

There are two new articles about Ledi Sayadaw, Sayagyi Minthuwn and my father Dr San Baw. They were written and published after the two of my previous books of Myanmar profiles. Hence I have included them in the Contents page and indicated as 'new'. I have also included discussion about the doctoral theses of Dr Khin Maung Win (Philosophy) and U Tha Hto (Economics) in one Chapter. Though both U Tha Hto and Dr Khin Maung Win's profiles appeared in *Glimpses of Myanmar Personages II* there were no discussions of their theses. I have also included the long-forgotten paper of my late father, in the year 1968, on his ivory prostheses (in replacing fractured thigh bones) as an Appendix. I thank the librarian of Myanmar Medical Association for retrieving and sending the soft copy of the book to me. I have reproduced my late father's paper in this collection,

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was updated till the early 1990s. As Sayagyi Shwe U Daung has adapted Sherlock Holmes' stories into Maung San Shar detective stories Sir Arthur can be regarded as the pivot so to speak in the creation of Shwe U Daung's Maung San Shar detective stories and I have added a historical foot note or query regarding Shwe U Daung's stint as Chief Editor of the Burmese language *Lokethar Pyithu Nay Zin* ('The Working People's Daily').

There is also a Chapter on former Greek prime minister and president Constantin Karamanlis. Like Conan Doyle he had not been to Burma and had no concrete connection to Burma. But the comparison of Karamanlis' triumphant return to Athens in July 1974 to former Burmese Prime Minister U Nu's non-triumphant return to Rangoon in July 1980 is discussed in the article. I assert that no one either in the English language or in Myanmar language has made that comparison. In the same time I want to respond to an anonymous person in Mandalay who told a common friend not to buy my *Glimpses of Myanmar Personages II* since they could be found on the internet. What rubbish the chap said. Most of my articles on the Myanmar personages are written with fresh, if not novel perspectives. For instance, in my *Glimpses of Myanmar Personages II* I compared the two novels of the late Mya Than Tint and the late Maung Tha Ya. As far as I am aware there has never been such comparisons in either the Myanmar or English languages.

Most collections in this book are not published in book form in *Profiles of Myanmar Personages* (2022) and *Glimpses of Myanmar Personages II* (2023). The brief profiles of five Burmese women Dr Daw Yin May, Daw Kyan, Dr Kyu Kyu Swe, Dr Daw Khin Kyi (OG) was published in my mother's Dr Myint Myint Khin's book which I edited *Burmese Women Through the Ages: The Heritage* (2023). I have inserted these brief profiles when I revised my mother's book. The book is out of print now. And it would be only fair to include profiles of Burmese women in this collection.

Preface

Glimpses of Myanmar and Myanmar Related Personages III is a collection of essays that I have written and published in the last few years mainly in *The Global New Light of Myanmar* and the on line newspaper *Seoul Times*.

I have added the phrase 'Myanmar related personages' since not all of the personages stated in the book are Burma-born or Burmese by ethnicity or citizenship. Some of them have made significant contributions to the development of Myanmar language and literature. They are the late Anna Allot (Daw Khin Khin Chaw), the late John Okell (U Hla Thein) and the late Ohno Turu. Their profiles are discussed in a single article and they are very brief. The title of my book indicates in part, the contents. They are only 'glimpses'. Some glimpses are longer than others and therefore in the context of 'glimpses' of various personages somewhat more substantial than others. There are five articles of varying lengths on or about the late Saya Maung Khin Min (Danubyu). In contrast most other personages are discussed here in a single article. It could be stated here that these 'glimpses' are not min-biographies as such. They take brief glimpses of a few aspects of the literary, scholarly and scientific contributions made by these personages in gist form and brief comments.

To come back to two other personages of foreign origin. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (known among the Burmese reading populace as creator of Sherlock Holmes detective stories) is discussed here. And it is not mainly about the fictional Sherlock Holmes stories that I discussed. I narrated with commentary the article written and first published in 1976 by the late Martin Gardner titled 'The Irrelevance of Conan Doyle' which

- 1. Anna Allott (Daw Khin Khin Chaw)
- 2. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
- 3. Dr Aung Myint Oo (Myanmarsar)
- 4. Dr Ba Han
- 5. Constantin Karamanlis
- 6. Daw Khin Kyi (OG)
- 7. Daw Kyan
- 8. Dr Daw Thin Kyi (Geography)
- 9. Dr Daw Yin May (OG)
- 10. John Okell (U Hla Thein)
- 11. Dr Khin Maung Aye (Psychiatrist)
- 12. Dr Khin Maung Win (Philosophy)
- 13. Dr Kyu Kyu Swe
- 14. Ledi Sayadaw
- 15. Manle Sayadaw
- 16. Maung Khin Min (Danubyu)
- 17. Maung Swan Yi
- 18. Maung Tha Cho
- 19. Minthuwn
- 20. Mya Myint Moh
- 21. Dr Myo Nyunt (Economist)
- 22. Ohno Turu
- 23. P. Moe Nin
- 24. Dr San Baw
- 25. Shwe U Daung
- 26. Thakhin Soe
- 27. Thein Pe Myint
- 28. U Nu
- 29. U Tha Hto
- 30. Dr Thein Thein Myint

