

A select bibliography of books and journal articles relating to Singapore's colonial past (1819 to 1963) that spotlights on political, economic and social aspects.

## **Books**

Title: [A company of planters : confessions of a colonial rubber planter in 1950s Malaya](#)

Author: Dodd, J.

Publisher: Singapore : Monsoon, 2017.

Call no.: RSING/SING 633.8952092 DOD

Title: [An anecdotal history of old times in Singapore: From the foundation of the settlement . . . on February 6th, 1819 to the transfer to the Colonial Office . . . on April 1st, 1867](#)

Author: Burton, C. B.

Publisher: Singapore: Oxford University Press, 1984.

Call no.: RSING 959.57 BUC

First published in 1902, this book offers an overview of developments in Singapore from its founding until it became part of the crown colony. This edition has an introduction by C. M. Turnbull.

Title: [Black Europeans, the Indian coolies and empire : colonialisation and Christianized Indians in colonial Malaya and Singapore, c. 1870s - c. 1950s](#)

Author: Rerceretnam, Marc

Publisher: Saarbrücken, Germany : VDM Verlag Dr. Müller, [2011].

Call no.: RSING 320.569 RER

Title: [British Malaya, 1824–67](#)

Author: Mills, L. A.

Publisher: Selangor, Malaysia: Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1925, 1960, 2003.

Call no.: RSING 959.5 MIL

Captures the histories of the Straits Settlements from its formation until its transfer to the Crown. Besides developments on the Malayan Peninsula, it also examines Anglo-Siamese relations and the suppression of piracy under Rajah Brooke. A descriptive bibliography by C. M. Turnbull is appended.

Title: [British Malaya an account of the origin and progress of British influence in Malaya](#)

Author: Swettenham, Frank Athelstane, Sir

Publisher: London : G. Allen and Unwin, [1908].

Call no.: RRARE 959.5 SWE -[JSB]

An important book on Raffles and the early history of Singapore.

Title: [Growing up in British Malaya and Singapore : a time of fireflies and wild guavas](#)

Author: Baker, Maurice

Publisher: Singapore : World Scientific, [2014]

Call no.: YRSING 370.92 BAK

An autobiography of Maurice Baker's life in Malaya and Singapore from the 1920s to the 1940s.

Title: [Merchants, bankers, governors : British enterprise in Singapore and Malaya, 1786-1920](#)

Author: Drake, P. J.

Publisher: Singapore ; New Jersey : World Scientific, [2018].

Call no.: RSING/SING 382.09410595 DRA

Title: [One hundred years of Singapore](#)

Author: Makepeace, W., Brooke, G. E., & Braddell, R. St. J. (Eds.).

Publisher: Singapore: Oxford University Press, 1991.

Call no.: RSING 959.57 ONE (First Published in 1921)

Title: [Schooling diaspora : women, education, and the overseas Chinese in British Malaya and Singapore, 1850s-1960s](#)

Author: Teoh, Karen M.

Publisher: New York : Oxford University Press, 2020.

Call no.: RSING/SING 370.8209595 TEO

Title: [Sikhs in the policing of British Malaya and Straits Settlements \(1874-1957\)](#)

Author: Kaur, Arunajeet

Publisher: Saarbrücken : VDM Verlag Dr. Müller, 2009.

Call no.: RSING 363.2095951 KAU

Title: [Singapore 150 years](#)

Author: Sheppard, M. (Ed.).

Publisher: Singapore: Times Books International for Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1982.

Call no.: RSING/SING 959.57 SIN

This publication contains reprints of articles concerning pre-colonial Singapore and the early years of the new settlement.

Title: [The Hikayat Abdullah](#)

Author: Abdullah bin Abdul Kadir; Hill, A. H. (Translator).

Publisher: Kuala Lumpur: The Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, 2009.

Call no.:RSEA 959.5 ABD

Abdullah's biography, first published, in 1849 provides insights into Singapore, Malacca, Johore and the Riau-Lingga region of the 19th century. A. H. Hill's translation of 1949 is considered the first complete annotated version. His introduction offers a good summary of Abdullah's life. This version has an index.

Title: [The Straits Settlements, 1826–67: Indian presidency to crown colony](#)

Author: Turnbull, C. M.

Publisher: London: Athlone Press, 1972.

Call no.: RSING 959.57 TUR

Microfiche: MFC NL0030/022-026

This publication provides a comprehensive analysis of the Straits Settlements prior to its becoming a Crown Colony. It examines the government structure, economy, social conditions and defence system of the Straits Settlements. It also explores the wider context of the Malay States and the impact of the transfer movement. It includes a fold out map of Singapore in the 1860s, a bibliography and an index.

### **Full-text journal articles via Ebscohost academic search premier**

Imagining Malaya, practising multiculturalism: the Malayan consciousness of Singapore Chinese intellectuals in the 1950s.

By: Quah, Sy Ren. *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*. Mar2015, Vol. 16 Issue 1, p96-112.

Mental Illness in Singapore: A History of a Colony, Port City, and Coolie Town.

By: Kah Seng Loh. *East Asian Science, Technology & Society*. Jun2016, Vol. 10 Issue 2, p121-140

Negotiating Gendered Spaces in Colonial Press: Wives of European planters in British Malaya.

By: Datta, Arunima. *Journal of Colonialism & Colonial History*. Winter2017, Vol. 18 Issue 3, p1-29.

Singapore's 'Cinema-Age' of the 1930s: Hollywood and the shaping of Singapore modernity.

By: Chua, Ai Lin. *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*. Dec2012, Vol. 13 Issue 4, p592-604.

Toddy, Race, and Urban Space in Colonial Singapore, 1900–59.

By: ALAGIRISAMY, DARINEE. *Modern Asian Studies*. Sep2019, Vol. 53 Issue 5, p1675-1699.

### **Full-text journal articles via JSTOR**

Coffee-shops in Colonial Singapore: Domains of Contentious Publics

Khairudin Aljunied

*History Workshop Journal*, No. 77 (SPRING 2014), pp. 65-85

Educating multicultural citizens: Colonial nationalism, imperial citizenship and education in late colonial Singapore

Siew-Min Sai

*Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 1 (February 2013), pp. 49-73

Nation, Race, and Language: Discussing transnational identities in colonial Singapore, circa 1930

Chua Ai Lin

Modern Asian Studies, Vol. 46, No. 2, Sites of Asian Interaction (MARCH 2012), pp. 283-302

Technology Transfer In Singapore/Malaya During The Colonial Period: Some Further Comments

John H. Drabble

Journal of the Malaysian Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society, Vol. 76, No. 2 (285) (2003), pp. 81-85

The Development of Health Services in the Colonies - A Study of British Malaya and Singapore

KH Phua

Asia Pacific Journal of Public Health, Vol. 3, No. 4 (1989), pp. 315-323

### **Full-text journal articles via Proquest Central**

Common ground: Race and the colonial universe in British Malaya

Manickam, Sandra Khor. Journal of Southeast Asian Studies, suppl. The origins of the Southeast Asian Cold War; Singapore Vol. 40, Iss. 3, (Oct 2009): 593-612.

Educating multicultural citizens: Colonial nationalism, imperial citizenship and education in late colonial Singapore

Sai, Siew-Min. Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Singapore Vol. 44, Iss. 1, (Feb 2013): 49-73.

Intermarriage in colonial Malaya and Singapore: A case study of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century Roman Catholic and Methodist Asian communities

Rerceretnam, Marc. Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Singapore Vol. 43, Iss. 2, (Jun 2012): 302-323.

Stories from the margins: Indian business communities in the growth of colonial Singapore

Bhattacharya, Jayati. Journal of Southeast Asian Studies; Singapore Vol. 50, Iss. 4, (Dec 2019): 521-539.

'The Modern Magic Carpet': Wireless radio in interwar colonial Singapore

Ai Lin, Chua. Modern Asian Studies, suppl. Everyday Technology in South and Southeast Asia; Cambridge Vol. 46, Iss. 1, (Jan 2012): 167-191.

A curation of articles from Off the Record and Singapore Policy History Project, giving insights into the various facets of Singapore history relating to the colonial period.

LAW OF THE LAND: CONSTITUTIONAL DOCUMENTS

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/lawoftheland>

QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS, 1953

<https://corporate.nas.gov.sg/media/collections-and-research/queenelizabethcoronation>

Food Supply During British Military Administration (September 1945 – March 1946)

[https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/policy\\_history/card?id=18](https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/policy_history/card?id=18)

Community Cares for Those in Need (1946 - 1976)

[https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/policy\\_history/card?id=13](https://www.nas.gov.sg/archivesonline/policy_history/card?id=13)