

**Sabri Zain's Malayan History Society**

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Classic screen actress Bette Davis in a scene from the 1940 film-noir set in Malaya, 'The Letter'. The film is based on the play and short story written by W. Somerset Maugham, who in turn based it on the real life murder trial of Ethel Proudlock in Kuala Lumpur in 1911. Ethel Proudlock was the wife of the acting headmaster of the Victoria Institution, William Proudlock. Ethel shot dead her lover, William Steward, a mine manager, and in the trial was found guilty and sentenced to hang, to much controversy. The infamous case caused a worldwide sensation, scandalising British colonial society and prompting accusations of racism from the local community when it emerged that Ethel was in fact not white but Eurasian. After spending about five months in Pudu Jail awaiting her appeal, she was subsequently pardoned by Sultan Sulaiman of Selangor and left the Federated Malay States for England and, later, America.





Anda, Zin Mahmud, Shah Faiez dan 182 yang lain

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Paling berkaitan



Tulis komen...



Peminat Teratas

Rana Blythii

According to IMBD (the film database, not the bogus investment fund) the film was entirely shot in a Warner Bros studio: [https://m.imdb.com/title/tt0032701/...](https://m.imdb.com/title/tt0032701/)



IMDB.COM

The Letter (1940) ★ 7.5 | Crime, Drama, Film-Noir

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Faeizal Hassan

Sharing an interesting article about the Proudlock saga.. written by a VI old boy

<http://viweb.school/proudlock.htm>



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The Proudlock Saga

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Abdul Rahim

Faeizal Hassan I will definitely read this article properly later.. Interesting saga.

39m Suka Balas



Peminat Teratas

Shamsol Bahari

Ertinya kuasa pengampuna Sultan sudah ada lebih 100 tahun dulu..dan digunakan dan diiktiraf...

1j Suka Balas



Mel Brooks

Shamsol Bahari bcoz Federated Malay States were sovereign prior to Malayan Union. Contrary to popular belief, we were never colonized until 1946 (Malayan Union).

37m Suka Balas



Peminat Teratas

Shamsol Bahari

So, is tat mena we are dijajah dalam ertikata sebenar for only 11 years. ???

26m Suka Balas





Foong Kwan Kew
Her story is a subplot in Tan Twan Eng 's House of Doors.

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Nasar Uwaisi
After she was pardoned by the Sultan, she immediately left Malaya for England with her three-year-old daughter, and subsequently went to live in the United States. Her husband followed to England but they did not reunite, although kept in touch.

30m **Suka** **Balas**



Peminat Teratas
Jimmy See
Perhaps someone from Canada , or Miami, maybe a close friend of Ethel could fill in the gap of what actually happened? In her twilight years, she might have opened up to someone...

2j **Suka** **Balas**



Daniel Foo
I remembered reading this story when I was a child. Lots of memories there

1j **Suka** **Balas**

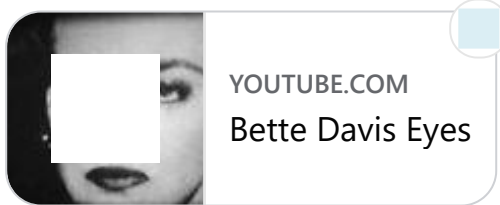


Shahrill Ramli
The legendary Bette Davis!

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Pengarang
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Shahrill Ramli indeed 😊 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eja-popojUo>



3j **Suka** **Balas**



Mel Brooks
Excellent film

38m **Suka** **Balas**



Marcel Nunis
It's not a bad film actually... sort of straddles the noir genre.

3j **Suka** **Balas**



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Marcel Nunis have you seen the original 1929 film of the story? Jeanne Eagels was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress for her striking performance in this and tragically died that same year from drug and alcohol abuse<https://www.yout...> **Lihat seterusnya**



YOUTUBE.COM

The Letter (de Limur, 1929) — High Quality 1080p

3j Suka Balas



Marcel Nunis

Sabri Zain's Malayan History Society cool... thanks!

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Mazin Anisa Siraj

I remember reading this in an **UNRESERVED Media** magazine

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