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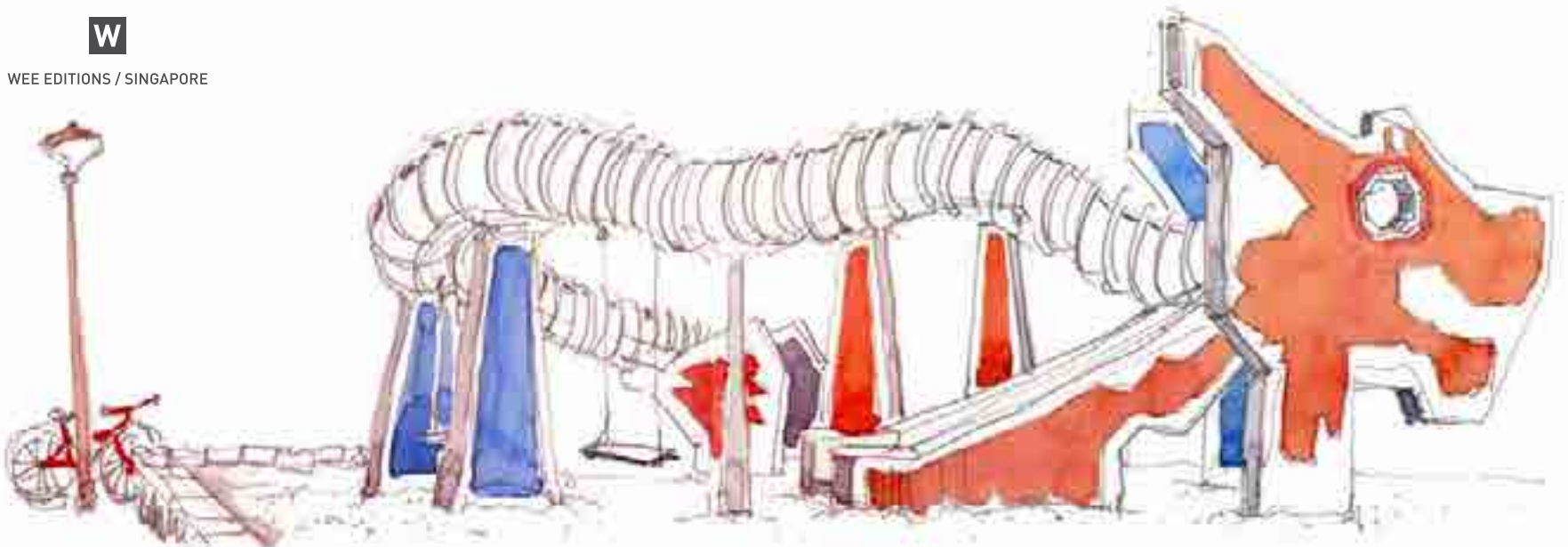
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Jewel in the Crown

This book opens a window to one of the oldest neighbourhoods in Singapore. A jewel in the crown of Singapore's efforts to house its rapidly growing population, the former swamp now comprises lovely little domains, each with its own character and story.

One of the most prominent landmarks in the neighbourhood is, of course, the three-sided Block 53. Standing on a hillock along Lorong 4 Toa Payoh, this unique orange-and-white block, with a viewing floor at the roof, has played host to many dignitaries, the most distinguished of whom was Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her arrival in 1972 is an occasion I will remember for life, because it was my family's top-floor flat she visited.

The wonderful collection of drawings in this book, beautifully executed by a group of talented artists from Urban Sketchers Singapore, capture what's quintessentially Toa Payoh, making this book a must-have, not only of people who have lived or worked in this neighbourhood, but also every true-blue Singaporean.

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"I'm a Toa Payoh boy, inside and outside.
I even witnessed McDonald's moving
into the estate in the 1980s, taking
over the old Kong Chian cinema!"

- Kenny Leck, owner, BooksActually







EVES BURDOY
BARBER SHOP



"I use batter, which forms a seal around the fish when placed in the hot oil. This is how we get it crispy outside, and tender inside."

- Michael Molina, owner, Fish & Chips @ Cafe Wok Inn



"I grew up in Block 124 Lorong 1, so working in SPH is a lot like coming home. Oddly, my most memorable dreams are ones in which I am back in my old home, but as an adult."

- John Lui, journalist, *The Straits Times*



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About Urban Sketchers Singapore

Urban Sketchers Singapore is an informal group of artists who draw the places they visit, capturing what they see from direct observation on location. See urbansketchers-singapore.blogspot.sg for more details on their sketching sojourns.



Admire beautiful sketches of well-loved places in Toa Payoh—the grand old dame that is the Toa Payoh Swimming Complex; the lovely Toa Payoh Town Park; the famous Lian Shan Shuang Lin Monastery.... Or reminisce over the smaller nooks and crannies, such as the old-timer Bugs Bunny barber shop and the bird singing pavilion at Lorong 4.

By artists from Urban Sketchers Singapore, the drawings in this little time capsule of a book bring to you all that is quintessentially 'Toa Payoh'.



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