

**Book Review 'Di Bawah Hujan Peluru' (Malay Version)**

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**REVIEW VERSION**

Written by Shaharom Husain, this book story really happened when the Japanese army invaded Malaya in late 1941. Less than two months, they managed to beat the British army force that the defense Malaya and Singapore. Gun battle and struggle between the two sides was not only involve soldiers but civilians, especially the Malays or Bumiputera who have the country, has been involved and engaged by the catastrophic war. The content of this novel is really the author heard, seen and experienced himself. Especially the war in places in the state of Johor and Singapore. The author collects all disaster and brutal historical events that heartbreaking and make this novel. Data and facts of history in addition to the statements and records of the author himself, is based on several articles published in newspapers and magazines such as Berita Malai, Semangat Asia and Fajar Asia, published in the reign of the Japanese army (1942-1945) and the author reading textbooks published after the war Japan as listed at the end of the introductory chapter of this book. The names in this novel are fictitious. The aim of this novel for attention and knowledge, how the reliability and strength of the Japanese army attacked British troops defense and force in Malaya and Singapore. The novel focuses on the involvement of a very painful, horrific and heartbreaking really borne by the local people, especially the Malays around areas that are maintained by the British army<sup>[1]</sup>. They hit by the Japanese military to apply a very great bloodshed and cruelty. The author himself suffered various bitterness, terror and grief that cannot be forgotten. In addition to experience various kinds of strangeness, humor and oddities events conducted by Japanese soldiers that we've never seen and known before. Before the rise of the Japanese War, the United States dominated the Philippines, Great Britain control Malaya, Singapore, the states in northern Borneo (Sarawak, Brunei, North Borneo) and Hong Kong, as well as Burma and India, the Dutch control the Indonesian archipelago, France dominated the Indochina peninsula, China and Siam govern itself but an ally of the Western powers. In Japan there have no natural resources or raw materials such as rubber, iron ore, oil and others for development and economic construction of the country's independence. Japan's rise, progress and construction require raw materials from producer countries. Among these countries are the countries in Southeast Asia. At that time these countries are under the Western colonial powers. Because economic security threats on the life of the country and its people, Japan was forced to take up arms to launch a great attack.

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