

Ermita A Filipino Novel F Sionil Jose

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José Rizal has a good claim to being the first Asian nationalist. An extremely talented Malay born a hundred years ago in a small town near Manila, educated partly in the Philippines and partly in Europe, Rizal inspired the Filipinos by his writing and example to make the first nationalist revolution in Asia in 1896. Today the Philippines revere Rizal as their national hero, and they regard his two books, *The Lost Eden* (*Noli Me Tangere*) and *The Subversive* (*El Filibusterismo*) as the gospel of their nationalism. *The Subversive*, first published in 1891, is strikingly timely today. New nations emerging in Africa and Asia are once again in conflict with their former colonial masters, as were the Filipinos with their Spanish rulers in Rizal's day. *The Subversive* poses questions about colonialism which are still being asked today: does a "civilizing mission" justify subjection of a people? Should a colony aim at assimilation or independence? If independence, should it be by peaceful evolution or force of arms? Despite the seriousness of its theme, however, *The Subversive* is more than a political novel. It is a romantic, witty, satirical portrait of Spanish colonial rule in the Philippines at the end of the nineteenth century, written in the tradition of the great adventure romances. The translation by Leon Ma. Guerrero, Philippine ambassador to the Court of St. James, conveys the immediacy of the original, and makes this important work available to a new generation of readers. His translation of *The Lost Eden* is also available in the Norton Library.

In a series of lusty, deathbed confessions, Don Carlos Corbello, a member of the Filipino ruling class, shares his memories of his sin-loving life, the corrupt world of which he is a part, and the many women he has seduced. 10,000 first printing.

This manual of accidents and mistakes asks readers to do the opposite of what they've always been taught and follow three rules: 1. Do not try to make something beautiful. 2. Do not think too much. (There is no "wrong.") 3. Continue under all circumstances.

Three novellas--including *Obsession*, *Platinum*, and *Cadena de Amor*--examine the Philippine experience through the lives of three female characters, a prostitute, a student activist, and a politician.

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Primitivo "Tibo" Mijares was Ferdinand Marcos's prized "media czar" and chief propagandist until his defection in 1975. In 1972, Tibo moved to the Marcos-controlled Daily Express and assumed the presidency of the National Press Club of the Philippines and chairperson of the Media Advisory Council, effectively becoming--in his own words--"the sole conduit between the military government and the practicing media." In 1975, Tibo defected. He knew too much and so informed a Congressional Committee in the United States, in June 1975. Despite Marcos's efforts to stop its publication, *The Conjugal Dictatorship* was published in 1976. A year after the publication of the book, Tibo was never heard from again and was declared legally dead years later. Tibo's youngest son, Luis Manuel, was abducted, tortured, and later found murdered and mutilated in 1977, as a result of the publication of *The Conjugal Dictatorship*. He was 16 years old.

12 noveller fra Filippinerne - af forfatter hvis oprindelige sprog er ilocano

In *Lotería*, the spellbinding literary debut by Mario Alberto Zambrano, a young girl tells the story of her family's tragic demise using a deck of cards of the eponymous Latin American game of chance. With her older sister Estrella in the ICU and her father in jail, eleven-year-old Luz Castillo has been taken into the custody of the state. Alone in her room, she retreats behind a wall of silence, writing in her journal and shuffling through a deck of *lotería* cards. Each of the cards' colorful images—mermaids, bottles, spiders, death, and stars—sparks a random memory. Pieced together, these snapshots bring into focus the joy and pain of the young girl's life, and the events that led to her present situation. But just as the story becomes clear, a breathtaking twist changes everything. Beautiful full-color images of *lotería* cards are featured throughout this intricate and haunting novel.

33 Philippine-Asian oral stories taken from books in the bibliography. Appended to each story is an anthropological and folkloristic explanation of special words and persons.

Written in elegant and precise prose, *Don Vicente* contains two novels in F. Sionil José's classic *Rosales Saga*. The saga, begun in José's novel *Dusk*, traces the life of one family, and that of their rural town of Rosales, from the Philippine revolution against Spain through the arrival of the Americans to, ultimately, the Marcos dictatorship. The first novel here, *Tree*, is told by the loving but uneasy son of a land overseer. It is the story of one young man's search for parental love and for his place in a society with rigid class structures. The tree of the title is a symbol of the hopes and dreams--too often dashed--of the Filipino people. The second novel, *My Brother, My Executioner*, follows the misfortunes of two brothers, one the editor of a radical magazine who is tempted by the luxury of the city, the other an activist who is prepared to confront all of his enemies, real or imagined. The critic I. R. Cruz called it "a masterly symphony" of injustice, women, sex, and suicide. Together in *Don Vicente*, they form the second volume of the five-novel *Rosales Saga*, an epic

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the Chicago Tribune has called "a masterpiece."

The novel's seamless intertwining of the characters' lives with contemporary Philippine and Chinese history brings to life the so-called First Quarter Storm of student activism and the formation of the New People's Army in the Philippines, and China's Cultural Revolution in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The movement goes awry resorting to terrorist tactics, summary executions and betrayals of faith.

With *Dusk* (originally published in the Philippines as *Po-on*), F. Sionil Jose begins his five-novel Rosales Saga, which the poet and critic Ricaredo Demetillo called "the first great Filipino novels written in English." Set in the 1880s, *Dusk* records the exile of a tenant family from its village and the new life it attempts to make in the small town of Rosales. Here commences the epic tale of a family unwillingly thrown into the turmoil of history. But this is more than a historical novel; it is also the eternal story of man's tortured search for true faith and the larger meaning of existence. Jose has achieved a fiction of extraordinary scope and passion, a book as meaningful to Philippine literature as *One Hundred Years of Solitude* is to Latin American literature. "The foremost Filipino novelist in English, his novels deserve a much wider readership than the Philippines can offer."--Ian Buruma, *New York Review of Books* "Tolstoy himself, not to mention Italo Svevo, would envy the author of this story."--Chicago Tribune

With these two passionate, vividly realistic novels, *The Pretenders* and *Mass*, F. Sionil José concludes his epochal Rosales Saga. The five volumes span much of the turbulent modern history of the Philippines, a beautiful and embattled nation once occupied by the Spanish, overrun by the Japanese, and dominated by the United States. The portraits painted in *The Samsons*, and in the previously published Modern Library paperback editions of *Dusk* and *Don Vicente* (containing *Tree* and *My Brother, My Executioner*), are vivid renderings of one family from the village of Rosales who contend with the forces of oppression and human nature. Antonio Samson of *The Pretenders* is ambitious, educated, and torn by conflicting ideas of revolution. He marries well, which leads to his eventual downfall. In *Mass*, Pepe Samson, the bastard son of Antonio, is also ambitious, but in different ways. He comes to Manila mainly to satisfy his appetites, and after adventures erotic and economic, finds his life taking a surprising turn. Together, these novels form a portrait of a village and a nation, and conclude one of the masterpieces of Southeast Asian literature.

150 recipes to help you master the cooking basics, hack the pantry, and make everything from vegetarian go-tos to crowd-pleasing snacks to irresistible desserts. *Tasty Ultimate* is THE must-have companion for home cooks of all skill levels—whether you're a sometimes cook or a master meal prepper. With 150 recipes, clever hacks, and must-know techniques, this cookbook will teach you how to kill it in the kitchen. In no time at all, you'll be poaching like a pro, searing perfectly tender steaks, chopping veggies at warp speed, and frosting cakes better than Betty Crocker. You'll

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Don Carlos lies on his deathbed, determined to tell all. Don Carlos lies, as they say, through his teeth. In this slim, powerful novel, F. Sionil Jose, one of the leading literary voices of Asia and the Pacific, tells all. Don Carlos Cobello, a worldly man, has been a diplomat, entrepreneur, gourmand, and sinner. Like other memoirists, he reveals more than he intends. Born to wealth, he was determined to increase it. Born to corruption, he sees no reason to give up too much of a good thing. Born of woman, he sets about seducing -- or simply taking -- every woman he sees, starting with his sister. He is a prince of accommodation; his family has drawn close to power no matter who dominated their islands, be it the Spanish, the Japanese, or the Americans. (A woman shared with a Japanese colonel in a family-owned brothel returns their favors by passing on to one the disease of the other.) The colorful cast includes a "hero of the Revolution" who purchased land with revolutionary funds, a close poker-playing friend of General Douglas MacArthur, and the illegitimate son of a maid who later becomes a lawyer destined for greatness. Cobello's wealth, incest, and casual infidelities are no hindrance to an upwardly mobile career. In the "incredible reality that is the Philippines," says Jose, "the higher one goes, the whiter one becomes." For, as Cobello puts it, "here, sin is a social definition, not a moral one." Sins will add to the stature of F. Sionil Jose and to his growing reputation in the United States.

Garnering international prizes and acclaim before its publication, *Ilustrado* has been called "brilliantly conceived and stylishly executed . . . It is also ceaselessly entertaining, frequently raunchy, and effervescent with humor" (2008 Man Asian Literary Prize panel of judges). It begins with a body. On a clear day in winter, the battered corpse of Crispin Salvador is pulled from the Hudson River—taken from the world is the controversial lion of Philippine literature. Gone, too, is the only manuscript of his final book, a work meant to rescue him from obscurity by exposing the crimes of the Filipino ruling families. Miguel, his student and only remaining friend, sets out for Manila to investigate. To understand the death, Miguel scours the life, piecing together Salvador's story through his poetry, interviews, novels, polemics, and memoirs. The result is a rich and dramatic family saga of four generations, tracing 150 years of Philippine history forged under the Spanish, the Americans, and the Filipinos themselves. Finally, we are surprised to learn that this story belongs to young Miguel as much as to his lost mentor, and we are treated to an unhindered view of a society caught between reckless decay and hopeful progress. Exuberant and wise, wildly funny and deeply moving, *Ilustrado* explores the hidden truths that haunt every family. It is a daring and inventive debut by a new writer of astonishing talent.

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