1. Record Nr. UNINA9910787836903321 Autore Yap Arthur **Titolo** Noon at five o'clock: the collected short stories of Arthur Yap / / edited by Angus Whitehead; with a foreword by Rajeev Patke and essay by Shirley Geok-Lin Lim Singapore:,: NUS Press,, 2014 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 9971-69-805-6 1 online resource (1 PDF (xxi, 89 pages)) Descrizione fisica Disciplina 823.010895957 Soggetti Short stories, Singaporean (English) Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Bibliographic Level Mode of Issuance: Monograph Sommario/riassunto This volume marks the recovery and first combined publication of the stories of Arthur Yap (1943-2006). One of Singapore's most important artists, he was an award-winning poet and an accomplished painter. A hitherto neglected facet of Yap's opus, his eight short stories are deceptive in their simplicity, housing within their sparse prose a complex engagement with Singapore society from which he wrote. With his signature minimalistic style, Yap simultaneously perplexes readers with stories of seemingly plotless ambiguity, yet draws them in with familiar characters playing out situations that still resonate in twentyfirst century Singapore today. Angus Whitehead's introduction highlights literary nuances in the stories and frames the stories within

the wider backdrop of social change of Singapore at the time of Yap's writing. The meticulous critical apparatus make this book of interest to

not only the general reader but also students of Singapore and

Southeast Asian literature in English.