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SUCHEN CHRISTINE LIM was perhaps Singapore’s foremost historical novelist, and has written fiction with a variety of settings from nineteenth century Malaya and the Straits Settlements to contemporary Singapore. In a dialogue with Philip Holden co-sponsored by the Singapore Heritage Society, Suchen will explore a variety of issues related to the presence of history in her literary works. Topics to be discussed include the tension between historical accuracy and the demands of a literary narrative, the intersection between private experience and public history, and the place of women’s stories in re-imagining the history of Singapore. There will also be ample time for questions from the audience.