

# Singapore Book Club

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Friday, 20 November 2009  
7p.m.  
Earshot Café @ The Arts House  
(1 Old Parliament Lane)

Admission is free

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with your contact details.

The Singapore Book Club  
is jointly organised by  
the National Book Development  
Council of Singapore and  
The Arts House.

No, you do not have to have read  
the book before coming, though  
we certainly hope you'll do so  
after the session.

All are welcome.

Come join **Dr Leong Liew Geok**, **Ms Shova Loh** and **Dr David Fedo**, as they discuss

## Rex Shelley – The Writer and His Works.



Rex Shelley, trained as an engineer, was a businessman and a former member of the Public Service Commission. He started writing fiction late in life, publishing his first novel *The Shrimp People* in 1991 at 61. It was the first substantial novel on the Eurasian community and was a best-selling local paperback back in 1991. He went on to write three other novels, forming a quartet of books expressing the experiences of the Eurasians, for which he was best known. He passed away on 21 August 2009. He was 78.

#### Notable Works:

*The Shrimp People* (1991) NBDCS Book Award Winner 1992  
*People of the Pear Tree* (1993) NBDCS Highly Commended Award 1994  
*Island in the Centre* (1995) NBDCS Highly Commended Award 1996  
*A River of Roses* (1998) The Singapore Literature Prize 2000

Winner of the 2007 Singapore SEA Write Award

#### Guest Speaker: Dr Leong Liew Geok



**Leong Liew Geok** is the author of two collections of poetry, *Love is Not Enough* and *Women without Men*. Editor of Ee Tiang Hong's *Responsibility and Commitment: The Poetry of Edwin Thumboo*, and *More than Half the Sky: Creative Writings by Thirty Singaporean Women*, she has contributed entries to *A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literatures in English*; *Singapore: The Encyclopedia* and *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Twentieth Century Fiction* (forthcoming). She compiled and wrote the English section of the NAC booklet, *Literature in Singapore* (2007). She taught at the Department of English Language and Literature, NUS, from 1981 – 2002.

#### Facilitator: Dr David Fedo



A native of Minnesota and a long time teacher of literature and college administrator in the United States, **David Fedo** is currently the Executive Director and Visiting Scholar at the Singapore branch of the Wheelock College (Boston, Massachusetts, USA) Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation. He has published a poetry collection, *Carrots and other Poems* and was on a panel at the recent Singapore Writers Festival which explored the works of contemporary Italian, Singaporean and American poets. His doctorate in English and American literature is from Boston University.

#### Guest Editor: Ms Shova Loh

**Shova Loh** is a well known and established editor in Singapore. She has worked with numerous writers, including the late Mr. Rex Shelley.

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