

## Recent Books from the Philippines – Feb 2021

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### Art

A Warrior's Armament and Ornament : The Edwin R. Bautista of Philippine Bladed Weapons / Edwin R. Bautista (et al.) (Ed) Corazon S. Alvina  
Mandaluyong City: Museo ng Kaalamang Katubo, 2020  
220p.  
9786219544825  
\$ 225.00/ HB  
1940gm.

**Arguably the first locally-published book on Philippine bladed weapons, *A Warrior's Armament and Ornament: The Edwin R. Bautista of Philippine Bladed Weapons*, the second publication of the Museo ng Kaalamáng Katutubò, tells stories about bladed weaponry forms from several regions in the country, and describes their significance, background, meaning, use, and cultural context.** Weapons are about power and status, as they are products of knowledge and superlative skills, of kinship in families and fellowship in communities, of the spiritual and moral conviction that induce the making of weapons. Illustrated by stunning photographs, the book includes an annotated listing and cross-referencing of the names of weapons and implements, an art analysis of the decorative aspects of a dagger or sword, a back-grounder on archaeo-

metallurgy, and overview essays on Cordillera weaponry and on the symbolisms materialized on the handles and scabbards of the bladed weapons of Southern Luzon and the Visayas.

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Jose Rizal : Sculptor / Celestino M. Palma III (Ed) Jose Maria. A Carino

Pasig City: Reyes Publishing, 2020

192p.

9789715750608

\$ 195..00 / HB

1640gm.

Jose Rizal Sculptor by Celestino M. Palma III is an addition to the Rizaliana heritage documenting the rich persona and history of Rizal. It is specifically about him as a sculptor, a facet that has been discussed in books only in passing. This book tries to answer questions about his passion for sculpture and completes his persona as a Filipino "Renaissance Man".

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La Saludd : The Black Virgin of Health / Rommel Rubia, OAR

Quezon City: Recoletos Communications, Inc., 2016

136p.

9789719521143

\$ 80.00/ HB

972gm.

The image of Nuestra Senora de la Salud is one of the most cherished treasures of the Filipino Recollect Province of St. Ezekiel Moreno. Though currently kept in the museum for safe keeping, it is in the wish list of every Filipino Recollect to see her enthroned once again in a shrine worthy of her honor.

Though forgotten by most Filipinos, she always had a special place in the heart of each and every Filipino Recollect. In this small Marian image, the Recollects see the Marian dimension of their mission in this part of the world.

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Weaving Ways : Filipino Style and Techniques / Norma Absing  
Respicio & Gay Eiko Yoshikawa-Zialcita (Ed) Rhona L.  
Macasaet  
Makati City: Habi, The Philippine Textile Council, 2020  
272p.  
9786219535311  
\$ 40.00 / PB  
830gm.

The book is in two parts: a technical guide for beginners and experts on weaving on an upright loom and a partial survey of weaving traditions from North to south of the Philippines. The first section is a very thorough manual containing simple drawings and detailed descriptions of basic weaving procedures. It provides, as well, templates to achieve various patterns and textures. This is written by Gayle Zialcita, an expert weaver commissioned by the Design Center of the Philippines to write this manual. The second section presents a selection of traditional weaving techniques practiced in different parts of the country. Far from comprehensive – only 9 weaving communities are covered -- this survey hopes to stimulate further research into the rich weaving traditions of the country. This section is written by Dr. Norma Respicion, a leading authority on Philippine traditional textiles. Weaving Ways is the third book in HABI's publication series of books on Philippine weaving for amateurs, professionals and enthusiasts.

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### **Cookbook**

Food Trip : Ang Pagkain Sa Panitikan / (Eds) Aldrin P. Pentero  
(et al.)  
Manila: Pambansang Komisyon Sa Kultura at mga Sining, 2020

Experimental and Limited Edition  
224p.  
Articles in English & Tagalog  
9786214320301  
\$ 30.00/ PB  
280gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750160>

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### **Ecology/Environment**

The State of the Philippine Environment / IBON Foundation  
Quezon City: IBON Foundation, Inc. 2019  
xii, 158p.  
9789719941880  
\$ 45.00 / PB  
644gm.  
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=750161>

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Whale and Dolphins in the Philippines : A Field Guide / Jose  
MA. Lorenzo Tan (Ed) Francisco Javier T. Delfin  
Makati City: The Bookmark, Inc., 2020  
182p.  
9786210500080  
1. Whales – Philippines – Guidebooks.  
2. Dolphins – Philippines – Guidebooks.  
\$ 45.00 / PB  
428gm.

This book is a compilation of the latest data on cetaceans and detailed information for the ongoing need for international protection of at-risk populations and their increasingly damaged habitat.

A well-documented book, the most comprehensive and up-to-date guide to these popular mammals with detailed

annotations pointing out significant field marks—covers species and subspecies of cetaceans around the Philippines. Contributes to the knowledge and environmental consciousness of the citizens of and visitors to the Philippines.

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## **Economics**

Creating Sustainable Value in Social Enterprises : Stories of Social Innovation / Maria Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Raquel Cementina-Olpoc & Ana Marina A. Tan  
Quezon City: BlueBooks (Ateneo De Manila University Press), 2020

xvi, 316p.

Includes Index

9786214480685

1. Social entrepreneurship – Philippines.
2. Social responsibility of business.
3. Sustainable development.

\$ 30.00 / PB

376gm.

(A project of the Ateneo Center for Social Entrepreneurship and the John Gokongwei School of Management)

This book not only collects narratives on social entrepreneurship but also traces its evolution in the Philippines. Interviews with the founders provide a wealth of insights that deepen our understanding of their business models and value chains, of what drives them, and what matters to them. It also looks at sustainable development as embedded in the philosophy and initiatives of each organization, not just its social but also its economic and environmental aspects. If such enterprises and business models are possible—those that are of greater service to communities, that respect the rhythms of Creation, and that generate livelihoods which allow a certain quality of life—then

we may have found good models that generate genuine development.

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## **History**

In Dialogue : The Economic Managers of the Marcos Administration / Jaime C. Laya (et al.)  
Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2020

xii, 168p.

9789715383462

1. Economic History and Development – Philippines – Marcos Administrationl.

\$ 40.00 / PB

504gm.

This book is a compilation of the discussion of former economic managers of President Ferdinand Marcos namely Jaime Laya, Placido Mapa, Estelito Mendoza, Vicente Paterno, Gerardo Sicat and Cesar Virata.

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## **Literature**

Lapat : Antolohiya ang mga Kontemporaneong Kuwento =

Lapat : Anthology of Contemporary Stories / Andrew S.

Aguinaldo (et al.) (Ed) Luna Sicat Cleto

Manila: Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino, 2019

240p.

Tagalog & English

9786218064782

1. Short stories, Filipino.
2. Filipino fiction – Technique.

\$ 35.00 / PB

402gm.

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Pics or It Didn't Happen and Actual Stories / Anna Felicia C. Sanchez (Series Eds) Rolando B. Tolentino & Louise Jashiul Sonido

Quezon City: The University of the Philippines Press, 2020

The Philippine Writers Series 2020

xviii, 158p.

9789715429269

1. Short stories, Philippine (English).

\$ 20.00 / PB

272gm.

Animated classroom discussions, glass jars breaking in a laboratory, a daughter's visit to the hospital, painting in a bathroom, and a ring more valuable than its cost—these are the images that Sanchez has made memorable through her sheer ability to describe clearly and effortlessly the complexities of the human heart. —Ronald Baytan, Author of *The Queen Lives Alone: Personal Essays* (UP Press, 2012)

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This book should carry a warning: You will feel things. You will ugly cry at work. Anna's stories are not about the grand gestures, but about the preciousness of the everyday. Her characters (or we) always wonder, "How much time do we have?" or "What happens to everything we love?" *Pics or It Didn't Happen and Actual Stories* wants you to hug your beloveds, because salvation is the one contagion we must help spread.

—Mary Jessel Duque, Winner of the 2018 Purita Kalaw-Ledesma Prize

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## **Philosophy**

Repentance and Rebirth at the End of Life as We Know It /  
Agustin Martin G. Rodriguez  
Quezon City: Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press),  
2021  
264p. ; 20.32cm.  
9789715509473  
\$ 30.00 / PB  
294gm.

Repentance and Rebirth is an exploration of the roots of our ecological crisis. Using a philosophical lens influenced by the metaphysics of play, discourse theory, the epistemology of a multiverse of rationalities and ecology of infinite responsibility, Agustin Martin Rodriguez engages the various other disciplines from the natural and social sciences to understand why humans are destroying their own home. This book examines the seemingly irrational and certainly self-destructive behavior from various perspectives in order to understand how we can repent the way we have realized ourselves in order to reimagine the possibilities of a more humane civilization. Rodriguez believes that this end of life as we know it offers an opportunity for human beings to rethink the destructive civilizations we have built.

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## **Sociology**

Crime and Punishment in the Philippines : Beyond Politics and Spectacle / (Ed) Filomin C. Gutierrez  
Quezon City: Philippine Social Science Council, 2020  
xiv, 286p.  
9789718514405

1. Crime – Philippines – Political aspects.
2. Punishment in crime deterrence – Philippines.
3. Crime prevention – Philippines.

4. Crimer analysis – Philippines.  
\$ 45.00 / PB  
392gm.

Crime and Punishment in the Philippines: Beyond Politics and Spectacle provides a rich tapestry of the continuing saga of crime, justice, and punishment. The chapters showcase the range of epistemologies and methods within the social sciences in examining contentious social issues across historical periods. The divergent worldviews of scholars and legislators, and the negotiated spaces between perpetrators, their families, and law enforcement agencies provide insights into the trove of information, cultural norms, and adaptive behaviors that accompany acts of crime and their corresponding punishments. Social justice, and sustainable and humane development can prevail if government were to use theory and data from the social sciences to craft policies, programs, and law enforcement strategies.

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