



Sing Lit Recommendations for Read for Books 2022

Children's titles

Title: Hello Goodbye Little Island

Author: Leila Boukarim

Call No.: J SING BOU

Summary: Maja had moved to the little island with her family not long ago. She missed home terribly and wanted nothing more than to go back. Soon after, she finds a friend and wishes things would never change. But when her friend moves away, her world crumbles once more. One day, Maja hears a friendly voice speak to her and a new friendship begins to form. With time, Maja discovers that distances do not matter; the friendship and love she finds in others will stay with her always, and goodbyes are not forever.

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Title: Kody Chan: The Time Vortex

Author: Aletheia Chan

Call No.: J SING CHA

Summary: Kody Chan is like any other primary school student in Singapore until a family outing to Fort Siloso on Sentosa Island changes everything. Caught in a time vortex, Kody is transported to 1941! He meets Lieutenant General Arthur E. Percival, the war heroine Elizabeth Choy, and her husband Choy Khun Heng. Kody finds out from the mysterious messenger that he has an important mission to accomplish. Then Kody encounters Diablo and his daimons, who are out to ensnare and even kill him.

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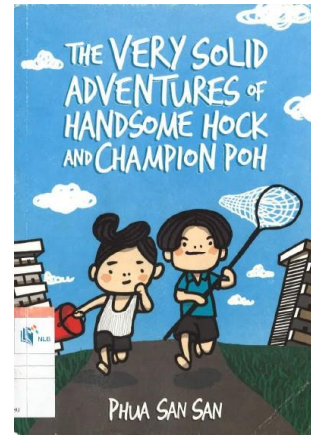
Title: The Very Solid Adventures of Handsome Hock and Champion Poh

Author: Phua San San

Call No.: J SING PHU

Summary: The Very Solid Adventures of Handsome Hock and Champion Poh is a collection of childhood stories and memories of two boys who grew up in Singapore in the 1970s. Handsome Hock and Champion Poh live in the same block of HDB flats in Toa Payoh. They are curious and adventurous seven-year-olds, who become fast and best friends after their first meeting. Always full of energy, they get up to all sorts of mischief and have awesome adventures.

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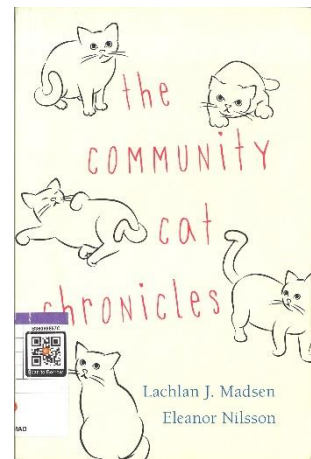
Title: The Community Cat Chronicles

Author: Lachlan Madsen & Eleanor Nilsson

Call No.: Y SING MAD

Summary: The Community Cat Chronicles is a tender, heart-warming portrait of a neighbourhood shared by cats and humans, sure to be enjoyed by animal lovers everywhere.

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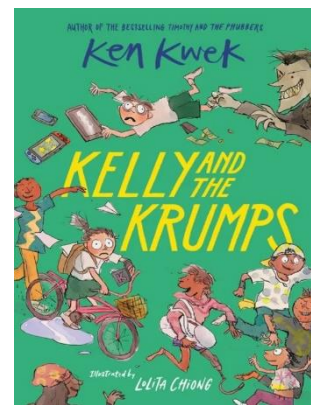
Title: Kelly and the Krumps

Author: Ken Kwek

Call No.: Y SING KWE

Summary: In his second wonderfully whacky children's novel, Ken Kwek takes a hard—and funny—look at teens beset with academic pressures and technology overload. Kelly Mao has got quite the headache: her tiger mum is threatening to ground her, her tuition timetable barely gives her time to eat, and she suspects her twin brother is up to something. On top of everything, the PSLE is looming! When the pressure gets too intense, Kelly decides to secretly join a dance crew called the Krumps, but slowly she gets entangled in her brother's troubles with an evil genius named Fang Boy.

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Adults' titles

Title: Goodbye My Kampong

Author: Josephine Chia

Call No.: English 307.762095957 CHI

Summary: Sequel to Josephine Chia's 2014 Singapore Literature prize-winning book, *Kampong Spirit - Gotong Royong: Life in Potong Pasir, 1955 to 1965*. Kampong life in Singapore did not end in 1965 with her independence. In Josephine Chia's new collection of non-fiction stories, the phasing out of attap-thatched villages, the largest mass movement in Singapore, is set against the backdrop of significant national events. Weaving personal tribulations—her teenage angst—and the experiences of villagers from her kampong, Josephine skilfully parallels the hopes and challenges of a toddling nation going through the throes of industrialisation and rapid changes from 1966 to 1975. These delightful, real-life stories, sprinkled with snippets of her Peranakan culture, reveal the joie-de-vivre of gotong royong or community spirit, despite impoverished conditions, in the last days of kampong life.

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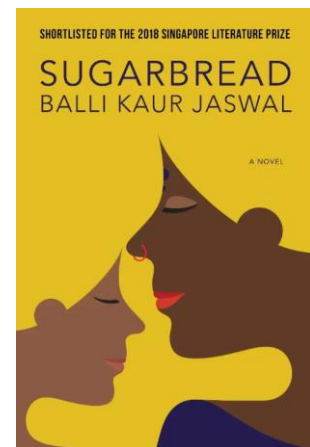
Title: Sugarbread

Author: Balli Kaur Jaswal

Call No.: English JAS

Summary: Pin must not become like her mother, but nobody will tell her why. She seeks clues in Ma's cooking when she's not fighting other battles—being a bursary girl at an elite school and facing racial taunts from the bus uncle. Then her meddlesome grandmother moves in, installing a portrait of a watchful Sikh guru and a new set of house rules. Old secrets begin to surface but can Pin handle learning the truth?

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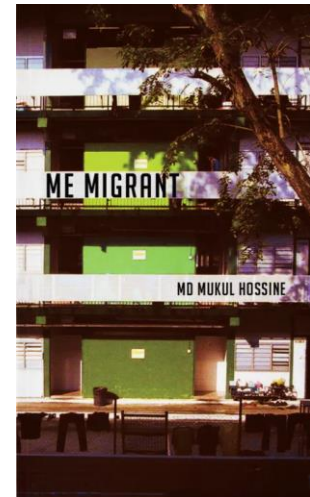
Title: Me Migrant

Author: Md Mukul Hossine

Call No.: English 891.44172 MOH

Summary: *Me Migrant* features the poems of Md Mukul Hossine—poems originally written in Bengali by Mukul, transcreated by Singapore poet Cyril Wong based on English translations by Fariha Imran and Farouk Ahammed. It represents the voice of hope and inclusiveness, of longing and dreaming, of service and heart. This collection was born of the friendship between volunteers of community clinic HealthServe and foreign construction workers. Dr Tan Lai Yong, a volunteer medical doctor at Healthserve and his team of medical students from National University of Singapore (NUS) were inspired by their experiences and Mukul's poems to respond with some writings of their own. The poetry within these pages makes us see farther, think deeper, and listen. In listening, let us cross these borders.

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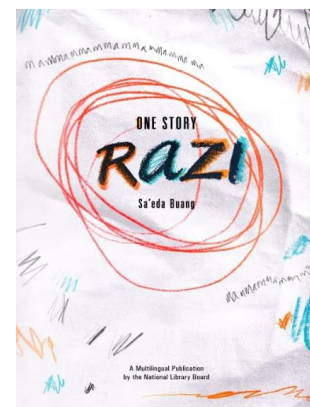
Title: One Story: Razi

Author: Sa'eda Buang

Call No.: English SAE

Summary: Every day is a painful struggle for Nani, the mother of Razi, a boy with special needs. As Nani finds herself increasingly frustrated by society's lack of understanding and empathy for Razi's condition, she is by turns swayed and pressured by her sister's incessant cajoling to seek help from a traditional Malay healer. Nani keeps the treatment a secret from her husband – out of fear and perhaps guilt. Razi is slowly tamed into obedience. The healer sees it as progress, but is submission into silent acquiescence a cure at all? Razi will make you ponder over the great lengths people would go to and the sacrifices they make for their loved ones. Readers will be tempted to weigh in on the dilemmas that Nani has to grapple with and tread along the emotional rollercoaster of her struggle and guilt. Will we condemn her choices? Or empathise with her challenges?

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Title: Equatorial Sunshine

Author: Wong Su Ann

Call No.: English S821 WON

Summary: What can Singapore's weather offer? More than a monochrome of rain and shine, as these poems show. Travelling the shifting patterns of youthful love and loss, they take us into sun, shade, shower, and the variations in between.

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