Juggling Money in Yogyakarta. Financial self-help organizations and the quest for security

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Many a reader immediately skips the acknowledgements of a book. To me it is the favourite part, because it contains an interesting view on where a person stands in the (academic) world, to which groups and networks he belongs or wants to belong, and how the book has come into being. Perhaps the following reveals one or two things about my book and me.

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Enjoy your reading!

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