

The
ABCs
of
OLD SINGAPORE



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For my dad, who, at 17,
braved an adventure
on the high seas to
come to this island.
—Hwee Goh

Dedicated to family &
friends, who inspired
this art journey.
—Jayne Ong

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A is for the **Annals**, an ancient history book filled with stories of kings and empires since **Alexander** the Great. It tells us who we were, where we came from and how we lived. It is an **adventure** through time.

AMAZING!



B is for **Badang**, the strongest man who lived in the 14th century. Challenged in a contest by a king of another land, Badang picked up a **boulder** and threw it all the way to the Singapore River.

BOOM!

A piece of that stone still stands!



C is for **Colonel Crawford**, who looked at our land and said, "I want it for the **Crown!**"
He invited the Johor king and the local **chief**, and presented them with a **contract**. Singapore was signed over to the British for what would be one million Singapore dollars today!

CRUIKEY!





About the Author

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