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Mudley the bear belongs to a little girl called Sophie who lives in Europe. She would love to travel the world but she has to go to school. And so, each time dad has to travel overseas for work, Sophie packs Mudley into his suitcase and tells him, "Daddy, please take Mudley along to see the world".

Join Mudley as he travels to Singapore. Mudley has a secret ambition to be an artist and these world travels are great to inspire his art. In this book, he visits Gardens by the Bay, Sentosa, Kampong Buangkok, Pulau Ubin, Marina Barrage, the Singapore River and much more.

Packed with fun facts, beautiful illustrations and photos of Mudley shot on location, this book is an ideal gift or travel souvenir for readers of all ages.



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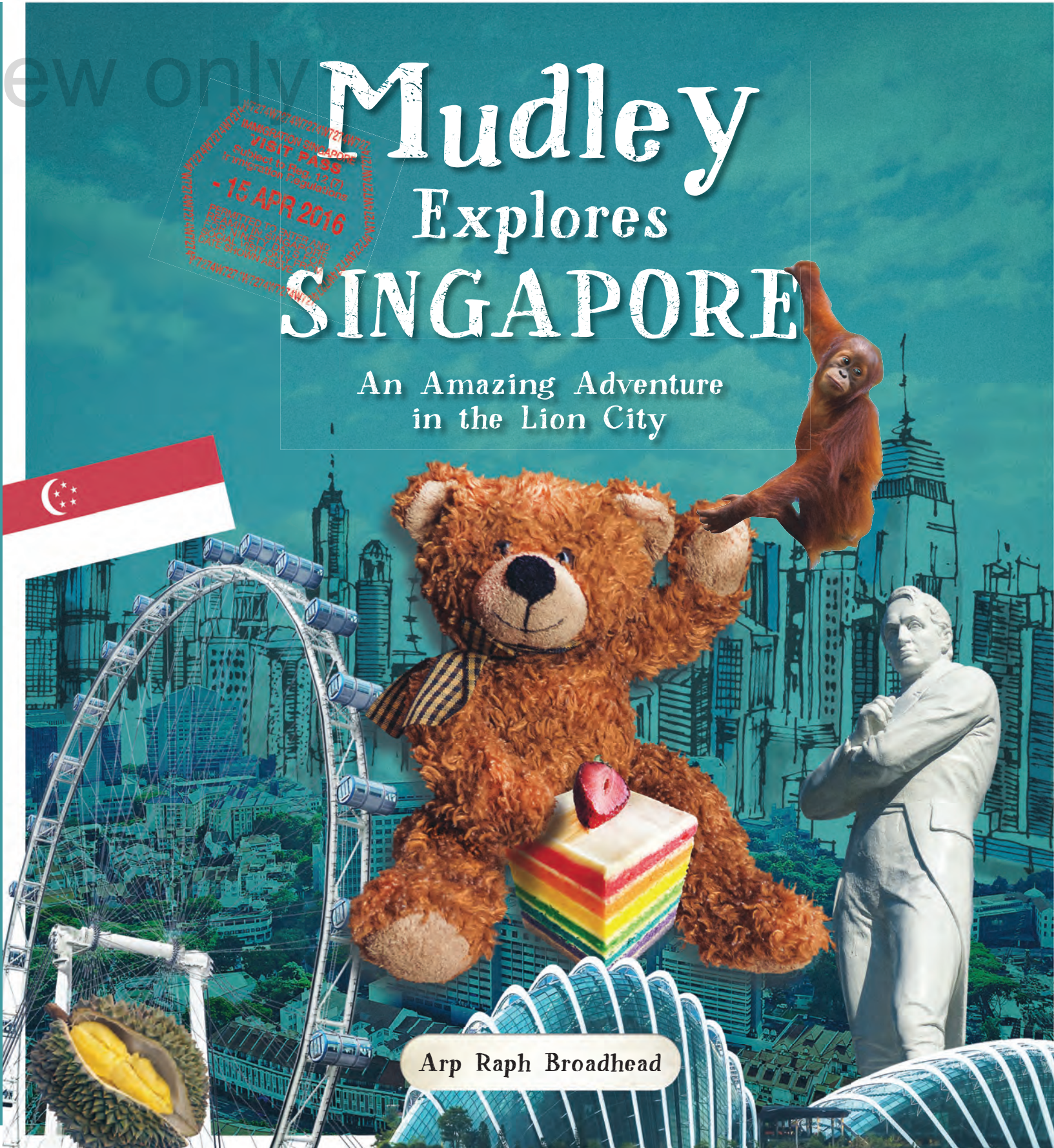
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Hello friend(s)!

Welcome to the secret world of Mudley.

Sophie thinks she is sending me on her personal mission but I have far more important things to do than be someone's messenger. I have a secret ambition to be an artist and these world travels are perfect opportunities for me to be inspired and achieve my lifelong dream of exhibiting in an art gallery!

I can't believe this island has so much to write about, draw and photograph.
Can I pull it off?
We'll see, Mudley, we'll see!!



Don't forget passport !!!



I belong to a little girl called Sophie. She lives in a small town in Europe. She would love to travel the world but she has to attend school and do her homework. And so, each time her dad has to leave for work at faraway places, she packs me into his suitcase and tells him, "Daddy, please take Mudley along to see the world".



Let me show you the Lion City or Singapore, an spectacular city that grew from the riverbed. These pages are my paw prints from a fantastic journey seen through my eyes, a journey that taught me so much about wonderful Singapore.

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A view of the Fullerton Building, but what's surprising is the sculpture I'm seated on that looks like raindrops. I just wish they were, it's so hot!



Malay history says a Prince sailing past the island in the 11th century discovered Singapore. He said he saw a great lion guarding the mouth of the river. For many Kings and Queens, a lion is the symbol of royalty and power. The Prince quickly moved his royal court to the island and called it Singa (meaning lion) Pura (meaning city). And so the Lion City was born.

I got a real soaking from Mr Funny Guy, the Merlion.



THE MERLION

I came straight here to see a friend of mine.

You can't miss him because he is over 8 metres tall. Say hello to the Merlion! This is the iconic mascot of Singapore. He's half fish, half lion and he guards who comes and goes up the Singapore River. So be good or else he will spray you with water.

Actually I really came to talk to the Merlion Cub as he is more friendly and more my size. The Cub looks towards what was once a large fortress called Fort Fullerton, but that is no longer there. Today in its place is the beautiful Fullerton Hotel, which was once the main post office on the island.



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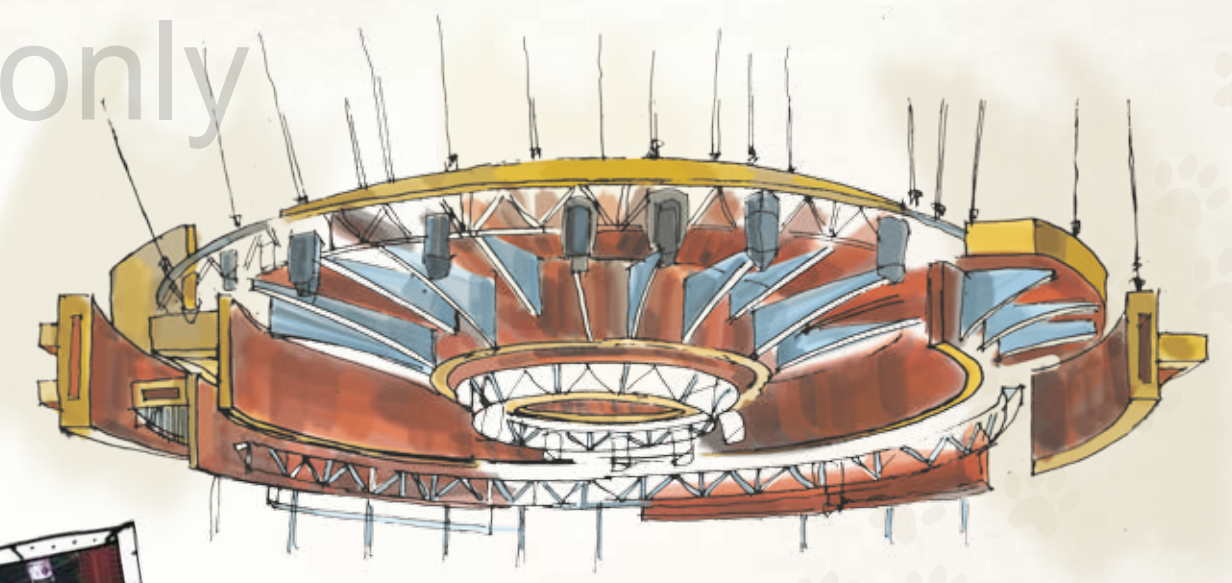
Welcome to Spikey!

Can you see me hanging? Look how this building keeps the sunlight out.



The Esplanade

This is not a fruit! Although the magnificent Esplanade looks like the famous durian fruit from South-East Asia, it is actually a theatre and concert hall. The whole building is magical both on the outside and the inside. It's special in many ways. The triangles you see on the roof let daylight in but keep the sun out, and there is a pipe organ that has a whopping 4,740 pipes. Wow, I really want to listen to the organ being played. Tonight I'm going to see a concert so this great place might just get better. See you later ...



What a pong! These durian's really do smell.

Do you know what acoustics are? Acoustics in a theatre are its most important part. You wouldn't want to hear music that echoed because that would spoil the sound. Acoustics, good acoustics, make it possible for us to hear speech and music clearly. So a trained 'acoustician' is brought into theatres to make sure the only thing you hear are the words of the actors or the music. And here at the Esplanade Theatre, they have created a very special canopy that directs sound perfectly. The canopy goes up and down so you can tell if it's a mouse or an elephant singing. Clever! :)



Surprise, surprise,
I went off to Raffles Place only
to find a table tennis table.
I don't know how to play
but I love the orange table.



What Mr Raffy saw when he landed in Singapore was an ideal location for a trading port. But how could he acquire permission from the Sultan who was out of the country at the time? He met up with the Sultan's eldest brother who had no power at all, and told him he was the real Sultan of Singapore. Then he got the Sultan's brother to sign a contract to use the land. The little devill!



You were a bit
cunning Mr Raffy ...

A lot of places

Come on Stam, what
are you looking at?



Well, not you little bear.
Not you!

STAMFORD RAFFLES

You may wonder why you see this name all over the place, and SO DID I!
Thomas Stamford Raffles was an adventurer, a colonial official, a linguist and, I am glad to say, a very funny man. He is said to be the founding father of modern Singapore but he had to battle hard for Singapore's position as an important trading port and be part of a shipping route. He planned out a new city, wrote out laws for everyone living there and worked towards keeping Singapore a multi-ethnic society. He was very interested in and enthusiastic about every aspect of life in East Asia. It's funny though that his longest stay here in Singapore was just eight months.

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I argued and argued and then argued some more but no way could I enter the Long Bar.



Finally, a cricket pitch made just for someone my size.

Raffles Hotel

What's this? A lawn for bears like me to play on???

No, it's the Bar and Billiard Room at the Raffles Hotel. What, does he also have his own hotel?

Actually no, he doesn't. This incredibly beautiful hotel was named the year a memorial of Raffles was inaugurated in Singapore. It's such a fabulous place.

Up and down great staircases, across tropical gardens, up onto verandas that take you straight to the cricket pitch I'm playing on now :). I wasn't allowed into the famous

Long Bar because apparently I'm too short to be allowed in ...!



This is probably the most famous hotel in Asia, though it is more like a little town to me with its juice bars, shops, restaurants and bakeries. The hotel has such a great history and the list of famous film stars staying here is longer than a toilet roll. The hotel opened in 1887, that's a long time ago, right, so you can imagine the amount of funny stories about the place. One was about a tiger hiding under the billiard table and scared just about everyone until it was taken away in the early hours of the morning by an Englishman who came in his pyjamas. :))

So I tried to sneak in through the back door. :)





A horse, a horse,
my kingdom for a horse!
I really want this cool horse.

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Tucked away like we little bears usually are, is a treasure trove of fantastic antique toys. The Children's Little Museum that lies near to the Sultan Mosque shows you just what mum and dad used to play with before you were born. There are also toys that boys and girls made for themselves. It's amazing! Wish toy shops were like this today!

With the mosque in the background and the palace to the right, this is a really stunning place.



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the Arab quarters

Look,
I'm Aladdin!
On my very own
'magic carpet'.
Now, let's go and find
that lamp?



I just ran across a field after being chased by chess pieces (from a cemetery),
jumped on a magic carpet and arrived here in the Arab quarters.
Wow! It's bright, colourful and there is an aroma of delicious food in the air.

Kampong Glam was a thriving port town back in the day around 1822 and was the home of Malay royalty. The port was so busy with traders, many coming from Yemen in the Middle East, that it became known as Arab Street. The Sultan Mosque was built here to cater for the growing Muslim population — right next to the Malay Royal Palace, now the Malay Heritage Centre. You have to go inside to see an amazing collection of historical goodies.

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It looks more like a fruitcake or a palace than a museum.

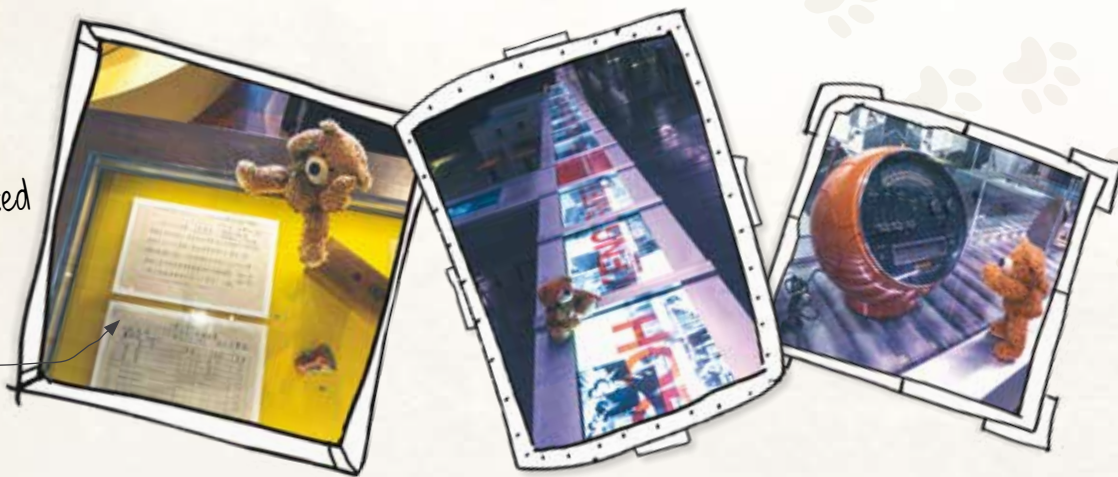
National Museum of Singapore

... And you get to the fabulous National Museum of Singapore that looks like a magical palace. This is not just any old museum — but a building packed full of the history of Singapore.

It started off as a library and grew like a pumpkin into a huge treasure trove with amazing educational and multi-media presentations. I spent five hours walking and learning, wide-eyed around this place and then came across PLAY@NMS. So I did, I played my heart out.

I'm not kidding, this place is great.

How are you supposed to read this school report?



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While at the Museum, try to find a stone, a small fragment of a larger boulder that was discovered many years ago. It is inscribed with writing that dates back to the 10th century. That means there were people living here long ago! When clearing through the jungle to build a road, a group of workmen came across this huge boulder with the funny writing on it. They got scared and ran for their lives believing it was a demon's gateway. Even today, nobody knows what it says. See if you can decipher the secret of the Singapore Stone.



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* Now I'm really tired, it must be my bedtime. But first I have to drag myself across to the fantastic Singapore Art Museum nearby. I need my supper of 'arty' sandwiches. :))

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