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# Introduction

Praphansarn Asia is one of Thailand's most prestigious publishers with almost 50 years of operating excellence. Under the firm's umbrella is an extensive printing and distribution network covering all channels for fiction and non-fiction throughout Thailand.

We are a leading importer of Thai-language rights and recently launched an international rights division to export rights of the books and manuscripts of many authors who we represent, not just in Thai but in all languages.

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**Title:** Asian Manga:  
Maths Smart Gang  
**Author:** Anan Phothikul  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (education)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

For students, who find maths difficult and boring, Maths Smart Gang presents a new method of learning the subject through comic book stories. The characters lead readers through everyday problems that require maths to solve, making the learning process fun and easy. The content is related to standard maths curriculum, while the teaching technique turns abstract mathematics into something concrete. It allows students to study on their own, with the aim of adjusting the learning method while creating changes in the thinking process. This comic also encourages readers to study in groups, and builds better attitudes toward maths.

## About the Author

Acting Sub Lieutenant Anan Phothikul has dedicated his career to education, and is currently Director of Thailand's Textbook and Education Media Development Academy. He also teaches mathematics, statistics and educational research at Bangkok University, Thonburi.





**Title:** Boats In Mid-Ocean  
**Author:** Chamnongsri Rutnin  
**Language:** Thai (English manuscript available)  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (historical)  
**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Boats in Mid-Ocean follows the author's maternal family as it migrates from mid-19th century China to Thailand. The narrative presents the Wanglee family's struggles, successes and tragedies as it rises to become a prominent Thai business dynasty. In one dramatic episode during World War II, the family scion is forced to ship rice to Japanese garrisons and recruit laborers to build the Death Railway. His subsequent assassination remains unsolved. The women's portraits are complex and filled with humour and pathos, as their husbands also have wives and children in China. The narrative is interspersed with a fascinating collection of maps and old photographs.

## About the Author

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Born in Bangkok to a prominent banking family, Chamnongsri L. Rutnin spent her teens in England and became a newspaper reporter. She assisted her husband in establishing the Rutnin Eye Hospital, and is deeply interested in Buddhism, having spent long periods in forest monasteries. Chamnongsri's works include philosophy, biographies, poetry, plays and children's stories.



**Title:** Burma:  
My Country, My Prison  
**Author:** Phil Thornton  
**Language:** English  
(manuscript available)  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (reportage)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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Myanmar is an anathema, and this book reveals how the Burmese military regime has turned the country into one of the cruelest places on earth. It examines how the junta created a climate of fear using a vast network of security agencies, informers and neighborhood spies. Journalists, hotel keepers, monks, students and former political prisoners tell how they received horrendous jail sentences and were tortured. The book shows how the regime plans to keep power while misleading the world into thinking it is embracing democracy, and why the elections will fail unless Aung San Suu Kyi is released. It also looks at why sanctions have failed.

## About the Author

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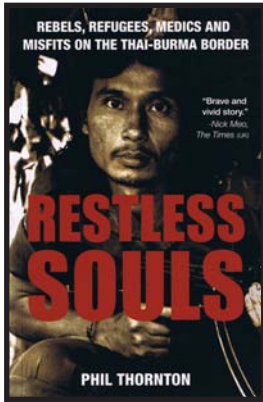
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## Other Published Titles

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- Restless Souls (2006)
- Get A Job (2001)





**Title:** Restless Souls:  
Rebels, Misfits,  
Refugees, Medics  
and Misfits on the  
Thai-Burma Border

**Authors:** Phil Thornton

**Language:** English

**Category:** Non-Fiction (reportage)

**Rights:** World (except Thailand)

## Synopsis

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Phil Thornton spent five years living on the Thai-Burma border trying to make sense of the conflict between the Burmese military dictatorship and the people of Burma. In *Restless Souls*, he presents the Karen minority's armed resistance in a tragic, bizarre, sometimes funny journey through the war zone and the underbelly of the Thai border town of Mae Sot, where refugees, mercenary adventurers, migrant workers, gem dealers, prostitutes, scavengers, rebel soldiers and drug dealers inhabit the shadows. *Restless Souls* attempts to avoid the constraints of modern journalism and go beyond official reports, statistics, and quotes from non-government organizations, aid agencies and academic literature.

## About the Author

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## Review

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“Mr Thornton collects the pieces of a complex puzzle, resisting the temptation to reduce the Karen’s struggle to a simplistic, emotional sketch.”

*Far Eastern Economic Review*

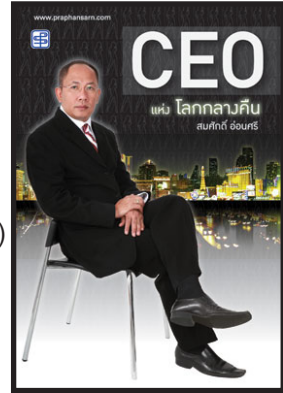
## Outstanding Features

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- Sold 15,000 copies in Thailand
- Award-winning journalist



**Title:** CEO of the Nightlife  
**Author:** Somsak Onsri  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (management)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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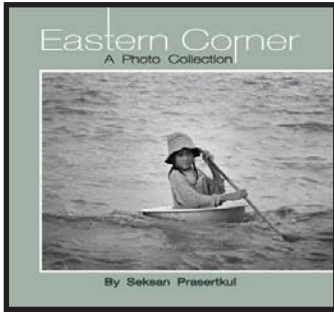
Starting and building a business is tough at the best of times – but in CEO of the Nightlife there is unique insight into how to do exactly that – and succeed - in the cut-throat, dynamic and highly-lucrative nightlife business in Bangkok. In a seductive sector that many believe is good for a quick, easy buck, this book is ideal for those who have tried and failed or those that are taking a serious view at the nightlife business. CEO of the Nightlife offers a step-by-step “how to” approach, applying lessons and practical pieces of advice that can also be applied to entertainment businesses in other parts of the world – delving into everything from operations and location to construction, design, recruitment, training, service strategies and reward.

## About the Author

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A son of a farmer, who struggled to put the story’s author through school, he eventually joined the navy. However, he felt like a failure, and took on a series of part-time jobs at night. His fighting spirit kept him working both day and night until he stumbled into a career that interested him: an insurance salesperson. He eventually quit his day job and began making his own way in the business world until he became the owner of an entertainment centre for businessmen and a successful Bangkok city administrator.





**Title:** Eastern Corner  
A Photo Collection

**Author:** Seksan Prasertkul

**Language:** English

**Category:** Non-Fiction (pictorial)

**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Seksan Prasertkul, a former revolutionary and a well-known Thai writer of short stories and feature articles, wields a camera while he works. In *Eastern Corner*, he presents a collection of photographs taken to record information for his stories, which illustrates his view of the world and his soul-searching struggle to find the meaning of life in Thailand, Southeast Asia and China. Seksan selected the photographs for the collection, but chose not to provide a textual narrative for each, as he believes that the pictures provide enough information about his observations without requiring a written explanation.

## About the Author

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Seksan Prasertkul was born in 1949 in the eastern part of Thailand. He received a Ph.D. in political science from Cornell University, U.S.A., and, apart from writing, he has served as a lecturer at Thammasat University, Bangkok, during the past 20 years. Seksan rose to prominence in Thailand as both a writer and public figure, and his literary works are considered unique because of their consistency, original style, and inspiring thoughts drawn from his direct experiences.

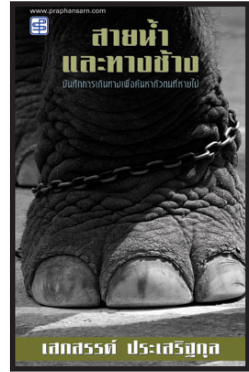


Thailand first heard of Seksan in 1973, when he was a student activist, who played a key role in a popular uprising against the military-

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**Title:** The River and the Elephant Trail  
**Author:** Seksan Prasertkul  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (spiritual)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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Seksan Prasertkul rose to fame as a leading student revolutionary in 1973, who lived in the jungle for five years as a communist rebel. His defection from the Party in 1980 and subsequent academic and literary career left him troubled and unfulfilled, and *The River and the Elephant Trail* reveals his journey to find the significance of life. This collection may read like a travel journal, but those who have an insight into his life walk away with a sense of understanding a man who is coming to terms with his place in history.

## About the Author (continued from page 10)

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dictatorship, but his fame was a mixed blessing. With the nation's democratic movement under attack from by right-winged forces, and the military threatening to come back to power, Seksan joined the Communist Party and began a five-year stint as a jungle soldier.

Toward the end of 1980, as socialist countries around Thailand were enveloped in war, Seksan became disgruntled with the party's leadership, and disappointed that the revolution had gone wrong. He risked his life by surrendering to the government, while the party's mistakes led to its downfall, triggering thousands of student activists to give up their armed struggle and silently return home.





**Title:** Fun Learning  
Chinese

**Authors:** Xu Guanghui and  
Porntip Boonmongkol

**Language:** Thai

**Category:** Non-Fiction (education)

**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Porntip Boonmongkol and Xu Guanghui draw on personal experiences and those of their students to present an entertaining way to study Chinese. Fun Learning Chinese presents cartoon characters in everyday situations using common dialogues, which sit alongside *pin yin* with Thai translations. Coloured text for vocabulary, it allows readers to immediately see the meaning of each word, and a *pin yin* index in the front and vocabulary index in the back help ease the search for words. As the editors remind the readers, “You can travel to half of the world just by knowing Chinese,” and Fun Learning Chinese makes it easy.

## About the Author

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Xu Guanghui arrived in Thailand as a tourist in 1988, married a Thai man and became a resident. She now teaches Chinese in Bangkok. Porntip Boonmongkol graduated from Chulalongkorn University and taught for awhile before entering the publishing business more than 20 years ago.



**Title:** Herbs and Spices  
**Author:** Pisuth Lertvilai  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (culinary)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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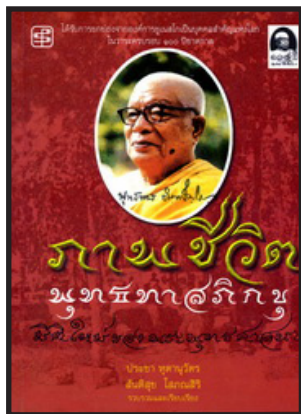
Students of the art of seasoning will find *Herbs and Spices* an extensive investigation into enhancing the taste and health benefits of everyday cooking. The authors trace the history of spices from ancient Egypt, India and Thailand into Italian, French and other Western cuisines. They highlight the differences between spices – which can arouse the appetite, remove meat odours and preserve food – and its pleasant tasting and smelling partner, herbs. The research is well-documented for those seeking more information, and the book serves as a guide showing how herbs and spices can make food look more appealing while removing harmful toxins.

## About the Author

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Pisuth Lertvilai is not only highly qualified in the world of food, herbs and spices, but he has an unparalleled passion for it that marks him out as one of the foremost experts in the field in Thailand. An MBA graduate from Thammasat University and from the faculty of pharmaceutical sciences at the prestigious Chulalongkorn University, Pisuth is currently working in marketing for DSM nutritional products in Thailand and Indochina and sits on numerous government committees.





<b>Title:</b>	Pictorial of Buddhadasa
<b>Authors:</b>	Passages by Buddhadasa's apprentices
<b>Language:</b>	Thai
<b>Category:</b>	Non-Fiction (pictorial biography)
<b>Rights:</b>	World

## Synopsis

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For more than 50 years, Buddhadasa's work showed the potential of Buddhism in both the reality and creativity of Thai culture, and his teachings have forged a route of cooperation and understanding with other religions. He is credited with finding a solution for Buddhism's position in Thai society, while adapting it to be more cosmopolitan. The photographers present different perspectives of Buddhadasa's life through his work, acquaintances and the places he lived. The pictorial gives readers the opportunity to learn more about Buddhadasa, while helping younger readers understand and become inspired by an actual person who followed Buddha's guidelines.

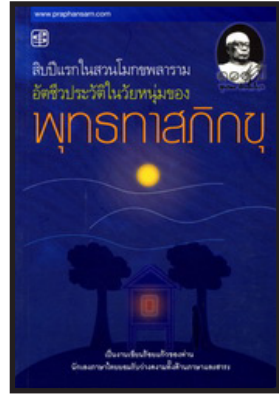
## About Buddhadasa

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Buddhadasa (1906-1993) was born in Chaiya, became a monk in Bangkok in 1926, but returned home to investigate Dhamma. He established Suan Mokkaaplaram in 1932, where he taught "The Heart of Buddhism". Since the 1960s, academics have drawn upon his teachings. His final project established an International Dhamma.



**Title:** The First Ten Years in Mokkplaram Forest  
**Author:** Buddhadasa (Autobiography)  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (spiritual)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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In *The First Ten Years in Mokkplaram Forest*, the revered Buddhadasa revisits his life as a young, idealistic monk in the 1920s, leaving his studies in Bangkok and returning to his rural home to establish “The Grove of the Power of Liberation”. Readers enter the racing mind of an adolescent, disillusioned with the materialistic direction Thai society was heading, and yearning to return to Buddhism’s principles. Those searching for the meaning and value of life will be drawn into Buddhadasa’s interpretation of timeless Buddhist ideals for a modern society. These compelling and accessible passages inspire everyone to understand Buddha’s teachings and prepare for a socially responsible future.

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**Title:** Sensational Thailand: Adventures in Travel, Pop-Culture, Crime and Sex Magic

**Author:** Jim Algie

**Language:** English

**Category:** Non-Fiction (travel)

**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Jim Algie travels a different path in helping visitors and expats navigate Thailand's most unusual destinations and festivals, while providing insights into Thai pop culture and history-making events. Unlike conventional guidebooks, Sensational Thailand presents a collection of stories in sections headed Misadventure Travels, Weird Wildlife, The Sex Files, Strange Celebrities, Crime Scenes and The Supernatural. Readers discover northeast Thailand's largest dinosaur graveyard, peer into a bar run by and for sex workers and find out how to sign up for Thai military training. Colour photos set the scene for each section, while a directory of addresses, opening hours and relevant websites makes the book more practical.

## About the Author

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Jim Algie came to Thailand 16 years ago as a freelance travel writer, and has since contributed to various of publications including The Time Out Guide to Bangkok and the International Herald Tribune. In 2001, Jim co-founded and became the chief editor for Untamed Travel, and he recently wrote a Bangkok guidebook for UK publisher, AA.

## Review

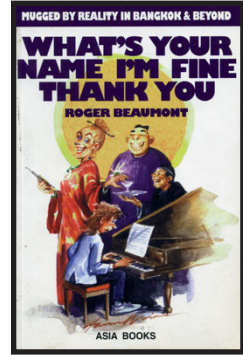
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"Jim Algie is one of the most trailblazing travel writers in Asia today."

*The Japan Times*



**Title:** What's Your Name  
I'm Fine Thank You  
**Author:** Roger Beaumont  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Non-Fiction (humour)  
**Rights:** World (except Thailand)



## Synopsis

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What's Your Name I'm Fine Thank You might sound like another bargirl book, but that's exactly what it is not. It's a collection of real and exaggerated tales that comprise an honest, surprising and humorous view of life as a Bangkok newcomer. Gleaned from Roger Beaumont's columns appearing in *Metro Magazine* and *The Nation* newspaper, What's Your Name has already sold 11,000 copies and offers insight from someone who arrived in Thailand with a one-way ticket, fragile qualifications, far too little money and a complete faith that everything would turn out right. If you are thinking about coming to live in Bangkok, this is the one book you should read.

## About the Author

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Roger Beaumont moved to Thailand 16 years ago as a freelance writer, and has authored two published books and some 500 published columns and articles covering travel, politics, history, culture and humour that have appeared in newspapers and magazines in Southeast Asia and beyond. Roger is currently working in Bhutan.





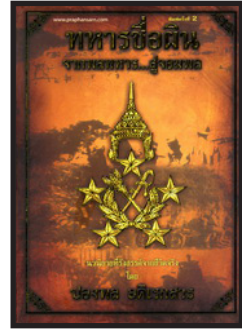
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**Title:** A Soldier Named Phin  
**Author:** Pongpol Adireksarn  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Fiction (historical)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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Pongpol Adireksarn brings legendary Thai Field Marshal Phin Chunhawan to life in a dramatic fictional account of a strong-willed young man's climb from low-ranking soldier to national hero. The story follows Thai history and politics as Field Marshal Phin faces life and death situations defending Thailand during the Bawondech Rebellion, the Indochina War and the East Asian War. Mr Pongpol weaves Field Marshal Phin's family life into the plot, stressing the priority he placed on this relationships, and then takes us to the moment when the retired soldier led the nation's only non-military coup d' etat in 1937.

## About the Author

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Pongpol Adireksarn, one of Thailand's most prolific fiction and non-fiction authors, left Bangkok to study foreign relations in the United States. Returning to Thailand, Pongpol was elected assemblyman for Saraburi province before serving several government ministries. He began writing English novels under the name Paul Adirex.

## Other Published Novels

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- The Pirates of Tarutao
- Father (Thai)
- Mekong
- Ratanakosin: Birth of Bangkok
- Chameleon Man





**Title:** Chameleon Man  
**Author:** Pongpol Adireksarn  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction (fantasy)  
**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Originally written in English under the pen name Paul Adirex, Pongpol Adireksarn's Chameleon Man follows the adventures of El Marris, a British soldier and martial artist, who has the abilities of African animals. This three-part World War II saga follows the 18-year-old El to Madagascar, where he goes on a mission to assassinate General Rommel. Disguised as a Nazi soldier, El moves in for the kill, only to have second thoughts. El goes on to rescue and fall in love with a Tunisian woman, cross paths with the man who killed his closest friend, and search for a missing British doctor in Thailand.

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## Other Published Novels

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- The Pirates of Tarutao
- Mekong
- Ratanakosin: Birth of Bangkok
- Chameleon Man
- A Soldier Named Phin (Thai)
- Father (Thai)





**Title:** Father  
**Author:** Pongpol Adireksarn  
**Language:** Thai  
**Category:** Fiction (historical)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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Pongpol Adireksarn's first fictional work, *Father*, mixes his imagination with Thai history, taking the reader back in time to the Ayutthaya period to explore the role of the father. The first of the book's two stand-alone parts presents the wisdom of Thailand's founding fathers, who built the Kingdom's cities and protected them. The sequel focuses on the battle strategies and the science behind governing a large region that King Naresuan learned from King Burengnong. Pongpol presents this era in Thailand's history from a viewpoint that truly reflects the diligence of the ancient kings, who strived to keep the citizens at peace.

## About the Author

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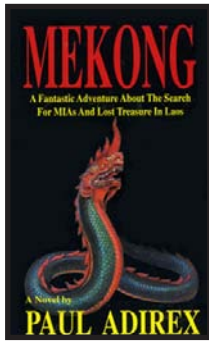
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## Other Published Novels

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- The Pirates of Tarutao
- Mekong
- Ratanakosin: Birth of Bangkok
- Chameleon Man
- A Soldier Named Phin (Thai)





**Title:** Mekong  
**Author:** Pongpol Adireksarn  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction (historical)  
**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Mekong weaves together several story lines set around the search for missing American soldiers during the Vietnam War. The plot winds through the jungles of Laos to the treasures of the country's ancient kings, while exploring the cultures and traditions of the Mekong River's communities, including the mysterious Phuri tribe. The twists and turns take the reader inside Southeast Asia's notorious drug cartels and an attempt to bridge the mighty Mekong. The entire novel is held together by the naga, the legendary giant serpent and guardian of the region's treasures responsible for the puzzling deaths of several characters.

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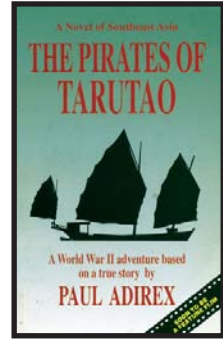
## Other Published Novels

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- The Pirates of Tarutao
- Ratanakosin: Birth of Bangkok
- Chameleon Man
- A Soldier Named Phin (Thai)
- Father (Thai)



**Title:** Pirates of Tarutao  
**Author:** Pongpol Adireksarn  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction (historical)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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Pirates of Tarutao investigates the 60-year-old tales surrounding the Andaman's Sea's "Inferno Island", infamous for its pirates, who captured numerous cargo ships during murderous forays. The novel's main character, Sawang Tungkabanharn, is a professional reporter probing the pirate's secrets to explain why Thai prisoners had transformed into what their victims called "the Pirates of Tarutao". Was a government officer really involved? Did the pirates all really disappear, or did some live to tell the tale? These are just a few of the questions that Pongpol Adireksarn writing under the pen name Paul Adirex tries to answer in this intriguing novel.

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## Other Published Novels

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- Mekong
- Father (Thai)
- Ratanakosin: Birth of Bangkok
- Chameleon Man
- A Soldier Named Phin (Thai)





<b>Title:</b>	Rattanakosin: The Birth of Bangkok
<b>Author:</b>	Pongpol Adireksarn
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Category:</b>	Fiction (historical)
<b>Rights:</b>	World

## Synopsis

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Pongpol Adireksarn presents a factual, historical look at Thai history in fictional form in Rattanakosin: The Birth of Bangkok. The plot centres on Christopher Milton, a secretary at the United States Embassy in Thailand, who is on leave, and decides to go to the National Museum, a visit that coincides with the 200th anniversary of the death of King Rama 1's viceroy, Surasinghanat. Milton then meets a strange monk, who tells him the story of the fall of Ayutthaya and King Taksin's battles to liberate Siam, which leads to the establishment of the Thai capital at Rattanakosin and the birth of Bangkok.

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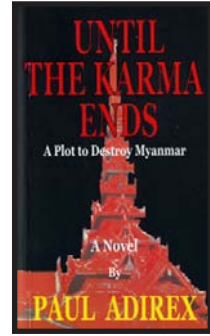
## Other Published Novels

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- Mekong
- Father (Thai)
- Pirates of Tarutao
- Chameleon Man
- A Soldier Names Phin (Thai)



**Title:** Until the Karma Ends  
**Author:** Pongpol Adireksarn  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction (historical)  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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This action-packed thriller finds CIA agent, Lance Bellinger, leading a operation in 1994 to destroy SLORC, the ruling Burmese military regime, and he only has four months to accomplish the mission. Bellinger enlists Mandalay Aung, a beautiful Burmese American relief worker, and they travel throughout Thailand and into Myanmar, but unbeknown to Bellinger, his mission has been compromised, and worse, his old adversary, Victor Leskov, a former KGB officer, joins SLORC in hunting him down. Bellinger must race against time to complete his mission and stop two SLORC assassin teams sent to kill the US Secretary of State who is in Bangkok.

## About the Author

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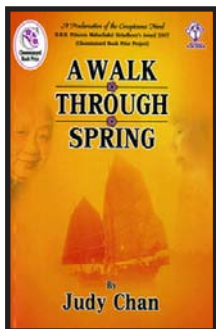
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**Title:** A Walk  
Through Spring  
**Author:** Judy Chan  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction  
**Rights:** World

## Synopsis

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Mui Mui has her hands full looking after her four warm and witty elderly Cantonese aunts, who are determined to see their 35-year-old workaholic niece get married in *A Walk Through Spring*. The novel peeks into the older women's past as Cantonese maids in Thailand, as they tell tales of their love life in youth, each of which took a different course, and were often filled with sad twists and turns. The reminiscing is like an awakening for Mui Mui, who finally decides to have her own walk through spring. This book won Thailand's prestigious Chommanard Book Prize.

## About the Author

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Award-winning author, Judy Chan, was born in Bangkok and grew up in an interventional Cantonese environment. She graduated from Chulalongkorn University, but her career and family responsibilities kept her from writing until the 1980s, when she began to pursue her passion for writing fiction and non-fiction.

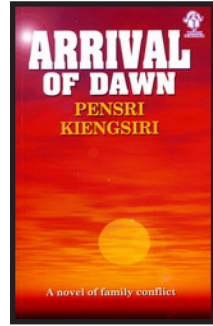
## Other Published Novels

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- Everybody Wants to Own a Bakery (Thai)
- Everybody Wants to Own a Coffeeshop (Thai)
- From Ah Sam to Yam Cha: The Cantonese Clan in Siam (Thai)
- The Lighter Side of Being a Cantonese (Thai)



**Title:** Arrival of Dawn  
**Author:** Pensiri Kiengsiri  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction  
**Rights:** World



## Synopsis

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In *Arrival of Dawn*, the main character relates her life as the oldest of three children, and the one who must stand as a strong pillar for her younger brother and sisters. The obedient and dutiful daughter accepts the physical and mental pressures of her role, giving up suitors, and sacrificing personal happiness. Turning to dharma later in life brings a clear and bright understanding to her heart, and because Buddhism teaches “take the middle path,” her character and actions begin to change. She realises that the foundation of society depends on the strength of each family, a thought that comes like an early morning light that shines on her heart.

## About the Author

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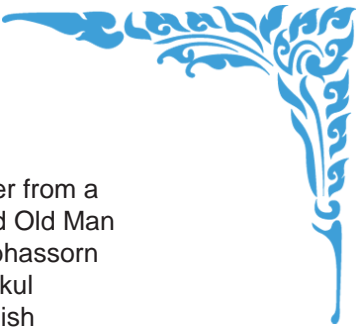
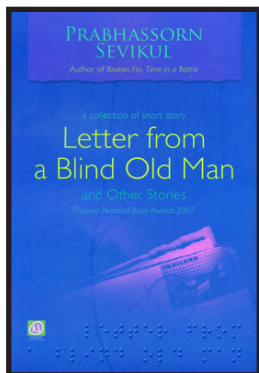
Pensiri Kiengsiri is one of Thailand's most outstanding translators and authors, and is a special lecturer at Ramkhanhaeng University in creative writing. A columnist for numerous periodicals and newspapers, she is based in Thailand.

## Other Published Novels

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- Poems From Thailand
- Thailand - Revealing Perspectives
- Love In The Fish Market





<b>Title:</b>	Letter from a Blind Old Man
<b>Author:</b>	Prabhassorn Sevikul
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Category:</b>	Fiction
<b>Rights:</b>	World

## Synopsis

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Prabhassorn Sevikul has been captivating Thai readers for over 30 years with his poems, short stories and novels, and has gained a reputation in literary circles as an artist who paints with words. With this translation of Prabhassorn's latest collection of short stories, Letter from a Blind Old Man, readers get the chance to savour his skill at depicting contemporary Thailand , while he reflects on issues that form the fabric of society and create the ties that seal the people's relationships. This collection opens a new window into Thai society and culture, especially for readers not familiar with the Kingdom .

## About the Author

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Born in Bangkok in 1948, Prabhassorn Sevikul joined Thailand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1969 and was posted to Laos, Germany, Turkey, New Zealand and Chile before retiring in 2008. Prabhassorn began writing poetry and short stories as a teenager, before penning his first of more than 50 novels in 1982.

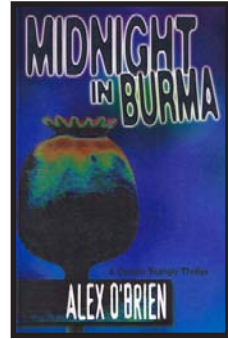
## Outstanding Features

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- Thailand National Book Prize Winner - 2007



**Title:** Midnight In Burma  
**Author:** Alex O'Brien  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction  
**Rights:** World (except Thailand)



## Synopsis

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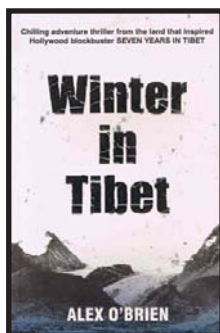
Peter Henderson, an American lawyer, comes to Rangoon and falls in love with Julie Yao, who disappears, so he heads to northern Burma to find her. Henderson befriends Jim Stuart, a retired US Army major working for the UN Drug Control Agency. He wants General Min and his ethnic Wa rebels to stop trafficking drugs and sign a treaty, but Min is overthrown by Mr Yang, a Chinese businessman. Bob Rankle, a DEA agent, helps Stuart, but they disappear. Henderson joins forces with Min, while Mr. Yang hires a hitman to assassinate a political leader in Rangoon, leading to an action-packed ending.

## About the Author

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Alex O'Brien was born in Boston, and his early years were divided between the United States and Japan. A lawyer, O'Brien has lived in Iran, worked in the US Foreign Service and practiced law in Southeast Asia. He now lives in Thailand with his family and frequently travels throughout the region.





**Title:** Winter In Tibet  
**Author:** Alex O'Brien  
**Language:** English  
**Category:** Fiction  
**Rights:** World  
(except Thailand)

## Synopsis

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Justin Standell is a corporate lawyer working in Hong Kong, where he meets Lila Li, who takes him on an unimaginable adventure to Macau. There she reveals her mysterious past, and Standell is initiated into the underworld. Lila brings him to Tibet, where he meets Jennie, a foreign service officer trained to kill and Yeshi, a longhaired denizen of Lhasa nightlife. Standell discovers Mr Yang, a business executive on the surface, but an organised crime chief underneath. The action shifts between Hong Kong and Tibet on a journey that makes it impossible for Standell to ever go back to his previous life.

## About the Author

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