



As a filmmaker, Sopheak Sao documents this underground queer scene in Phnom Penh. We discovered it in the company of her and “one of the Miss Cambodias”. Sopheak is also known as DJ “DJane Sopheak”, a household name for digging up rare tracks by legendary singers Sinn Sisamouth, Ros Sereisothea, Pen Ron and many more Khmer rock musicians. She is also resident DJ in popular clubs in Phnom Penh of Khmer Rock & Roll and German techno music.



បងប្អូន Bong Bong COOKBOOK

Cambodian — German
entanglements
by Vera Lossau and Lilla von Puttkamer



Bong Bong means younger and older sister or brother in Khmer — the Cambodian language.



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Many mysterious processes take place in grasping and ingesting food. Not only food but also thoughts are digested. When we cook and eat together, trust is assumed and there is space for an exchange, a storytelling, a connection.

During our trip through the countryside and the markets in Phnom Penh, we discovered a great variety of foods such as lotus blossoms, bitter melons and the plant with the beautiful name “Water Morning Glory.”

This book tells of encounters between artists, activists and wonderful women from Cambodia and Germany, with whom we were able to cook and talk together in March 2022.

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The view of the street from our hotel window at night. The shop of the coconut and sugarcane juice seller is visible on the corner.