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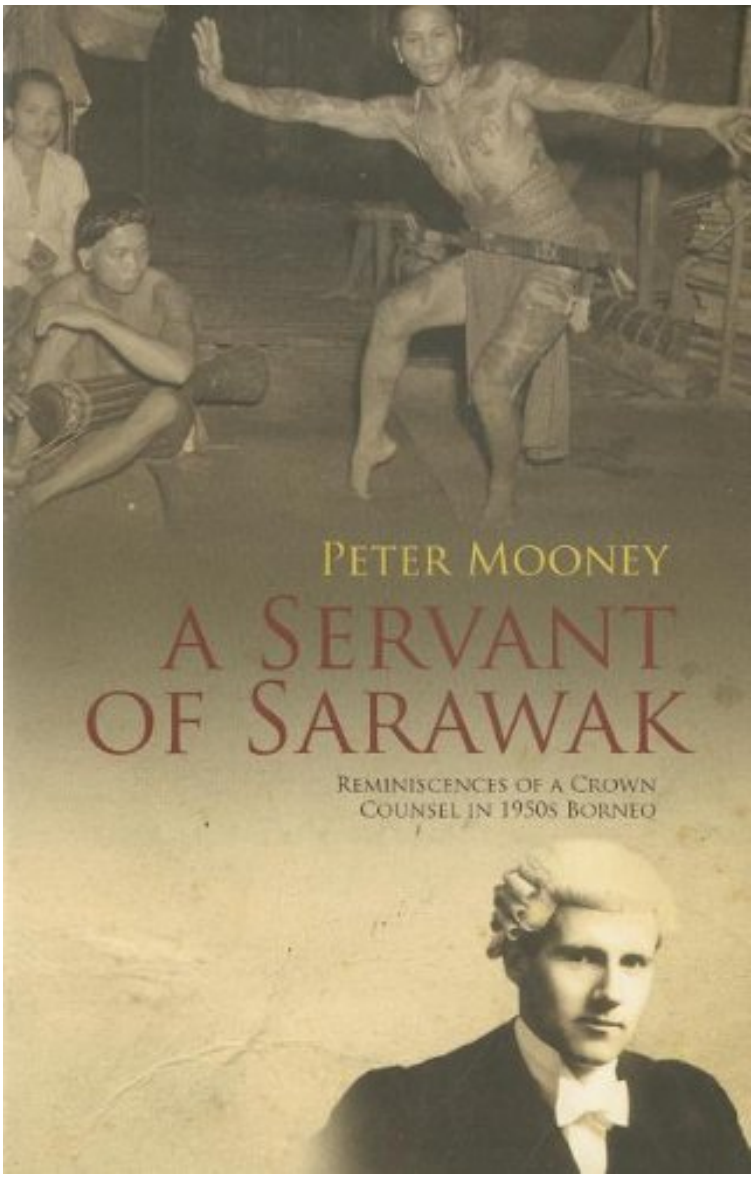

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In this captivating memoir, Peter Mooney peppers his reminiscences of life as Crown Counsel in 1950s Sarawak with intriguing legal cases, which illustrate interesting points of law and capture historically important details of Sarawaks indigenous people and colonial life. Peter faces numerous colorful characters in court, from indigenous warriors sporting feathered headdresses and leopards teeth earrings to the equally intimidating Lee Kuan Yew, who would become the first Prime Minister of Singapore.