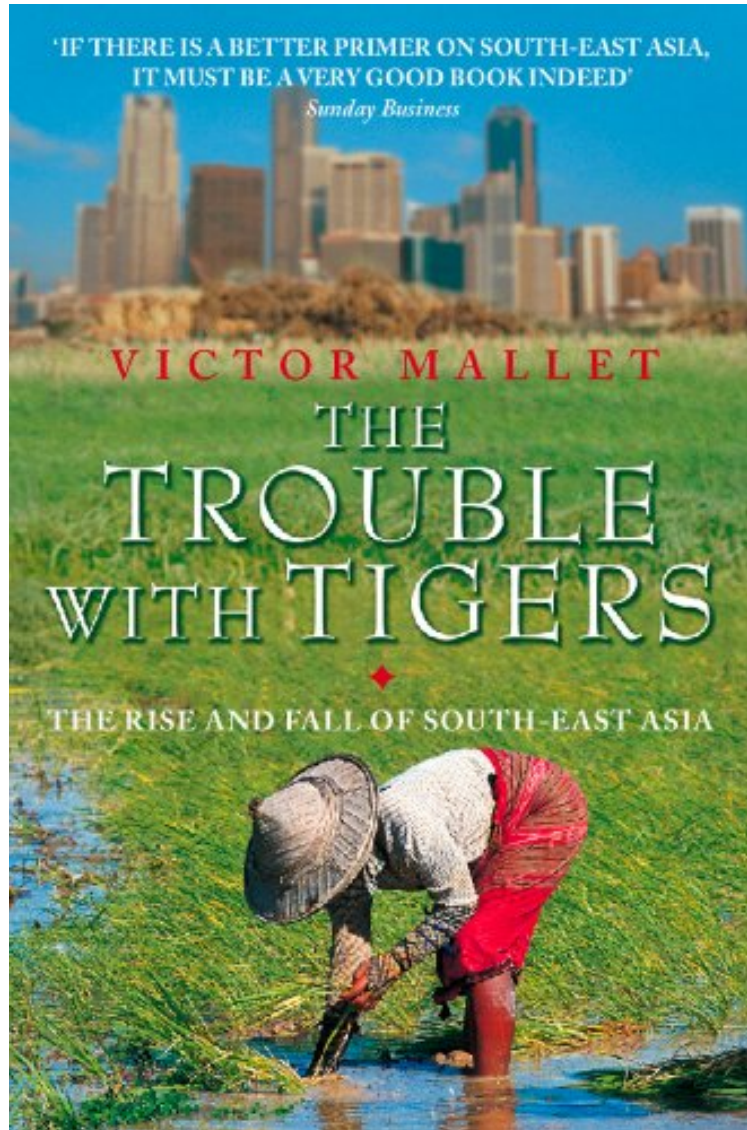


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'If there is a better primer on South-East Asia, it must be a very good book indeed' *Sunday Business* 'Mallet's book is engagingly written and rich in anecdote... his painstaking research brings Asian society to life' *Financial Times* About the Author Victor Mallet is South Africa correspondent for the *Financial Times*. Prior to that he was deputy Features Editor and South-East Asia correspondent for that newspaper. In 1990, as Middle East correspondent for Reuters, he was the only western journalist in Kuwait City when the Iraqis invaded.