

Annex B

Other featured books at the Presidential Pop-up Library

S/N	Titles and synopses
1	<p>How Singapore Beat the Odds by W L Terence Ho (Foreword on “Why Convictions Have Mattered” by Tharman Shanmugaratnam)</p> <p>Drawing from interviews with 12 influential leaders including Halimah Yacob, Chan Sek Keong, and Peter Ho, this book reveals the inside story of Singapore's transformation since independence. Through their firsthand accounts, it examines how strategic policy decisions helped Singapore overcome odds to build a dynamic economy and unified society.</p>
2	<p>Learning from Crisis, by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, in ETHOS Issue 22, June 2021</p> <p>An abridged speech given by then-Senior Minister and Coordinating Minister for Social Policies Tharman Shanmugaratnam at the Administrative Service Appointment and Promotion Ceremony 2021, featured in ETHOS, reflects on Singapore's Covid-19 response, highlighting the importance of decisive action, adaptability, early preparedness, whole-of-nation collaboration, and trust.</p>
3	<p>Game for Life – Lives Made Extraordinary Through Sport (“Sport Made Me” by Tharman Shanmugaratnam)</p> <p>The book shares the inspiring journeys of 25 Singaporeans from all walks of life whose lives were transformed through sport, celebrating both their achievements and the life lessons gained along the way. Among them is then-Deputy Prime Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam, who reflects on how sports shaped his youth and how it continues to build lifelong skills and enrich lives.</p>
4	<p>“Making the Global Financial System Work for All”, Report of the G20 Eminent Persons Group chaired by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, October 2018</p> <p>The 2018 report <i>Making the Global Financial System Work for All</i>, chaired by Tharman Shanmugaratnam for the G20 Eminent Persons Group, outlines recommendations to strengthen global financial resilience, foster sustainable development, and make the international financial system more inclusive and effective for all countries.</p>
5	<p>“A Global Deal for our Pandemic Age”, Report of the G20 High-Level Independent Panel co-chaired by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, June 2021</p> <p>The 2021 report <i>A Global Deal for our Pandemic Age</i>, co-chaired by Tharman Shanmugaratnam for the G20 High-Level Independent Panel, calls for bold reforms and sustained global investments to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, ensuring a safer, fairer, and more resilient world.</p>
6	<p>The Economics of Water: Valuing the Hydrological Cycle as a Global Common Good, co-authored by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, October 2024</p> <p>Published in Oct 2024, <i>The Economics of Water: Valuing the Hydrological Cycle as a Global Common Good</i>, co-authored by Tharman Shanmugaratnam, calls for</p>

	recognising and managing the world's water cycle as a global public good, with coordinated policies and investments to ensure sustainable, fair, and resilient water systems for all.
7	<p>The Presidents of Singapore: Benjamin Sheares by Edmund Lim WK</p> <p>Written for young readers and students, this book tells the story of Benjamin Sheares' journey from renowned doctor to Singapore's second President. Through photographs and stories, readers discover how this distinguished medical professor took on the role of presidency at age 63, shaping an important chapter in Singapore's history.</p>
8	<p>The Presidents of Singapore: Devan Nair by Edmund Lim WK</p> <p>Written for young readers and students, this book traces C.V. Devan Nair's path from modest origins to the Presidency of Singapore. It highlights his early struggles, including five years of political detention, and his crucial work as a teacher, union leader, and MP, particularly emphasising his dedication to developing Singapore's labour movement through National Trades Union Congress (NTUC).</p>
9	<p>The Rebel with a Cause: Devan Nair by Celine Lim</p> <p>This biography explores C.V. Devan Nair's transformation from anti-colonial activist to national leader. Beginning with his early life as a rubber plantation clerk's son, it traces his journey through political detention for anti-colonial activities, his emergence as an influential union leader, and his rise to become Singapore's President.</p>
10	<p>Halimah Yacob by Priscilla Tan and Shawn Tan, Illustrated by Kristen Kiong</p> <p>Part of the Awesome Women Series: Leaders, this children's book catered to young readers shares the inspiring story of Halimah Yacob's path to becoming Singapore's first female President, making her groundbreaking achievements accessible to children.</p>
11	<p>A Tribute for Madam Halimah Yacob: Honouring the Heart of a Servant Leader Edited by Asyifah Rashid, Jerry Toh and Desiree Tai</p> <p><i>A Tribute for Madam Halimah Yacob: Honouring the Heart of a Servant Leader</i> is a commemorative publication that celebrates the life, career, and enduring impact of former President Halimah Yacob.</p>
12	<p>Small States in a Big World: Size is not Destiny Edited by Tommy Koh (Foreword by Madam Halimah Yacob)</p> <p>This book examines how small states like Singapore can thrive in a world dominated by larger powers. Through analysis of successful small nations, it demonstrates how strategic thinking, adaptability, and strong institutions - rather than size - determine a country's prosperity and influence.</p>
13	<p>Ong Teng Cheong: Planner, Politician, President by Tisa Ng</p> <p>From architect to President, this book traces Ong Teng Cheong's journey as Singapore's planner, politician, and first elected President.</p>

14	<p>王鼎昌：走向总统府之路 by 新加坡联合早报 (Ong Teng Cheong: Journey to the Presidency by Lianhe Zaobao)</p> <p>This book chronicles the former President Ong Teng Cheong's life journey - from his humble beginnings through his political career to his eventual role as Singapore's first elected President. Illustrated with over 100 photographs, it captures the philosophy, actions, and character of this political leader.</p>
15	<p>50 Stories from My Life by S R Nathan</p> <p>Through 50 selected personal stories, S R Nathan chronicles his path from impoverished youth to becoming Singapore's longest-serving President. These intimate accounts blend his personal challenges with historic moments in Singapore's development, revealing how determination and public service shaped both his life and the nation.</p>
16	<p>An Unexpected Journey: Path to the Presidency by S R Nathan</p> <p>This memoir traces S R Nathan's extraordinary journey from teenage runaway to Singapore's President, against the backdrop of the nation's own transformation. With remarkable candour, he recounts surviving on the streets during the colonial era, his political awakening during the Japanese occupation, and his eventual rise through public service.</p>
17	<p>The Crane and the Crab by S R Nathan</p> <p>A retelling of a traditional folktale, this children's book emphasises themes of wisdom and justice, reflecting S R Nathan's interest in cultural stories and moral lessons.</p>
18	<p>Winning Against The Odds: The Labour Research Unit in NTUC's Founding by S R Nathan</p> <p>S R Nathan's account of NTUC's battle against pro-communist unions from 1961-1965 reveals a turning point in Singapore's labour history. Through personal recollections, he describes how NTUC laid its foundations during this critical period, offering frank insights into the conflicts and challenges that shaped Singapore's modern labour movement.</p>
19	<p>Why Am I Here? Overcoming Hardships of Local Seafarers by S R Nathan</p> <p>Through personal narratives, this book examines the lives of Singaporean seafarers and their struggles at sea. It captures both the difficulties they face - separation from family, dangerous conditions, and professional challenges - and their determination to succeed in one of Singapore's most vital yet demanding industries.</p>
20	<p>S R Nathan in Conversation with Timothy Auger</p> <p>This book captures S R Nathan's life story through intimate conversations with Timothy Auger, offering readers personal insights into his journey from humble beginnings to the presidency. Through their dialogue, Nathan shares frank reflections on Singapore's development and his various roles serving the nation.</p>

21	<p>Remembering S R Nathan: A Mentor for All Seasons by Mushahid Ali and Kumar Ramakrishna</p> <p>This collection honours the late S R Nathan through essays by those who knew him, spanning his remarkable career from civil servant to President.</p>
22	<p>The Runaway Who Became President: S R Nathan's Journey of Hope by Amanda Kee, Illustrated by Patrick Yee</p> <p>Part of the Prominent Singaporeans series, this book introduces young readers to S R Nathan's inspiring journey from troubled youth to Singapore's longest-serving president.</p>
23	<p>உழைப்பின் உயர்வு (An Unexpected Journey: Path to the Presidency by S R Nathan, Translated into Tamil by A Palaniappan)</p> <p>This memoir traces S R Nathan's extraordinary journey from teenage runaway to Singapore's President, against the backdrop of the nation's own transformation. With remarkable candour, he recounts surviving on the streets during the colonial era, his political awakening during the Japanese occupation, and his eventual rise through public service.</p>
24	<p>Tony Tan Keng Yam: My Political Journey by Tony Tan Keng Yam and Leslie Koh</p> <p>Written from Tony Tan's perspective, this book reveals how an academic-turned-banker became Singapore's President, offering behind-the-scenes insights into four decades of national policy-making.</p>
25	<p>One Degree, Many Choices: A Glimpse into the Career Choices of the NTI Pioneer Engineering Class of 85 (Foreword by Tony Tan Keng Yam)</p> <p>Following Nanyang Technological Institute (NTI)'s, now known as NTU, pioneering class of 1985, this book reveals how Singapore's first 557 engineering graduates built their careers over 25 years through their diverse professional journeys.</p>
26	<p>Glimpses and Reflections by Wee Kim Wee</p> <p>In this collection of personal memories, former President Wee Kim Wee shares candid stories from his remarkable journey - from impoverished childhood through careers as clerk, journalist, and diplomat, to becoming Singapore's President.</p>
27	<p>On the Record: The Journalistic Legacy of President Wee Kim Wee by Ng Boon Yian</p> <p>This book examines Wee Kim Wee's significant contributions to journalism before his Presidency. It chronicles his evolution from reporter to respected newsman, highlighting his journalistic achievements and the principles that guided his work.</p>
28	<p>Cooking for the President: Reflections and Recipes of Mrs Wee Kim Wee by Wee Eng Hwa</p> <p><i>Cooking for the President: Reflections & Recipes of Mrs Wee Kim Wee</i> is a distinguished Peranakan cookbook and memoir by Wee Eng Hwa, daughter of Singapore's fourth President, Wee Kim Wee. This work offers an intimate glimpse</p>

	into the culinary legacy of Mrs Wee Kim Wee, who was renowned for her mastery of Nonya cuisine.
29	<p>The Presidential Notes – Field Book: President Yusof bin Ishak and the Portrait Notes by Stella Kon</p> <p>This book provides insights into the significance of the portrait of former President Yusof bin Ishak featured on Singapore's currency notes, exploring the history and symbolism behind the portrait and its place in Singapore's currency history.</p>
30	<p>The Presidents of Singapore: Yusof Ishak by Edmund Lim WK</p> <p>Written for young readers and students, this accessible biography reveals the man behind the face on Singapore's currency. Through photographs and engaging stories, it shows how Yusof Ishak rose to become Singapore's first President.</p>
31	<p>Yusof Ishak: A Man of Many Firsts by Ooi Kee Beng</p> <p>This biography delves into former President Yusof Ishak's multifaceted roles as a journalist, civil servant, and the first President of Singapore. It explores his contributions to Singapore's development and his enduring impact on the nation.</p>
32	<p>Yusof Ishak: Singapore's First President by Norshahril Saat</p> <p><i>Yusof Ishak: Singapore's First President</i> chronicles the remarkable life of Singapore's first President, from his early career as a journalist and founder of Utusan Melayu to his pivotal role as Head of State during Singapore's formative years (1965-1970), highlighting his contributions to multiracialism and nation-building.</p>
33	<p>He Who is Made Lord: Empire, Class and Race in Postwar Singapore by Muhammad Suhail Mohamed Yazid</p> <p>The book traces the creation of the office of Yang di-Pertuan Negara (Head of State), following the end of British colonial rule. Muhammad Suhail examines how different groups sought to shape its meaning amid the global wave of decolonisation, offering a compelling look at Singapore's postcolonial journey and its place within the Malay World, the British Empire, and the Commonwealth.</p>
34	<p>Puan Noor Aishah: Singapore's First Lady by Kevin Y L Tan</p> <p>This book tells the story of Noor Aishah Mohammad Salim's journey from a quiet girl from Penang to wife of Yusof Ishak. Filled with archival and private photographs, the book traces how she was thrust unexpectedly into the public eye at 26, and became a beloved figure in Singapore's history.</p>
35	<p>Birds Seen at the Istana by James Gan Wan Meng and Aileen Lau (Foreword by Halimah Yacob)</p> <p>This richly illustrated book showcases the 67 bird species that inhabit or visit the Istana grounds. Commissioned by then-President S R Nathan, it combines artwork and photographs to document these natural residents of Singapore's presidential estate, including details about their behaviours and feeding patterns.</p>
36	Our Istana: Through the Years (Foreword by Tony Tan Keng Yam)

	Commissioned by former President Tony Tan, <i>Our Istana: Through the Years</i> documents the Istana's history and the evolution of Singapore since independence, showcasing its role in the nation's growth. It captures memories of the Istana through photo montages and quotes from individuals who have passed through its gates.
37	Gardens of the Istana by Wee Kiat Tan (Foreword by Halimah Yacob) Gardens of the Istana provides a horticultural tour of the Istana, showcasing the lawns, flowers, fruits, trees, bird-life, fauna surrounding the iconic building.