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*DEDICATION*

This book is dedicated to  
**PARUVATHY SUPPIAH PILLAY**  
who has remained  
a constant source of  
inspiration  
in my life.

There is now a post-Merdeka, post 1969 generation of Malaysian Chinese, indeed Malaysian Malays, Indians, Kadazans, Ibans, Dayaks and others. Let us not divide them with the inherited bondage of communalism, racism or theories of superiority or dominance."

- *Dr. Ling Liong Sik*

"Chinese people like to talk politics, that's for sure, but they shy away from actual engagement. This is a kind of paranoia, a totally unfounded fear. Most people muddle their way through life and never exercise their own legitimate rights or know how to make use of the power they have...Chinese people's ignorance of their own rights and powers is a serious problem...This is a question of power, not money. Chinese people think that forbearance is a virtue. Actually passivity in the face of injustice comes from being insulted so often that one becomes numb to it. But by praising this deficiency as "forbearance" Chinese people can put their conscience at ease. Few Chinese are willing to fight for their own rights.

*Yang Bo*

(*The ugly Chinaman and the crisis of Chinese Culture* 1991)