

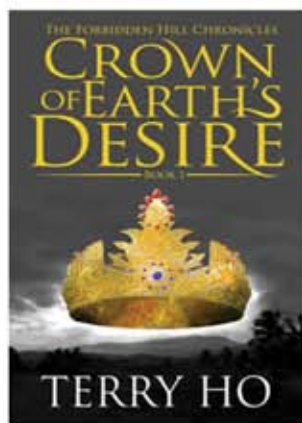
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This August, author Terry Ho introduces his novel, *Crown of Earth's Desire*, the first book in an epic fantasy series inspired by local legends and myths.

Join Terry, urban fantasy writer Joyce Chng and facilitator Anu Kumar as they discuss the themes and influences behind *The Forbidden Hill Chronicles*, as well as the emerging field of Singaporean speculative fiction.



Admission is free.

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Earshot, The Arts House

An American student and his Singaporean friends are swept into an enchanted world of spice harbours and tropical rainforests, where they are caught up in a desperate quest to save the kingdom of Turasik. To succeed, they have to confront the mystery of the Forbidden Hill, a seat of enormous power once ruled by the enigmatic god-king, the Raja Shulan. All is not as it seems, as the Spirit of the Raja is invoked in ancient rites on the Forbidden Hill – for what is at stake is not just the Kingdom of Turasik, but the fate of the universe itself.

Author: Terry Ho is the author of several books, including a humorous autobiography, as well as a self-help title which was a Straits Times bestseller in 2002.

Guest Speaker: Joyce Chng writes science fiction and stories for Young Adult; and has published in several international and overseas SFF magazines such as *Crossed Genres*, *Bards and Sages Quarterly*, *Semaphore Magazine* and *MBRANE-SF*.

Moderator: Anu Kumar has written for older and younger readers alike. She won the Commonwealth Broadcasting Association Award twice for her stories.

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