



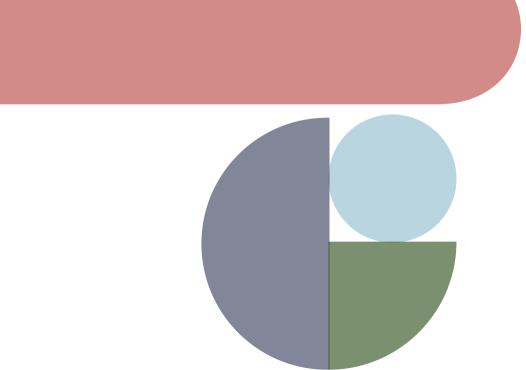






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THE ABYSS BENEATH OUR FEET

Author: Ronaldo Vivo Jr.

Synopsis

When Alison Ventura fails to return home one fateful night, her father Rey, owner of a local hardware store, plunges into a desperate search. Armed with a single unsent message, Rey navigates a labyrinth of CCTV footage and social media shadows, uncovering a darkness within the law itself. Like a classic noir hero, Rey's relentless search uncovers a truth far more sinister than he imagined - corruption festers within the very system designed to protect.

Keywords: police brutality, narcotics, vigilante, crime, detective

Year: 2022

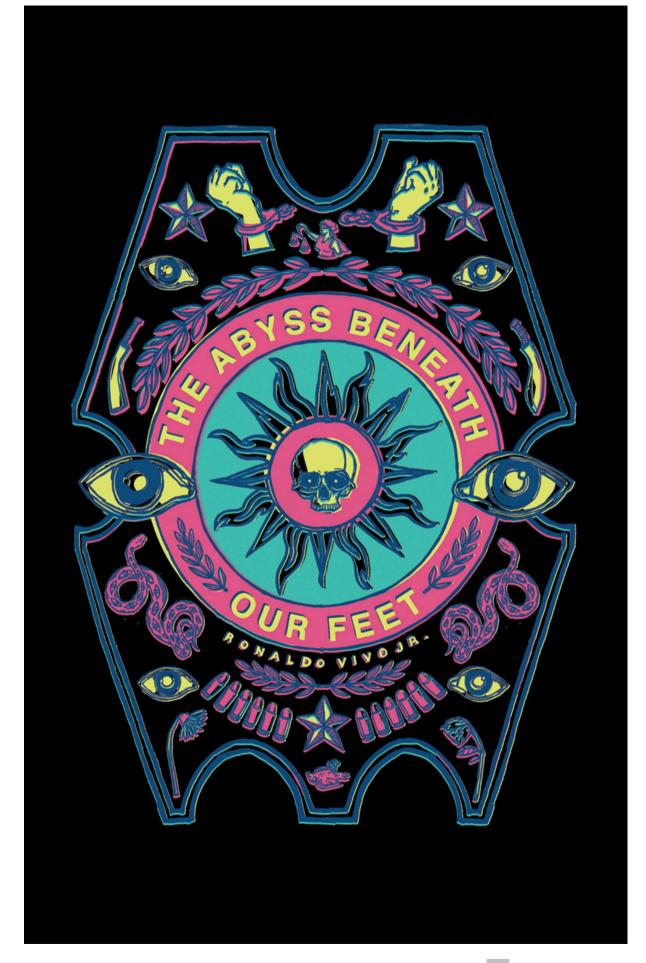
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THE ABYSS BENEATH OUR FEET

Author: Ronaldo Vivo Jr.

With the blistering pace of a David Fincher film, the grit of a Park Chan-Wook feature, and a modern urban Philippine setting that would make Lino Brocka proud.

Recognitions:

Finalist: Filipino Reader's Choice Awards

Finalist: 41st National Book Awards, Best Novel in Filipino

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Year: 2022

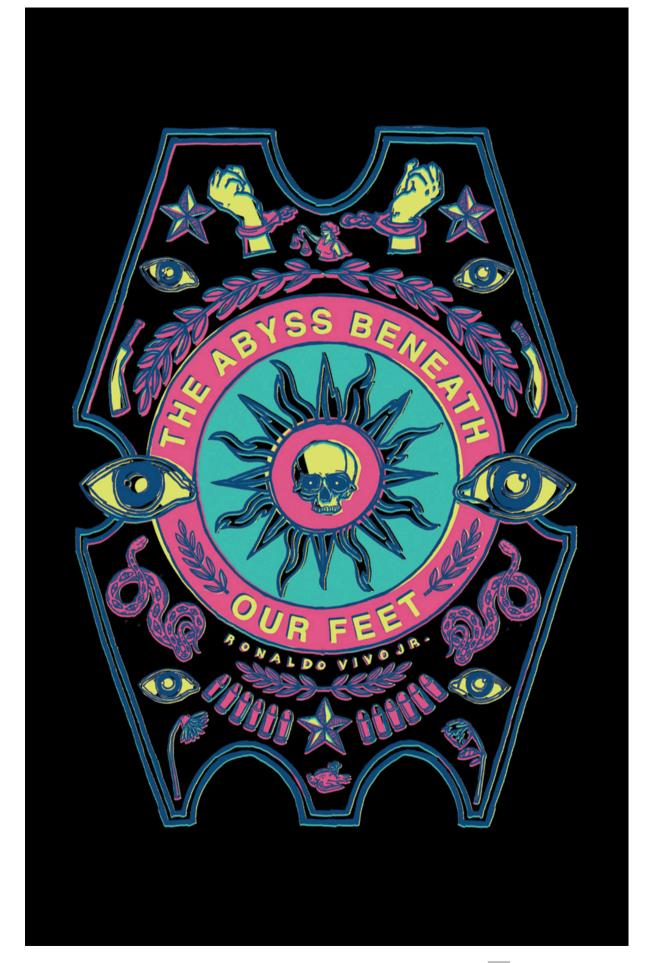
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DWELLERS

Author: Eliza Victoria

Synopsis

Rule No. 1: You don't kill the body you inhabit.

Rule No.2: You should never again mention your previous name.

Rule No. 3: You don't ever talk about your previous life. Ever.

Two young men with the power to take over another body inhabit the bodies and lives of brothers Jonah and Louis. The takeover leads to a car crash, injuring Jonah's legs and forcing them to stay in the brothers' house for the time being. They are safe, for now. Until they find a dead body in the basement.

Keywords: urban fantasy, body switching, mystery

Year: 2014

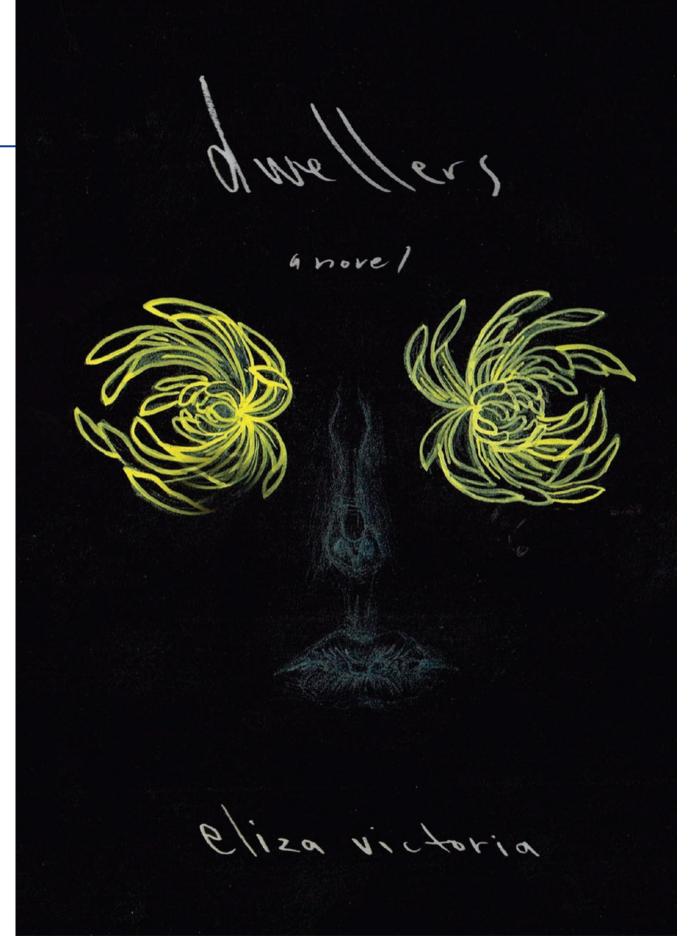
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DWELLERS

Author: Eliza Victoria

Awards:

Winner: 34th National Book Awards, Best Novel in English

Rights sold:

- World rights publication in English
- Amharic translation, Ethiopia
- Turkish translation, Türkiye

Year: 2014

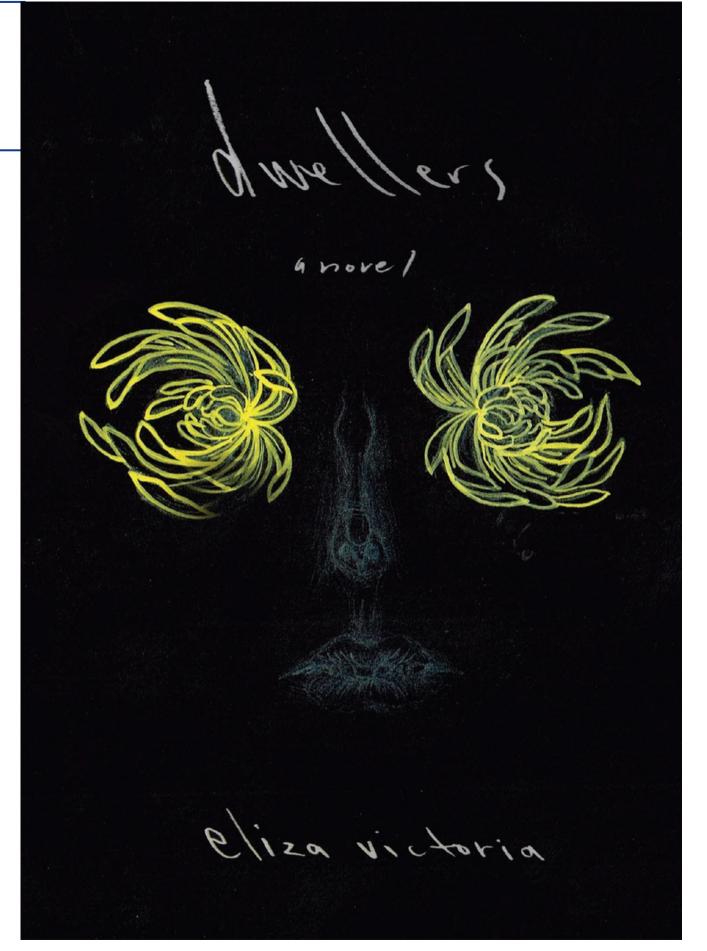
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THE SOLEMN LANTERN MAKER

Author: Merlinda Bobis

Synopsis

It's Christmas and ten-year-old Noland, a mute lantern maker, witnesses an American tourist caught in a drive-by shooting of a political journalist.

At a busy intersection in Manila, the magical and the seedy collide: shimmering lanterns and poverty, carols and prostitution, dreams of friendship and the global war on terror.

Year: 2024

Extent: 208 pages

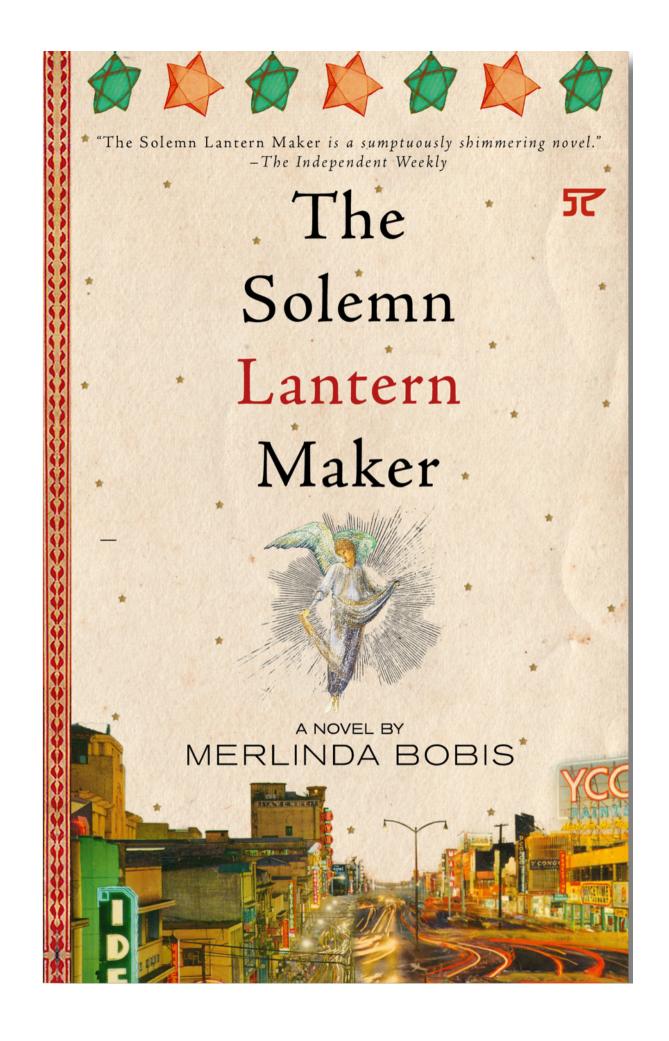
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CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

Author: Ambeth Ocampo

Synopsis

Acclaimed public historian Ambeth Ocampo's collection of essays features tangible objects that played significant roles in shaping Philippine identity.

From prehistoric relics to works of art by renowned Filipino artists, the book celebrates the Philippines' cultural heritage and challenges conventional historical perspectives.

Year: 2023

Extent: 240 pages

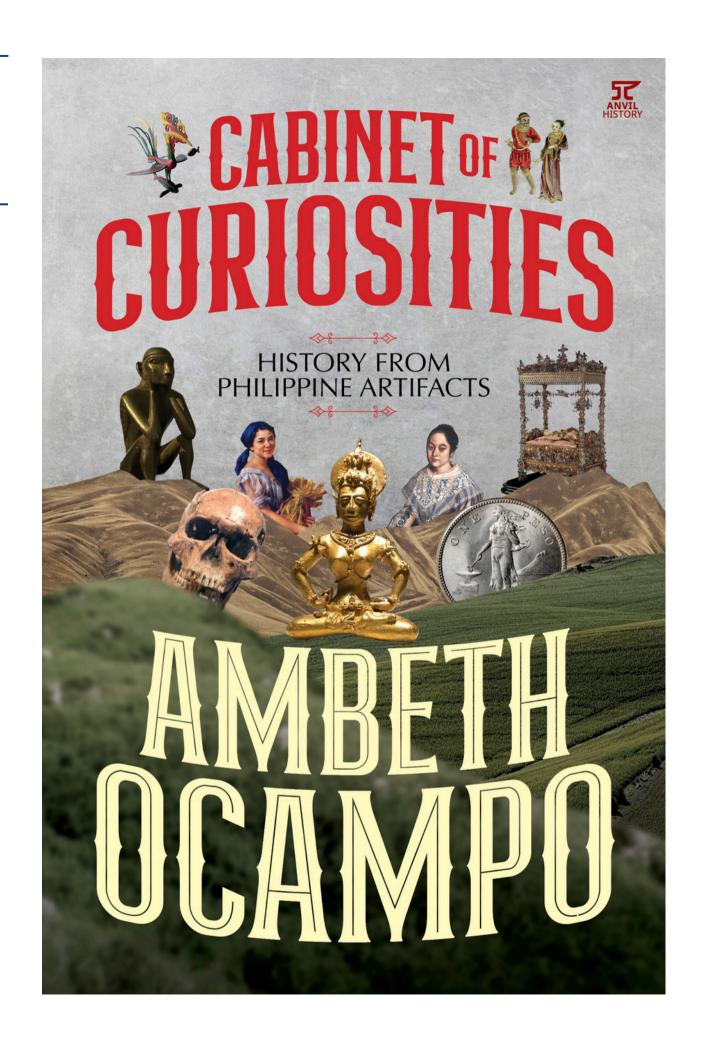
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ARCHIPELAGO OF STARS

Author: Gutierrez Mangansakan (II)

Synopsis

A collection of essays on the poetics and politics of a young Moro writer and filmmaker who must also live up with his queer identity.

Year: 2016

Extent: 147 pages

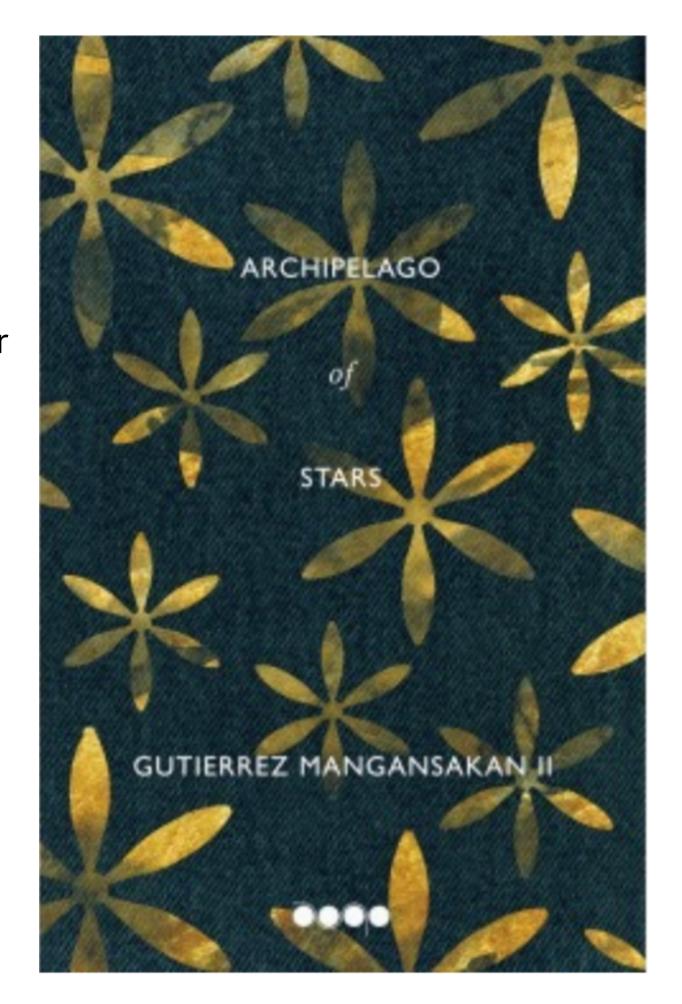
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SECOND OPINION

Author: Gideon Lasco

Synopsis

Collected from his widely popular column, this volume of essays talks about health and society particularly in the context of post-pandemic world and the rise of artificial intelligence. Informed by his training as a medical doctor and an anthropologist, Lasco offers remarkable insights and diagnosis on many societal issues affecting the Philippines and the world.

Year: 2024

Extent: 250 pages

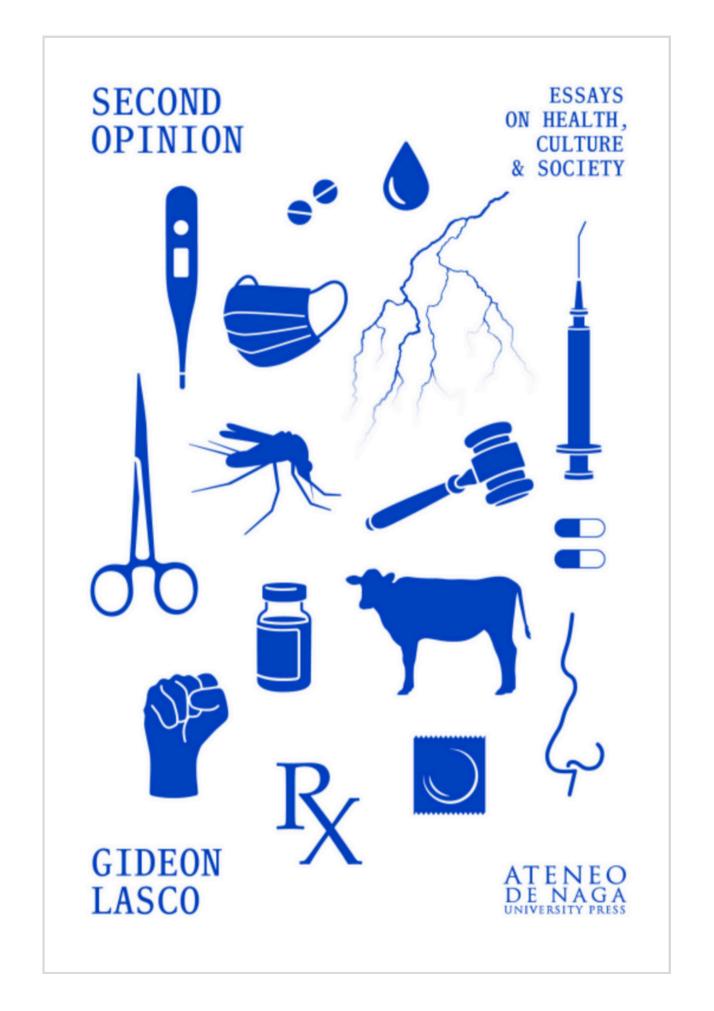
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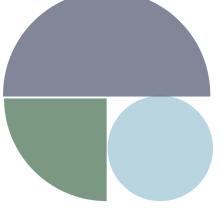




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THE PHILIPPINES IS NOT A SMALL COUNTRY

Author: Gideon Lasco

Synopsis

This book is an exploration of the Philippines as a beautiful land, a home to a diversity of peoples, a nation-in-the-making, and a country at the heart of the world. Drawing from **anthropology**, **history**, **contemporary events**, **popular culture**, and the author's field experiences and travels, the essays draw connections between **nature and culture**, **self and society**, **the local and the global**, **as well as the past and the present** in order to arrive at a deeper, fuller, critical, yet hopeful view of a country that is larger than many imagine it to be.

Year: 2020

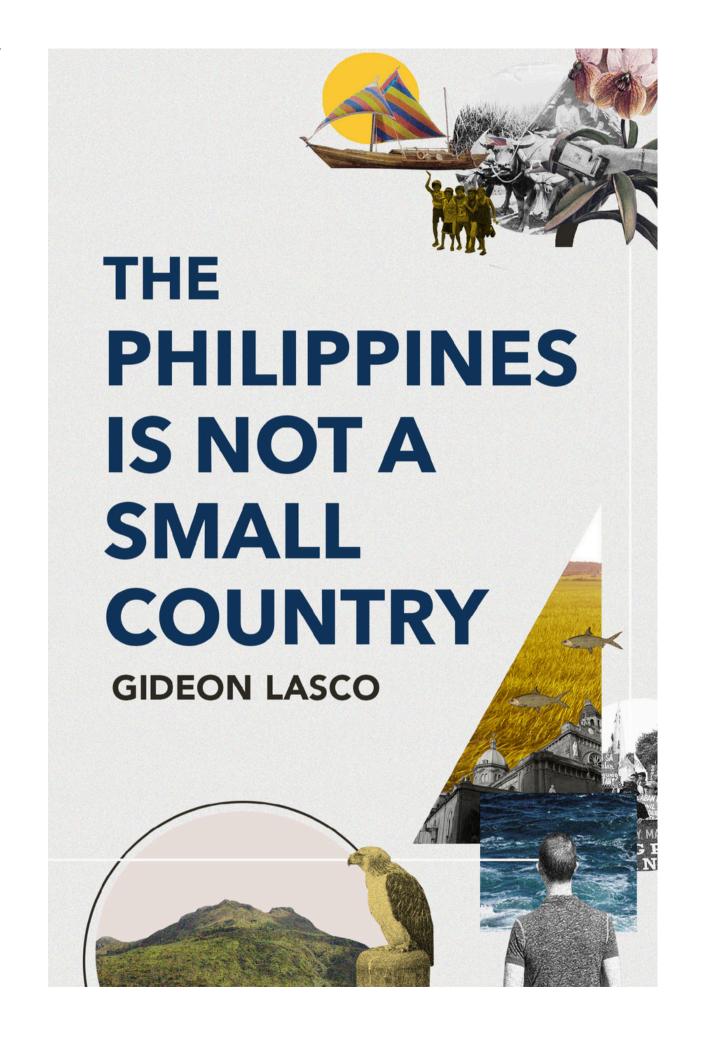
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THE PHILIPPINES IS NOT A SMALL COUNTRY

Author: Gideon Lasco

Collection of short essays in the following categories:

Country | Nation | Culture | People | Technology | Modernity | World

Recognitions:

- Winner: 39th National Book Awards, Best Book of Essays in English
- 9 print runs since its publication in 2020

For readers looking to get an introduction to Philippine culture and history, particularly the Filipino diaspora

Year: 2020

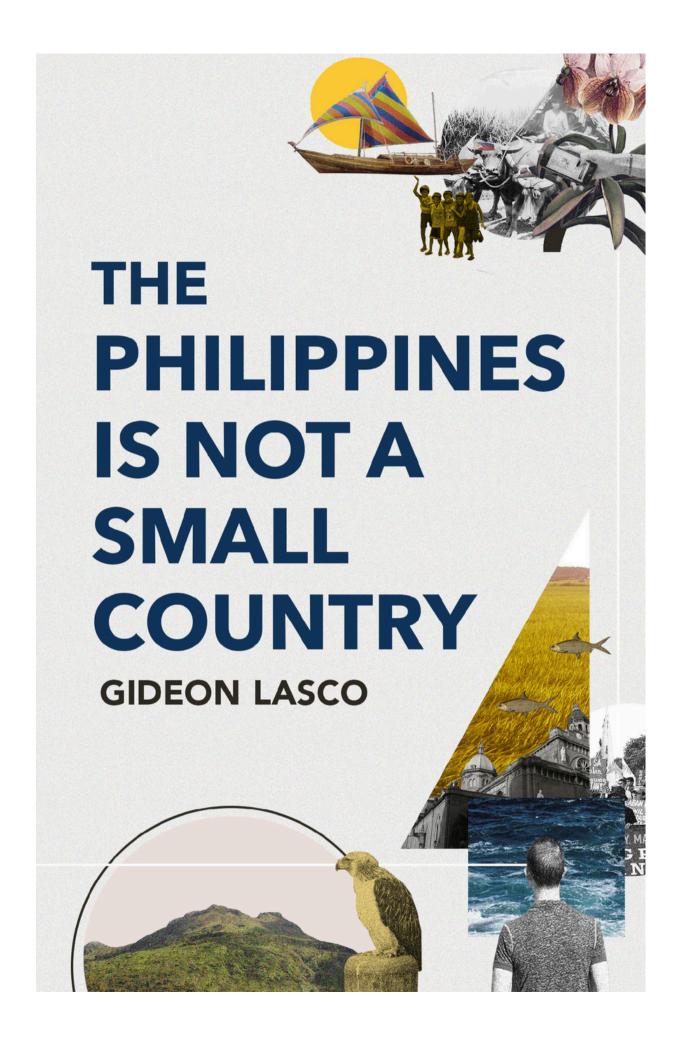
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ISABELA: A NOVEL

Author: Kaisa Aquino

Synopsis

A mother, daughter, wife, lover, friend, teacher, cadre, rebolusyonarya: these are the voices that make up the rich, sensuous saga in Isabela, told against the **backdrop of nearly three decades of our history**. Each chapter is told through a different character, collectively telling the ever more complex story of **ongoing resistance and activism in the Philippine countryside**.

At both turns urgent and meditative, rare and banal, Isabela draws a memorable landscape of a place, time, and woman.

Year: 2024

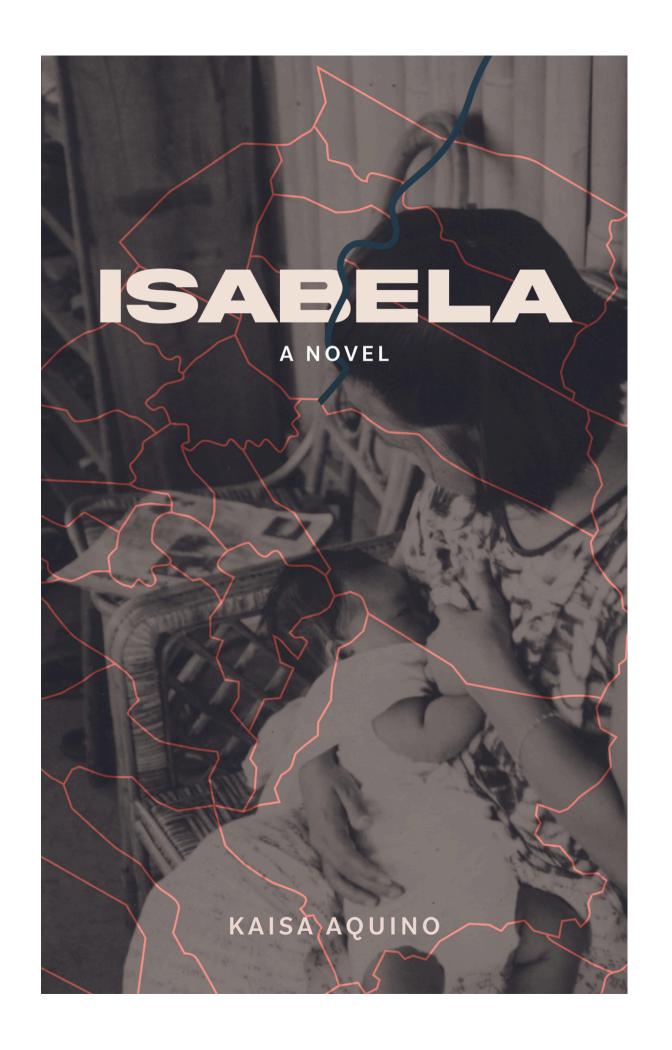
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ISABELA: A NOVEL

Author: Kaisa Aquino

- 20% of first print run sold within the first month of release
- Early buzz from reviewers and readers all kinds

For readers of feminist fiction, resistance literature, intergenerational sagas, and world literature.

Why this novel for FBM?

Readers will see, feel, and understand the Philippines

- through the eyes of women
- through the eyes of the ongoing resistance
- outside of Manila

Year: 2024

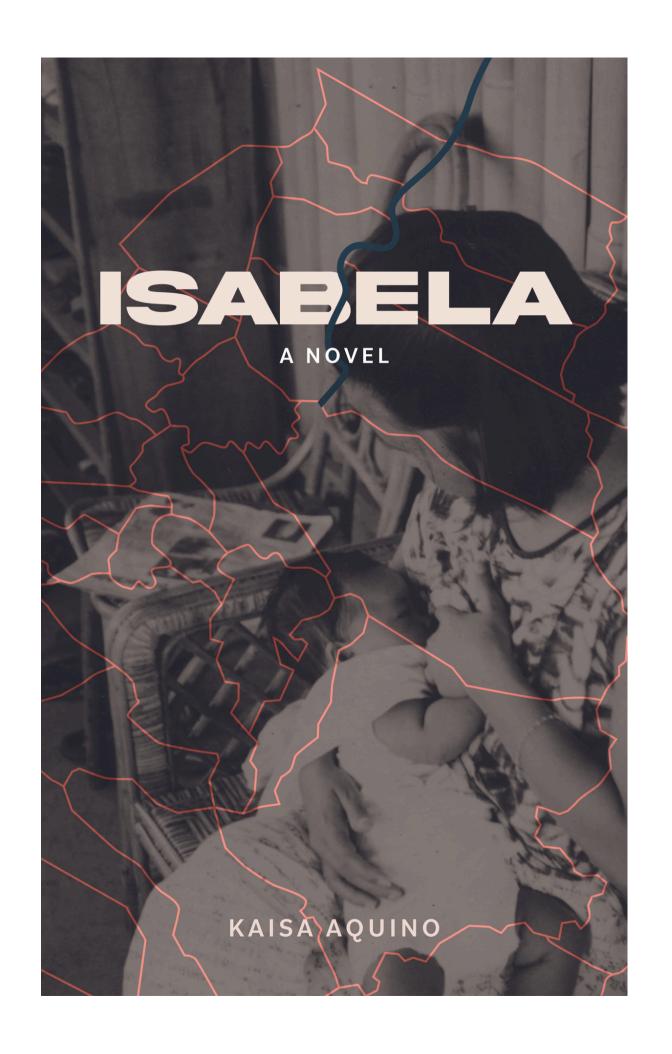
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MAQUEDA

Author: Nap I. Arcilla III

Synopsis

To many, Maqueda is the sea that both connects and separates them from the island of Catanduanes to the main island of Luzon. But this Maqueda tells about the people who are caught in the middle of its clashing waves, between forces that make them silent, the powerful voices that turn their screams into a whimper. These stories are about the fisherfolks' collective sighs and gasps that, in time, may potentially form into menacing stormclouds.

Year: 2020

Extent: 181 pages

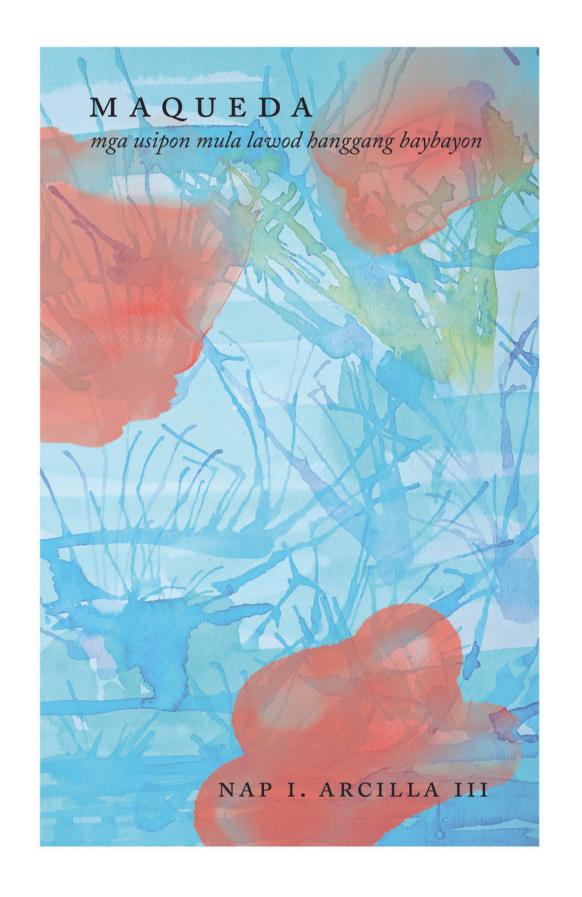
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LUMBAY NG DILA

Author: Genevieve Asenjo

Synopsis

Lumbay ng Dila (The Sadness of Tongues) tells the trauma and wisdom of Sadyah Zapanta Lopez, abandoned daughter of revolutionary leaders in the island of Panay in the Western Visayas region of the Philippines, and her search for truth in the murder case against her politician grandfather during the Marcos period and her missing mother, as she navigates a series of romantic relationships with a Chinese-Filipino law student, a Muslim-Filipino skilled worker, and a Manila-based Indian businessman.

Year: 2020

Extent: 385 pages

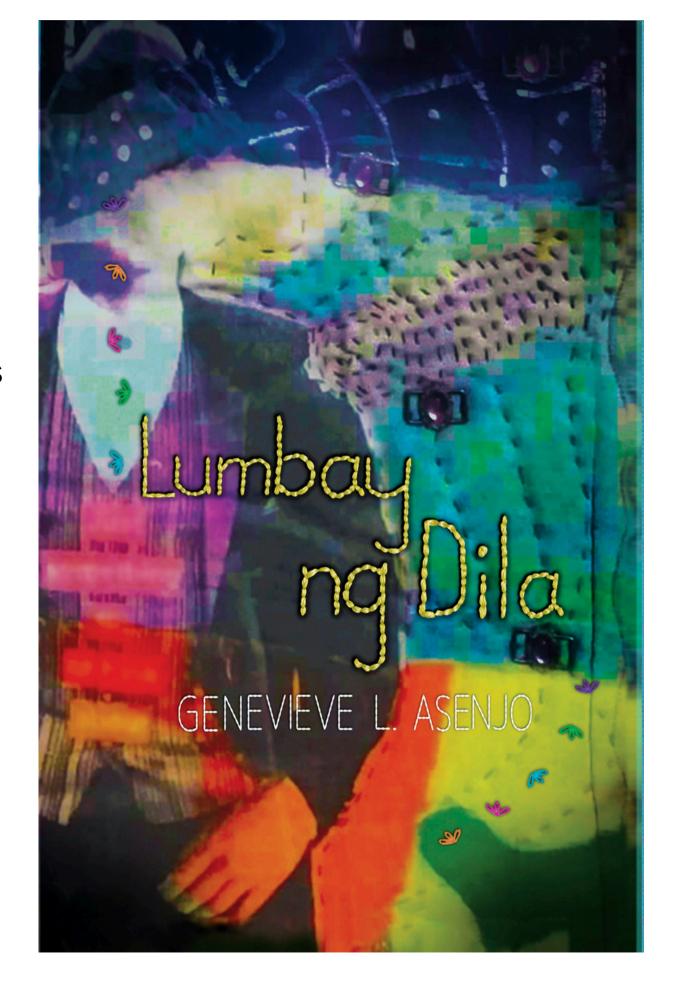
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ALL THE LONELY PEOPLE

Author: Kannika Claudine D. Peña

Synopsis

Manila... a city that refuses to feel like home

Marya, who suffered a tragic loss, is the keeper of the lost and found book in her workplace. Entrusted with lost things and the stories they carry, she gains the courage to rebuild her life in Metro Manila.

Year: 2023

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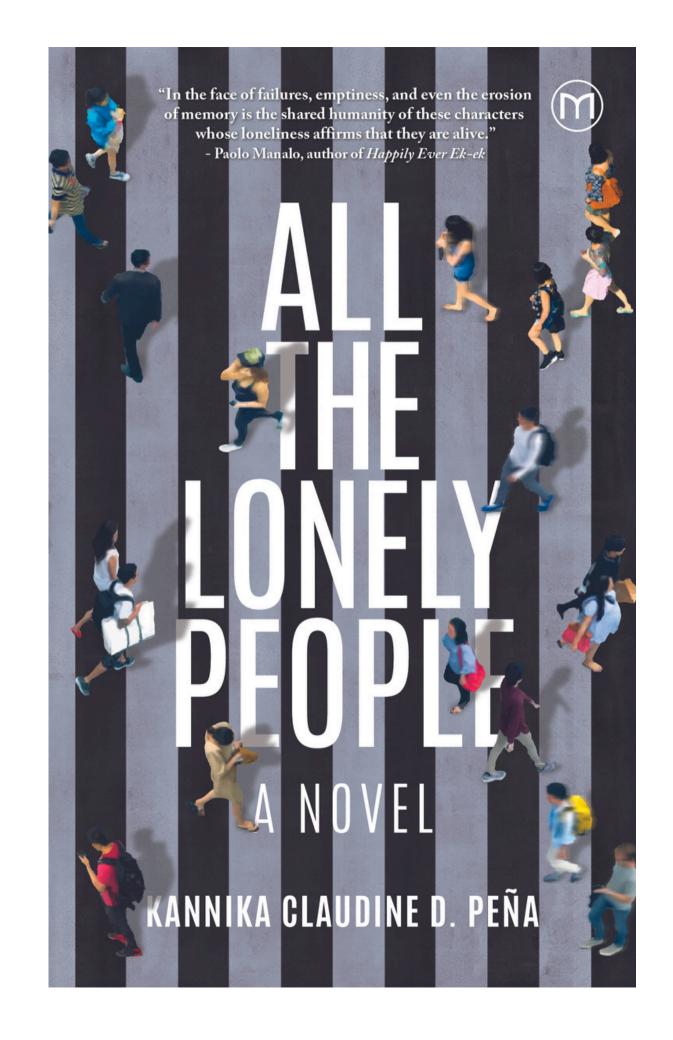
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THE ARHAT SON

Author: Charlson Ong

Synopsis

The ideal son to replace those lost-or is he?

This is a story of family secrets, the repercussions of infidelity, and a father pitted against his son in a wealthy Chinese-Filipino family searching for their true successor.

Year: 2025

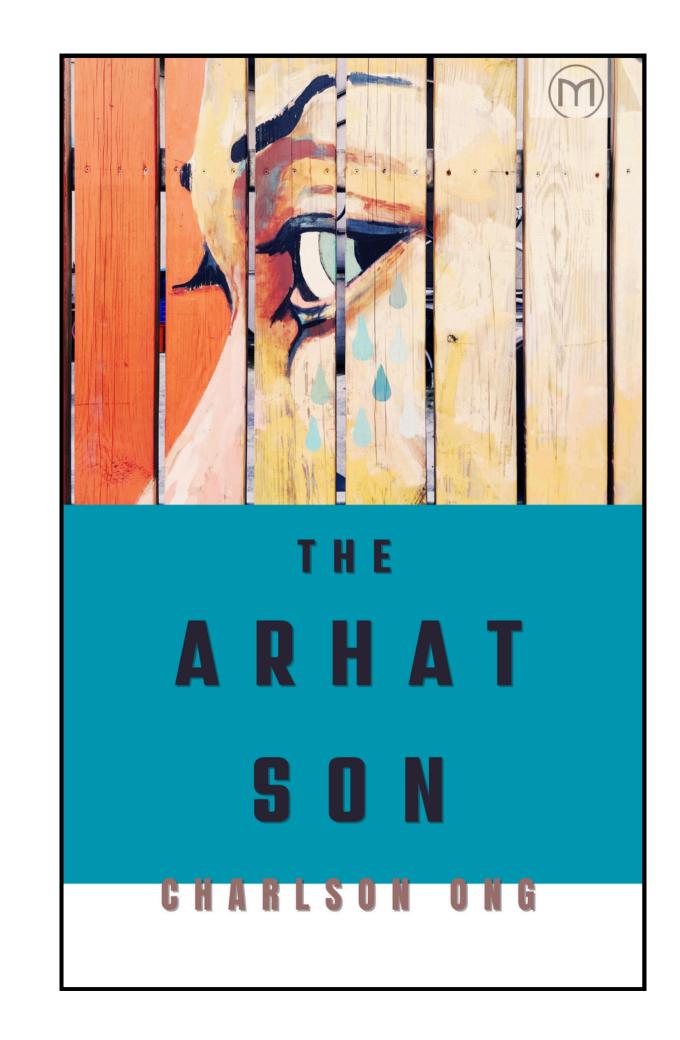
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SCAMBITIOUS

Author: Mina V. Esguerra

Synopsis

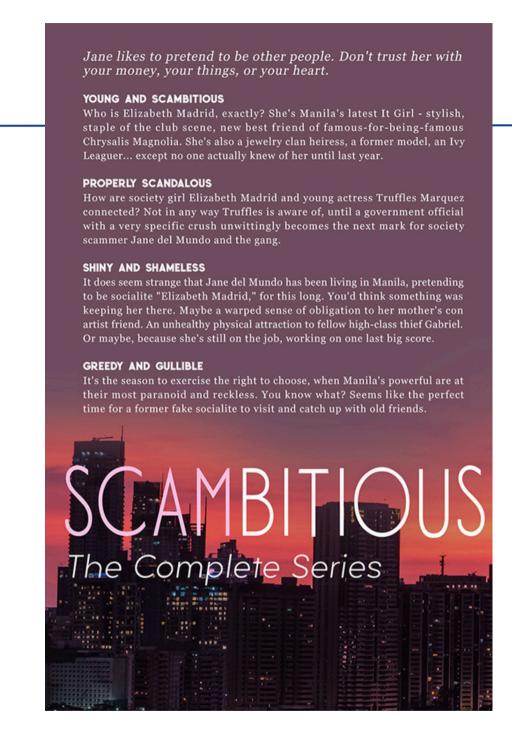
Who is Elizabeth Madrid, exactly? She's Manila's latest It Girl—stylish, staple of the club scene, new best friend of famous-forbeing-famous Chrysalis Magnolia. She's also a jewelry clan heiress, a former model, an lvy Leaguer... except no one actually knew of her until last year.

Year: 2022

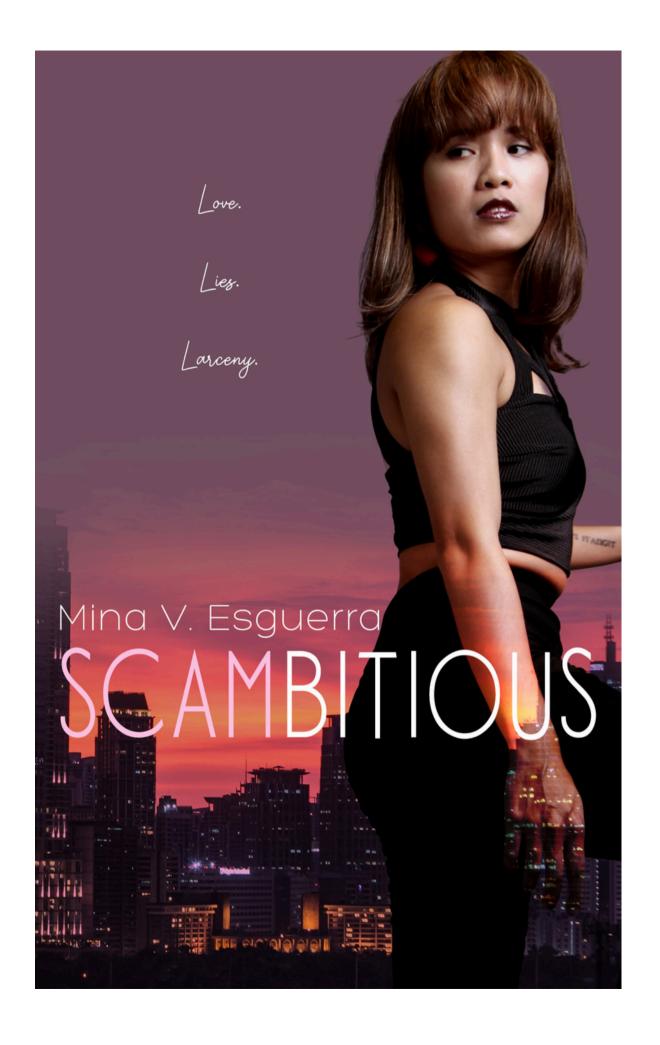
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SCAMBITIOUS

Author: Mina V. Esguerra

Inspired by Ocean's 11, BBC's Hustle, and Arsene Lupin

A novella told in 4 parts
High society con artists old and new money

Sexy and modern new adult International ensemble of characters Set in Metro Manila

Year: 2022

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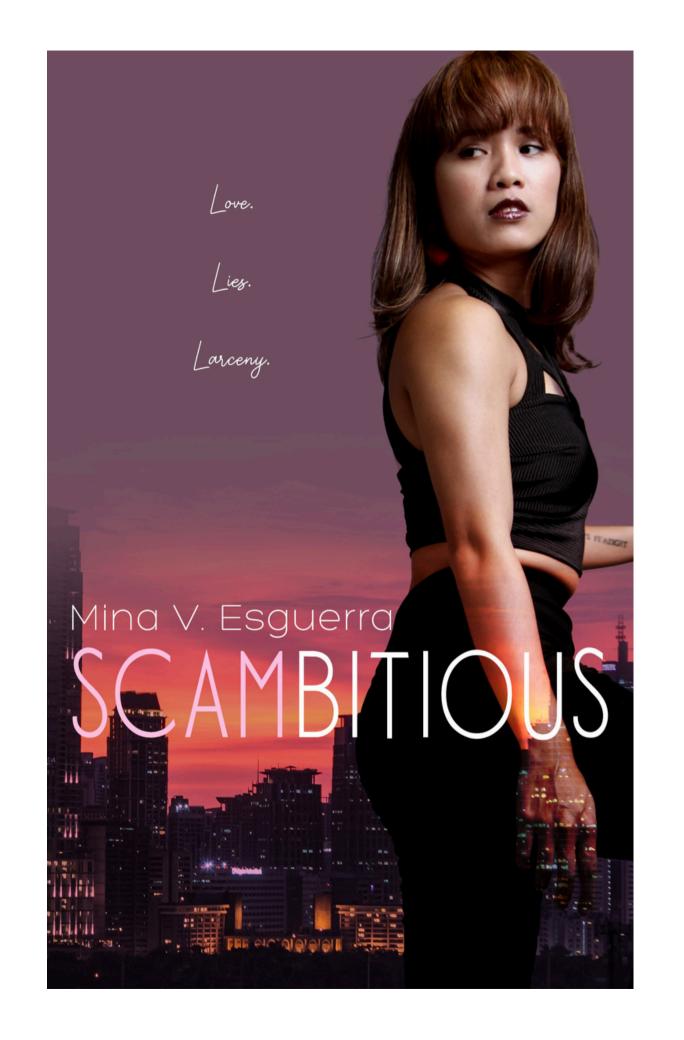
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KISS AND CRY

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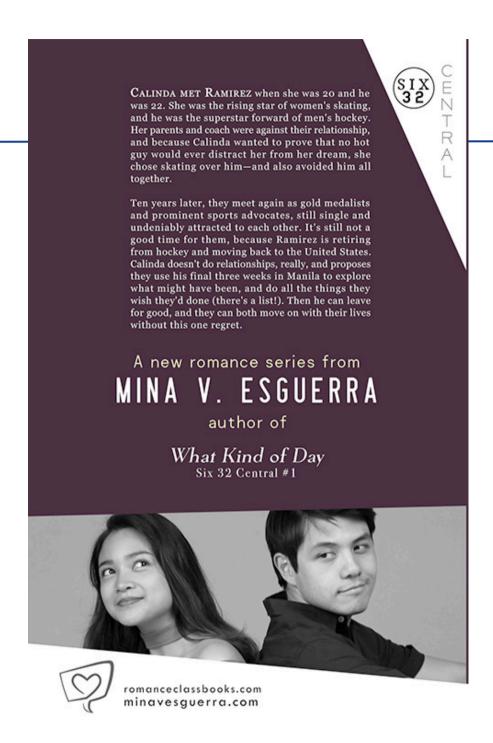
Figure skater Calinda met hockey player Ramirez when she was 20 and he was 22. Her parents and coach were against their relationship, and since then she's been "the one who got away." Ten years later, they meet again, and use his final three weeks in Manila to explore what might have been.

Year: 2019

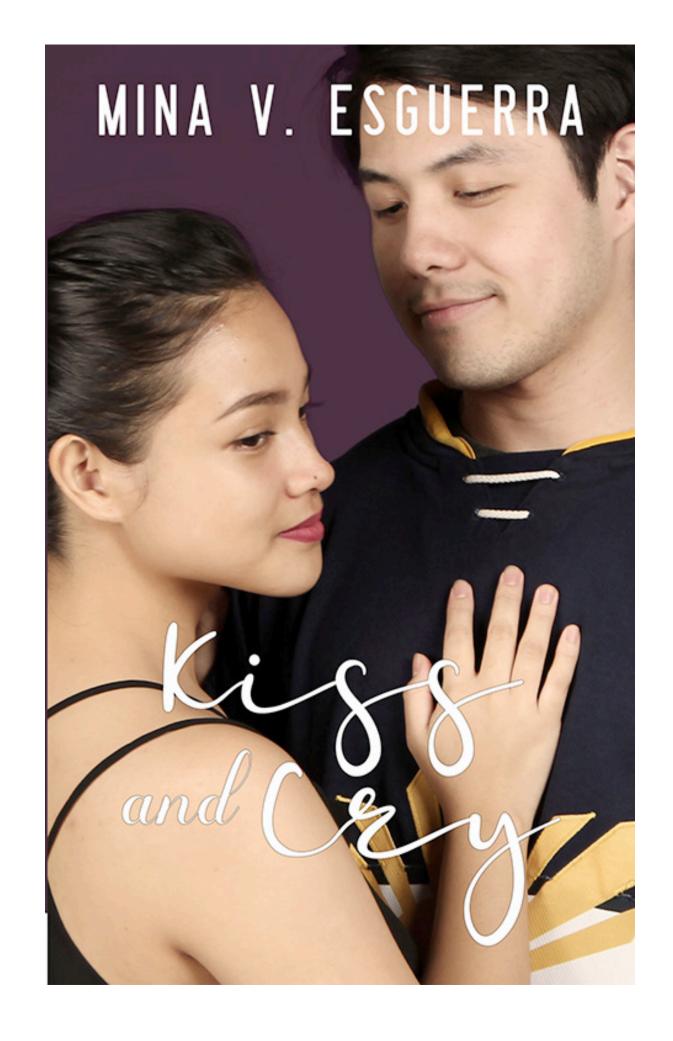
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KISS AND CRY

Author: Mina V. Esguerra

Inspired by The Cutting Edge, The Mighty Ducks, hockey romances by Sarina Bowen and Elle Kennedy

Sexy sports romance and also about the diaspora the Philippines DOES have gold-winning hockey set in Metro Manila

Featured in NPR



Year: 2019

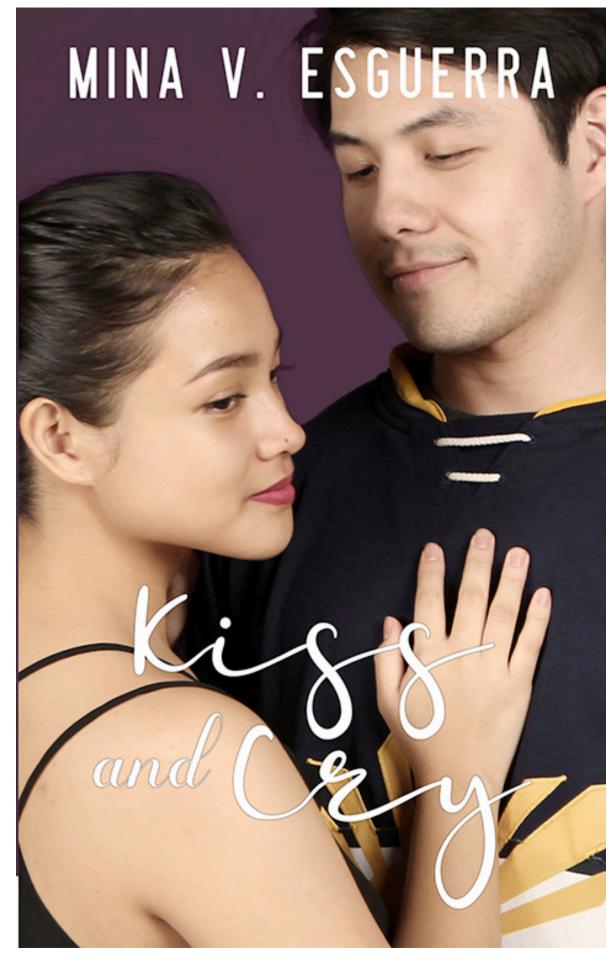
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HEARTLESS: THE ENGLISH EDITION

Author: Jonaxx

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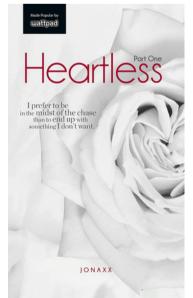
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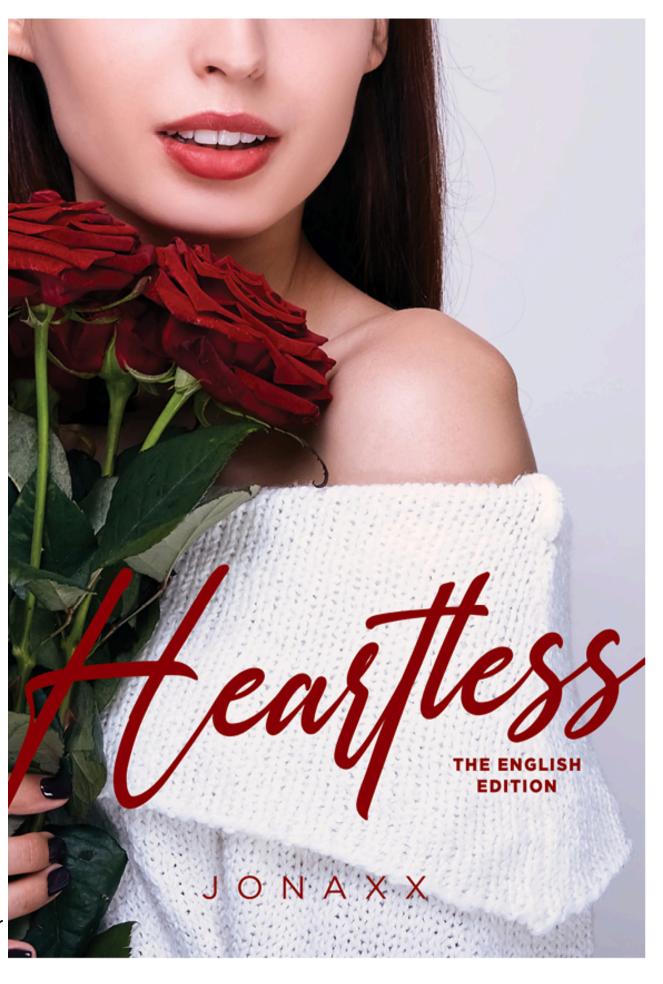
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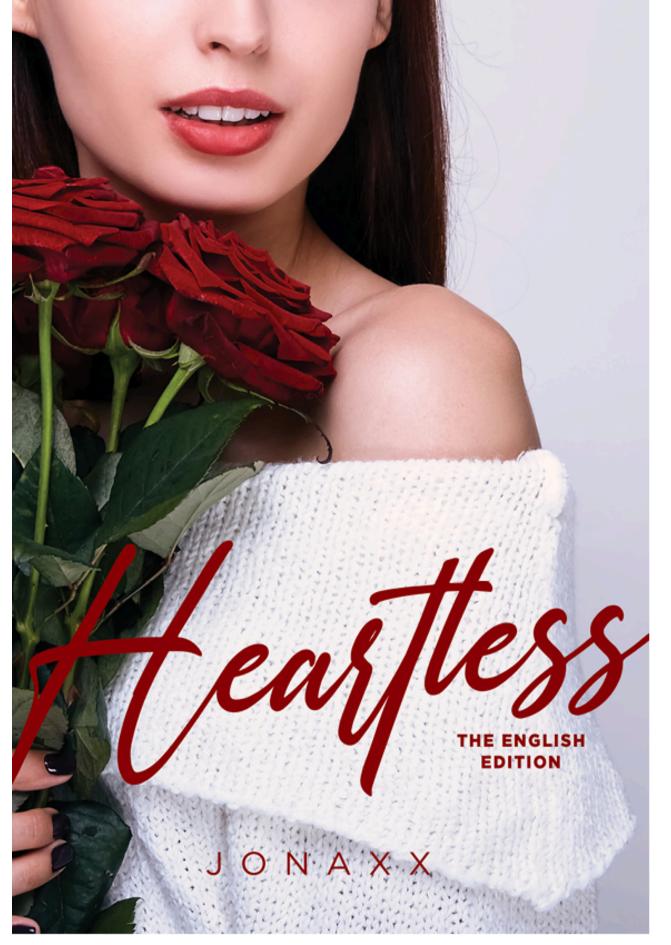


HEARTLESS: THE ENGLISH EDITION

Author: Jonaxx

ROZEN'S PURSUIT, THOUGH FIERCE, IS MERELY A DESPERATE CHASE, BUT BENEATH COREEN'S ENDEARING DEMEANOR, IT IS HER WHO IS TRULY HEARTLESS.

Rozen has harbored feelings for **Coreen** since childhood, but her heart is set on winning the affection of his younger brother, Noah. Despite Rozen's relentless and sometimes, manipulative, tactics, Coreen remains oblivious—or so it seems. Over time, their relationship becomes more frayed and tangled. Theirs is a love story filled with unspoken affection and cruel missteps, but forgiveness becomes their saving grace. In the end, Rozen and Coreen choose each other, their love finding a way to bloom in the bond they have built.





Heartless, The English Edition (2023)

HEARTLESS: THE ENGLISH EDITION

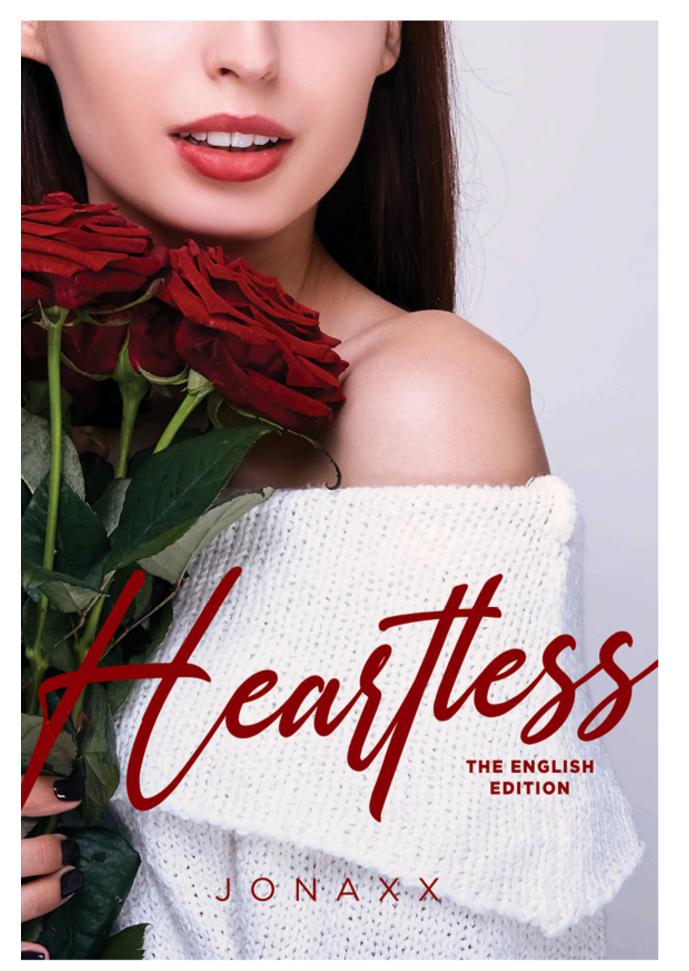
Author: Jonaxx

WHY THIS BOOK?

- The book already has an **English translation**.
- The plot taps into the **classic theme of unrequited love**, a topic that resonates with readers across generations.
- The characters grapple with their own flaws and desires, making them relatable and emotionally resonant for young adult readers
- Jonaxx is a prolific writer known for **crafting intricate** narratives with relatable yet intriguing characters.

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ALINAM: DIEGO DOMINGO AND

THE MANDATO RUIZ

Author: Mickey Ingles

Year: 2020

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Word Count: 100,000

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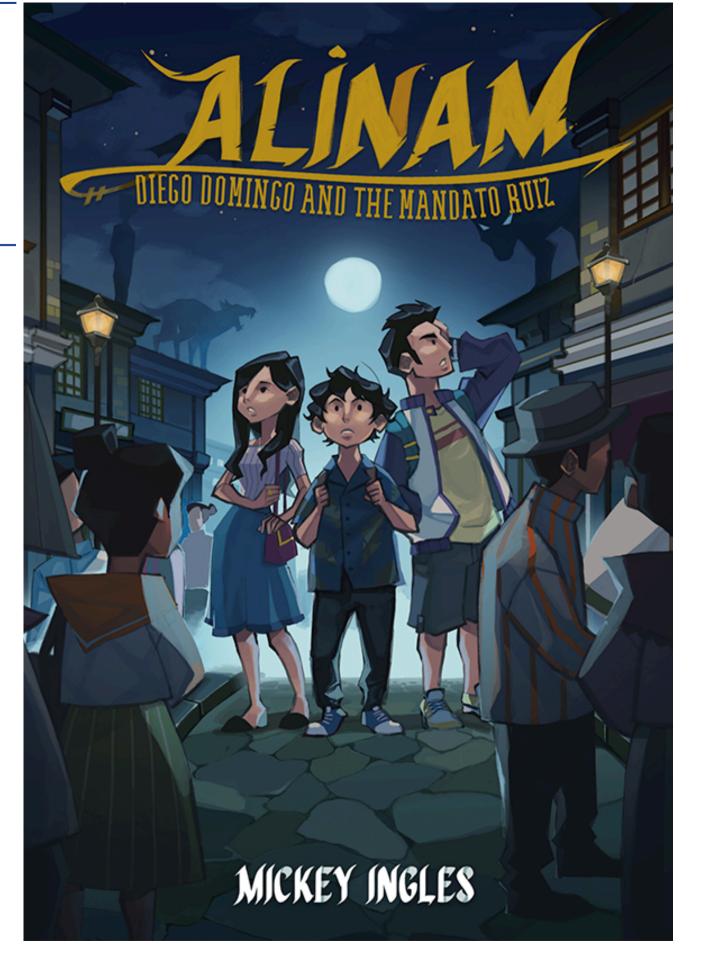
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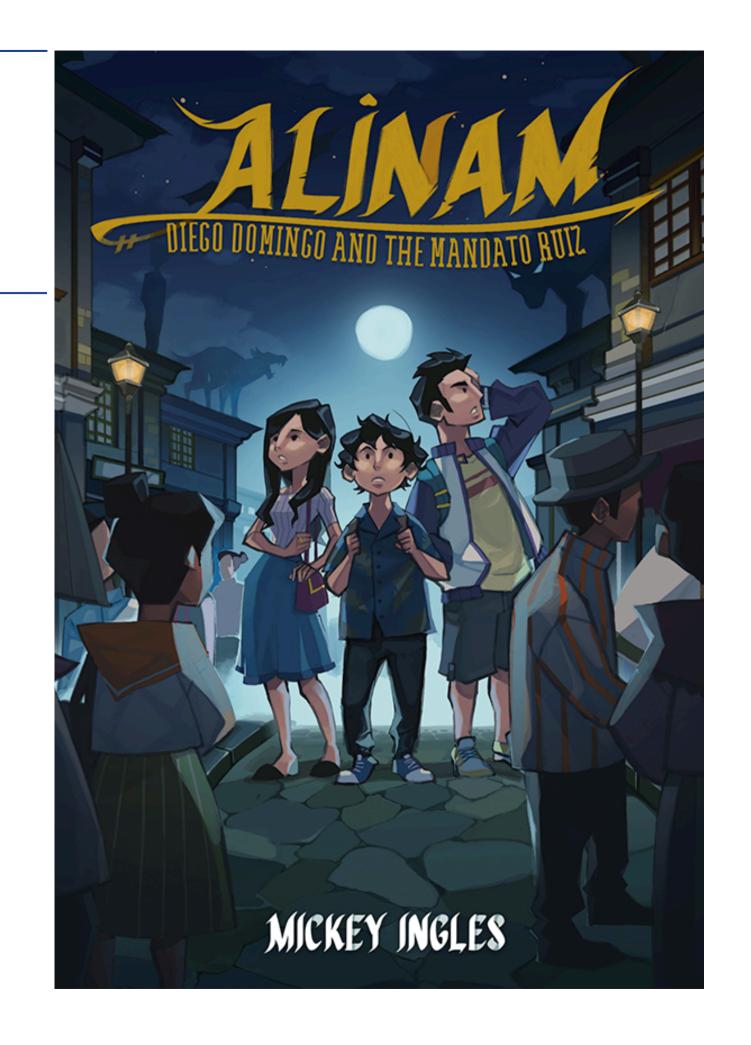
ALINAM: DIEGO DOMINGO AND THE MANDATO RUIZ

Author: Mickey Ingles

THIS ISN'T THE MANILA YOU KNOW. HERE, FILIPINO MYTHICAL CREATURES LIKE THE ASWANG LURK IN THE STREETS, AND FORGOTTEN MAGIC CRACKLES IN THE AIR. WELCOME TO ALINAM.

Our story follows **Diego Domingo**, a shy student who is used to blending in, living in our version of Manila, Philippines. Suddenly, he finds himself in the strange alternate world of Alinam with his best friend Luis and "It" girl Sophia. Alinam is a city where magic is real, and a rebellion led by mythical creatures is brewing against the tyrannical governor-general.

The trio crosses paths with a mysterious figure from Philippine history who leads a secret resistance to prevent civil war. What follows is an epic tale as Diego, Luis, and Sophia try to find their way home, unaware that their journey could alter the fate of both worlds forever.



ALINAM: DIEGO DOMINGO AND THE MANDATO RUIZ

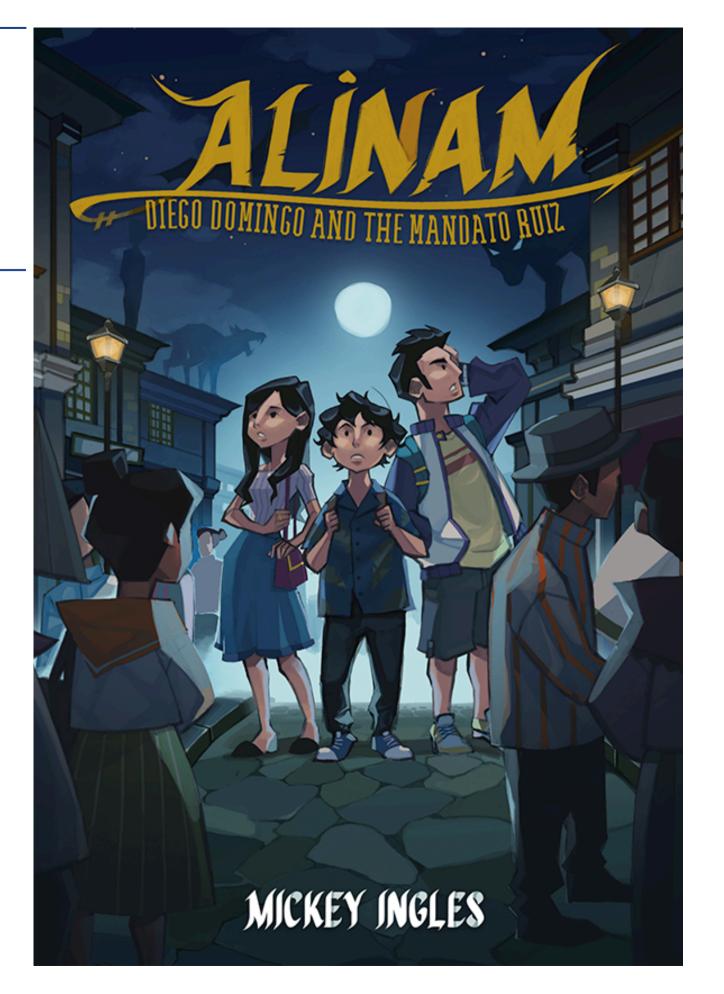
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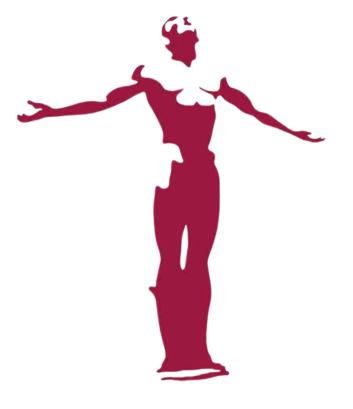
WHY THIS BOOK?

- The book is already in **English**.
- The story explores universal themes such as friendship, and courage.
- The plot is a captivating journey through alternate history featuring prominent Philippine figures like Andres Bonifacio, intertwined with grand Filipino mythos.
- The alternate world of Alinam with its magic and mythical creatures promises readers an escape into a vibrant and imaginative setting.
- The characters, from the shy Diego to the charismatic Sophia and the steadfast Luis, represent a diverse range of personalities and backgrounds. Their interactions and growth throughout the story provide readers with compelling character arcs to invest in.

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SNAKES IN THE GRASS

Author: Patrick Everard

Synopsis

Snakes in the Grass tells the dramatic and disturbing story of life within the palace walls of Malacañang—home to Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos. This intriguing tale begins with murder and ends with murder. Although a work of fiction, the novel is based on true events, and in particular on one exceptional man, destined for greatness but only to end up diseased by power and greed whilst ably abetted by his duplicitous wife.

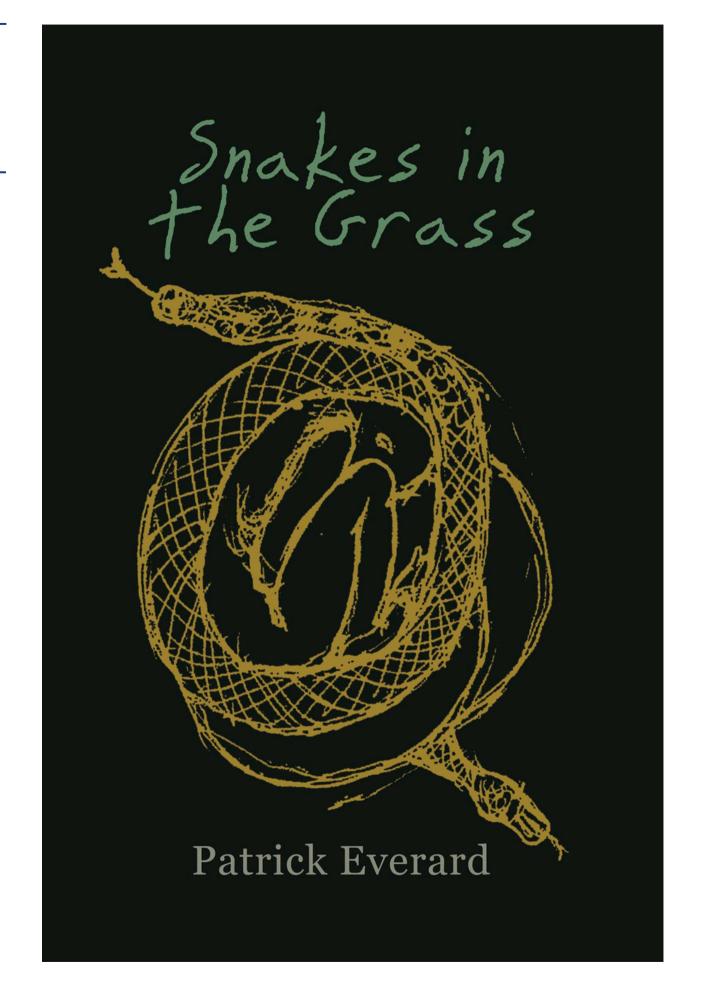
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REVISITING USOG, KULAM, PASMA

Author: Michael L. Tan

Synopsis

Revisiting Usog, Pasma, Kulam is about the culture of health in the Philippines, including its many nuances and contradictions. This helps health professionals, to alert them to problems not just in "tradition" but also in the "modern" world of Western biomedicine. It highlights social science frameworks and indigenous concepts.

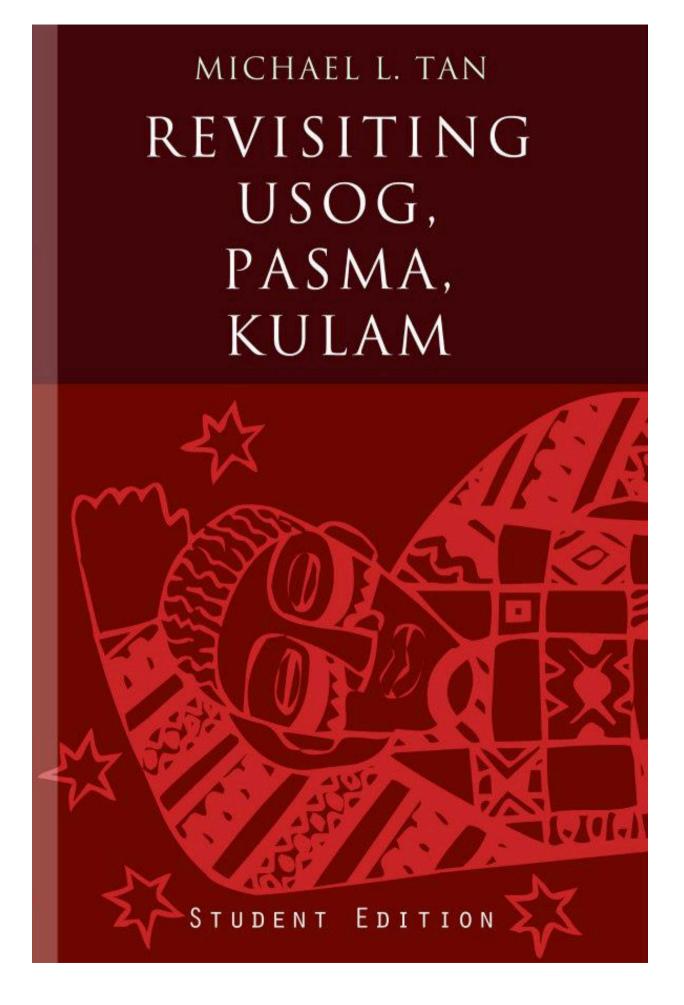
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PÚGOT: HEAD TAKING, RITUAL CANNIBALISM, AND HUMAN SACRIFICE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Author: Narciso C. Tan

Synopsis

Prior to the introduction of Islam and Christianity, deeply held religious beliefs led various Philippine communities to sanction ritualized forms of violence: human sacrifice, cannibalism, and head taking. Today, many Filipinos see these practices as "primitive," "barbaric," or pertaining only to so-called "tribes" and therefore not related to the national dynamic. This ambitious book weaves together historical data and archaeological studies with traditional myths, legends, and songs to create a seamless narrative of some of the most misunderstood aspects of Philippine culture and to shed light on deeply rooted cultures of violence.

Year: 2021

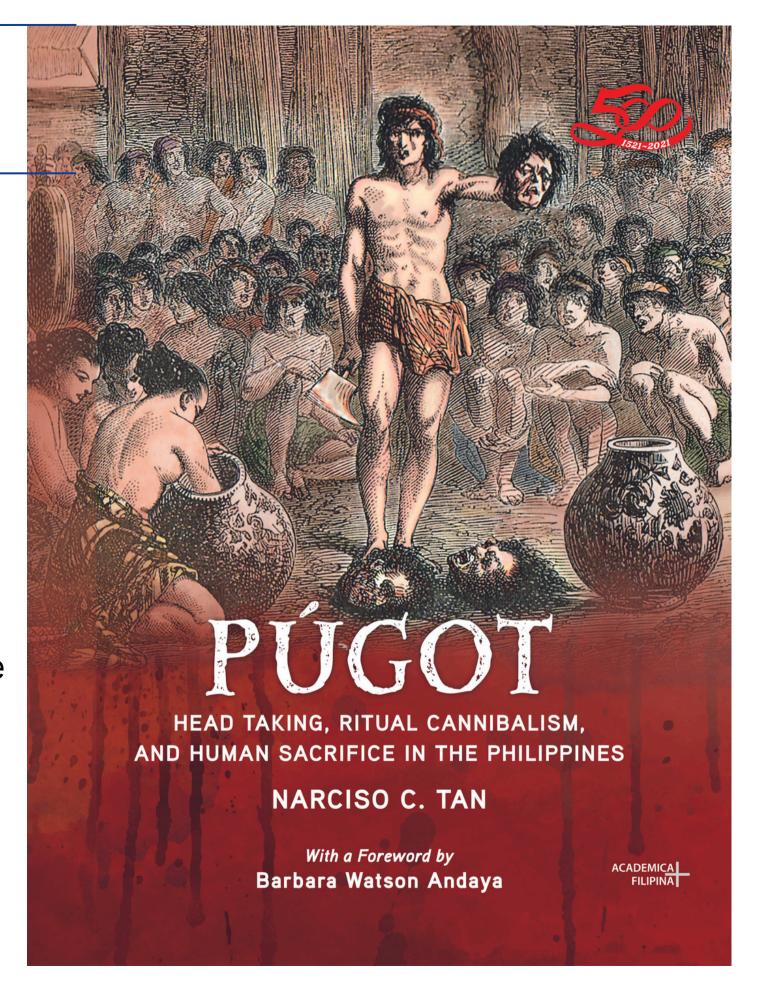
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CHILDREN OF WAR: MEMORIES OF WORLD WAR II IN THE PHILIPPINES (1942-1945)

Author: Joan Orendain

Synopsis

In *Children of War*, writer and journalist Joan Orendain presents a uniquely poignant accounting of one of the most formative events in the lives of her generation, and one of the most devastating periods in Philippine history: the three-year Japanese occupation during the Second World War, as remembered by the children who lived through it.

The author weaves together the experiences of witnesses from all over the country, hailing from different walks of life. From the tense uncertainty of the first outbreak of war and looming invasion, to the day-to-day struggles and small victories of life under enemy occupation, to the carnage and unrelenting horror of the final battle for liberation, the narrative uncovers the lifelong scars carried by those who had to grow up before their time.

Year: 2023

Extent: 168 pages

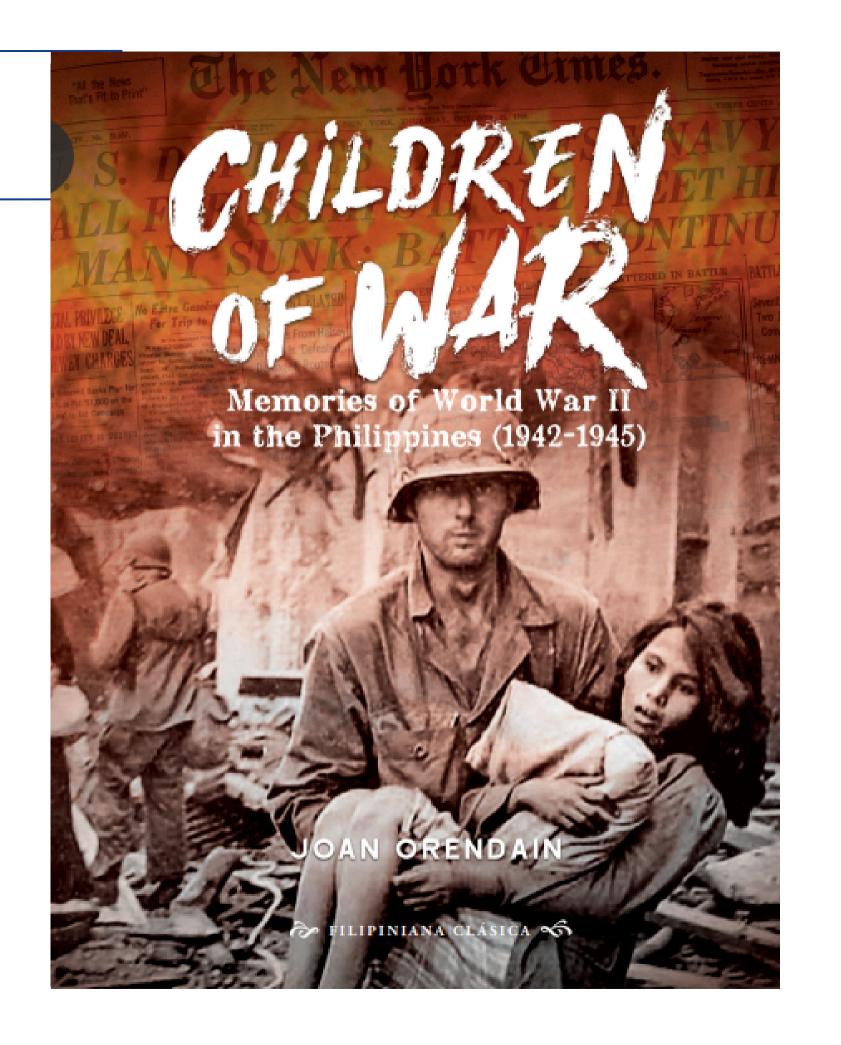
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WHO CAN APPLY?

Foreign publishers who have bought translation rights of a book from Philippine publishers.

WORKS FOR TRANSLATION

- Must be published in the Philippines and written in any Philippine language.
- Must not have an existing translation on the language the Applicant is applying for.

| PRIORITY GENRES FOR TRANSLATION | AVAILABLE SUBSIDY |
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| Children's Literature | PHP 70,000.00 (USD 1,200.00) |
| Young Adult/New Adult Literature | PHP 150,000.00 (USD 2,600.00) |
| Culinary | PHP 150,000.00 (USD 2,600.00) |
| Travel | PHP 150,000.00 (USD 2,600.00) |
| Graphic Novels/Comics | PHP 150,000.00 (USD 2,600.00) |
| Classics/Contemporary Fiction/ Nonfiction/Historical/Cultural | PHP 250,000.00 (USD 4,500.00) |
| Poetry | PHP 150,000.00 (USD 2,600.00) |
| Experimental and New Media | PHP 150,000.00 (USD 2,600.00) |

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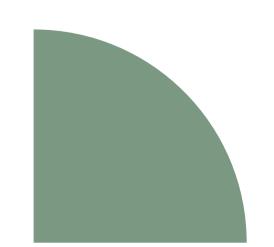
| THIRD CYCLE | |
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| Application Period | 01 August to 30 November 2024 |
| Deadline for applications | on or before 30 November 2024, 11:59 PM (Philippine Standard Time / GMT+8) |
| Announcement of beneficiaries | on or before 30 December 2024 |





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