



INDONESIA READING AND WEBSITE LIST

BOOKS

The History of Java by Sir Thomas Stamford Raffles

Containing a comprehensive ethnographic description of the island's society, describing its economy, trade, languages and dialects, and religious and social customs, together with a detailed history of the island, including a discussion of the introduction of Islam.

Kretek: The Culture and Heritage of Indonesia's Clove Cigarettes by Mark Hanusz

Provides a detailed history of Kretek - Indonesia's indigenous cigarette - companies and manufactures in Indonesia.

Ring of Fire: An Indonesia Odyssey by Lawrence Blair

Describes Lawrence and Lorne Blair's explorations in Indonesia in the 1970s and 1980s: headhunters, grubs for treats, leeches, visions, dragons, semi-pirates and more

Borobudur: Golden Tales of the Buddhas by John N. Miksic, Anita Tranchini, Marcello Tranchini

A comprehensive introduction to the temple itself, Indonesian history and Buddhism.

Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

The pursuit of worldly pleasure, spiritual devotion, and what the writer really wanted out of life, setting out for a year to study three different aspects of her nature amid three different cultures, Gilbert explored the art of pleasure in Italy and the art of devotion in India, and then a balance between the two on the Indonesian island of Bali.

Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded by Simon Winchester

Examines the legendary annihilation in 1883 of the volcano-island of Krakatoa, which was followed by an immense tsunami that killed nearly forty thousand people.



The Social World of Batavia: A History of Dutch Asia by Jean Gelman Taylor (1984)

What began as a minor colonial outpost under the name Batavia would become, over the next three centuries, the flourishing economic and political nucleus of the Dutch Asian Empire. In this pioneering study, Jean Gelman Taylor offers a comprehensive analysis of Batavia's extraordinary social world—its marriage patterns, religious and social organizations, economic interests, and sexual roles. With an emphasis on the urban ruling elite, she argues that Europeans and Asians alike were profoundly altered by their merging, resulting in a distinctive hybrid, Indo-Dutch culture.

The Malay Archipelago by Alfred Russel Wallace (1869)

Famed amongst students and scholars as the originator of Wallacea, an imaginary line which marks the transition zone from Asia to Australasia flora and fauna, Wallace spent nearly a decade cataloging plant and animal species which inhabited the unique geographical area of the Malay Archipelago.

Palaces of Bali by Richard Mann (2012)

The first ever guide book to royal palaces in Bali, this book featured several palaces in Bali opened to tourism. Ten connected regencies, museums, resorts and traditional sites are also included as well as guidelines to visitors about what they can see and do in the palaces.

The Globalisation of Chinese Food by Sidney Cheung and David Y Wu (2014)

By considering the practice of globalisation, these essays describe changes, variations and innovations to Chinese food in many parts of the world, including Indonesia.

Indonesia, Design and Culture: Java, Sumatra, Sulawesi, Bali by Clifford A. Pearson, Bryan Whitney (1998)

The many faces of residential design in four major islands in Indonesia are shown in the book, from humble cottages in agricultural areas to royal palaces, evoking personal stylistic sensibilities, encompassing both age-old local traditions and contemporary trends with a Southeast Asian flair.

The Indonesia Reader: History, Culture, Politics by Tineke Hellwig, Eric Tagliacozzo (2009)

A unique introduction to Indonesia. Assembled for travelers, students, and experts alike, the Reader includes more than 150 selections of journalists' articles, explorers' chronicles, photographs, poetry, stories, cartoons, drawings, letters, speeches, and more. From fifth-century Sanskrit inscriptions in stone to the 2002 Bali bombings and the 2004 tsunami, the book conveys the long history and the cultural, ethnic, and ecological diversity of this far-flung archipelago nation.