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The Raintree Club of Kuala Lumpur

An Invitation To The Good Life



The Raintree Club of Kuala Lumpur

NOTICE

36TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Members,

Please be informed that due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Registrar of Societies has allowed the Club to hold the 36th Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) of the Club before 31 December 2021.

Members will be informed accordingly once the date for the AGM has been fixed by the General Committee.

The Management
1 September 2021

EXTENSION OF MINIMUM SPENDING PERIOD

Dear Members,

Please be informed that the Minimum Spending Period for 2021 (1 January to 31 December 2021) has been extended to 31 March 2022.

The Management
28 September 2021



The Raintree Club of Kuala Lumpur



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It has been indeed an uneventful 2021 to date in the Club. Most of our sports, recreation and social activities (all other clubs in the country as well) are affected by the different Movement Control Orders and restrictive SOPs set by the authorities. Beginning with MCO 2.0 in January 2021 the Club was closed for up to approximately 5 weeks. Activities resumed after that but before long another MCO took place in May 2021 resulting again in the temporary closure of the Club. The Club had a limited reopening for certain facilities from 21 August 2021 onwards for members that are fully vaccinated. At the time of writing, most of the Club's facilities have been reopened following the government's SOPs except for the Teratai Bar and Karaoke Lounge. Social events are allowed at 50% capacity for those fully vaccinated.

The Club had to ensure that we were always operating within the SOPs issued by the National Security Council ("MKN") and the Ministry of Youth and Sports ("KBS"). The Management and Staff have done a good job in ensuring that proper SOPs were established during the pandemic period in accordance with the government's SOPs and monitored. The Club was subject to compliance to SOPs inspection during the year carried out by a team of KBS officers on all our Sports and Recreation facilities and was duly awarded the SOP Compliance Certificate by KBS. The Club was among the first sports and recreation club in the Klang Valley to receive the compliance certificate from KBS. We are also thankful to members for their co-operation in complying with the SOPs.

The infected figures of Covid-19 in the nation remain high compared to the 2020 figures. I implore members and their families to get vaccinated if they have not done so. While more relaxation of SOPs is given by the government, let us not let our guards down. Please continue to co-operate by complying with the SOPs in place while at the Club. We cannot emphasise this enough. We need to play our part for the safety of everyone at the Club. Let's all hope it will finally shine in 2022!

**Best Regards,
Peter Lim
President**

ANNUAL STAFF DAY APPRECIATION



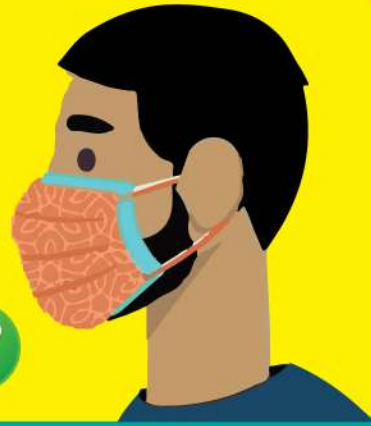
Staff Day Fund distributed in cash equally to all staff represented by Vice President, Mr Chow Seck Kai.

PREVENTION OF COVID-19

DO OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD

Follow these simple steps:

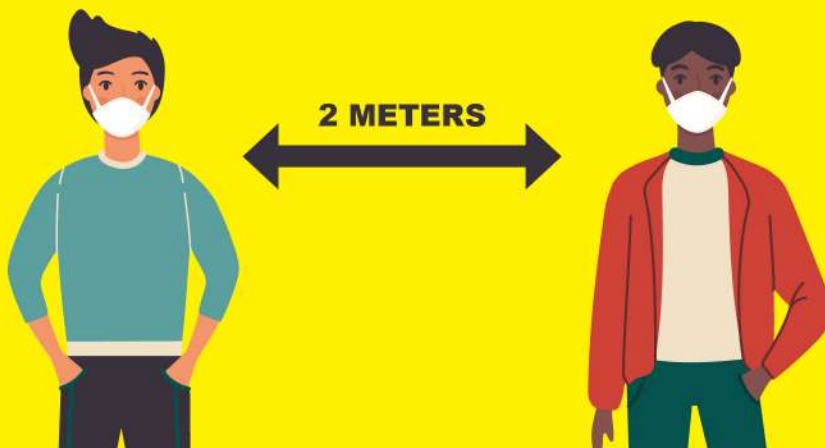
1 DOUBLE MASK



2 PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE



3 PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING



SPORTS & RECREATION

SUB-COMMITTEE 2020/2021

BADMINTON CONVENOR

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GOLF CONVENOR

Azlin Khalid

TENNIS CONVENOR

Yeo Sek Khoon

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SQUASH CONVENOR

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SNOOKER CONVENOR

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Irene Teh

LINE DANCING

Esther Choo

PILATES – LATINO

Margie Kok

BALLROOM DANCING

Ngan Lee Fan

CHILDREN LIBRARY

Margaret Yee

MAHJONG

Allen Tee

SPORTS & RECREATION COACHING FACILITIES

FACILITIES	COACHES NAME	DATE / TIME	CHARGES/ FEES	VENUE
AEROBIC	Denise Phen 012-905 0069	Mon & Fri 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm	RM90.00 per month, one session per week (or up to 4 sessions per month)	DANCE STUDIO (SPORTS PAVILION)
BADMINTON	Kantharoopan 016-2333875	Mon – Fri AM: 8.00 am to 10.00 am PM: 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm From 8.00 am to 10.00 pm	Junior Program Monday to Sunday RM170.00 per month (4 lessons) Private Coaching Players below 12 years old (1 to 1, max of 3) RM80.00 per hour Players under 18 years old (1 to 1, max of 3) RM90.00 per hour Adult/Senior Player (1 to 1, max of 3)- 18 years old & above Advance booking – RM100.00 per hour each	BADMINTON COURT
BALLROOM DANCING	Chew Ng Wah, Peter 016-6636 633	Wednesday 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm	RM 60.00 per month, one session per week Private Class: RM 75.00 per couple per 1 hour lesson	CEMPAKA HALL
GYM & FITNESS PROGRAMME	Steven Raj 017 6939560	Advance booking only Monday to Sunday 7.00am till 10.00pm	RM100.00-RM150.00 per session, subject to individual trainer. Personal Training Package is available upon consultation with the trainer.	GYM (SPORTS PAVILION)
LATIN SALSA	Wong Khai Hoong 012-2737 396	Monday 8.00 pm to 9.30 pm	RM 120.00 per month, one session per week	DANCE STUDIO (SPORTS PAVILION)
LATINO	Hooi Tuck Sun, Tony 019-3861 981	Sunday 11.30 am to 12.30 pm	RM 70.00 per month – 4 sessions (once a week)	DANCE STUDIO (SPORTS PAVILION)
LINE DANCING	Chin Yoke Fun, Lily 012-8333 345	Saturday 4.30 pm to 6.00 pm 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm	RM 210.00 for 12 lessons (3 months) (Intermediate/Advance Class) No class on Public Holidays (Beginner's Class) RM180.00 for 12 lessons (3 months)	DANCE STUDIO (SPORTS PAVILION)
MALE MASSAGE	Lee Seng Chow 012-2673 759	Saturday and Sunday 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm	RM 40.00 per ½ hour RM 60.00 per hour RM 90.00 per 1 ½ hour	MALE MASSAGE ROOM
FEMALE MASSAGE	*Lady masseur upon request and advance booking only*	Saturday and Sunday 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm	*same as above*	FEMALE MASSAGE ROOM
PILATES	Hooi Tuck Sun, Tony 019-3861 981	Wednesday 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm Sunday 12.30pm to 1.30pm	Adult: RM 130.00 per month – 4 sessions Children below 13 yrs old: RM 100.00 per month – 4 sessions (ALL CLASSES ONCE A WEEK) Additional Class: RM100.00 per month (2nd Class)	DANCE STUDIO (SPORTS PAVILION)

SPORTS & RECREATION COACHING FACILITIES

FACILITIES	COACHES NAME	DATE / TIME	CHARGES/ FEES	VENUE
SWIMMING	Cheng Heng Jui 019-2267 909 (Swim Pro office) 03-79832503 (Shelia)	Tuesday to Sunday 9.00 am to 9.00 pm	Weekly Classes Children (U-15) RM 85.00 per month / once a week Adult (15 years & above) RM 90.00 per month / once a week Pre-Competitive RM 75.00 per month / twice a week Private Lesson 1 student – RM100.00 per lesson 2 students – RM110.00 per lesson 3 students – RM120.00 per lesson 4 students – RM150.00 per lesson	SWIMMING POOL
TABLE TENNIS	Alex Tan 012-233 5976	By Appointment only	Individual Coaching. One session of 2 hours : RM176.00 per person	TABLE TENNIS HALL
TENNIS	S. Selvarajoo 017-892 6309 Assistant Coaches Vikram Jeet 011-5759 6560 Sunil Kumar 011-1437 8304	Monday to Sunday 8.00 am to 10.00 pm	Individual Lesson RM 80.00 per hour Group Lesson (2 persons) RM 90.00 per hour Group Lesson (3 persons) RM 100.00 per hour Group Lesson (4 persons) RM 120.00 per hour Junior Programme 1 Sunday 11.00am to 1.00 pm RM 70.00 per month (4 sessions) Sparring Session with National Players RM 80.00 per hour	TENNIS COURT
TENNIS	Madhav Maran (Mubeen) 012-498 0005 Assistant Coach Cosmin Andrescu 010-908 5014	Monday to Sunday 7.00am to 10.00 pm Monday 9.00-10.00am	Individual/Group Lesson RM150 per hour (up to max of 3 persons) Additional RM80/hour for the 4th person. Adult Development Programme (Weekly Lesson) RM150.00/month Tennis Fit (Weekly Lesson) RM175.00/month	TENNIS COURT
YOGA	Wong Swee Lan 017-766 6636	Tuesday morning, 9.00am to 10.00am Wednesday evening, 6.15pm to 7.15am	RM 30.00 per session charge. RM 90.00 per month for 1 session per week. (4 sessions/month)	DANCE STUDIO (SPORTS PAVILION)

For more information, please call the Sports Counter at ext 142 or 143 or contact the designated Coaches.

(Note: The above rates are subject to 6% SST. The full amounts payable for coaching can be obtained from the Sports Counter after the relevant coach/instructor has submitted their invoice.)



TEAM TENNIS CARNIVAL

DATE: 10 APRIL 2021, SATURDAY
TIME: 1PM TO 6PM

The first, much awaited, Tennis Carnival for 2021 took place on the afternoon of Saturday, April 10th. A total of eight (8) ladies and eight (8) men participated and organised into four teams.

A 'fast four', round robin format was used for the event, which kept players in regular action with only a short break to recover.



After four hours of entertaining and quality tennis, Team Williams emerged as winners. They (Nina, Esther, Marcel and Francois) finished just one point ahead of Team Halep.

The TOC is looking forward to welcoming players to play in the next events.



BADMINTON **FUN CARNIVAL**

DATE : 10TH APRIL 2021 (SATURDAY)

TIME : 4.30 PM - 6.30PM/7.30 PM

The BOC successfully organized its first carnival event of the year on Saturday, 10.4.2021.

Despite the concerns for the pandemic and the CMCO which was still being imposed, 26 members had shown their keen support and registered for the carnival. The strong turnout was very encouraging and strict social distancing was observed during the event and dinner to ensure the well-being and safety of the members. To all the badminton enthusiasts, this event has brought them some cheers and a good opportunity for them to enjoy some fun and camaraderie with their fellow members.

All participants were divided into Team A and B headed by Captain Raymond Chong and Stanley Tan respectively. To ensure a fair game, the members of both teams were selected by the badminton organising committee to ensure they are more or less equal balance in strength. All in, 6 men doubles and 1 man single were played over 2 sets of 21 points for doubles and 2 sets of 11 points for singles. Both Captains put up their most ideal lineup as the winning team will be decided based on the total cumulative points won by the team. The matches started with Team B leading with a very small margin but as the matches progress it was clear that Team B was a clear winner accumulating 247 points against Team A with 217 points.

For the first time, the BOC also introduced a novelty game with the aim of adding some fun to the carnival. Each participant, standing at the serving area was given 2 tries to hit the shuttle cock inside a beer bucket placed at the base line on the opposite side of the court. Although the game appeared simple, all participants found it difficult to even hit the shuttle cock near the illusive bucket. Most shuttlecocks landed either too short or far away from the target area. Only one participant, a young man, Wong KY managed to hit the shuttle cock into the bucket after the second try.

The carnival ended with a buffet dinner at Lila Sari. The convenor gave a brief thank you speech on behalf of all BOC members followed by the prize presentation to the winning team and the runners-up as well as the winners of the novelty game.

As Labour Day was around the corner, the BOC also managed to collect some cash contribution of RM340.00 from the participants during the dinner and as a small gesture of appreciation to the Raintree club staff this was handed over to the club through one of the staff at the Kenanga coffee house after the event.





LINE DANCE *Jamming*

24 APRIL 2021 | CERATING HALL

Line Dancing – away at the Raintree!

On 24th April 2021, the Line Dancing Committee led by Mdm. Esther Choo organised a jamming session at the Raintree Club. This was the first recreation event at the Club since October 2020. Strict guidelines set by the Sports Office for all sports & recreation activities were compiled by members.

Following Flowers themed this time around, a total of 16 regular members and guests took part, including instructor Ms. Lily Chin. The line dancing kicked off at 2.00 pm and after a tasty lunch break served by the Coffeehouse, the event curtain closer took place at 5.00 pm.

Members come for the fitness, but they stay for the community. A good time was had by all. It was great to see Cerating Hall filled with dancing and tunes again!





BOOK APPRECIATION GROUP

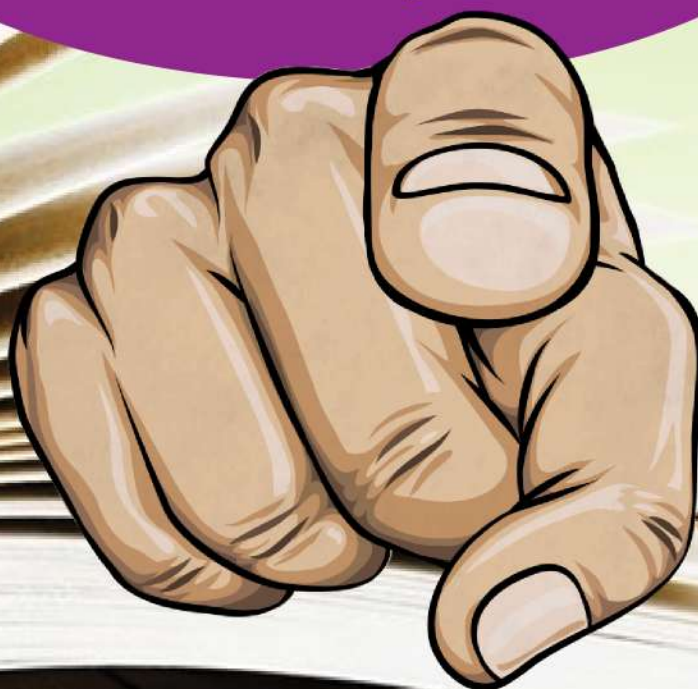
FIRST SUNDAY

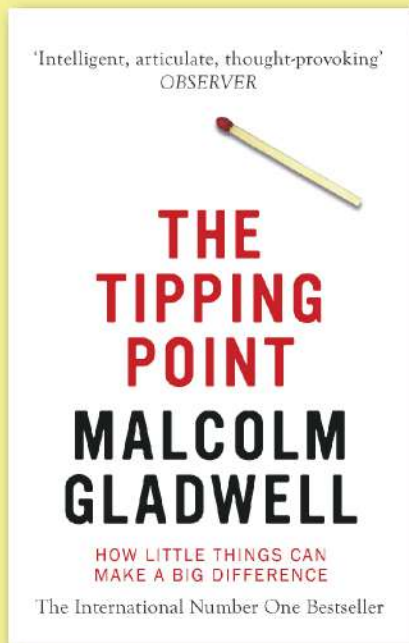
By happy accident quite possibly the only section of Raintree Club still able to function (in a fashion) during this MCO, B.A.G overcame initial reluctance and embraced the online! For those of you reading this, do ask yourselves these 3 questions:

1. Do you wish you read more OR have difficulty starting/finishing books?
2. Do you enjoy (or want to enjoy) books?
3. Do you wish to share your own enjoyment, and hear what others thought of the same material?

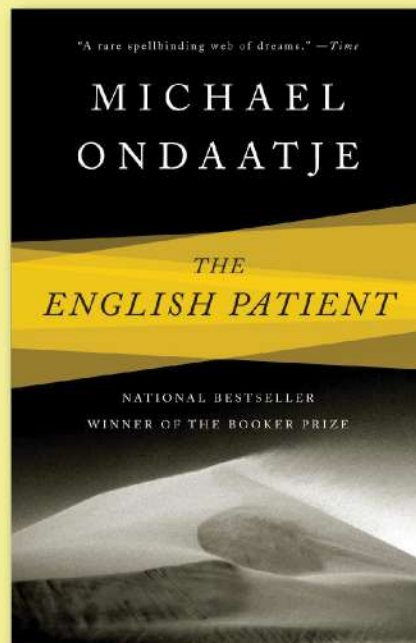
**If so, the B.A.G has much
to offer you!**

**If not, it may still have much
to offer you!**

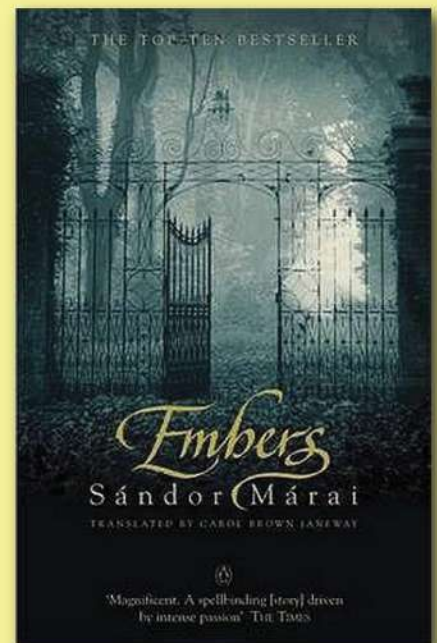




JANUARY READ
The Tipping Point
(Mariel Foong)



MARCH READ
The English Patient
(Yeo SK)



APRIL READ
Embers
(Marcel Papp)

Having missed the first Sunday of the month due to a covid case-within-the-club closure, B.A.G just managed to squeeze January's session just before MCO 2.0 descended upon all of us. On a hot sunny day, with rain clouds and a lockdown looming, Mariel Foong took us through **Malcolm Gladwell's The Tipping Point**. A very well and entertainingly written book about a tricky topic: How ideas/news/everyday objects grow in the public's eyes and attain critical mass, exploding into epidemics. A very worthwhile read for anyone looking into starting a movement/wave/sales idea.

February was a washout as Raintree was still not able to be open and hence, the Romantic-theme was pushed back a month into March.

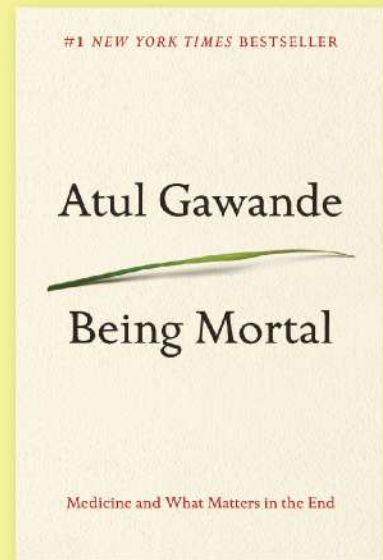
March opened up and so did Raintree. Romance and Lust hidden within the dry tomes of desert exploration became the topic as **The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje** (read by Yeo Sek Khoo) took centre stage. Sadly, a pandemic and economic woes made for a killjoy as everyone confessed to having difficulty completing what was really a well-written book. And that the subsidiary themes and occurrences actually resonated more than the central romances! Lesson: Romance (and associated books) is very much a matter of time and place!

April found Marcel Papp introducing another criminally-under-appreciated European gem: **Embers by Sandor Maraj**. A hugely influential author in his native Hungary who only achieved greater fame after his passing when translations into English brought his work to a wider audience, Sandor Maraj wove a fascinating tale of (really more of 40 years soul searching into) friendship, betrayal, nationhood. Also very notable for being of a very simple structure; two old men sitting round a fire talking about their pasts and paths.

Life, under a looking glass; May had a pensive Foong Tsin in a very introspective mood. Leading us through **Being Mortal by Atul Gawande**, we took a look at how Death stalks us all cowering in our foxholes to be rooted out, one at a time, kicking and screaming to the scythe..... Of course not! A very thoughtful book on aging and death. It really ought to be required reading for everyone with senior relatives/family/friends or anyone going into that stage of life. In essence, everyone. This contributor certainly wishes he had had read this book much earlier. It's about as close to a handbook as one might find, or the equivalent of many difficult discussions with friends and family, on one of the most difficult parts of Life.

June brought us stubbornness and unwillingness to change vs willingness to change, in the face of an epidemic taking the lives of thousands. Instead of a current affairs magazine, **W. Somerset Maugham's The Painted Veil** takes us into two (fish out of water) Europeans in the middle of a cholera outbreak in central China in the late 1800s. The characters led us to a somewhat heated discussion of the various personalities, motivations, decisions, general pig-headedness and possible redemption at the end.

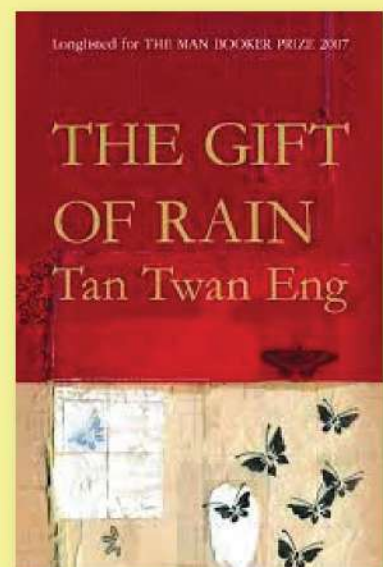
Local Flavour in July. Tee Foong Tsin fed us a from a local author a meal which turned out very pleasant. Admittedly, none of us had actually read (and completed) a book by a local author and thus it was a new experience for us all. **Tan Twan Eng** wove a tale of many varied elements with great skill, often forcing us to look at the familiar with new eyes. Setting his story at the cusp of the Second World War, eventually each of us took very different things away from **The Gift of Rain**. All, however, agreed that it opened our eyes and raised the level of Malaysian writing in our eyes.



MAY READ
Being Mortal (Tee Foong Tsin)



JUNE READ
The Painted Veil (Yeo Sek Khoon)

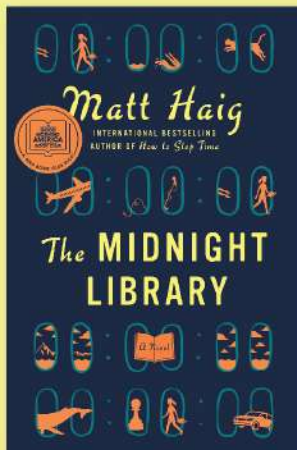


JULY READ
The Gift of Rain (Tee Foong Tsin)



AUGUST READ

The Art Of The Good Life (Marcel Papp)

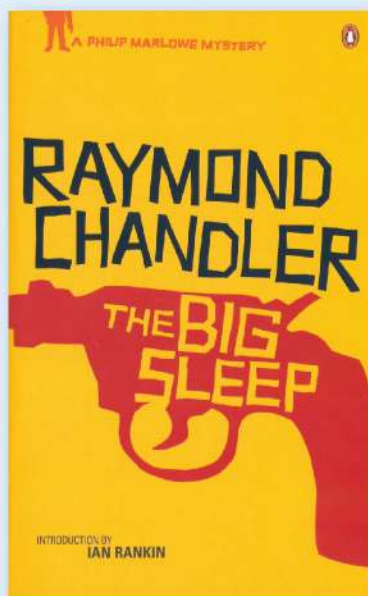


SEPTEMBER READ

The Midnight Library (Daniel Chi)

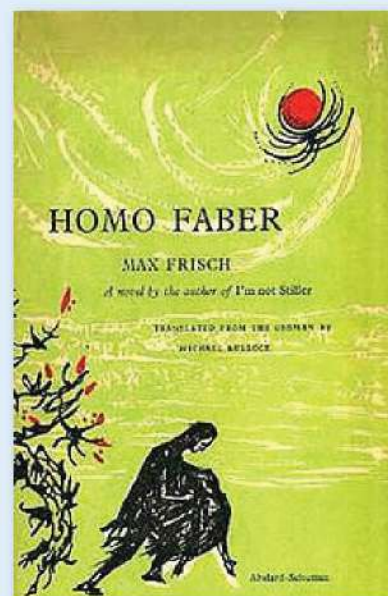
In an intimate turn of events, in August Marcel Papp brought forward a book (**The Art of The Good Life**) which impacted greatly on him. In 54 short chapters, author **Rolf Dobelli** espouses short, punchy anecdotes on how to lead a better life. With bite-sized chapters, it makes for easy picking and choosing should one not feel up sitting for the entire performance. It also makes the subject more palatable for those normally not drawn to such topics.

Having sequestered himself in his cave to churn out reams upon reams of typeface, Daniel Chi made a return to form in September with a more recent choice! Heralding from all the way back in 2020, **Matt Haig's** award-winning **The Midnight Library** proves to be a very well written book based on a fantastic conceit. Without coming across as preachy or evangelical, it skillfully explores the various branches untaken on the road of Life and offers the reader a different take on that most vexing of questions; "What If....?". The book is also notable for starting with remarkably short chapters with very blatant hooks, in spite of which, the reader is quite compelled to keep reading, in full awareness of what is being done to him!! Well played Mr Haig!



OCTOBER READ

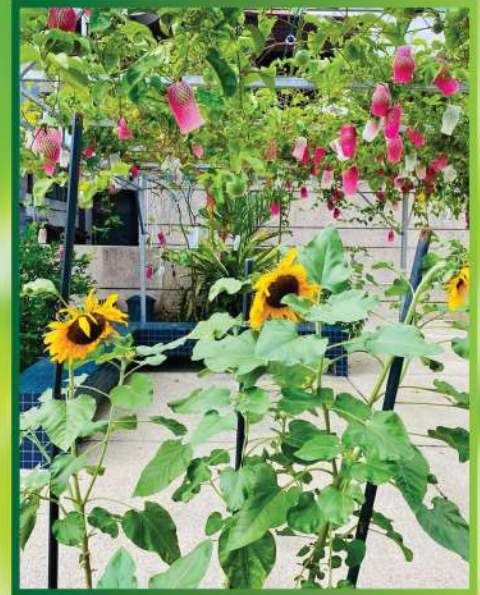
The Big Sleep (Yeo Sek Khoon)



NOVEMBER READ

Homo Faber (Marcel Papp)

OUR ECO GARDEN @ THE CABANAS



FLOWERS & FRUITS



Cockscomb



Coral Vine Antigonon



Golden Trumpet



Torenia Crustacea



Rose

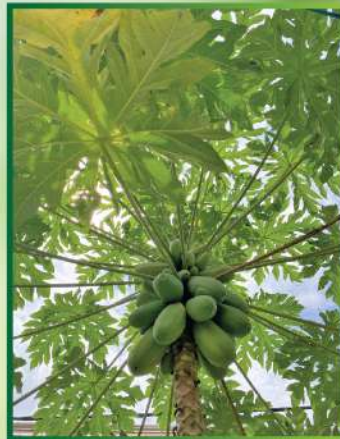


Sunflower

FRUITS



Passionfruit



Papaya



Mulberry



Guava

PLANTS / VEGETABLES



Long Bean



Bitter Melon



Brazilian Spinach



Sweet Potato



The Raintree Club of Kuala Lumpur

WINE PROMOTION

*Bellevie
Pavillon*

French Wine



Glass

RM 12.50+

Bottle

RM 60.00+

PROMOTION ENDS ON 31 DECEMBER 2021



The Raintree Club of Kuala Lumpur

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP FROM PARENT TO CHILDREN



ARE YOU 60 YEARS OR OLDER?



A MEMBER OF THE CLUB FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS?

DO YOU KNOW THAT

You can now transfer your membership to your children for a transfer fee of RM 500+ and still have the rights to access and utilise the club facilities at the same time.

This is under the new Rule 37A, which was passed at the EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 12 MAY 2019.

Rule 37A. Transfer of membership by older Members

Upon reaching the age of sixty (60) years or older, a person who has been a Member of the Club for not less than ten (10) years (the Transferor) may transfer his membership to one of his children (the Transferee). In which case the Transferee will become an Ordinary Member with all the rights and privileges accorded to Ordinary Members under the Rules.

The Transferor and his/her spouse will then be deemed and treated as family members of the Transferee (i.e. Privileged Persons) with rights to access and utilise the club facilities, but will not be entitled to attend General Meetings of the Club nor have any voting rights and shall have no claims to the property and assets of the Club. A transfer fee as provided under Rule 35 (b) shall apply.

For more information, you may contact Liza at +603-42579066 ext. 158 or email her at liza@raintree.com.my.



The Raintree Club of Kuala Lumpur

An Emulation To The Good Life

MEMBERSHIP PRICE

Individual or Corporate
Membership

RM 32,000

Term Guest Membership
(Local/Non-Malaysian Citizen)

RM 2,120

For more information,
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