



LONG Road To MERDEKA

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A friendship between a Malay boy (Omar) and an Indian girl (Ananti) during the troubled period of the Japanese Occupation and the communist insurgency brought about a unity of racial harmony to a small village in a thunderstorm prone sub-district near Kuala Lumpur. But they had to endure a heart-breaking trauma as a result of bitter rivalry between the shaman and a member of the village committee especially in the run up to the first general election of colonial Malaya. Keeping in touch with the flora and fauna of the valley where the story takes place, the author creates an emotional bond between a gibbon and Omar following an unusual incident.

Long Road To Merdeka also gives a subtle glimpse of how the founding fathers pursued the challenging task of preserving racial balance and political harmony as each political party at grass root level looked after its communal interest.

Note who the nostalgic General Sir Gerald Templer wanted to meet most at the momentous occasion of the proclamation of Malaya's independence (declared by the great Tunku Abdul Rahman) and his passing thoughts on the newly promulgated constitution of this multi-ethnic country having paved the way for the Kuala Lumpur municipal election five years earlier.

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