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Sarong Party Girls: A Novel (Hardback)

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HarperCollins Publishers Inc, United States, 2016. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English. Brand new Book. Amazon's "Best Book of the Month" A brilliant and utterly engaging novel-Emma set in modern Asia-about a young woman's rise in the glitzy, moneyed city of Singapore, where old traditions clash with heady modern materialism. On the edge of twenty-seven, Jazzy hatches a plan for her and her best girlfriends: Sher, Imo, and Fann. Before the year is out, these Sarong Party Girls will all have spectacular weddings to rich ang moh-Western expat-husbands, with Chanel babies (the cutest status symbols of all) quickly to follow. Razor-sharp, spunky, and vulgarly brand-obsessed, Jazzy is a determined woman who doesn't lose. As she fervently pursues her quest to find a white husband, this bombastic yet tenderly vulnerable gold-digger reveals the contentious gender politics and class tensions thrumming beneath the shiny exterior of Singapore's glamorous nightclubs and busy streets, its grubby wet markets and seedy hawker centers. Moving through her colorful, stratified world, she realizes she cannot ignore the troubling incongruity of new money and old-world attitudes which threaten to crush her sperate to move up in Asia's financial and international capital, will Jazzy and her friends succeed? Vividly told...

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