten buildings in Singapore through a series of in situ self-portraits. The buildings photographed are in different states of ruination, from the crumbling roofs of Istana Woodneuk to the soon-to-be demolished Rochor Centre. These buildings represent the modern ruins of post independence Singapore, an era that lives not only with progress but also the fleeting ruins left in its wake. In a city that is ever modernizing and growing, there is barely any room for the ruin. Buildings that are deemed obsolete will be torn down to make way for something bigger and better. But in the face of the storm called progress, as German philosopher Walter Benjamin expounded in 'Thesis on the Philosophy of History', it is important to retain our historical consciousness. *Yesteryears* does this not through monuments, or officially sanctioned heritage spaces, but through the more minor, often forgotten ruins created by an ever-changing Singapore.