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Biography/Memoirs

Fortress of Poverty / Delia Jose Comedis
Quezon City: Rex Printing Company, Inc., 2023
464p.
9786218167360
\$ 30.00 / PB
286gm.

Fortress of Poverty is a guidebook. The author's personal story emerges from every line and is meant to be an example to readers. Difficulties and perseverance mark this path. Domestic workers will find food for thought, advice, and useful instructions to do their job better. With practical guidance, concrete examples and general discussions, this text immerses us in a reality to be discovered. Finally, the whole and last section devoted to cooking provides a challenge for all those who want to experiment with new flavours. There is no shortage of traditional and innovative recipes. However, this text presents the reader with much more than that. It discusses personal growth, career and life goals, losses, and wins. In short, everything that is part of everyone's life and that makes it impossible not to empathise.

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The Hero Takes A Walk: A Childhood, An Education and A Country in the Sixties / Robert Nery
Yarraville, Australia: Seismograph, 202
viii, 270p.
9780646884769
\$ 30.00 / PB
282gm.

The Hero Takes a Walk is a memoir of childhood and teenage and an essay on the Philippines in the sixties and seventies, an extraordinary evocation of a time and place and a re-examination of the culture and thought of the period.

Robert Nery was born in the Philippines and has lived in Australia since 1974.

He has made films and videos, including two feature documentaries, Black Nazarene and In 1966 The Beatles Came to Manila.

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Ecology/Environmental Science

Love For Living Animals: Stories of Animals That Are In Critical Danger Of Extinction: Essays /
Mona Sabalones Gonzales (Photographer) Elizabeth Barrett
Quezon City: Central Book Supply, Inc., 2023
v, 231p.
9786210220414

\$ 50.00 / PB
344gm.

This collection of essays, each one painting a picture of an endangered animal, helps us to know more and get acquainted with animals that inhabit our world. They hope to rekindle care and concern, to remind us of what each animal can do to make our world a wonderful place to live in.

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Law

Legal Education in the Philippines: Including the Law Schools in the Philippines / Dr. (Atty.) Jose C. Montemayor, Jr.

2023 Edition

Quezon City: Central Book Supply, Inc., 2023

xii, 682p.

9786210218732

\$ 85.00 / HB

884gm.

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Food Security and Law Against Agricultural and Food Smuggling: National and International Situations / Dr. (Atty.) Jose C. Montemayor, Jr.

2023 Edition

Quezon City: Central Book Supply, Inc., 2023

xvi, 172p.

9786210221527

\$ 55.00 / HB

414gm.

Food security speaks to the availability of food in a country and the ability of individuals within that country to access, afford, and source adequate foodstuffs.

The availability of food irrespective of class, gender or region is another element of food security. There is evidence of food security being a concern many thousands of years ago, with central authorities in ancient China and ancient Egypt being known to release food from storage in times of famine. At the 1974 World Food Conference, the term "food security" was defined with an emphasis on supply; food security is defined as the "availability at all times of adequate, nourishing, diverse, balanced and moderate world food supplies of basic foodstuffs to sustain a steady expansion of food consumption and to offset fluctuations in production and prices". Later definitions added demand and access issues to the definition. The first World Food Summit, held in 1996, stated that food security "exists when all people, at all times, have physical and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life."

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Understanding and Correcting Wage Distortion: An Easy Guide to Correct Wage Distortion (With Suggested Formulas and Sample Company Wage Scenarios) / Atty. Kim Sarmiento Lagcao

Quezon City: Central Book Supply, Inc., 2023

174p.

9786210222043

\$ 25.00 / PB

244gm.

Literature

It Is Time To Come Home: New and Collected Poems / Marjorie Evasco
Pasig City: Milflores Publishing, Inc., 2023
416p.
9789718281390
1. Philippine poetry (English).
\$ 55.00 / HB
804gm.

It is Time to Come Home, Marjorie Evasco's fifth book, is a gathering of new and collected poems--including poems from her four other books that are all out of print! The inclusion of all her previous books in one definitive and beautiful hardcover volume allows the reader to view this poet's writing journey. As Marj says in her preface, this collection enables the poet's attentive readers "to follow the layered paths of my writing life from the time I crossed my home's threshold in 1973 to go elsewhere, only to return again and again, in various magical and meandering ways, to the kiss of poetry on my forehead."

"Marjorie Evasco stands upon her own ground, her own native clearing: the way her fellow-countrymen think and feel about their world and so live from sun to sun. There, in that clearing, in her own time, she forges language in the smithy of her mind and heart and grasps her own consciousness of her 'world' (her 'reality')." --National Artist for Literature Gemino H. Abad

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859870>

Cigarette Girl: A Novel / Ratih Kumala; Tr. By Annie Tucker
Pasig City: Milflores Publishing, Inc., 2023
246p.
9789718281383
1. Historical fiction, Indonesian.
2. Indonesia – History – 19th century – Fiction.
\$ 25.00 / PB
190gm.

Love and betrayal set the stage for this epic romance told against the backdrop of Indonesia's clove cigarette industry.

Cigarette Girl follows three brothers--Lebas, Karim, and Tegar, heirs to the Djagad Raja Clove Cigarettes, as they embark on a quest to fulfil their father's dying wish: find Jeng Yah, the mysterious woman he has been calling out to on his deathbed. With the little clues they have, the brothers travel across Java, delving into its secrets to locate Jeng Yah.

Cigarette Girl traces the growth of a clove cigarette enterprise from its humble beginnings in the Dutch East Indies during the early 1940s and acquaints readers with the history of Indonesia through the lens of clove cigarettes and unrequited love.

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Stray Cats: A Novel / Irene Sarmiento
Quezon City: Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), 2023
224p. ; 21cm.
9786214482771
1. Philippine fiction (English).
2. Detective and mystery stories, Philippines (English).

\$ 22.00 / PB
250gm.

Eighth graders Elisa Paz and Raquel Madria are unstoppable as bruhas in the magical world they've created together. But when Raquel goes missing, Elisa discovers a different reality—one that is unjust and ever present, yet often ignored. The only one willing to help Elisa find her lost friend is Oscar Santos, a talking cat. Together they search through clamorous city streets, bustling plazas, gloomy districts, and holy hideaways, where they find unlikely monsters lurking dangerously close to home.

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Philosophy

Doing Philosophy in the Philippines: The Thomasian Collection (1961-1966), Volume III / (Ed) Alfredo P. Co

Manila: University of Santo Tomas Publishing House, 2023

xxviii, 308p.

Includes Bibliography

9789715069229

1. Philosophy, Philippines.
2. Philosophy, Philippines – 20th century.

\$ 40.00 / PB

632gm.

Despite the beginnings of philosophical diversification, it can be said that the philosophical landscape of the 1960s was still dominated by Thomism, specifically its Iberian legacy, which has proven itself, for the most part, as the standard method of thinking—as the unconscious background by which all other streams of thought outside of it must be put to the test. On the other hand, it also became increasingly evident that there was an intermittent sprouting or blooming of other philosophical schools of thought—whether ancient philosophy, or continental philosophy—either as subsequent topics considered or an international development on the part of some pioneers, which apparently shows us the shockwave of modern philosophy to the world, affecting the site of philosophy in the country. We can thus see the efforts of some of our philosophical forebears to put on the map other philosophies which might have been overshadowed by the towering Medieval, Scholastic, and in particular, Thomistic tradition that was predominant in our country's philosophical scholarship back then. These new waves of thought were not necessarily 'new' in the sense that they were new in the history of philosophy. Rather, they were new to Filipino philosophical scholarship, because the content of these philosophies (again, whether ancient or modern) began to gradually emerge in its full extent, no small thanks to the rigor of and commitment to philosophical scholarship brought about by those trained abroad. Eventually, these new thoughts were introduced to the country with such stringency of standard comparable to the established Thomistic tradition.

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Politics/Current Affairs

The Subversive Reader: Essays on Critical Theory, Cultural Politics, and the Philippine Insurgent Experience / E. San Juan, Jr. (Foreword) Peter McLaren

Quezon City: Vibal Foundation, 2023

552p. ; 23cm.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

Academica Filipina Series
9789719708568

1. San, Juan, Jr. E., 1938-.
2. Philippine essays (English).
3. Politics and culture – Philippines – History.
4. Critical theory.
5. Philippines – History.
6. Philippines – Politics and government.

\$ 40.00 / PB
786gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859874>

Presidents and Pests, Cosmopolitans and Communists / Patricio N. Abinales
Quezon City: Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), 2023
xxii, 236p.

Includes Index
9786214483037

1. Philippine essays (English).
2. Philippines – Politics and government.

\$ 30.00 / PB
374gm.

Presidents and Pests, Cosmopolitans and Communists brings together a set of essays that place marginal events, pests, politicians, and the country's backwater at the center of national politics. It does so through methodologies learned from idiosyncratic mentors who valued the analytical power of negative comparisons, jocose asides, and wry academic humor.

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Psychology

Hospital Bullies in the Philippines Clerkship and Residency Training – A Book of Discernment for Physicians, Nurses and Psychologists, Volume 3: Modern Pontius Pilates, Incompetent Mentors, and Perpetrators of Incivility / Erwin L. Manzano
Quezon City: Central Book Supply, Inc., 2023

1v.
Includes Index
9786210221855

\$ 40.00 / PB
412gm.

The author wrote Volume 3 as a mode of discerning the incompetent hospital leaders and consultants who erred by omission in promoting rapport between trainees and mentors, and who failed to impose discipline to bully physicians. Volume 3 empowers the demoralized and dejected clerks, interns, and residents to assert their rights against hospital bullies and incompetent leaders inside the training system, and to give them hope and inspiration as they ascend from clerkship to consultancy. Volume 3 was not written to bully the hospital bullies, otherwise it will defeat the author's genuine purpose of reforming the present status of Philippine medical education.

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Religion - Christianity

Patrona Jurada : Centuries of Devotion to the Nuestra Senora de Gula / Michael P. Delos Reyes
Quezon City: Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc., 2023
xx, 228p.
Includes Bibliography
9786214261888
\$ 35.00 / PB
332gm.

"Our history as Filipinos is written by the blood of our martyrs and heroes. Our resilient and firm faith in God is in our DNA. Our history is also written in the sweet melody of a mother's lullaby, and our mother's name is Nuestra Señora de Guia. This book is the lullaby of our Lady for her Filipino children through the centuries. Thank you, Michael, for this sweet sounding book." - Archbishop Socrates B. Villegas Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859877>

People's Christianity: Theological Sense and Sociological Significance / Jose Mario Francisco, SJ & Jayeel Cornelio
Quezon City: Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc., 2023
xiv, 198p.
Includes Index
Theology at the Frontiers Series
9786214261895
\$ 20.00 / PB
282gm.

People's Christianity approaches lived religion through the eyes of faith and the interdisciplinary lenses of theology and the social sciences. "Sense" and "significance" encapsulate the book's two main goals. First, it unpacks how people's Christianity manifests the laity's faith and how it thus becomes a locus theologicus that reveals new reflective horizons that cover a wide range of themes from pastoral to critical. Second, it points to lived Christianity's significance, properly understood in relation to its social context or realities. Resisting the theological and moral condescension toward popular expressions of the Christian faith, this book argues that they are in fact meaningful if assessed in light of the daily realities that confront local believers. Foregrounding experiences in the Global South, the book will speak to Christians from different traditions and theological perspectives.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859878>

Pockets of Graces: Pitik-Bulag / Wilfredo M Samson, SJ
Quezon City: Claretian Communications Foundation, Inc., 2017
xii, 242p.
9786214260218
\$ 20.00 / PB
268gm.

Life is a journey. All of us are seeking happiness and fulfilment in our lifetime. But our journey has its ups and downs, turns and curves, and life-defining crossroads along the way. This book is a prayer guide. It's not complete and comprehensive, but it may assist you in your inner journey to find God. See that God is journeying with you every step of your way. It is our hope that these "pockets of reflections, prayer and wisdom" may bring consolation and affirmation in your journey.

Sociology

The Patch-Work City: Class Space, + Politics in Metro Manila / Marco Z Garrido
Quezon City: Ateneo de Manila University Press, 2023
xxx, 274p. ; 22.86cm.

Includes Index

9786214483006

1. Metropolitan areas – Philippines – Social aspects.
2. Social classes – Philippines – Manila.
3. Social conflict – Philippines.
4. Urban poor – Social conditions.
5. Middle class – Social conditions.

\$ 30.00 / PB

454gm.

In contemporary Manila, slums and squatter settlements are peppered throughout the city, often pushing right up against the walled enclaves of the privileged, creating the complex geopolitical pattern of Marco Z. Garrido's "patchwork city." Garrido documents the fragmentation of Manila into a mélange of spaces defined by class, particularly slums and upper- and middle-class enclaves. He then looks beyond urban fragmentation to delineate its effects on class relations and politics, arguing that the proliferation of these slums and enclaves and their subsequent proximity have exacerbated class tensions. Garrido further examines the politicization of this divide with the case of the populist president Joseph Estrada, finding the two sides drawn into contention over not just the right to the city but the nature of democracy itself. *The Patchwork City* illuminates how segregation, class relations, and democracy are intricately connected, making clear that class as a social structure is indispensable to the study of cities in the Global South.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=859880>
