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Neil Humphreys spent many years living in Singapore as a teacher and journalist. Unlike many Western expats who isolate themselves and lead a lavish lifestyle, Humphreys engrossed himself in the local culture by living in public housing and eating in local hawker centres. His writing is characterised by self-deprecating accounts of his experiences.

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