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Self-taught baker Rie creates delightful treats with the philosophy of keeping things uncomplicated.

In this collection of recipes, Rie shares how elegant French-style confections and fun Japanese sweets can be made easily in a home kitchen without compromising on taste or flair.

With helpful baking tips and step-by-step illustrations to offer added guidance, preparing classics like canelé (rum-flavoured pastry) and dorayaki (fluffy pancake with red bean filling), or fun creations like hojicha (roasted green tea) coffee log cake and kinako (roasted soy powder) dacquoise with black sesame buttercream, becomes effortless and enjoyable.
Have you ever wondered what your barista is thinking as she makes your morning coffee? What’s it like to be a successful restaurateur in a ruthlessly competitive market? How did a young Thai woman come to work in a hostess bar? Is an academic ghostwriter undermining or shoring up a world-famous education system? How does a drag performer explain her profession to her conservative parents? And what does an elderly tissue vendor make of the momentous changes she’s seen in Singapore since independence?

In Hard at Work, sixty people talk about work and life in contemporary Singapore. Their stories shed light not just on Singapore’s present but also its past and its future, and reveal the nation as a place where people from around the world work hard to survive and sometimes thrive in a modern global city. The book offers readers a unique opportunity to look beyond the nation’s iconic skyline and gleaming surfaces to explore the diverse experiences of work and life in Singapore today.

"What an important effort this is for our highly diverse, changing society: to hear and to listen to strangers’ stories, as directly as possible. Besides giving voice to working people, Hard at Work taps into the current discussions about inequality in Singapore society, and exposes the untidiness and struggle that ordinary workers face." - Ho Kwon Ping, Chairman, Singapore Management University

Gerard Sasges received a PhD from UC Berkeley in 2006. In 2012 he joined the National University of Singapore where he is an associate professor in the Department of Southeast Asian Studies.

Ng Shi Wen is a photographer, educator and chronicler of everyday life. She is the founder of Photo Rikiki and has taught at the National University of Singapore and School of the Arts, Singapore.
In this updated book, viewed by many as a definitive guide to Singapore-style diplomacy, former minister, diplomat and law dean S Jayakumar outlines the principles and norms that form the bedrock of Singapore’s foreign policy, shaped by more than five decades of hard-earned experience of ministers and officials.

Professor Jayakumar, who retired from politics as Senior Minister in 2011, illustrates these with his accounts of and reflections on milestones where he had been involved as either Singapore’s Minister for Foreign Affairs or, much earlier, as Singapore’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN).

This second edition includes an overview and chapter updates of the tumultuous trends and developments in the 2010s that have made a significant impact on geopolitics and diplomacy, especially for small states such as Singapore.

The book documents how Singapore has been able to create diplomatic and economic space for itself through proactive and creative diplomacy, for instance, by initiating key international forums, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum and Asia-Europe Meeting, and by pursuing free trade agreements, such as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership and the European Union-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, both inked in 2018. Singapore has remained relevant to the international community by hosting international summits, such as the Trump-Kim Summit in 2018 and the Xi-Ma Summit in 2015, and by leading UN efforts such as the Singapore Convention on Mediation, opened for signature in Singapore in 2019.

Professor Jayakumar recounts how Singapore has responded to moves by other countries that are inimical to its national interests and put it under intense pressure, without losing its credibility. These include three difficult cases between 1994 and 1995 — the hanging of Dutch national Johannes Van Damme, that of Filipino maid Flor Contemplacion, and the caning of American Michael Fay — and the impounding of Singapore’s Terrex infantry carrier vehicles in transit in Hong Kong in 2016. Professor Jayakumar also discusses how Singapore has resolved disputes with other countries in an amicable manner through third-party settlement, in compliance with international law and international agreements, which has become an important feature of Singapore’s foreign policy. These include the land reclamation case with Malaysia and the case where the International Court of Justice awarded sovereignty over Pedra Branca to Singapore.

**COMMENDATIONS**

“The honest, meaty narratives offer insights into strategic goals and diplomatic means of one of the world’s most skillful foreign ministries.”

*Review from Foreign Affairs*

“S Jayakumar’s reflections explain how Singapore manages to “punch above its weight” on the international stage. In doing so, it offers valuable insights for historians, political scientists and leaders from around the world.

*Kofi A Annan, United Nations (UN) Secretary-General, 1997–2006*

**S JAYAKUMAR | AUTHOR**

S Jayakumar was born in Singapore on 12 August 1939. He was educated at Raffles Institution and studied law at the University of Singapore (LLB 1963) and Yale Law School, USA (LLM 1966). He taught law at the Faculty of Law in Singapore where he served as Dean. Later, he became Permanent Representative to the UN. He entered politics in 1980 and his ministerial appointments included Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Law and Labour. He became Deputy Prime Minister in 2004, Co-ordinating Minister for National Security in 2005 and Senior Minister in 2009 before retiring from politics in May 2011. He is currently Senior Legal Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs. He is married to Dr Lalitha Rajahram and they have two sons and a daughter, and six grandchildren.
As a working palace, the Istana is tradition firmly rooted in the present. It has links with Singapore’s colonial past, being first a nutmeg plantation owned by a British businessman, then office to the colonial government and later becoming the seat of Singapore’s first President after independence. Today, it houses the offices of the highest office holders in Singapore – the President and the Prime Minister. It is also a place where ordinary Singaporeans celebrate extraordinary achievements. The grounds of the Istana reflect Singapore’s vision of its future as a city in a garden, flowing from its old rain trees, orchids, spice shrubs and formal gardens. From its perch on a slight hill, the Istana looks upon the heart of Orchard Road, in many ways acting as the country’s heartbeat. This book presents the definitive work on the Istana – its history, its building, its grounds, and the people that are part of it. With authoritative, accessible text and stunning photography to guide you along the way, let us welcome you to the Istana.
Leading Human Development in ASEAN

Using management concepts from ASEAN countries to create an authentic model of Human Development

Leading Human Development in ASEAN represents a new beginning in Asia Pacific for those who lead people at work. If you are a business leader, people manager, HR professional, consultant, trainer, educator, government or non-government professional, this book is a must read.

Bob Aubrey takes you through the adventure of creating the ASEAN Human Development Organisation and draws portraits of early founders from Indonesia, Vietnam and Malaysia. He defines what human development leadership means for the “Asian Century” and shows why the rise of the world’s three largest workforces inevitably challenges ASEAN to compete and cooperate with China and India on the basis of its own strengths. Using management concepts from different ASEAN countries such as merdeka (freedom), gotong royong (collaboration), malasakit (empathy), sanook (fun) and kiên cường (resilience), Aubrey and the AHDO founders create an authentic ASEAN model of human development adapted to the most diverse workforce on the planet.

Leading Human Development in ASEAN also sets a challenge for the HR function globally. Bob Aubrey and the AHDO founders show why a profession that manages people as a resource and as capital has driven HR into decline. They define a shift from Human Resources to Human Development, based on the United Nations framework, that elevates the role of professionals in companies and supports a thriving HD ecosystem for the future of work.

Dr. Bob Aubrey

With 30 years’ of experience in the field of human development, Bob Aubrey has led an esteemed career as a teacher, entrepreneur, consultant, innovator, strategist and author.

Bob Aubrey is Founder of the ASEAN Human Development Association, Chairman of the HR Committee of the European Chamber of Commerce in Singapore and Managing Partner of Bob Aubrey Associates for his consulting work.
Tales of horror have long been an integral part of Singapore’s storytelling culture, and they continue to dominate the imagination in the 21st century.

But even as the horror folklore of yesteryear—along with its creatures, the pontianak and the jiangshi—recedes from collective memory, new fears have risen to take its place. Horror strikes deepest when it hits close to home. This collection aims to uncover the secret fears that lurk within the Singapore psyche, the unspoken fears often obscured by the lights and hubbub of modern city living. Whether it is the unknown skulking out there in the shadows or the existential angst that no amount of modernity can help shake off, we remain very much captive to the dark creatures that unceasingly stalk our minds.

The 13 stories in this collection explores our discomfiture, our unease about the things we cannot see, understand or hope to easily overcome.

Sometimes they are the things that threaten our humanity; yet at other times nothing appears to be of a greater threat to humankind than our very own humanity.
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. 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.

“A state-of-the-art history of the island nation... the authors have produced a brilliant yet accessible synthesis of Singapore’s complex history from the 14th century to the present day. A must-read for scholars and general audiences alike.”
—Peter A. Coclanis - Albert R. Newsome Distinguished Professor of History and Director of the Global Research Institute, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, USA

“A comprehensive study... this work encourages the reader to see Singapore’s history as a linear-cyclical construction, moving away from the typical event-oriented history.”
—Goh Geok Yian - Associate Chair (Research) and Associate Professor, School of Humanities, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

“Looks set to become the definitive history of Singapore... marries fresh scholarship and rich visuals in a narrative of Singapore as an evolving port-city that is sweeping and comprehensive.”
—Kennie Ting - Director, Asian Civilisations Museum and Peranakan Museum, Author of Singapore 1819: A Living Legacy
Sylvia Tan’s The Modern Nonya Table is a compendium of her beloved Peranakan recipes for the modern kitchen. Herself a modern Nonya, Sylvia draws from family heritage recipes and updates them, dispensing with tedious techniques but never compromising on the flavours. She helps readers navigate their way through the Peranakan kitchen, explaining the food culture of the Peranakans (or Straits Chinese) and its influences. Spice pastes, so essential to Peranakan cooking, are broken down into their fundamental elements.

With Sylvia’s guide, mouthwatering favourites like ayam buah keluak, babi pongteh and laksa lemak, to lesser-known dishes such as loh kai yik, charbeck and hati babi bungkus, can be easily prepared by the modern home cook.

**The Author**

**Sylvia Tan** is an award-winning food columnist and a sought-after speaker on Singapore’s food heritage, Peranakan cuisine and healthy eating. Prior to her focus on food writing, she was an editor for business and national news with established newspapers, including *The Singapore Herald, The New Nation, The New Paper* and *The Straits Times*. Sylvia is the author of nine cookbooks, including the *Mad About Food* cookbook series and *Eat To Live: Healthy Asian Recipes*. Connect with Sylvia @SylviaTanMadAboutFood on Facebook.
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