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Biography/Memoirs

Good Soldiers : A Memoir / Peter Parsons
Manila: Peter Parsons (Self-Published), 2023
viii, 448p.
9798849278032
\$ 50.00 / PB
692gm.

Part memoir, part novel, is the story of a family's coping with the invading Japanese militia and covers the first seven months of the war in the Philippines.

During that time, the family is held under house arrest, except that the father CT, is taken off to be interrogated in the infamous Fort Santiago and later released to Santo Tomas Internment Camp.

Meanwhile at home, the wife, Honey, and the two boys, the Amah and the washerwoman, Tecla not only cope with the restricted life but also collect and hide important intelligence being gathered by the resistance forces known to the jailed husband.

The two boys decide to fight a war of their own, and at the same time form a deep friendship with their own Japanese sentries.

At the same time, they hate and fear the officer who continues to plague them with searches of the house, always leaving it in shreds and their own nerves undone.

In addition, they are a witness to terrible brutality practiced by Japanese soldiers.

One question is whether or not the Japanese will honor CT's petition for diplomatic extradition as he is the Panamanian Consul for Manila, even though an American citizen.

The other question is how did the nasty Japanese officer die in a conflagration of Tecla's hut?

The book answers both questions, while developing the discovery that there are good soldiers in this world of mayhem and destruction. Even the two boys learn that they too have become good soldiers.

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Economics/Development Studies

The Politics of Petroleum Prices / Dr. Atty. Jose C. Montemayor, Jr.
Quezon City: Central Books, 2022

xvi, 294p.
9786210218411
\$ 50.00 /PB
416gm.

Energy diplomacy is a form of diplomacy, and a subfield of international relations. It is closely related to its principal, foreign policy, and to overall national security, specifically energy security. Energy diplomacy began in the first half of the twentieth century and emerged as a term during the second oil crisis as a means of describing OPEC's actions. It has since mainly focused on the securitization of energy supplies, primarily fossil fuels, but also nuclear energy and increasingly sustainable energy, on a country or bloc basis.

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History

Plural Entanglements : Philippine Studies / (Ed) Dada Docot, Stephen B. Acabado & Clement C. Camposana
Quezon City: Bughaw (Ateneo de Manila University Press), 2023
xxii, 452p. ; 22.86cm.

Includes Index

9786214482610

1. Philippines – History – Study and teaching.
2. Philippines – Colonization.
3. Ethnology – Philippines.
4. Political anthropology – Philippine
5. Political culture – Philippines.

\$ 30.00 / PB

688gm.

The field of Philippine Studies has been re-energized through its participation in global discussions on decolonization and through its attempts at rethinking the place of stakeholder engagement in scholarship. These conversations have been shaped mainly by early- and mid-career scholars who are striving to produce knowledge in more inclusive and innovative ways.

Plural Entanglements emphasizes the diverse foundations of scholarship and accentuates the need for scholars to look beyond Manila, figuratively and quite literally. This approach is a necessary corrective to the colonial era-influenced discourse of Philippine culture and history, which is currently dominant and actively propagated through various iterations of the school curricula and even through popular culture. This dominant discourse continues to marginalize and impoverish communities across the country—rural, urban, and Indigenous.

As a response, this collection includes contributions that foreground the margins, look into the historical and contemporary participation of the Philippines in the global economy, critically assess theoretical canons on Philippine culture and history, and address urgent themes such as natural and human-made disasters and social justice.

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Law

Supreme Quotes : The Language and Style of the Supreme Court of the Philippines / Victor Y. Eleazar

Quezon City: UP Law Center, 2022

728p.

Includes Bibliography

9789711505349

\$ 60.00 / PB

1064gm.

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Literature

Mga Kuwentong-Bayan Ng Timog Cordillera : Ortograpiyang Ibaloy at Kananaey / (Ed)

Jimmy B. Fong

Manila: Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino, 2021

156p.

English & Filipino Languages

9786214501373

1. Ibaloy (Philippine people) – Folklore.
2. Kankanaey (Philippine people) – Folklore.

\$ 25.00 / PB

182gm.

<http://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=851837>

The Last Cowboy in Andalusia or The Crazy, Naked Man of Mieles : A Novel / Peter Parsons

Manila: Peter Parsons (Self-Published), 2023

396p.

9781737446934

\$ 40.00 / PB

602gm.

A young American who has chosen to live in Andalusia In 1946. Stuart Bailey falls in love with his beautiful and mysterious renter. Juanita Odeon. He loses his left arm in what might be called the last shootout of WWII. Only it happens in southern Spain, while Stuart is desperately trying to save Juanita's life.

The mystery revolves around the fact that her father, who served as Hitter's Look-alike during the war is now temporarily parked in Spain while en route to refuge in Iraq. We discover that the look-alike is many times worse than the original Fuhrer and Stuart is engaged in a life-or-death war in which we experience the warmth and generosity of the Spanish people, but also the vicious stupidity of the national police. And the stubborn and cruel actions of the father and his two guards.

Here you will come to know Spain as it was in the years following its own Civil War through many moments of pain, as well as gallantry and moments of very dark humor. The town feels that Stuart, now one-armed like everybody else is really part of the team and they come to regard him as their very own hero.

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Official Publications

2022 Philippine Statistical Yearbook / Claire Dennis S. Mapa
Quezon City: Philippine Statistics Authority, 2022

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ISSN: 0118-1564

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1548gm.

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Politics/Current Affairs

Bordered Lives No More : The Humanities and the Post-Covid-19 Recovery / (Ed) Dinah
Roma

Manila: De La Salle University Publishing House, 2023

viii, 174p. ; 15cm.

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1. COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020 – Social aspects – Philippines.

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