

TÒ-UAT CULTURE

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Tò-uat, meaning "Turn Left" in Taiwanese, champions a reading culture rooted in social justice and human rights. Our event-based initiatives spotlight political, social, and cultural texts. Our physical space acts as a hub for civil society groups, facilitating both public gatherings and private meetings. We embrace diverse involvement in social justice conversations, championing issues from same-sex marriage to labor rights and Taiwanese independence. Beginning in 2016 as a bookstore-cum-café, Tò-uat Books has evolved into an independent non-profit association, thereby broadening our societal influence.

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Non-fiction



The Difficulty of Slaughter 殺戮的艱難

Since Minister Wang Qingfeng's resignation, the debate over Taiwan's use of the death penalty has only intensified. Through author-conducted interviews, hidden stories of death row executions emerge, revealing Taiwan's judicial flaws. This book provokes deep contemplations of the deployment of violence in the name of societal control, offering diverse perspectives on life's value.

Chuan-Fen Chang
Flâneur Culture Lab
272 pages | 14.8 × 21 cm
ISBN: 9789868658165

Non-fiction



More Than a House 不只是房子： 社會住宅城市生活新關係

What is the status of social housing in Taiwan? This book shows Taipei residents navigating life amidst environmental and social hurdles. The author makes compelling use of interviews to showcase both achievements and shortcomings, illustrating the parallels with East Asian and European nations and engaging with Taiwan's present, while envisioning future possibilities.

Bo-Hong Liu
Rive Gauche
346 pages | 17 × 23 cm
ISBN: 9786269505166

Non-fiction



When Labor Hires Capital 勞動僱用資本

To free labor from capital's grip, the author contends that enterprises must shift from their current status as minority-controlled entities and instead embrace a labor-based model of joint ownership, which empowers workers to shape decisions and distributions, foster cooperative business cultures, and meet wider societal needs; this, the author believes, is the essence of "economic democracy."

Jing-Shu Hong, Feng-Yi Chang
Society Rebuilding - Taiwan Labor Front.
240 pages | 14.5 × 21 cm
ISBN: 9789868870741

Non-fiction



Anti-Forced Eviction Handbook 反迫遷手冊

Focusing on five institutional factors—land expropriation, urban rezoning, urban renewal, informal settlements, and homelessness—this book explores the issues' origins while offering proactive and implementable solutions. With essential information and self-defense strategies, it empowers those involved in relocations, whether they be evictees, social workers, system researchers, or the general public.

Yi-Chia Yu, Taiwan Association of Human Rights,
Alliance of Anti-Forced Eviction
New Sharing Culture
128 pages | 19 × 26 cm
ISBN: 9789869476201

Non-fiction



Refuse to Be Forgotten 拒絕被遺忘的聲音：

RCA 工殤口述史

In 1983, a congressman exposed the Radio Company of America's toxic waste dumping in Taoyuan, Taiwan, revealing how neglecting employees' health in the name of increased profits had caused years of suffering. This book chronicles the RCA workers' stories and their legal battles assisted by the Workers' Injury Association.

Taiwan Association for Victims of Occupational Injuries
Flâneur Culture Lab
352 pages | 18.4 × 21 cm
ISBN: 9789868965249

Non-fiction



Our Stories: Migration and Labor in Taiwan

我們：移動與勞動的生命記事

This book faithfully documents and presents the stories of Filipino migrant workers in Taiwan. Author Yu-Ling Ku, deeply engaged in the labor movement, has observed laborers and migrants for over 15 years. The book, which showcases many vivid lives, is skillfully narrated with balanced emotion and was a deserved Literary Annuity award winner at the 9th Taipei Literary Awards.

Yu-Ling Ku
INK Literary Monthly Publishing
344 pages | 14.8 × 21 cm
ISBN: 9789866631221

Non-fiction



Clay: Wanbao, a Brief History of People and Land 黏土：灣寶，一段人與土地的簡史

Twice, between 1995 and 2011, in the Miaoli County village of Wanbao, over 400 households effectively resisted land expropriation. Centered on Wanbao's fields, the author chronicles the 16-year struggle, vividly portraying the villagers' emotions, tracing their family histories, and scrutinizing Taiwan's land policy development through a social and agricultural lens.

Mu-Qing Hu
Acropolis, An imprint of Walkers Cultural Enterprise
368 pages | 14.8 × 21 cm
ISBN: 9789869109376

Non-fiction



Taiwan's Calendar of Law 臺灣法曆：法律歷史上的今天

What legal events in Taiwan have changed lives, shaken the past, and shaped the future? History invites us to reflect, and law guides us forward. Open the legal calendar—let us travel through history and return to its most pivotal moments.

Plain Law Movement
The Commercial Press
272 pages | 14.8 × 21 cm
ISBN: 9789570532456

Non-fiction



Radical 1949 激進 1949：白色恐怖郵電案紀實

This book examines the available historical sources and interviews numerous postal and telecommunication workers, who found themselves victims of the White Terror in Taiwan. It resurrects their Wild Grass publication, delving into their dissent and highlighting their fervent resistance. This book makes known some of the lesser-discussed truths of Taiwan's White Terror and contemplates the contemporary issue of transitional justice.

Po-Chien Chen
Horizon
416 pages | 16.8 × 21.5 cm
ISBN: 9786269586691

Fiction



Port of Lies 八尺門的辯護人

In Keelung's Bachimen, in the North of Taiwan, an Ami captain's family is slain, and an Indonesian fisherman is implicated. The Ami tribe defense counsel returns home, facing hostile villagers. Working against a deadline, the defense counsel needs to collaborate with an Indonesian caregiver—bridging racial and linguistic divides—to uncover the hidden truth.

Freddy Fu-Jui Tang
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