

My name is Fergus Harlow and I'm writing to ask if you would like to review a new set of books, "*Burma's Voices of Freedom in Conversation with Alan Clements: An Ongoing Struggle for Democracy*," which I co-authored with Alan Clements (author of *The Voice of Hope* and *Burma: The Next Killing Fields?*).

Due for release on September 1st 2020 (two months before the upcoming national elections in Burma), this unprecedented collection of candid and compelling conversations with dozens of the most prominent figures in Burma's decades long "revolution of the spirit," provides an extraordinary glimpse into one of the world's most courageous nonviolent struggles for democracy pitted against, as it were, one of the most brutal series of military dictatorships in modern times.

Eight years in development, the books – 1,500 pages in length – combine decades of archival material and rare photographs, including a scholarly set of appendices, such as historical speeches and articles, in addition to the most detailed chronology and analysis of key political events ever compiled.

Together, these materials form the most up-to-date and definitive account of Burma's nationwide struggle for freedom that began in August 1988, and the subsequent tragic massacre of thousands of unarmed protesters by soldiers loyal to the dictator, and is presented – systematically volume by volume – in support of nonviolent resistance to injustice and oppression in both Burma and the wider world.

As a former Buddhist monk in Burma for nearly four years and later a journalist and activist working in areas of extreme conflict, *Burma's Voices of Freedom* picks up from where Alan Clements left off in his earlier work, *The Voice of Hope: Conversations with Burma's Aung San Suu Kyi* (1996), a book that moved Pulitzer Prize winning author Alice Walker to write, "Every leader in the world should read this book at least once," and for which Clements was banned from the country for 17 years.

Un-blacklisted by then-President Thein Sein in 2012, Clements began to return regularly to Burma and utilize a life-time of close connections within the country to allow this epic, nonviolent transition to be presented by those who have lived that struggle, and in their own words.

In respect to the many demands of your time, and the logistical difficulties presented by Covid-19 combined with the sheer weight of the four volumes, we will happily send you PDFs of the books for review, upon your request.

A press release is available at [this link](#), together with cover images.

With deepest gratitude for your time in reading this, we hope to hear from you soon.

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