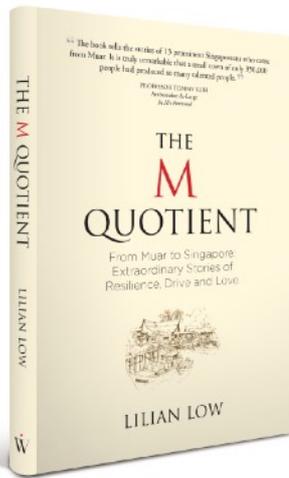


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## THE M QUOTIENT

From Muar to Singapore: Extraordinary Stories of Resilience, Drive and Love

This book celebrates the lives of 13 prominent personalities who had migrated from the small town of Muar in the Malay peninsula to Singapore, where they were able to pursue their dreams and attain prominence. Author Lilian Low, herself a former Muarian, tells the fascinating stories of her fellow Muarians who shared the same unique Muar spirit, culture and values – the M Quotient – that were to serve them well in their later years as they went on to achieve noteworthy success in their chosen fields. Lilian counts herself fortunate to have had the opportunity to meet and talk with each of them and was struck by their graciousness and openness in candidly sharing stories of their humble beginnings and early hardships and struggles. This book, *The M Quotient*, extols their resilience and perseverance, which saw them through great odds in life. Vignettes of the lesser known aspects of their early lives are woven into each story, all of which aimed at underscoring the Muar-Singapore connectivity in the collective narrative of the book. With her clever use of literary devices for added appeal, the book reveals that the 13 personalities are really ordinary mortals who acted out their dreams and aspirations and became extraordinary.

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### PRAISE FOR THE M QUOTIENT

“The book tells the stories of 13 prominent Singaporeans who came from Muar. It is truly remarkable that a small town of only 350,000 people had produced so many talented people.”

**PROFESSOR TOMMY KOH** | Ambassador-At-Large, *In His Foreword*

“This is a highly readable book, comprising a memorable autobiography and must-read biographies of 13 outstanding Singaporean personalities from Muar or strongly tied to Muar, including our former President, the late Mr S R Nathan. Heartiest congratulations to the author!”

**DR LIM CHONG YAH** | Emeritus Professor, National University of Singapore & National Technological University Singapore

“This is a book of adventures, all starting from the same place, Muar, and all ending in the same place, Singapore, but each different in its path and different in its ending. But all are the result of hard work and courage, determination and resilience.”

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