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Architecture

Hispanic Philippine Churches : An Architectural Study / Benito J. Legarda Jr. (Ed) Jonathan Best
Pasig, Metro Mnila: Ortigas Foundation, Inc., 2020
72p.
9789719491958
\$ 55.00 / HB
605gm.

In his final book, the late historian Benito Legarda Jr tried to bring to light what makes our Spanish-era churches truly Filipino.

Distinguished economist, historian and scholar Benito Legarda Jr had devoted his writing career in promoting Filipino culture and history. He served as deputy governor of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, among many others. The prolific historian focused his essays and articles on the Spanish colonial galleon trade, the Philippines's 19th-century economy and the Second World War in Manila, which he had witnessed and experienced during his teenage years.

With his passing last year at the age of 94, the Ortigas Foundation Library decided to publish his architectural study from the '60s about Hispanic Philippine churches.

Complemented with modern photographs from the Ortigas Foundation's extensive collection, *Hispanic Philippine Churches: An Architectural Study* was finally published.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775125>

Art

Casanave : An American Photographer in Iloilo / Nereo Cajilig Lujan

Manila: National Historical Commission of the Philippines, 2021

xviii, 210p.

9789715383547

\$ 80.00 / HB

850gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775127>

History

Balita : The Story of Philippine Journalism, 1811-2019 / Jose Victor Z. Torres

Manila: Vibal Group, Inc., 2021

xii, 244p.

Includes Index ; Bibliography

9789710744619

\$ 25.00 / PB

475gm.

Balita: The Story of Philippine Journalism (1811–2019) invites us to embark on a journey into the history of how newspapers became part of the Philippine social life. The book ushers us to look back on the past and to realize that the history of Philippine journalism is not just a listing of newspapers—but the story of how Filipino journalists created the intellectual history of our nation and eventually became the reporter of the events of our history, and a guardian of the truth in telling times.

Balita: The Story of Philippine Journalism (1811–2019) is the perfect material for every Journalism teacher and student

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775130>

The Journal of History, Volume LXVI, January-December 2020 :
History and Cultural Heritage / (Eds) Rolando O. Borrinaga &
Bernardita Reyes Churchill
Quezon City: Philippine National Historical Society, Inc., &
NCCA, 2020

xii, 396p.

ISSN: 0117-2840 ; 9770117284006

1. The Journal of History: History and Cultural Heritage.

\$ 40.00 / PB

615gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775222>

Manila : History, Culture, and Heritage : Selected Papers of the
27th Annual Manila Studies Conference, Technological Institute
of Philippines, Cubao, Quezon City, August 12-14, 2018 / (Eds)

Lorelei D.C. De Viana & Marya Svetlana T. Camacho

Quezon City: Manila Studies Association Inc., 2020

vii, 126p.

ISSN: 2094-5159 ; 9772094515005

\$ 30.00 / PB

175gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775223>

Vidi Aquam : A History of Catholicism in Pasig, 1571-2021 /

Jayson U. Dela Cruz

Manila: Alteo Digital and Printers Inc., 2021

300p.

Includes Bibliography

9789719541813

\$ 40.00 / PB

450gm.

The first Chapter of the Book details the first five years of the
Catholic History of Pasig which stretches to 15 August 1571 —
which will reach 450 years a little less than a month from now

— when Fray Alvarado and the conquistadores traversed the Pasig River to reach Cainta, the first among their destinations. Sometime during the conquest, Fray Alvarado was sent home early by the Captain due to the friar's old age and frail health. Fray Alvrado and some men then went from Paracale to Bay (Laguna) to Taytay to Cainta then to Pasig where, as the Conquistas says, he preached to the Moro inhabitants of the area.

The sources of these facts and a more comprehensive explanation can be found in the book, though some of the primary sources have been indicated here. This history of Pasig is yet to be known by many, and is awaiting to be known by those who purchase and read the book, especially its first chapter.

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MCMLXXII : 500-Taong Kristiyano, 1872-1972 Volume Two /
Dr. Jose Maro Bautista Maximiano
Quezon City: Claretian Communications Foundation Inc., 2021
xiv, 208p.
9786214261475
\$ 30.00 / PB
335p.

Dr. Jose Mario Bautista Maximiano gives us the much-awaited MCMLXXII: 500-Taong Kristiyano (1872-1972) Volume Two as it picks up from where it left off in Volume One. This is a very timely account of Philippine Church History as we celebrate 500 Years of the coming of Christianity in the Philippines. It is released in partnership with the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Social Communications and Mass Media.

In the Foreword, Most Reverend Socrates B. Villegas, D.D., Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan, congratulates the author “for giving us a scholarly but readable version of the Philippine Church History in ‘common language’ and down-to-earth writing style, as we give thanks to the Lord for the gift of 500

years of Christianity. To all readers, I pray that you enjoy the book and benefit from it.”

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775139>

OAS : 1585-1955 / Danilo Madrid Gerona

Second Edition

Camarines Sur: Bikol Historical Research Center, 2021

Albay History Book Series 2

xii, 152p.

\$ 30.00 / PB

170gm.

The first book ever written retracing the rise from a pre-Hispanic village to a bustling modern urban municipality in the post-war era, OAS 1585-1955, provides a comprehensive picture of the town's three centuries of colourful history. A solid corpus of reliable historical information drawn from the major archives in the Philippines and Spain, this book represents only a part of a series of publications on the history of various municipalities in the Province of Albay commissioned by Governor Joey Sarte Salceda as part of his vision to fill up the lacunae in the historical consciousness of Albayanos.

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Bacacay : 1776-1946 / Danilo Madrid Gerona

Second Edition

Camarines Sur: Bikol Historical Research Center, 2021

xii, 120p.

Albay History Book Series 1

\$ 30.00/ PB

160gm.

Book Details:

The first book ever written retracing the rise from a pre-Hispanic village to a bustling modern urban municipality in the post-war era, BACACAY 1776-1946, provides a

comprehensive picture of the town's two centuries of colourful history.

A solid corpus of reliable historical information drawn from the major archives in the Philippines and Spain, this book represents only a part of a series of publications on the history of various municipalities in the Province of Albay commissioned by Governor Joey Sarte Salceda. This history book project is part of his vision to fill up the lacunae in the historical consciousness of Albayanos.

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Las Islas De Masbate : A Beacon of Faith, A Fortress Resistance
/ Danilo Madrid Gerona

Second Edition

Camarines Sur: Bikol Historical Research Center, 2021

244p.

Includes Bibliography

\$ 40.00 / PB

255gm.

This book provides more than just a mere calendar narrative of the island province's history but a mirror which reflected in comprehensible terms the ordeal it went through in centuries past. Hence, this serves as a useful guide to the present generation for understanding their predicament and their opportunities for positive transformation. Relying on extensive documents from archives in the Philippines and Europe, the book truly serves as a firm ground for building new foundation for Masbate's cultural redefinition.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775145>

Law

Philippine Treaties in Force 2020 / J. Eduardo Malaya & Crystal Gale Dampil-Mandigma
Quezon City: Institute of International Legal Studies, UP Law Center, 2021
xxxii, 392p.
9789711505134
\$ 45.00 / PB
1000gm.

The 2020 edition updates the 2010 version as it contains agreements in force and excludes those which have already expired. It also contains links to online treaties databases, primarily the Philippine Supreme Court e-Library (elibrary.judiciary.gov.ph), the Asean Legal Instruments database (agreement.asean.org), and the United Nations Treaty Series Online (un.treaties.org).

This is Undersecretary Malaya's ninth book, having earlier authored or edited books and articles on diplomacy, presidential history, and law.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775147>

The Climate Change and Human Rights Conundrum : Exploring Intersections, Tensions, and Strategies through the Case of Vulnerable Filipinos in the Road Transportation Sector / Michael T. Tiu, Jr. (Ed) Professor Elizabeth H. Aguilang-Pangalangan
Quezon City: Institute of Human Rights, UP Law Center, 2021
xiv, 372p.
9789711505233
\$ 50.00 / PB
585gm.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775148>

Legal Prohibition of Extrajudicial Killings and the Prescription of Effective Remedies / Glenda T. Litong

Quezon City: Institute of Human Rights, UP Law Center, 2020
x, 86p.

ISSN: 2719-1419

Occasional Human Rights Paper Series, Vol. I No. 3

\$ 20.00 / PB

155gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775149>

Law, Sustainable Development, and Foreign Financing of Infrastructure : Legal Safeguards for Economic, Environmental, and Social Sustainability of Foreign-Funded Infrastructure Projects in the Philippines / Johanna Aleria P. Lorenzo
Quezon City: Institute of International Legal Studies, UP Law Complex, 2020

vi, 96p.

9789711505110

\$ 30.00 / PB

160gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775151>

Behind Bars at New Bilibid Prison : A Call for Integrated Reform / Raymund E. Narag
Quezon City: College of Law, Institute of Administration of Justice, UP Law Complex,

xii, 194p.

9789711505073

\$ 30.00 / PB

245gm.

“Behind Bars at New Bilibid Prison: A Call for Integrated Reform.” Prof. Narag introduces the book as a decades-long project, drawing from his own experiences as a person

previously deprived of liberty. The result is an extensive roadmap with a critical analysis of the penal institution.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775152>

Literature

Brown Hole : Stories / Israfel Fagela (Series Ed) Rolando B. Tolentino & Vladimeir B. Gonzales

Quezon City: The University of the Philippines Press, 2021
x, 90p. ; 20cm.

The Philippine Writers Series 2021

9789715429580

1. Short stories, Philippine (English).

\$ 20.00 / PB

175gm.

A man going through a messy annulment tries to gain the upper hand in a settlement negotiation with his estranged wife, but all he has to barter is his beloved Toyota clunker. A pregnant overseas Filipino on a plane ride home struggles to keep herself from giving birth in the lavatory, so she can give her baby up for adoption. A middle-aged woman traumatized by a childhood experience is on the verge of creating her true self as a sociopath. A shut-in plagued by mental illness holes up at his run-down residence with his handgun and prepares for the worst, when a mysterious "Utility Man" arrives at his door and offers to clean his yard for free. In the title story, three high school buddies, now in their forties with their youthful days well behind them, are in a wine bar catching up on each other's love lives and careers. Out of nowhere, a black hole appears beside their table, threatening to upend their assumptions about reality and existence. Should they engage it, even at the expense of a good time on a Friday night? By turns funny, sad, and simultaneously funny-sad, these and seven other stories of anxiety, existential dread, disconnectedness,

and malaise seek to capture what it means to be a midlife Filipino navigating through the absurdity of contemporary life.
<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775153>

Tingle : Pinay Lesbian Writing / (Ed) Jhoanna Lynn B. Cruz
Mandaluyong City: Anvil Publishing, Inc., 2021
272p.
9789712735974

1. Philippine essays (English).
2. Lesbian's writing, Philippines (English).

\$ 25.00 / PB
220gm.

Most of the forty-nine works in the book were specifically solicited from the writers I know in response to the question, "What makes you tingle as a lesbian?" Literally, the sensation of "slight prickles, stings, or tremors," the excitement. I purposely didn't give any more qualifiers to that prompts. I wanted the writers themselves to define the terms and enact them on the page. And while the word "tingle" is a homonym for the Tagalog word for "clitoris," many of the pieces submitted were not about sex at all. But all the pieces are about a spark of recognition, whether at the beginning, the middle, or the end, that one loves a woman as a woman. Tingle is the flint.

Here we are taking our stories of women loving women in our own hands and making ourselves visible on our own terms. When the initial thrill of desire is past, the tingle is ultimately the recognition that what we have found cannot remain in the dark—we must love and be loved in the light.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775154>

Politics

Bottled Green Bananas, Folk Tales, and the Business of Governance : Published Columns from 2006 to 2016 / Leonor “Liling” Magtollis Briones

Quezon City: Kaakbay Ng Guro, Inc., 2020

668p.

9786219628815

\$ 75.00 / HB

1235gm.

From former National Treasurer and current DepEd Secretary Leonor “Liling” Magtollis Briones comes a book of published columns reflecting her mastery of fiscal matters and governance, and insights into national issues and event. These 223 columns – blessed with “barriotic charm” – are truthful, engaging, and sprinkled with just enough of her biting wit and humour.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=775155>

Countering Covid-19 : Cases in Crisis Response / (Eds)

Ediberto C. De Jesus, Maneul M. Dayrit & Ivyrose S. Baysic

Quezon City: Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), 2021

xxii, 342p. ; 22.86cm.

Includes Index

9786214481095

\$ 40.00 / PB

545gm.

The enormity of the COVID-19 pandemic urgently calls for a proactive and strategic response from across all sectors at all levels: global, national, and local. Countering COVID-19: Cases in Crisis Response, with its wide range of essays, makes the case for a coordinated and truly whole-of-society approach to contain, adapt to, and overcome the pandemic while laying

bare preexisting systemic and structural inequalities. There is no other more critical time to confront these than now.

"Part-chronicle of an ongoing crisis and part-resource for policy analysis, the scope of this ad interim work is as vast as the national experience: from rural locales in BARMM and urban poor communities in Metro Manila to OFWs across the globe. As the pandemic has made clear, the "medical" is inseparable from the "cultural," the "social," the "environmental," and the "political," and the case studies in this book illuminate these intersections in ways that inform and challenge scholars, policy makers, and the public."

—Gideon Lasco, author, *The Philippines Is Not a Small Country*

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