This multi-media resource list, compiled by Jennifer Ewing of the San Diego Public Library in partnership with the American Library Association, provides a range of perspectives on the issues raised by the upcoming P.O.V. documentary "No More Tears Sister" that premieres on June 27th, 2006 at 10 p.m. on PBS (check local listings at www.pbs.org/pov/).

A story of love, revolution and betrayal, "No More Tears Sister" explores the price of truth in times of war. Set during the violent ethnic conflict that has enveloped Sri Lanka over decades, the documentary recreates the courageous and vibrant life of renowned human rights activist Dr. Rajani Thiranagama. Mother, anatomy professor, author and symbol of hope, Thiranagama was assassinated at the age of 35. This documentary recounts her dramatic story.

ADULT NONFICTION


Manogaran, Chelvadurai. Ethnic Conflict And Reconciliation In Sri Lanka. Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press, 1987. A history of the ways the Tamils have been harassed over the decades since Sri Lankan independence.


Tambiah, Stanley Jeyaraja. Buddhism Betrayed?: Religion, Politics, and Violence in Sri Lanka. Chicago, IL: University Of Chicago Press, 1992. Seeks to answer the question of how the Buddhist monks in today's Sri Lanka--given Buddhism's traditionally nonviolent philosophy--are able to participate in the fierce political violence of the Sinhalese against the Tamils.


Winslow, Deborah and Michael D. Woost. Economy, Culture, And Civil War In Sri Lanka. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2004. An exploration of topics such as the effect of the conflict on employment opportunities; life choices for rural and urban youth; personal decisions about involvement in the war; and
women’s employment in the garment industry.

ADULT FICTION


Meidav, Edie. The Far Field: A Novel of Ceylon. Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin, 2001. Henry Fyre Gould travels to Ceylon with the intent to create a model society built on the lost truths of Buddhism, but finds that his utopian village is a tinderbox of caste struggle, political rebellion, espionage, and intrigue.


NONFICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS


Miller, Debra A. Sri Lanka (Modern Nations of the World). Chicago, IL: Lucent Books, 2005. Sri Lanka, a small but beautiful island country in South Asia, has long endured a bitter civil war between its Sinhalese majority and the minority Tamils. This book explores this unique nation’s history, people, and culture.

Sri Lanka. Danbury, CT: Grolier, 2004. Discusses the festivals and holidays of Sri Lanka and how the songs, foods, and traditions associated with these celebrations reflect the culture of the people.


FICTION FOR YOUNGER READERS

Wettasinghe, Sybil. The Umbrella Thief. New York: Kane/Miller Book Publishers, 1987. When each of the umbrellas he brings back to his village disappears, Kiri Mama devises a plan to track down the thief.

VIDEOS/DOCUMENTARIES


“The Universal Declaration Of Human Rights.” A film by Prudence Fenton; directed by Stephen Johnson. Amnesty International, 1985. (14 min.) Examines Amnesty International’s activities dealing with torture, including how incidences of torture are uncovered and attempts to stop it, such as protests and letter writing.

WEB SITES

P.O.V.’s “No More Tears Sister” www.pbs.org/pov/pov2006/no moretears

Includes an interview with the filmmaker, resources, special features and more.

Virtual Library of Sri Lanka www.lankalibrary.com/pol2.html

A Virtual library of Sri Lanka’s
Delve Deeper into "No More Tears Sister"
A film by Helene Klodawsky

ethnic conflict, civil war, and politics.

**Peace in Sri Lanka**
[www.peaceinsrilanka.org](http://www.peaceinsrilanka.org)
The official website of the Sri Lankan Government’s Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP).

**A Portal on Women, Peace and Security**
[www.womenwarpeace.org](http://www.womenwarpeace.org)
The impact of the conflict in Sri Lanka on women.

**Centre for Policy Alternatives**
[www.cpalanka.org](http://www.cpalanka.org)
The Centre for Policy Alternatives focuses on formulating public policy recommendations for good governance and non-violent conflict resolution in Sri Lanka. The website includes research and position papers, including results from their monitoring of the accuracy of media reports and of factors affecting the peace process.

**Lines (an online magazine)**
[www.lines-magazine.org](http://www.lines-magazine.org)
Lines magazine scrutinizes the underpinnings of political debate in Sri Lanka with the intention of enabling the construction of alternative positions. The website includes ongoing updates on post-tsunami reconstruction efforts.

**University Teachers for Human Rights (Jaffna)**
[www.uthr.org](http://www.uthr.org)
The Jaffna chapter of the national organization University Teachers for Human Rights was founded in 1988 with Rajani Thiranagama as a key leader. Since her assassination, the group’s public activities have mostly ceased, but their website continues to provide detailed background information about the conflict in Sri Lanka.

**PBS Frontline World: Sri Lanka, Living With Terror**
[www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/srilanka](http://www.pbs.org/frontlineworld/stories/srilanka)
The website of the PBS series FRONTLINE features material from a 2001 documentary on Sri Lanka. Resources include helpful background information as well as unique interviews with leaders from UTHR (see above) and video clips.

**Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka**
[www.priu.gov.lk](http://www.priu.gov.lk)
The official website of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka includes the government’s perspective on the conflict, as well as press releases on current peace negotiations.

**Tamil Eelam**
[www.eelam.com](http://www.eelam.com)
The official website of the political wing of the LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) presents the conflict in Sri Lanka from the Tiger’s perspective. Information focused on the armed struggle is available at [www.TamilTigers.net](http://www.TamilTigers.net).

**The CIA World Factbook**
The CIA’s World Factbook presents basic encyclopedia-style information about Sri Lanka from the perspective of the U.S. government.

**Amnesty International**
[www.amnesty.org](http://www.amnesty.org)
Amnesty International is an advocacy organization that promotes and protects human rights. It is especially known for publicizing cases of those who have been wrongly imprisoned by governments seeking to silence opponents. Check the website’s "library" (which is searchable by country) for information specifically related to the current situation in Sri Lanka.

**Human Rights Watch**
[www.hrw.org](http://www.hrw.org)
Human Rights Watch is an international human rights defense organization. Information about Sri Lanka:
[www.hrw.org/doc?t=asia&c=slanka](http://www.hrw.org/doc?t=asia&c=slanka)
Of special interest on their website is a summary of events in Sri Lanka since 1999:
[www.hrw.org/wr2k/Asia-08.htm](http://www.hrw.org/wr2k/Asia-08.htm)

**Center for Women’s Global Leadership**
[www.cwgl.rutgers.edu](http://www.cwgl.rutgers.edu)
The Center for Women’s Global Leadership develops and facilitates women’s leadership for women’s human rights and social justice worldwide.