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The Philippines is an archipelago of over 7,000 islands, with a rich history combining Asian, European, and American influences. Find out what life is like in the Philippines. Discover the Philippines' ethnic diversity and how people live, work and play. Meet some of the Philippines' most notable people and the events that shaped this fascinating country. Learn all about the Philippines including:

- Government
- History
- Ethnic diversity
- Landscape and climate
- Religions and festivals
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- Transport systems
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And find out more about the Philippines' relationship with Australia.

The election of Ferdinand Marcos to the presidency of the Republic of the Philippines coincided with the conclusion of the work of Vatican II in 1965; and Marcos's dictatorial policies would inevitably clash with the Vatican's call for the clergy to advocate greater social justice for the poor. In this authoritative account of the role of the Catholic Church in the recent history of the Philippines, Robert L. Youngblood traces the political engagement of the Church over the twenty years between Marcos's election and his ouster from power in 1986. Drawing upon extensive research, Youngblood explains how, although church and state professed to share the goal of improving the welfare of the poor, Marcos's economic development policies and oppressive rule created church opposition which helped accelerate the collapse of his regime. Youngblood considers the evolution of church programs from social action projects, such as the organization of cooperatives and credit unions, to the development of social justice programs that emphasized the creation of more democratic and caring communities. He examines the dynamics by which the leaders of the Philippine Roman Catholic and Protestant churches moved from a brief period of goodwill toward the Marcos dictatorship to considerable opposition by the late 1970s, as church-sponsored work among the poor was increasingly viewed by the regime as subversive. Youngblood shows that after the assassination of Benigno Aquino, Jr., in 1983, the deterioration of the standard of living of average Filipinos, along with Marcos's repressive policies toward the churches and other abuses in the name of national security, were factors which impelled powerful church figures to actively oppose the dictatorship. Tracing the internal deliberations of the Philippine churches as they came to take the lead in opposing human rights abuses, Marcos against the Church deepens our understanding of problematic relations between church and state. Historians and social scientists interested in the Philippines and modern Southeast Asia, historians of religion, political scientists working in comparative politics and political development, and others concerned with issues of human rights will want to read it.

Author's Foreword

This book is unfinished. The Filipino people shall finish it for me. I wrote this volume very, very slowly. I could have done with it in three months after my defection from the conjugal dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos on February 20, 1975. Instead, I found myself availing of every excuse to slow it down. A close associate, Marcelino P. Sarmiento, even warned me, "Baka mapanis 'yan." (Your book could become stale.) While I availed of almost any excuse not to finish the manuscript of this volume, I felt the tangible voices of a muted people back home in the Philippines beckoning to me from across the vast Pacific Ocean. In whichever way I turned, I was
confronted by the distraught images of the Filipino multitudes crying out to me to finish this work, lest the frailty of human memory -- or any incident a la Nalundasan - consign to oblivion the matters I had in mind to form the vital parts of this book. It was as if the Filipino multitudes and history itself were surging in an endless wave presenting a compelling demand on me to San Francisco, California perpetuate the personal knowledge I have gained on the infamous machinations of Ferdinand E. Marcos and his overly ambitious wife, Imelda, that led to a day of infamy in my country, that Black Friday on September 22, 1972, when martial law was declared as a means to establish history's first conjugal dictatorship. The sense of urgency in finishing this work was also goaded by the thought that Marcos does not have eternal life and that the Filipino people are of unimaginable forgiving posture. I thought that, if I did not perpetuate this work for posterity, Marcos might unduly benefit from a laurelarian statement that, when a man dies, the virtues of his past are magnified and his faults are reduced to molehills. This is a book for which so much has been offered and done by Marcos and his minions so that it would never see the light of print. Now that it is off the press, I entertain greater fear that so much more will be done to prevent its circulation, not only in the Philippines but also in the United States. But this work now belongs to history. Let it speak for itself in the context of developments within the coming months or years. Although it finds great relevance in the present life of the Filipinos and of Americans interested in the study of subversion of democratic governments by apparently legal means, this work seeks to find its proper niche in history which must inevitably render its judgment on the seizure of government power from the people by a lame-duck Philippine President. 

If I had finished this work immediately after my defection from the totalitarian regime of Ferdinand and Imelda, or after the vicious campaign of the dictatorship to vilify me in July-August 1975, then I could have done so only in anger. Anger did influence my production of certain portions of the manuscript. However, as I put the finishing touches to my work, I found myself expurgating it of the personal venom, the virulence and intemperate language of my original draft. Some of the materials that went into this work had been of public knowledge in the Philippines. If I had used them, it was with the intention of utilizing them as links to heretofore unrevealed facets of the various ruses that Marcos employed to establish his dictatorship. Now, I have kept faith with the Filipino people. I have kept my rendezvous with history. I have, with this work, discharged my obligation to myself, my profession of journalism, my family and my country. I had one other compelling reason for coming out with this work at the great risks of being uprooted from my beloved country, of forced separation from my wife and children and losing their affection, and of losing everything I have in my name in the Philippines - or losing life itself. It is that I wanted to make a public expiation for the little influence that I had.

First released in 1969, during a time of great uncertainty for the Philippines, this unauthorized biography of one of the most intriguing women in the world was banned in her own country. For writing it, Carmen Pedrosa, with her family, was exiled to London for 20 years. Despite that, The Untold Story of Imelda Marcos became a local and international hit, selling out all of its print runs. Now, decades after the end of Martial Law, the book returns to tell the story of Imelda Romualdez-Marcos to a new generation. A modern Cinderella tale, The Untold Story of Imelda Marcos tells of how she rose from being a destitute child to becoming the most powerful woman of the country. Starry-eyed, penniless, and provincial, Imelda was in search of good fortune in Manila. Then came Ferdinand E. Marcos, a knight in shining armor, rescuing her from poverty and misery. "I will make you the First Lady of the land," he promised her. Complete, detailed, and replete with facts and documents that have been painstakingly hidden from the public by the administration's image-makers, her life story unfolds, one truth at a time. It explains Imelda's much vaunted charisma that, in President Marcos' own words, garnered one million votes in the 1965 elections. She is a person who is difficult to be indifferent to. This book tells us why.

The Philippines and the United States have long been connected through economics and politics. The connection between both countries strengthened when Ferdinand Marcos rose to power in 1965. His rise to power came during a time in which corruption and unrest were at a high within the Philippines. The United States gave large amounts of money and resources to the Philippines during the Marcos administration because it allowed the United States to have a vested interest in seeing the Philippines succeed. The United States support of the Marcos' administration increased his ability to conduct violent attacks on perceived opposition, who he felt were attempting to remove him from power. Marcos' control over the country rose to an all-time high when he declared martial law throughout the country in order to better fight against the communists. The United States history of supporting authoritarian regimes played into how it allowed Marcos to take total control of the country. This control, however, would ultimately lead to his downfall. The strength of the Marcos regime came to an end when the United States were soon behind the eight ball when Marcos' numerous crimes came to light, and it was clear he was going to lose power. The United States now had to remove its ties while also establishing new ties to Corazon Aquino who became the new president. The United States support of the Marcos regime was
strong, even though M arcos was responsible for thousands of killings of his own people and soon the corruption of total control caught up with M arcos and the United States.--Provides an overview of the history, geography, people, economy, government, and other aspects of life in the Philippines.Y amashita's gold, also referred to as the Y amashita treasure, is the name given to the alleged war loot stolen in Southeast Asia by Imperial Japanese forces during World War II and hidden in caves, tunnels, underground complexes, or just underground in the Philippines. It is named for the J apanese general Tomoyuki Y amashita, nicknamed "The Tiger of M alaya". Though accounts that the treasure remains hidden in the Philippines have lured treasure hunters from around the world for over fifty years, its existence is dismissed by most experts. The rumored treasure has been the subject of a complex lawsuit that was filed in a Hawaiian state court in 1988 involving a Filipino treasure hunter, Rogelio Roxas, and the former Philippine president, Ferdinand M arcos.Prominent among those arguing for the existence of Y amashita's gold are Sterling Seagrave and Peggy Seagrave, who have written two books relating to the subject: The Y amato Dynasty: The Secret History of Japan's Imperial Family (2000) and Gold W arriors: America's Secret Recovery of Y amashita's Gold (2003). The Seagraves contend that looting was organized on a massive scale, by both yakuza gangsters such as Y osiho K odama, and the highest levels of J apanese society, including Emperor Hirohito. The J apanese government intended that loot from Southeast Asia would finance J apan's war effort. The Seagraves allege that Hirohito appointed his brother, Prince Y ashito Chichibu, to head a secret organization called K in no yuri ("Golden Lily"), for this purpose. It is purported that many of those who knew the locations of the loot were killed during the war, or later tried by the Allies for war crimes and executed or incarcerated. Y amashita himself was convicted of war crimes and executed by the U.S. Army on February 23, 1946, in Los Baños, Laguna, the Philippines. The stolen property reportedly included many different kinds of valuables looted from banks, depositories, other commercial premises, museums, private homes, and religious buildings.[5] It takes its name from General Tomoyuki Y amashita, who assumed command of the J apanese forces in the Philippines in 1944. According to various accounts, the loot was initially concentrated in Singapore, and later transported to the Philippines. The J apanese hoped to ship the treasure from the Philippines to the J apanese Home Islands after the war ended. As the W ar in the Pacific progressed, U.S. Navy submarines and Allied warplanes inflicted increasingly heavy sinkings of J apanese merchant shipping. Some of the ships carrying the war booty back to J apan were sunk in combat. The Seagraves and a few others have claimed that American military intelligence operatives (Edward Lansdale) located much of the loot; they colluded with Hirohito and other senior J apanese figures to conceal its existence, and they used it to finance American covert intelligence operations around the world during the Cold War. These rumors have inspired many hopeful treasure hunters, but most experts and Filipino historians say there is no credible evidence behind these claims. In 1992, I melda M arcos claimed that Y amashita's gold accounted for the bulk of the wealth of her husband, Ferdinand M arcos. M any individuals and consortia, both Philippine and foreign, continue to search for treasure sites. A number of accidental deaths, injuries and financial losses incurred by treasure hunters have been reported. The National M useum of the Philippines is responsible for the issuance of treasure hunting permits and licenses. The book provides an overview of the history of the Philippines from the period of Spanish colonial domination to the present and analyzes the twenty-year M arcos record and the causes of the downfall of the M arcos regime. The essays will greatly aid the general reader in understanding the Philippine-American relationship. Originally published in 1986, The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905. A major biography by a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer of one of the most complex and fascinating women of our time. Book description: "Katherine Ellison has a reporter's zeal for finding the story within the story. Her book is full of surprises." David Haward Bain, author of "Sitting in Darkness: Americans in the Philippines." "The research here is superb, the writing is gripping and graceful," The Washington Post." Proves once again that absolute power corrupts absolutely. A n absorbing biography, likely to be in demand," Library Journal. During February 1986, a grassroots revolution overthrew the fourteen-year dictatorship of former president Ferdinand M arcos in the Philippines. In this book, Jose V. Fuentecilla describes how Filipino exiles and immigrants in the United States played a crucial role in this victory, acting as the overseas arm of the opposition to help return their country to democracy. A member of one of the major U.S.-based anti-M arcos movements, Fuentecilla tells the story of how small groups of Filipino exiles--short on resources and shunned by some of their compatriots--arrived and survived in the United States during the 1970s, overcame fear, apathy, and personal differences to form opposition organizations after
Marcos's imposition of martial law, and learned to lobby the U.S. government during the Cold War. In the process, he draws from multiple hours of interviews with the principal activists, personal files of resistance leaders, and U.S. government records revealing the surveillance of the resistance by pro-Marcos White House administrations. The first full-length book to detail the history of U.S.-based opposition to the Marcos regime, Fighting from a Distance provides valuable lessons on how to persevere against a well-entrenched opponent. From the day Commodore Dewey's battleships destroyed the Spanish fleet at Manila to the closing of the Subic Bay naval base in 1992, America and the Philippines have shared a long and tangled history. It has been a century of war and colonialism, earnest reforms and blatant corruption, diplomatic maneuvering and political intrigue, an era colored by dramatic events and striking personalities. In Bound to Empire, acclaimed historian H.W. Brands gives us a brilliant account of the American involvement in the Philippines in a sweeping narrative filled with analytical insight. Ranging from the Spanish-American War to the fall of Ferdinand Marcos and beyond, Brands deftly weaves together the histories of both nations as he assesses America's great experiment with empire. He leaps from the turbulent American scene in the 1890s—the labor unrest, the panic of 1893, the emergence of Progressivism, the growing tension with Spain—to the shores of the newly acquired colony: Dewey's conquest of Manila, the vicious war against the Philippine insurgents, and the founding of an American civilian rule. As Brands takes us through the following century, describing the efforts to "civilize" the Filipinos, the shaping of Philippine political practices, the impact of General MacArthur, and World War II and the Cold War, he provides fascinating insight into the forces and institutions that made American rule what it was, and the Republic of the Philippines what it is today. He uncovers the origins of the corruption and nepotism of post-independence Philippine politics, as well as the ambivalence of American rule, in which liberal principles of self-determination clashed with the desire for empire and a preoccupation first with Japan and later with communism. The book comes right up to the present day, with an incisive account of the rise and fall of Ferdinand Marcos, the accession (and subsequent troubles) of Corazon Aquino, the Communist guerrilla insurgency, and the debate over the American military bases. "Damn the Americans!" Manuel Quezon once said. "Why don't they tyrannize us more?" Indeed, as Brands writes, an American rule in the Philippines was more benign than that of any other colonial power in the Pacific region. Yet it failed to foster a genuine democracy. This fascinating book explains why, in a perceptive account of a century of empire and its aftermath. Until they were expelled from power thirty years ago, in early 1986, the late dictator Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos (she, the Shoe Queen) jointly ruled the Philippines with impunity for 20+ years. They were an efficient cash-and-carry team—while he raided the national till, she dropped 'til she dropped. In the words of the US congressman investigating them, "Compared to her (Imelda), Marie Antoinette was a bag lady," while Ferdinand made master embezzler Bernie Madoff look like a rank amateur. With the passing of 30 years, this book becomes a full accounting of the rapacious and avaricious rule the pair enjoyed—how they hoodwinked an unsuspecting people, and the truth behind many of the dirty tricks they employed revealed at last. The present is an opportune time to take stock, especially as their only son and heir, Ferdinand, Jr., and others of his ilk, launches a comeback attempt for national office in this year's Philippine elections, and trying to re-fabricate history in the process. This book will set the record straight. Reveals the inside story behind the rise of Imelda and Ferdinand Marcos and the roles played by American business, organized crime, the CIA, and the White House and describes how Manila became an international hub for crime. Examines the life of the Philippine political leader whose presidency was viewed by some as a dictatorship. From the John Holmes Library collection. Martial law occurred at a bleak time in the history of the Philippines and in the career of President Ferdinand Marcos. The populace was apparently united in only one thing—the need for drastic action, and it appears that martial law was accepted calmly by the overwhelming majority of Filipinos. After one month of martial law, President Marcos seemed in control of a civilian government, with strong military presence, that was implementing a series of well-planned, detailed reforms, was cracking down on dissenters, and was as yet not brutal in everyday application. Why all this occurred is open to a number of different interpretations. Three are offered in the report. The Philippine dictatorship of Ferdinand E. Marcos was characterized by family-based rule and corruption. This sultanistic regime—in which the ruler exercised power freely, without loyalty to any ideology or institution—had to be brought down because Marcos would never step down. In this book, Mark Thompson analyzes how Marcos's opponents in the political and economic elite coped with this situation and why their struggle resulted in a transition to democracy through "people power" rather than through violence and revolution. Based on 150 interviews that Thompson conducted with key participants and on unpublished materials collected during his five trips to the Philippines, the book sheds new light on the transition process. Thompson reveals how anti-Marcos politicians backed a terrorist campaign by social democrats and then, after its failure, joined a "united front" with the communists. But when opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino, Jr.,
was assassinated in 1983, the politicians were able to draw on public outrage and challenge Marcos at the polls. The opposition's "moral crusade" brought down Marcos and enabled the new president, Corazon C. Aquino, to consolidate democracy despite the troubling legacies of the dictatorship. Thompson argues that the Philippines' long-standing democratic tradition and the appeal that honest government had to the Filipinos were important elements in explaining the peaceful transition process. This work is a case study of the tumultuous rule of Ferdinand Marcos in the Philippines from 1972 to 1986, examining the levers of power available to absolute rulers and the development of a political economy of authoritarianism.

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