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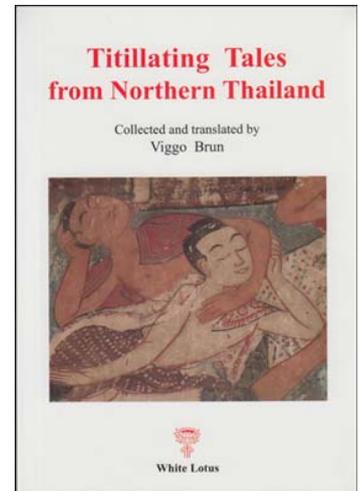
WH01

### Titillating Tales from Northern Thailand

Brun, Viggo 2017. 263pp.

ISBN: 9789747534559 (WH Code E22715) US\$16.50

Titillating Tales from Northern Thailand is an unusual and fascinating collection of tales from Northern Thailand containing - besides myths, legends, trickster tales, fairy tales, anecdotes etc - also a number of tales where sex is a central theme. The author of this volume spent several years in a Northern Thai village in the 1970ties, and was lucky to become friend with masterful storytellers, who loved to make their audience laugh, thus they also included tales relating in various ways to sex, such as how a married man living in the house of his wife's parents, is attracted to his wife's younger sister, and how he can have intercourse with her; or that celibate Buddhist monks still may have strong sexual desires, and in what ways they can have these desires fulfilled. In fact, the stories demonstrate how supposedly respectful people do not always behave respectfully or that they are simply rather stupid and do not deserve respect, thus many of the victims of trickery are in fact persons of authority. The stories give an rare insight into several aspects of Northern Thai society as well as Northern Thai oral tradition and humour.



WH02

### Thai Soaps : An Analysis of Thai Television Dramas : Thai Popular Culture Vol.2

Jaiser, Gerhard. 2017. 240pp., 16pp.illus. in illus.

ISBN : 9789747534412 (WH Code E22714) US\$23.00

Thai Soaps, An Analysis of Thai Television Dramas is the first study to describe their full significance as a culture-specific narrative formula. Thai soap operas are one of the most prominent aspects of present-day Thai popular culture. Based on a substantial corpus, the book analyses form and development, depiction of minorities, controversies over the impact of Thai soaps on public morality, and other important issues.

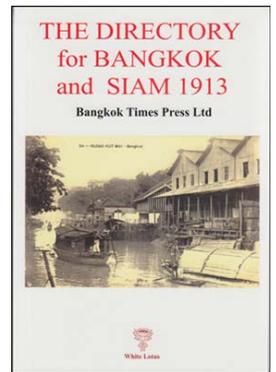
WH03

### **The Directory for Bangkok and Siam 1913**

Bangkok Times Press. 2017. 395 pp.

ISBN : 9789747534726 (WH Code E22717) US\$32.00

The Directory for Bangkok and Siam 1913 is one of a series that Bangkok Time Press produced over a period of many years. The originals are fairly rare, as they were printed on acidic paper, which becomes brittle. Therefore, most originals have deteriorated or been destroyed. This reprint in slightly reduced form tries to preserve the valuable information about people active in Bangkok at that time, before the First World War. It is a must for Thai studies.



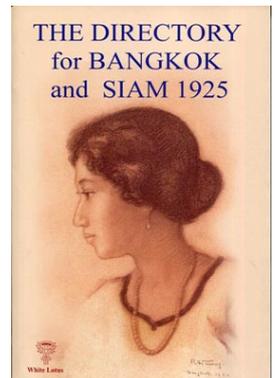
WH04

### **The Directory for Bangkok and Siam 1925**

Bangkok Times Press. 2017. 371 pp., 1 map.

ISBN : 9789747534696 (WH Code E22716) US\$29.00

The Directory for Bangkok and Siam 1925 is one of the thirty six editions published. It is a rare book and the paper of the original is brittle and therefore hard to find. It is a source book of life and business in Bangkok at the time. It contains the useful information one needed at that time and all the foreigners who worked in Bangkok in different fields as well as all the companies are listed. It also has over 60 pages of advertising of the important companies at that time. It appears here in a slightly reduced format



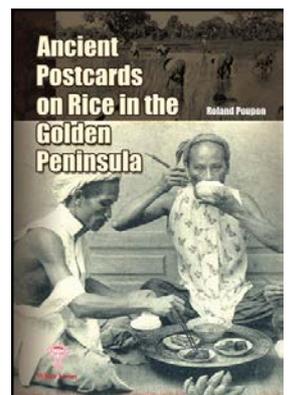
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### **Ancient Postcards on Rice in the Golden Peninsula**

Poupon, Roland. 2016. 241 pp., illus.

ISBN : 9789748495934 (WH Code E22704) US\$25.00

Poupon, Roland; Ancient Postcards on Rice in the Golden Peninsula focuses on rice cultivation in mainland Southeast Asia, encompassing Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar. Through the analysis of old postcards, this book shows all aspects of rice culture from landscaping to trading, including land preparation, irrigation, sowing and transplanted, harvesting and threshing, postharvest processes, transportation, sales and consumption, but it also speaks about people, their homes, and their rituals



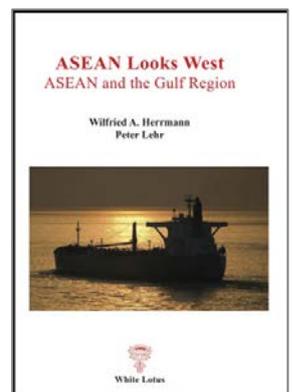
WH06

### **Asean Looks West: Asean and the Gulf Region**

Herrmann, Wifried A. & Peter Lehr. 2016. 288 pp., 12 pp. illus., 3 pp. maps.

ISBN : 9789745341081 (WH Code E22710) US\$20.00

ASEAN Looks West: ASEAN and the Gulf Region is the first major study analyzing the relationship between ASEAN and the Gulf region. A newly formed international team of eleven scholars and experts from seven different countries under the umbrella of the Thai-registered nonprofit organization Human Development Forum Foundation provides some interesting insights in security and economic developments on both sides of the newly introduced Southern Asian Maritime Corridor (SAMCO) stretching from Qatar to the Philippines. This concept is presented to the international academic community as well as policy makers to shed some light on this new corridor, and fill the knowledge gap in ASEAN about the Gulf region and vice versa.



WH07

**The Evolution of Thai Money**

Ronachai Krisadaolarn. 2016. 270 pp., 245 pp. illus. in col, included DVD.

ISBN : 9786167339733 (WH Code N4103/1) US\$83.00

This book is the result of over 40 years of study of the various forms of Thai money from their origins in the ancient kingdoms and empires starting with Funan up to the introduction of the modern decimal system of baht and satang. As such it represents a supplement to his and Vasilijs Mihailovs' award-winning book, Siamese Coins - From Funan to the Fifth Reign, and includes hundreds of additional coins illustrated in various aspects. This work covers the production of pressed silver coins; the use of metallic ingots known as toks; elongated silver bars commonly known as tiger tongues; bent ingots known as chiang money; metallic alloy, glass and porcelain tokens and most famously pot duang, commonly called bullet money because of their shape.



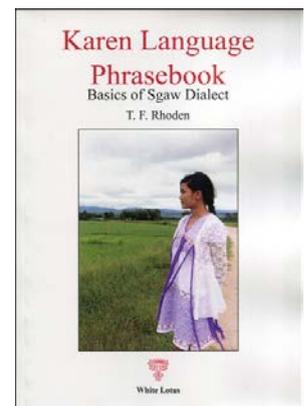
WH08

**Karen Language PhraseBook: Basics of Sgaw Dialect**

Rhoden, T. F. 2016. 126 pp., 19 pp. illus.

ISBN : 9789748495996 (WH Code E22707) US\$12.00

Comprehensive guide to the basics of Sgaw dialect of Karen language. Learn key phrases and words to use with any Karen companion, whether they live in Myanmar, Thailand, or wherever in the world. Phrasebook is for more than just learning to survive in a Karen-speaking environment. The goal is also to help you make new friends



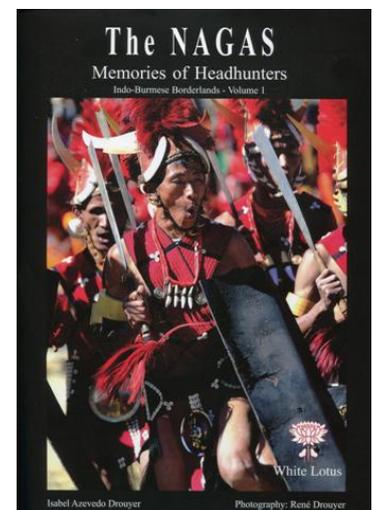
WH09

**The Nagas: Memories of headhunters, Indo-Burmese Borderland Vol. 1**

Drouyer, Isabel Azevedo & Rene. 2016. 267 pp., 272 images, 112 figures, 160 plates.

ISBN : 9782954511221 (WH Code E22713) US\$42.00

'THE NAG AS - Memories of Headhunters - Indo-Burmese Borderlands - Volume 1' gives voice to the last protagonists of an almost vanished world. For the first time, former Naga headhunters and families talk extensively about their past, their fears and their hopes. Based on fieldwork and in-depth interviews conducted in Myanmar and on the Indian states of Nagaland, Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, this book gives a unique insight into the world of the Naga tribes and illustrates one of the last living examples of traditional culture. The mountain ranges situated between the far north-eastern part of India and the extreme northeast of Myanmar (Burma) house an incredible people of Tibeto-Burman origin, the Nagas. The number of tribes comprising the Nagas may vary among different scholars, but they are believed to include between 12 and 30 groups, with the major ones being the Angami, Ao, Lotha, Chakhesang, Konyak, Rengma, Sangtam, Yimchungru, Zeliangrong, Nocte, Phom, Khiamniungan, Pochuri, Tangkhul and Sema. These groups inhabit both sides of the Indo-Burmese borders in the Naga Hills, a sub-Himalayan region characterized by thick jungles and rugged mountains, known as 'the last mystery of Asia'.



WH10

**The Politics of (No) Elections in Thailand : Lessons from the 2011 General election  
King Prajadhipok's Institute Years No. 6**

Merieau, Eugenie. 2016. 278 pp.  
ISBN : 9789747534245 (WH Code E22711) US\$23.00

The book was borne out of the idea that the 2011 election represents a paradigm shift in the history of Thai electoral politics. Data collected by King Prajadhipok's Institute before and after the 2011 election, mostly through face-to-face interviews, came to substantiate this claim. The data paints a picture of a well-informed and mature Thai electorate in all parts of the kingdom. Contrary to the conclusions drawn by some earlier research, the data here shows that the most knowledgeable and most informed of all voters in Thailand are northeastern people, outperforming voters in Bangkok in their knowledge of the candidates and the issues by a significant margin. In other words, the scholars in this book argue against the traditional anti-election discourse, which assumes alleged ignorance on the part of Thai voters (especially in the Northeast) and compares provincial members of Parliament to wild animals. Yet such discourse is still vivid today.

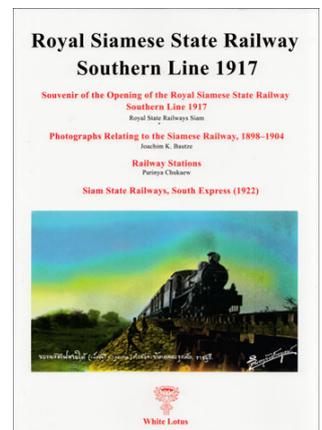
WH11

**Royal Siamese State Railway Southern Line 1917**

Ministry of Communication. 2016. 215 pp., illus, 3 pp. folded maps.  
ISBN : 9789748495316 (WH Code E22700) US\$28.00

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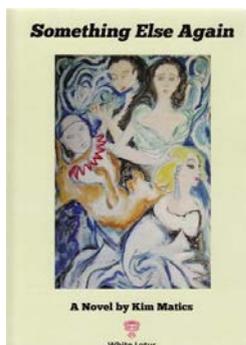
- 1 Souvenir of the Opening of the Royal Siamese State Railway, Southern Line, 1917
- 2 Royal State Railways Siam, Southern Line, 1915
- 3 Photographs Relating to the Siamese Railway, 1898-1904
- 4 Railway Stations
- 5 Thirtieth Annual Report on the Administration of the Royal State Railways, 1917, Southern Line part
- 6 Administration Report for the Year 2460 (List of fired German Railway Engineers in 1917)
- 7 Siam State Railways, South Express (1922)



WH12

**Something Else Again**

Matics, Kim. 2016. 574 pp.  
ISBN : 9789747534382 (WH Code E22712) US\$32.00

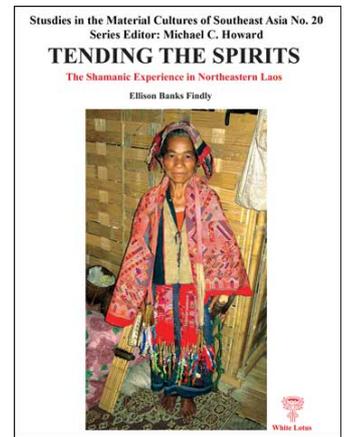


WH13

**Tending the Spirits: The Shamanic Experience in Northeastern Laos**  
**: Studies in the Material Cultures of Southeast Asia No. 20**

Findly, Ellison Banks. 2016. 266 pp., fully illus. in col.  
ISBN : 9789748495712 (WH Code E22708) US\$42.00

This study of shamans in northeastern Laos details the call, training, and ritual practice of female and male healers, as well as of male funeral shamans who guide the deceased's spirit to heaven. Based almost exclusively on interviews with shamans and weavers in mountain and urban villages of Hua Phan province, *Tending the Spirits: The Shamanic Experience in Northeastern Laos* does what no other book has done before. It draws information almost entirely from the oral tradition of the shamans themselves, illuminating the multivalent complexities of belief and practice as they evolve over time. The relation between the shaman and the weaver is a symbiotic one, with the shaman chanting out visual images in his trance narrative, and the weaver translating what she hears into mythic, hybrid images on the loom.

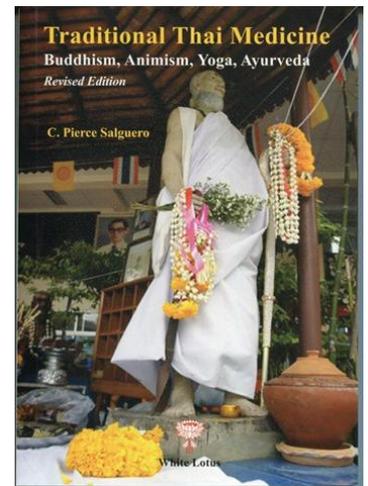


WH13

**Traditional Thai Medicine: Buddhism, Animism, Yoga, Ayurveda**

Salguero, C. Pierce. 2016. 136 pp., 17 pp. illus, 1 map.  
ISBN : 9789747534078 (WH Code E22709) US\$17.00

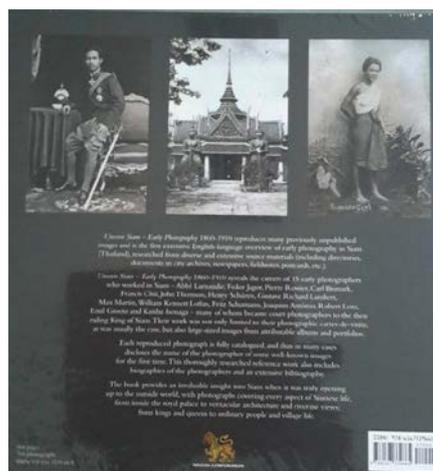
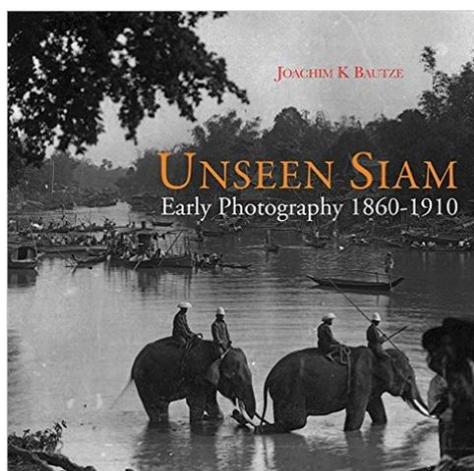
*Traditional Thai Medicine, Revised Edition* presents readers with the definitive overview of the history and contemporary practice of TTM. This is an updated, re-organized, and mostly re-written edition of the 2007 book that provided English-language readers with the first comprehensive overview of traditional Thai medicine in print. The culmination of two decades of field study, academic research, and teaching experience, this book approaches TTM from an academic perspective, but it is geared toward practitioners, tourists, and general readers. It provides a broad-brush history of Thai medicine from ancient times to the present day, and describes in detail the unique synthesis of healing practices that is found today across Thailand.



WH14

**Unseen Siam - Early Photography 1860-1910**

Bautze, Joachim K. 2016. 364 pp., 704 photographs.  
ISBN : 9786167339665 (WH Code N4597) US\$69.00



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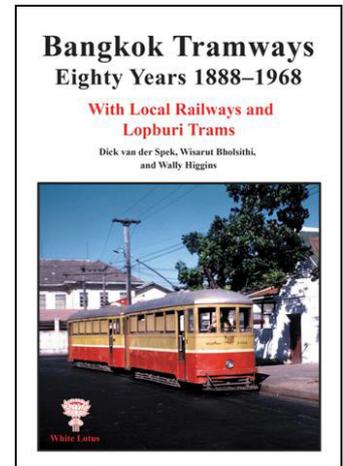
### **Bangkok Tramways Eighty Years 1888-1968**

Spek, Dick Van Der, Wisarut Bholsithi & Wally Higgins.

2015. 180 pp., 65 pp. illus., 56 pp. in col., 24 pp. map,

ISBN : 9789748495371 (WH Code E22701) US\$32.00

Trams of Bangkok, Eighty Years 1888-1968, is the first work tracing the history of trams in Bangkok, a pioneering work with Danish and Belgian involvement. Thailand was the second country in Southeast Asia with trams. First, horse-drawn trams appeared in 1888. But as horse-drawn trams were not very suitable in the tropics, they were replaced in 1893 by electric trams. (In that same year, the French attacked Siam in what became known as the Paknam Incident.) The resulting electric tram company, with its own generators, was one of the oldest in Southeast Asia. The Dutch introduced trams in Batavia (Jakarta) in 1869. Singapore followed in July 1905, after having experimented with electric tramways in 1891 and 1892. In 1893, Bangkok had a population of 250,000. The trams became quite popular with the people. The author made new drawings of all the tram lines. He has located the best information available on the electric tram cars, as the archives are poor.



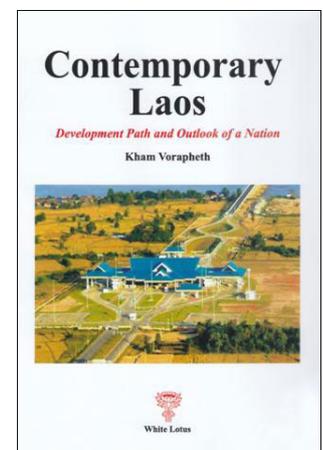
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### **Contemporary Laos: Development path and Outlook of a Nation**

Kham Vorapheth. 2015. 632 pp., 1 map.

ISBN : 9789748495859 (WH Code E22705) US\$28.00

Contemporary Laos: Development Path and Outlook of a Nation provides a critical look at obstacles to the development of the Laos state. It explores different facets of its political, economic, societal, and cultural history and focuses on the current period of unfinished transition. The author offers an analysis of the geopolitical position of Laos, its relations with the global powers and with its ASEAN partners, and its efforts to maintain equilibrium with Vietnam and China. Once known as the kingdom of Lane Xang, Laos was a backwater during French colonial times and was often called the “forgotten country” during the two Indochina wars. It became the Lao People’s Democratic Republic on December 2, 1975. The country has slowly rebuilt itself after different wars (colonial and civil) over the past century, which considerably curbed its cultural and economic development. A member of ASEAN since 1997 and the World Trade Organization since February 2013, Laos plays an active role today as a partner in the regional economic community.



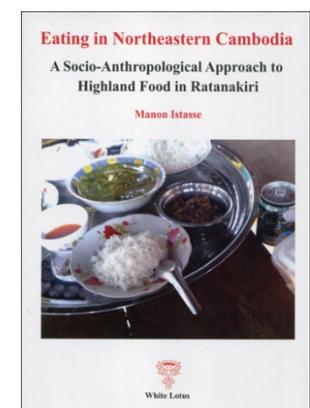
WH17

### **Eating in Northeastern Cambodia, A Socio-Anthropological Approach to Highland Food in Ratanakiri**

Istasse, Manon. 2015. 417 pp., 64 pp. illus. in col., 2 pp. maps.

ISBN : 9789748495453 (WH Code E22703) US\$22.00

Eating in Northeastern Cambodia. A Socio-Anthropological Approach to Highland Food in Ratanakiri investigates food among societies practicing swidden agriculture in Ratanakiri province, Northeastern Cambodia. The author provides a qualitative and anthropological description of food habits, practices and representations among these non-Khmer (Kreung, Tampuan, Kavet and Jaraï) populations who live in small, dispersed villages. Her investigation questions the relevance of the concept of affluent societies in contemporary Ratanakiri.



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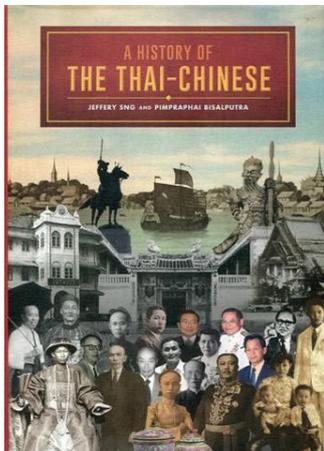
### A History of the Thai-Chinese

Sng, Jeffery & Pimpraphai Bisalputra.

2015. 448 pp., illus., 73 pp.

ISBN : 9789814385770 (WH Code N4513)

US\$43.00



WH19

### Land and River Grabbing the Mekong's Greatest Challenge

Chayan Vaddhanaphuti & Sabrina Gyorvary

202 pp., 26 pp., illus., 8 pp. maps

ISBN : 9789746729819 (WH Code N4488)

US\$15.00



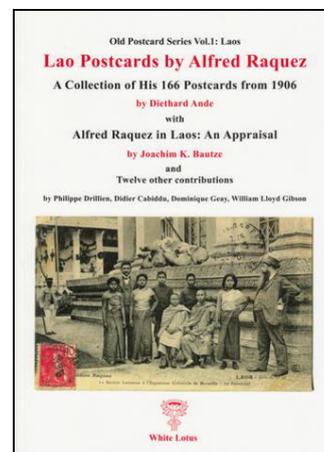
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### Lao Postcards by Alfred Raquez: A Collection of His 166 Postcards from 1906

Ande, Diethard. 2015. 334 pp., illus., 32 pp. in col.

ISBN : 9789748495590 (WH Code E22681) US\$48.00

Lao Postcards by Alfred Raquez is a first attempt to bring together the 166 postcards that were produced in six series of 25 each as Collection Raquez and 16 out-of-series postcards produced by Decoly as Cliché Raquez and later also under his brand La Pagode. Raquez was the first traveler who systematically made photos in Laos around 1900. He made seven trips in Laos; the longest journey was seven months. The result was his record Pages Laotiennes, available now in English translation as Around Laos in 1900: A Photographer's Adventures. A pictorial book with only his several hundred photos on Laos is available as volume 2 of Around Laos in 1900. Raquez organized the Lao Pavilion at the 1906 Marseille Exhibition, showing his large collection of textiles and artifacts gathered from around Laos.



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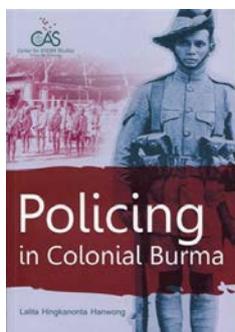
### Policing in Colonial Burma

Hanwong, Lalita Hingkanonta.

2015. 200 pp., 6 pp. illus.

ISBN : 9789746729710 (WH Code N4487)

US\$15.00



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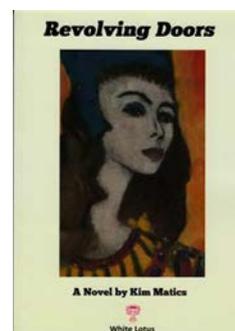
### Revolving Doors: A Novel

Matics, Kim.

398 pp.

ISBN : 9789748495408 (WH Code N4477)

US\$22.00



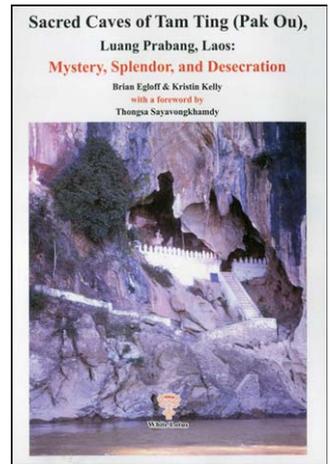
WH23

**Sacred Caves of Tam Ting (Pak On), Luang Prabang, Laos: Mystery, Splendor, and Desecration**

Egloff, Brian & Kristin Kelly. 2015. 166 pp., illus., 32 pp. in col.

ISBN : 9789748495682 (WH Code E22706) US\$17.00

Sacred Caves of Tam Ting (Pak On), Luang Prabang, Laos: Mystery, Splendor, and Desecration is the story of the caves, of the collaborative international conservation project, and of what happened after the project closed in 1997. It places the caves in context and explains their significance and beauty. The book is both a cautionary tale about the importance and fragility of material cultural heritage, and a message of hope for the future of heritage conservation in the region. The Tam Ting (Pak Ou) Caves, are located some twenty-five kilometers north of the World Heritage Site of Luang Prabang (Laos).



WH24

**Twentieth Century Impressions Of Burma : Its History, People, Commerce, Industries, And Resources**

Wright, Arnold & H. A. Cartwright & O. Breakspear. 2015. 416 pp., illus.

ISBN : 9789748495231 (WH Code E22698) US\$58.00

Twentieth Century Impressions of Burma is part of a series on the British Empire that deals with the empire's history, people, commerce, industries, and resources. This publication is one of a now lengthy series, designed to give a literary survey of the various component parts of the British Empire and of leading countries in which British capital was extensively invested, or in which British political interests were centered. (Twentieth Century Impressions of Siam was also reprinted by White Lotus.)

