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A Taste of Sim's *Heritage of Anesthesia*



From the very beginning of his library career back in 1971, Patrick Pui-Kam Sim, M.L.S. (1939–2010), was enchanted by antiquarian books housed at the American Society of Anesthesiologists' Wood Library-Museum of Anesthesiology. Photographed on the left (in 1991) and on the right (in 2004) by the curator, "Pat" Sim relished his every moment in the K. Garth Huston, Sr. Rare Book Room. Leafing through the old tomes, Pat resolved that, one day, he would annotate a bibliography with essential information gleaned from each revered volume. Before terminal illness claimed the life of the Paul M. Wood Distinguished Librarian Emeritus, Patrick Sim would taste a cake decorated by the curator's wife with the title Pat had planned for his masterwork, *Heritage of Anesthesia*, a publication that he would never live to see. . . . (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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