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Launch of “Footprints on an Island: Rediscovering Pulau Ubin” and “The Hunt for the Green Boomerang”

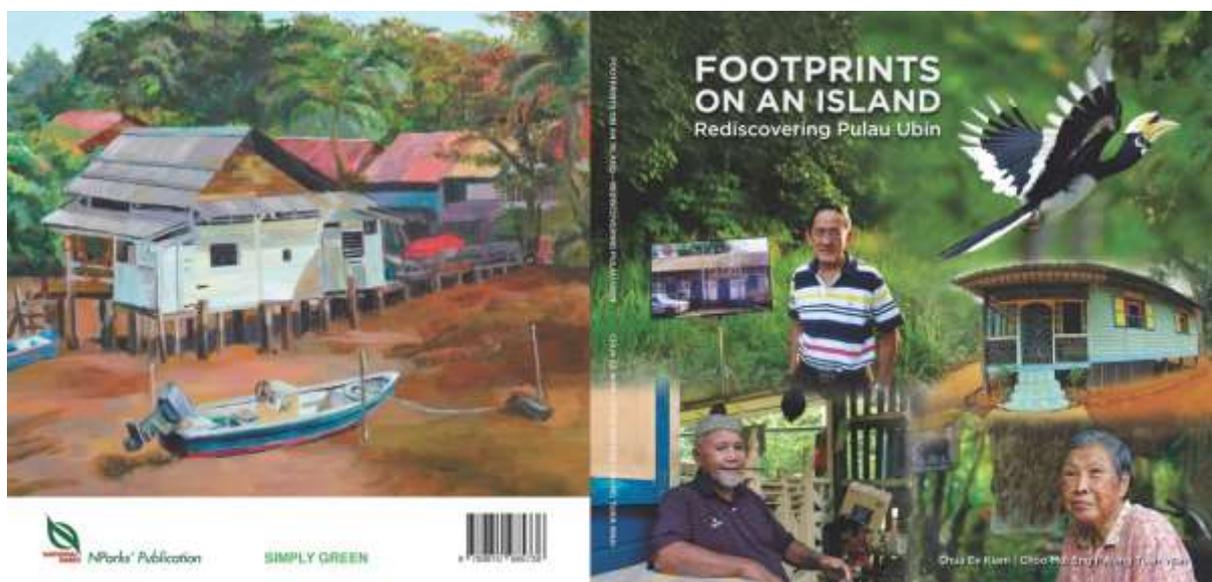
To celebrate Ubin Day 2016, two books on the island were launched.

1. “Footprints on an Island – Rediscovering Pulau Ubin”

This coffee table book documents the precious natural and cultural heritage of the island in stunning photographs and stories. Through hours of interviews and extensive research, the authors gathered untold stories of some of the island’s pioneering residents, revealing an under-explored side to the island, such as forests, idyllic shores and sites long-forgotten. The book attempts to add to the understanding of Pulau Ubin’s past, present and future to enable more Singaporeans to rediscover and better appreciate the island.

The book is authored by Dr Chua Ee Kiam, a Friends of Ubin Network member, Choo Mui Eng, a nature and heritage enthusiast and Wong Tuan Wah, Director of Conservation of NParks. Students and staff from the Institute of Technical Education West also helped with the project.

The book costs \$32 and was sponsored through the Garden City Fund. It is available at all major bookstores and shops at the Singapore Botanic Gardens and Gardens by the Bay, as well as the Ubin-HSBC Volunteer Hub on Pulau Ubin



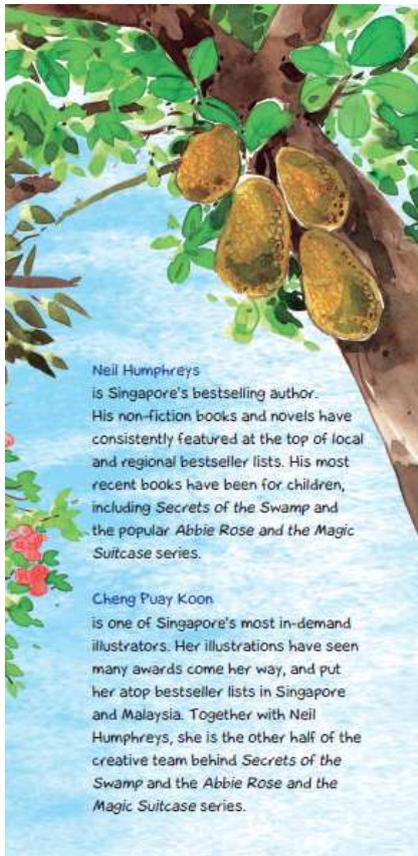
2. “The Hunt for the Green Boomerang”

This children’s book introduces to readers Pulau Ubin’s fascinating flora, fauna and heritage sites. Learn about the animals that exist on the island such as the white-bellied sea eagle, smooth-coated otter and fiddler crab, and plants such as the

elephant's ear and bamboo orchid. Readers will also learn about the various things you can do on the island as well as some of its buildings.

The book is authored by Neil Humphreys and illustrated by Cheng Puay Koon, and was made possible with the support of HSBC through a donation to the Garden City Fund. It costs \$16 and is available from all major bookstores and shops at the Singapore Botanic Gardens and Gardens by the Bay, as well as the Ubin-HSBC Volunteer Hub on Pulau Ubin.





Neil Humphreys is Singapore's bestselling author. His non-fiction books and novels have consistently featured at the top of local and regional bestseller lists. His most recent books have been for children, including *Secrets of the Swamp* and the popular *Abbie Rose and the Magic Suitcase* series.

Cheng Puay Koon is one of Singapore's most in-demand illustrators. Her illustrations have seen many awards come her way, and put her atop bestseller lists in Singapore and Malaysia. Together with Neil Humphreys, she is the other half of the creative team behind *Secrets of the Swamp* and the *Abbie Rose and the Magic Suitcase* series.

"By the time Alfie found his voice, he had already lost his brothers through the trees. The Pulau Ubin forest had swallowed them whole."

Includes a FREE pull-out treasure map!

Alfie, Luke and Pacey are on a school outing to Pulau Ubin. Intrigued by talk of wild animals, forests and swamps, the three brothers hop on their bicycles to discover what Pulau Ubin has to offer. Their exploration soon takes an unexpected turn when a mysterious and beautiful girl presents Luke with a map, and asks him to find all of Pulau Ubin's hidden treasures — before it is too late.

In this riveting adventure, the three brothers make amazing discoveries about Pulau Ubin, including an elephant's ear that floats, an elephant's foot that smells, stars in the sea, a moving orange carpet, and most elusive of all, a green boomerang...



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Alfie Hunt! See also *Green Boomerang!*

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