

BURMA STUDY CENTER

education, social justice, and community
for migrants and refugees in Thailand

Burma Study Center provides free education and community-building programs for migrants and refugees from Burma/Myanmar, as well as information and research materials about the country for members of the international community.

Since welcoming its first members in 2010, **Burma Study Center** has maintained the largest public, English-language collection of books, reports, periodicals, and films about Burma/Myanmar in Thailand. It has become a vital community resource through its partnerships with a number of universities, media groups, and organizations. Members have conducted and published research, participated in academic conferences and community events, and led numerous campaigns advocating for genuine political reform and respect for the human rights of people of all ethnicities and religions in Burma.

In addition, more than 500 young adult migrant and refugee students in Chiang Mai have completed courses in English, health, and technology at **Burma Study Center**. Our branch library in Hsipaw, Shan State, focuses on teaching language and environmental conservation skills to young people and farmers inside Burma/Myanmar.

Staff at **Burma Study Center** are often asked to recommend resources on certain topics or issues. We present this guide to what we feel are some of the most interesting, useful, and engaging Burma-related books and films. All of the materials featured here are available on loan from **Burma Study Center**. We hope you find this guide to be a useful tool for becoming more engaged with Burma/Myanmar and its peoples.

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FIRST BOOKS ON BURMA/MYANMAR

BOOKS THAT PROVIDE AN ENGAGING INTRODUCTION TO BURMA

- ❖ *Blood, Dreams and Gold: The Changing Face of Burma*, Richard Cockett, 2015 ^{1,2}
- ❖ *Burma: A Nation at the Crossroads*, Benedict Rogers, 2016 (second edition) ^{1,2,3,5}
- ❖ *Everything Is Broken: A Tale of Catastrophe of Burma*, Emma Larkin, 2010 ^{2,3}
- ❖ *Finding George Orwell in Burma* (UK title: *Secret Histories*), Emma Larkin, 2004 ^{1,2,6}
- ❖ *From The Land of Green Ghosts: A Burmese Odyssey*, Pascal Khoo Thwe, 2002 ^{4,5,7}
- ❖ *Golden Parasol: A Daughter's Memoir of Burma*, Wendy Law-Yone, 2013 ^{2,4,7}
- ❖ *Living Silence in Burma*, Christina Fink, 2009 ^{2,3,5}
- ❖ *Myanmar's Enemy Within: Buddhist Violence and the Making of a Muslim 'Other'*, Francis Wade, 2017 ^{1,2,5,7}
- ❖ *Nowhere To Be Home: Narratives from Survivors of Burma's Military Regime*, Maggie Lemere, Zoe West (editors), 2011 ^{1,2,3,4,5,7}
- ❖ *Restless Souls: Rebels, Refugees, Medics and Misfits on the Thai-Burma Border*, Phil Thornton, 2006 ^{2,5,7}
- ❖ *A Savage Dreamland: Journeys in Burma*, David Eimer, 2019 ^{2,6}
- ❖ *The Trouser People: A Story of Burma in the Shadow of the Empire*, Andrew Marshall, 2002 ^{1,5,6}
- ❖ *Undaunted: My Struggle for Freedom and Survival in Burma*, Zoya Phan, 2009 ^{4,5,7}



KEY TO BOOK CODES

- 1 history/culture • 2 modern history
3 politics/activism • 4 biography/autobiography/memoir • 5 ethnic groups
6 travel • 7 migrants/refugees • 8 fiction

NEXT BOOKS ON BURMA/MYANMAR

RECOMMENDED BOOKS FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF BURMA ISSUES

- ❖ *Border Twists and Burma Trajectories*, Samak Kosem (editor), 2016 ^{2,5,7}
- ❖ *Understanding Reform in Myanmar: People and Society in the Wake of Military Rule*, Marie Lall, 2016 ^{1,2,3}
- ❖ *Burma in Revolt: Opium and Insurgency Since 1948*, Bertil Lintner, 1999 ^{2,3,5}
- ❖ *Pathways That Changed Myanmar*, Matthew Mullen, 2016 ^{2,3,5}
- ❖ *For Us Surrender Is Out of the Question*, Mac McClelland, 2010 ^{2,4,5,7}
- ❖ *Freedom From Fear*, Aung San Suu Kyi, 1995 ^{1,2,3,4}
- ❖ *In Search of Sunlight: Burmese Migrant Workers in Thailand*, Pim Koetsawang, 2001 ^{5,7}
- ❖ *The Lady and the Peacock: The Life of Aung San Suu Kyi*, Peter Popham, 2011 ^{1,2,3,4}
- ❖ *The River of Lost Footsteps: A Personal History of Burma*, Thant Myint-U, 2006 ^{1,2,3,4}

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Donations can be made in person, via Paypal (donation@burmastudy.org), or email for more info: chiangmai@burmastudy.org

In addition to monetary gifts, BSC accepts donations of household and personal items for distribution to refugee and migrant communities living on the Thai-Burma border. Thank you for your support!

FILMS ABOUT BURMA/MYANMAR

RECOMMENDED FILMS FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF BURMA ISSUES

- ❖ Aung San Suu Kyi: The Choice, 2012, 60 minutes
- ❖ Beyond Rangoon, 1995, 99 minutes
- ❖ Breaking The Silence: Burma's Resistance, 2010, 75 minutes
- ❖ Burma: A Forgotten War, 2009, 27 minutes
- ❖ Burma Displaced, 2011, 90 minutes
- ❖ Burma Soldier, 2010, 70 minutes
- ❖ Burma Underground, 2011, 42 minutes
- ❖ Burma VJ: Reporting From a Closed Country, 2009, 86 minutes
- ❖ Into the Current: Burma's Political Prisoners, 2011, 76 minutes
- ❖ The Floating Tomatoes, 2010, 36 minutes
- ❖ Inside Burma: Land of Fear, 1996, 52 minutes
- ❖ Living On The Line: Burmese Refugees in Thailand, 2004, 28 minutes
- ❖ Moving To Mars: A Million Miles From Burma, 2009, 85 minutes
- ❖ They Call It Myanmar, 2011, 83 minutes
- ❖ This Prison Where I Live, 2010, 93 minutes
- ❖ This Kind of Love, 2015, 45 minutes
- ❖ Yangon Calling, 2013, 61 minutes

The above films and more are available to be borrowed from, or screened by appointment at, Burma Study Center

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