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Fear And Loathing In Singapore



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Synopsis

Singapore is ripe for the pickings. Armed with a copy of THE GIRL IN THE WINDOW, Vanya Vetto follows the Inspector Samuel Tay Trail. Things are bound to get very ugly. 'The Hunter Thompson of Asia searches Singapore for my Inspector Samuel Tay. You can imagine the crap he found, or that found him.It's a great read....' - Jake Needham, the author of THE GIRL IN THE WINDOW

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Customer Reviews

The ever-traveling, Australian author, Vany Vetto has outdone himself this time!Fear and Loathing in Singapore is the perfect title for this fast-paced excursion into Southeast Asia with his Google Guide, following the trail of the famous, or should I suggest infamous, character, Inspector Tay. It's amazing how Vanya Vetto weaves a contemporary tale filled with visceral imagery while trying to run down the elusive Inspector Tay. I suspect Vanya Vetto knows more about the entire area than Tay any old day, but both characters, real and fictional, are up to their eyebrows in the seediest villains and street people of Singapore.Despite the fact this short piece is a true page turner, author, Vanya Vetto has possiblty created his masterpiece. It is innovative, unique, superbly presented, and simply a rollicking, fun read!

Fiction surreally meshes with nonfiction. Vanya Vetto is a gonzo travel writer in Asia who spends more time running from government agents than filming tourist traps. In this story, he takes THE GIRL IN THE WINDOW, a novel by Jake Needham about Inspector Sam Tay in Singapore, and tries to locate the fictional character. Vetto, in his true Kafkaesque style, may or may not be experiencing reality -- making the tale exciting. The local color is what Vetto lives every day.

How can this happen? This person takes a very wonderful series of books by Jake Needham and writes an idiotic, unreadable piece of junk. I bought it because of it was recommended to me since I love Inspector Tay books by Mr. Needham and it had 4 obviously paid for reviews. No one could try to read this and recommend it to anyone. I don't understand how a hack could take someone else's work and potentially ruin their reputation as a writer by putting this out. started as a place to buy books. I feel bad they would allow this to be recommended.

This is vintage Vanya Vetto. He's back in all his glory to describe a visit to Singapore, guided by author Jack Needham's admirable novel "The Girl in the Window." Vetto is fascinated by Needham's fictional Inspector Samuel Tay and uses Google Earth Street View and a personal visit to a place he obviously loathes to trace the good police inspector's many paths as he crisscrosses Singapore. I must admit that I, too, have used Google Earth to find some of the spots Needham describes in this novel, but Vanya Vetto turns the experience into a work of nearly psychedelic art. And of course the all too short work is replete with the typos and misspellings that so endear this writer to me. His writing represents a stream of consciousness in which propriety seldom, if ever, finds a place, full of intense personal moments flowing into one another. In a word, reading this author is a unique and exhilarating experience.

If it is edginess you want, then Vanya Vetto is the go-to travel writer on Asia.

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