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the mysterious plus opens with a situation recently in the news the murder of an american embassy official in a north african country the aim of the novel however is broader than an individual act of violence its murder becomes a symbol of the fanatic inflamed divisions between muslim middle east and judeo christian west which are fraying the

ties that bond humanity the hero of the mysterious plus straddles both worlds to save his sister omar naaman nineteen betrayed comrades and country during algeria s fight for independence from colonial rule at the war s end the defeated french grateful for his double dealing service whisked him to france bestowing a new identity remy montpellier years later remy is coerced by the french dgse their intelligence service to return incognito to algeria where as omar he is still branded as a traitor in fact as the last of the seven devils the first six great collaborators having been tracked down and killed by algerian agents sent to investigate the gay bashing murder of an american embassy attaché who dgse suspected was trafficking classified documents remy gradually moves from pursuer to pursued will he fulfill the true purpose of his returning to algiers or will his treasonous past overtake him how does the mysterious plus control the answers to these two questions and hence the resolution to the novel in his previous book the saint of sodomy glb 1999 william tarvin who lived in the middle east for two decades satirized muslim sexual hypocrisies though the same barbed wit infuses the mysterious plus it is counterpoised by a darker strain that materialistic spiritual differences between west and middle east threaten to sever the cords bonding humanity addendum since the novel incorporates ideas from around one thousand philosophical religious literary social psychological historical and political works tarvin has provided some commentary and definitions in end of chapter footnotes

in this beautifully illustrated book three experts examine the history production and uses of textiles in balinese society many fine pieces are presented their raw materials and methods of weaving and dyeing are described and the complex symbolism and ritual functions of each are explained in detail

what makes a particular performance great the greatest shows on earth offers an address that focuses sharply on theatre as performance as an event that can stir the blood the spirit and the brain like nothing else the result is a book about fourteen outstanding theatre events from a dozen countries in discrete production focused chapters work from peter brook s king lear through to the sydney olympics opening event is approached by a team of international scholars and practitioners each describing in print that which existed in time and space and most significantly within specific contexts what binds these chapters together is the conviction that whilst liveness disappears in a moment

spectatorship can translate into documentation that adds something to a work s value even as so much else can never be captured in words in wrestling with ephemerality and memory the greatest shows on earth does more than make a case for what makes certain theatre great it foregrounds analysis with emotion and writing with the type of first person engagement that is usually edited out rather than invited in john freeman lectures in performance studies at curtin university perth western australia he has written extensively on theatre art pedagogy and research for numerous international journals newspapers magazines books government and funding agencies galleries festivals and consultancy panels the greatest shows on earth is his fifth book

tales from a charmed life is the last in a trilogy of works by hildred geertz exploring the complexity of balinese history religion and society a landmark study by one of the most distinguished anthropologists of indonesia it centers around the stories and paintings of ida bagus madé togog 1913 1989 an artist and ritual specialist who played a significant role in the history of balinese ethnography in the 1930s togog was central to mead and bateson s pioneering studies of balinese character and came under the influence of expatriate artists walter spies and rudolf bonnet to emerge as a major representative of the batuan style of painting togog s art and anecdotal stories of his most memorable life experiences are here interwoven with geertz s illuminating commentary to construct an innovative framework for understanding balinese culture togog shares stories of his early life relating dilemmas from his childhood and youth growing up in the wake of dutch colonization he came into contact with new languages customs and economic opportunities that presented him with puzzling and poignant experiences he tells of his association with spies and bonnet and later mead and bateson and his role in the creation of a genre of painting for which bali is now famous this is a view of bali from the inside a vivid highly personal look at a world where spirits ancestors and sorcerers have the power to intervene in one s life according to togog who narrowly escaped death numerous times his was indeed a charmed life the other volumes in the trilogy are the life of a balinese temple artistry imagination and history in a peasant village 2004 and images of power balinese paintings made for gregory bateson and margaret mead 1994

this book analyses the processes by which conservative and introverted balinese villagers have been incorporated into the indonesian nation state

the studies in this book examine traditional performance genres in the indonesian islands of java and bali they cover puppet and human theatre dance sung narrative narrative temple reliefs and vocal and instrumental music span a period of more than a thousand years and range over four cultural complexes sundanese in western java javanese in central and eastern java chinese in eastern java and balinese in bali

critically examines the usefulness of the household concept within the historically and culturally diverse context of indonesia exploring in detail the position of women within and beyond domestic arrangements so far classical household and kinship studies have not studied how women deal with two major forces which shape and define their world local kinship traditions and the universalising ideology of the indonesian regime which both provide prescriptions and prohibitions concerning family marriage and womanhood women are caught between these conflicting notions and practices how they challenge or accommodate such forces is the main issue in this book

honorable mention for the 2015 cultural studies best book presented by the association of asian american studies winner of the 2013 clags fellowship award for best first book project in lgbt studies a transnational study of asian performance shaped by the homoerotics of orientalism brown boys and rice queens focuses on the relationship between the white man and the native boy eng beng lim unpacks this as the central trope for understanding colonial and cultural encounters in 20th and 21st century asia and its diaspora using the native boy as a critical guide lim formulates alternative readings of a traditional balinese ritual postcolonial anglophone theatre in singapore and performance art in asian america tracing the transnational formation of the native boy as racial fetish object across the last century lim follows this figure as he is passed from the hands of the colonial empire to the postcolonial nation state to neoliberal globalization read through such figurations the traffic in native boys among white men serves as an allegory of an infantilized and emasculated asia subordinate before colonial whiteness and modernity pushing further lim addresses the critical paradox of this entrenched relationship that resides even within queer theory itself by formulating critical interventions around asian performance

the princess of the flaming womb the javanese legend that introduces this pioneering study symbolizes the many

ambiguities attached to femaleness in southeast asian societies yet despite these ambiguities the relatively egalitarian nature of male female relations in southeast asia is central to arguments claiming a coherent identity for the region this challenging work by senior scholar barbara watson andaya considers such contradictions while offering a thought provoking view of southeast asian history that focuses on women s roles and perceptions andaya explores the broad themes of the early modern era 1500 1800 the introduction of new religions major economic shifts changing patterns of state control the impact of elite lifestyles and behaviors drawing on an extraordinary range of sources and citing numerous examples from thai vietnamese burmese philippine and malay societies in the process she provides a timely and innovative model for putting women back into world history andaya approaches the problematic issue of southeast asia by considering ways in which topography helped describe a geo cultural zone and contributed to regional distinctiveness in gender construction she examines the degree to which world religions have been instrumental in re constructing conceptions of gender an issue especially pertinent to southeast asian societies because of the leading role so often played by women in indigenous ritual she also considers the effects of the expansion of long distance trade the incorporation of the region into a global trading network the beginnings of cash cropping and wage labor and the increase in slavery on the position of women erudite nuanced and accessible the flaming womb makes a major contribution to a southeast asia history that is both regional and global in content and perspective

deena burton is well known for her accomplishments as a dancer choreographer producer and scholar of indonesian arts in the course of her research she came across the pioneering work of claire holt who had written about art and culture in new york and europe especially the rise of modern dance between the fi rst and second world wars during a trip to indonesia in 1930 claire holt became enamored of javanese dance she stayed for many years on and off and was among the community of artists and anthropologists living in bali at that time including walter spies colin mcphee miguel covarrubias margaret mead and others who were both deeply infl uenced by this ancient culture and obsessive in documenting indonesias emergence into the 20th century this book which began as deenas phd dissertation is a tribute to her own dedication and that of a kindred spirit claire holt and their love for the arts and peoples of indonesia pictured above is a young deena burton beginning a masked dance

in bali in the early nineteenth century helen creese examines the nature of the earliest sustained cross cultural encounter between the balinese and the dutch through the eyewitness accounts of pierre dubois the first colonial official to live in bali from 1828 to 1831 dubois served as civil administrator to the badung court in southern bali he later recorded his balinese experiences for the batavian society of arts and sciences in a series of personal letters to an anonymous correspondent this first ethnography of bali provides rich perceptive descriptions of early nineteenth century balinese politics society religion and culture the book includes a complete edition and translation of dubois légère idée de balie en 1830 sketch of bali in 1830

note this title was out of print re issued in its original form in 2010 the first comprehensive history of balinese politics from the middle of the 17th century till the end of dutch colonial rule in 1942 based on extensive research in colonial archives in the netherlands and indonesia a variety of balinese historical narratives interviews with former colonial officials as well as many balinese and fieldwork data concerning temples rituals and oral histories schulte nordholt traces balinese history by means of a collective biography of the mengwi dynasty describing the rise to power the formation and expansion of a negara the subsequent crises and its fall in 1891 between 1906 and 1942 bali became part of the dutch colonial state and experienced bureaucratic rule and processes that resulted in a traditionalization of balinese kingship and culture the story of the mengwi dynasty under colonial rule ended in a conflict between two factions this conflict had an unexpected but devastating outcome

combining great learning interpretative originality analytical sensitivity and a charismatic prose style clifford geertz has produced a lasting body of work with influence throughout the humanities and social sciences and remains the foremost anthropologist in america his 1980 book negara analyzed the social organization of bali before it was colonized by the dutch in 1906 here geertz applied his widely influential method of cultural interpretation to the myths ceremonies rituals and symbols of a precolonial state he found that the nineteenth century balinese state defied easy conceptualization by the familiar models of political theory and the standard western approaches to understanding politics negara means country or seat of political authority in indonesian in bali geertz found negara to be a theatre state governed by rituals and symbols rather than by force the balinese state did not specialize in tyranny conquest or

effective administration instead it emphasized spectacle the elaborate ceremonies and productions the state created were not means to political ends they were the ends themselves they were what the state was for power served pomp not pomp power geertz argued more forcefully in negara than in any of his other books for the fundamental importance of the culture of politics to a society much of geertz s previous work including his world famous essay on the balinese cockfight can be seen as leading up to the full portrait of the poetics of power that negara so vividly depicts

from the late seventeenth century until the dutch conquest of the early twentieth century bali was ruled by a set of competing kingdoms this study of the balinese text kidung malat is the first work in indonesian historical studies to analyse the main ideology of these balinese kingdoms it does so by demonstrating how the performance and presentation of the text presented an image of the ideal prince to both rulers and subjects the kidung malat exemplifies courtly ideology through its descriptions of the adventures of kings and princes from the era of the medieval kingdoms of east java it is one of the longest and most complex of a set of narratives called pañji stories which originated in east java and spread throughout southeast asia this book is also the first extensive historical analysis of a pañji story combining textual analysis with the study of the gambuh dance drama in which the malat is performed and comparing these forms with paintings and other manifestations of the text

in this fascinating study the lives and mores of women in one of the least understood but most densely populated areas of the world are unveiled through the eyes of generations of court poets for more than a millennium the poets of the indic courts of java and bali composed epic kakawin poems in which they recreated the court environment where they and their royal patrons lived major themes in this poetry form include war love and marriage it is a rich source for the cultural and social history of indonesia still being produced in bali today kakawin remain of interest and relevance to balinese cultural and religious identities this book draws on the epic kakawin poetry tradition to examine the institutions of courtship and marriage in the indic courts its primary purpose is to explore the experiences of women belonging to the kakawin world although the texts by nature reveal more about the discourses concerning women sexuality and gender than of the historical experiences of individual women for over a thousand years these

royal courts were major patrons of the arts the court sponsored epic works that have survived provide an ongoing literary testimony to the cultural and social concerns of court society from its ealiest recorded history until its demise at the end of the nineteenth century this study examines the idealized images of women and sexuality that have pervaded javanese and balinese culture and provides insights into a number of cultural practices such as sati or bela self immolation of widows

stephen headley s new book explores contemporary religious change in the surakarta region of central java in his analysis of the durga ritual complex the author sheds light on one of the most unusual court traditions to have survived in an era of deepening islamisation

a study of a pioneer among american composers his life his influences on fellow musicians and his struggles as a composer

within the past two decades there has been an increased interest in the study of culture and mental health relationships this interest has extended across many academic and professional disciplines including anthropology psychology sociology psychiatry public health and social work and has resulted in many books and scientific papers emphasizing the role of sociocultural factors in the etiology epidemiology manifestation and treatment of mental disorders it is now evident that sociocultural variables are inextricably linked to all aspects of both normal and abnormal human behavior but in spite of the massive accumulation of data regarding culture and mental health relationships sociocultural factors have still not been incorporated into existing biological and psychological perspectives on mental disorder and therapy psychiatry the western medical specialty concerned with mental disorders has for the most part continued to ignore socio cultural factors in its theoretical and applied approaches to the problem the major reason for this is psychiatry s continued commitment to a disease conception of mental disorder which assumes that mental disorders are largely biologically caused illnesses which are universally represented in etiology and manifestation within this perspective mental disorders are regarded as caused by universal processes which lead to discrete and recognizable symptoms regardless of the culture in which they occur

however this perspective is now the subject of growing criticism and debate

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