

The Singapore Book Club

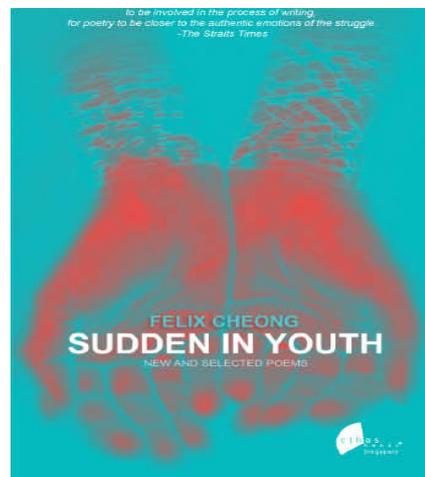
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In March, join Felix Cheong, Aaron Lee and David Fedo as we discuss *“Sudden in Youth: New and Selected Poems”*

Friday
19 March 2010
7 p.m.
Earshot Café,
The Arts House
(1 Old Parliament Lane)

ADMISSION IS FREE! ALL ARE WELCOME.

For more information or to register, email
info@bookcouncil.sg with your contact details.



GUEST: Mr. Felix Cheong

Felix was the recipient of the National Arts Council's Young Artist of the Year for Literature Award in 2000. He has published three books of poetry, of which his third, *Broken by the Rain* (2003) was short-listed for the 2004 Singapore Literature Prize. He has also published a non-fiction book, *Different* (2005), and two teen detective novels, *The Call from Crying House* (2006) and *The Woman in the Last Carriage* (2007). Felix has been invited to read at writers' festivals in Edinburgh, Austin, Sydney, Brisbane, Christchurch, Hong Kong, Kuala Lumpur, Ubud and Singapore. Felix completed his Master of Philosophy in Creative Writing at the University of Queensland in 2002. He is currently an adjunct lecturer and a freelance journalist.

SPEAKER: Aaron Lee Soon Yong

Aaron is a prize-winning poet, creative writing teacher and mentor to young writers. His first collection of poems *A Visitation of Sunlight* won an NBDCS award and was named one of 1997's best books by *The Straits Times*. He is also the co-editor of the best-selling *No Other City: the Ethos Anthology of Urban Poetry*, as well as *Love Gathers All: the Philippines-Singapore Anthology of Love Poetry*. Lee's work has appeared in many international publications. He has participated in readings and literary events in Malaysia, the US, Philippines, Germany and Australia.

FACILITATOR: Dr David Fedo

A native of Minnesota and a long time teacher of literature and college administrator in the United States, David Fedo is currently the Executive Director and Visiting Scholar at the Singapore branch of the Wheelock College (Boston, Massachusetts, USA) Center for International Education, Leadership, and Innovation. He has published a poetry collection, *Carrots and other Poems* and was on a panel at the recent Singapore Writers Festival which explored the works of contemporary Italian, Singaporean and American poets. His doctorate in English and American literature is from Boston University.

Praises for *“Sudden in Youth: New and Selected Poems”*

Felix Cheong is a brilliant new voice in the Asia-Pacific region.

Barbara Allen, Director, Brisbane Writers Festival

Felix's poetry takes us to the knife-edge between blessing and bane at which point we often sense Truth perches.

Lee Tzu Pheng, SEA Write Award winner, 1987

Weighing in craft-wise on the value of individuality, Felix Cheong lifts the Spartan form into a glassy surface of poetic wisdom.

Alfred A. Yuson, SEA Write Award winner, 1992

Felix Cheong's poems sound a distinctive voice among the sharply multiple voices coming from a new generation of Singapore poets.

Shirley Geok-lin Lim, Commonwealth Poetry Prize winner, 1980

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