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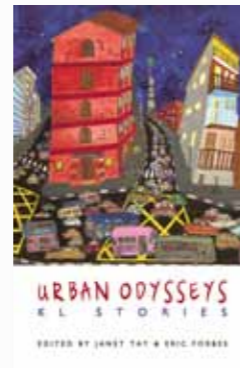
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Urban Odysseys

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In this rich embroidery of stories set against the landscape of the Malaysian capital, the city of Kuala Lumpur is as much a character as any of the denizens, drifters and dreamers portrayed in the stories. These are portraits of the capital seen through the prism of stories written by an array of new literary voices.

Each writer's experience of or passage through the city is unique; at some point in their lives, they have grown up in, stopped over in, moved into, or, lost and found themselves in the labyrinthine chaos of the city.

Here nineteen writers present a sweeping literary portrait of the city as seen through their eyes, and in ways unexpected and mesmerising take on the challenge of capturing the exuberant madness and cultural diversity of the city and its enduring spirit, its constantly changing public spectacle, gossip, amusements, hard-luck stories and tragedies.

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The Bomoh's Apprentice

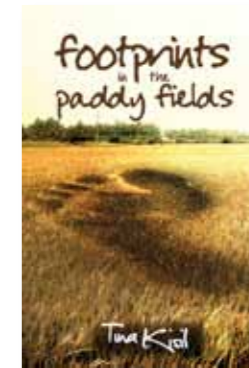
Geoffrey S. Walker

Tragically orphaned at the age of three, Kutu is adopted by the animist bomoh of Kampung Pokok Tertinggi in the wilds of Borneo. Over the course of the next thirteen years, the powerful sorcerer schools the boy in the supernatural arts, preparing him to take his place when he himself must leave on a perilous quest in the service of the tree-god he worships.

Before he can be inducted into the office he is fated to hold, disaster strikes, and Kutu the boy-bomoh suddenly finds himself alone in the world separated perhaps forever from his adoptive father and cast out by the villagers he had been trained to serve. Will his magical powers suffice to overcome the dangers he must face if he hopes to survive?

A spellbinding fantasy that celebrates the timeless, exotic allure of the Land Below the Wind, THE BOMOH'S APPRENTICE will delight readers of all ages with its rich cast of characters and the thrilling twists and turns of its plot.

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Footprint in the Paddy Field

Tina Kisil

FOOTPRINTS IN THE PADDY FIELDS is both a family portrait and a childhood memoir, set against the vanished world of bamboo huts on spindly timber stilts, a world where one's prized possessions were makeshift farm tools and a buffalo or two, and where the dead were placed in stone burial jars. Those were the days when removing human heads was a sport, and the only mode of transport was a pair of good legs.

The author takes you on a fascinating journey into a world seldom seen, to see how the Dusuns in Sabah on the island of Borneo lived at a time when wealth was measured by the amount of rice a farmer harvested and a hardworking sumandak made a more alluring bride than her pretty sister.

Written to preserve some of the old Dusun beliefs and customs, this engaging memoir is a delightful reminiscence of what it was like to be a child growing up in the 1960s when Sabah was still known as British North Borneo.

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Eight Fortune of the Qilin

Tutu Dutta-Yean

Eight Fortunes of the Qilin brings together eight legends and folk tales from countries around the Asia-Pacific Rim. Each story in the collection is rooted in the culture of its people. It is also a window to the past as some of these cultures may no longer exist or are undergoing rapid transformation.

As the fabled Qilin represents compassion, wisdom and respect for nature and life, these qualities are echoed in the stories. Nature, whether in the form of a mighty river, a little cricket or snail, plays a prominent role in these enthralling tales. It is also the thread that binds all these elements together. Humans, spirits and deities cross paths, and unseen worlds collide.

The countries brought to life in this collection include Borneo, Central America, China, India, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines and Vietnam. Accompanying the rich tales are black-and-white illustrations by the author to bring a fresh perspective to the stories.

These are timeless tales that will appeal to both young and old alike.

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Eight Jewels of the Phoenix

Tutu Dutta-Yean

Eight Jewels of the Phoenix brings together eight legends and folk tales from the countries around the Asia-Pacific Rim. The tales in this collection are cultural icons, retold and reinterpreted in many forms through the ages. Just like the Phoenix, they are fierce, full of colour, magic and adventure, celebrating the richness and diversity of the cultures of Asia.

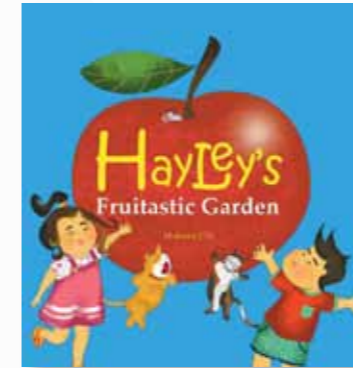
For those unfamiliar with these cultures, the book will be a journey of discovery. Readers will find universal themes: the reversal of fortune, quest for love possible and impossible, sacrifice for the greater good and even the charming story of a Malay Cinderella. The Phoenix sometimes makes an appearance in these stories in various guises.

The cultures covered in this book include China, India, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, North America and Thailand. The author's black-and-white illustrations bring a fresh perspective to the stories.

These are timeless tales that will appeal to both young and old alike.

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Hayley's Fruitastic Garden

Mohana Gill

This book attempts to introduce children to the wonder of fruits at a very early age. Hayleys' adventures in Fruitastic Garden, the Magical World of Fruits will capture the child's imagination.

Through her adventures, the vivacious Hayley will soon become both a friend and teacher to readers who will be enthralled by her journey of discovery! The simple recipes in the book aim to encourage children to try them out.

It also shows them how, in a magical world, all creatures live together in harmony.

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