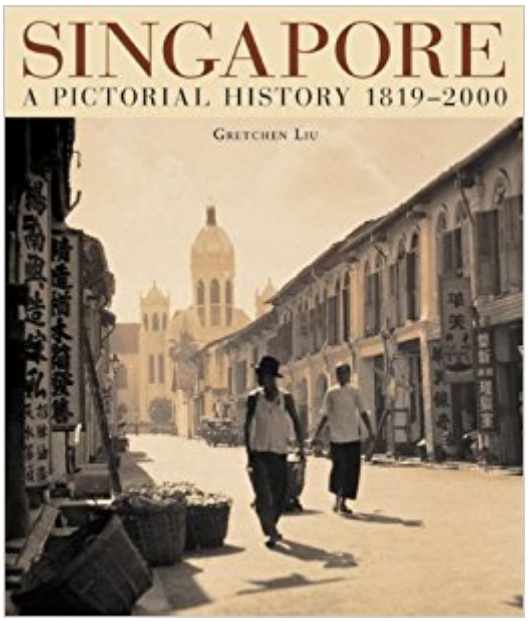
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## Synopsis

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This fine compilation rises above the usual coffee-table designation with 1200 well-chosen images, mostly historical photos from both commercial photographers and amateurs but also sketches, paintings, and postcards from numerous sources, including one-of-a-kind family albums. For example, there is the earliest known extant pencil sketch (1823) and photograph (1843) of Singapore. Arranged chronologically, the four chapters consist of concise commentary and identification notes; the views include topographical studies, posed formal portraits, and spontaneous street scenes. All ethnic groups are presented in a balanced fashion, as are all kinds of activity political, economic, religious, cultural, and social. If the final section depicting the present-day city-state is a bit suggestive of government propaganda, Singapore’s recent achievements are truly remarkable. Very fairly priced for what it is, this treasure trove of historical visual documentation is recommended for all academic and public libraries as a record of dramatic transformations in a region that deserves our attention. Harold M. Otness, formerly with Southern Oregon Univ. Lib., Ashland Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Gretchen Liu, accomplished architectural historian, writer and journalist, has written several distinguished books on Singapore’s heritage.

Having first arrived in Singapore in late 1955 worked out of the city until May 1957, and again visiting several times during the late 50’s and early 60’s before finally living there for four and half years from late 1968 until May 1973 I found this book to be a wonderful reminder of how it was and what it is now.When I first arrived,(as shown in many of the pictures of the time), it was a Colonial slum. The countryside and the Kampongs stank of pig and chicken farms and many of the roads were still unpaved.In early 1969 the ’Green and Clean’ movement started and the clean up over several years has been miraculous. Then came the great building of accommodation blocks, new towns, all of which has been beautifully put together is this wonderful book.The book is so full of pictures that I was amazed at how many there were. Thankfully there is just enough text to the photographs and the right amount of dialogue.It is a great pictorial memento of the the City State at an unbelievable price..Gerald Marlow.

I recently returned from my third trip to Singapore and saw this book at a famous Singapore hotel. It was too large for my suitcase, so I ordered when I returned home. It’s a wonderful pictorial history of Singapore. it’s fascinating to see how much Singapore has changed in such a short time. If you are interested in Singapore, then this is a must have book.

It was a gift to my friend living in Singapore. He was impreseed as he had seen these pictures only in the museums....

My dad loves this book he is from Singapore

The photos and writing in the book is very good. I would say the modern Singapore pictures are a little off be the cliche or simply staged. But as you go back in time the pictures are really meaningful to me, someone who has spent a lot of time in Singapore, knows its history and loves it as if it were my own.

Excellent photos and description of history up until 2000. Comprehensive details of change across the years. A great read with plenty of nostalgia for expats.

matched my expectations, prompt delivery

This is a thick picture book of Singapore gone by. The pictures are organised chronologically. There are some great aerial maps from the 1950s.The key weakness is 1970 to 2000. Pictures are not very good. Especially for newcomers to Singapore it is fun to see how Singapore has changed in the last couple of decades as well.I can recommend this book to people who move to Singapore and would like to get a visual history of how this island looked in years gone by.

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