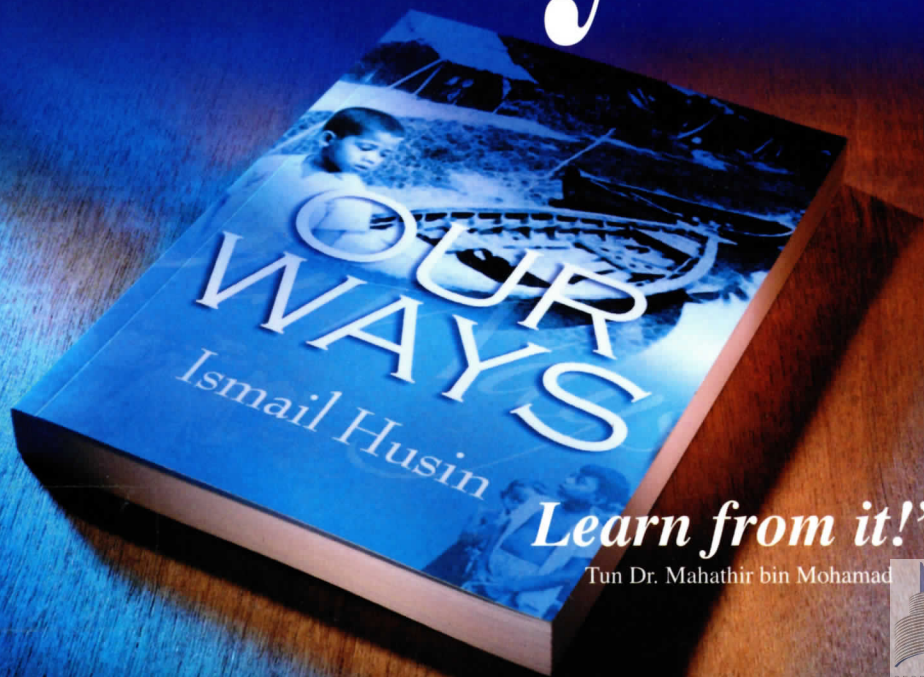


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“ It was the day before Independence. Our class teacher announced that the next day would be a holiday. My class of eight-to ten-years olds exploded in joy. We did not realise the significance of the event. To us all holidays were wonderful and causes for celebration in themselves.”

It was in fact a celebration of sort for Ahmad bin Ali, an eight-year old son of a poor paddy farmer in a remote village in Kedah. His journey through life runs in tandem with the developments of a post independent Malaya. His bare-footed frolics in the muddy sludge of the paddy fields ends when Malaya's leaders, buoyed by self-rule, initiate policies that lead to opportunities for a bumiputra like him to attend an English-medium school, graduate from the University of Malaya and become a government officer. As Malaysia progresses and industrialisation beckons, Ahmad becomes an entrepreneur with help from his Chinese ex room-mate in University of Malaya. It is this last journey that is most challenging for Ahmad as he grasps between wealth and the morals of a simpler life of yesterday.

It was the authors's yearning for the young to understand the nation's post independence triumphs and failures that prompted the writing of the book. His desire is to inspire youths to have positive values as this will lead to greater achievements.

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