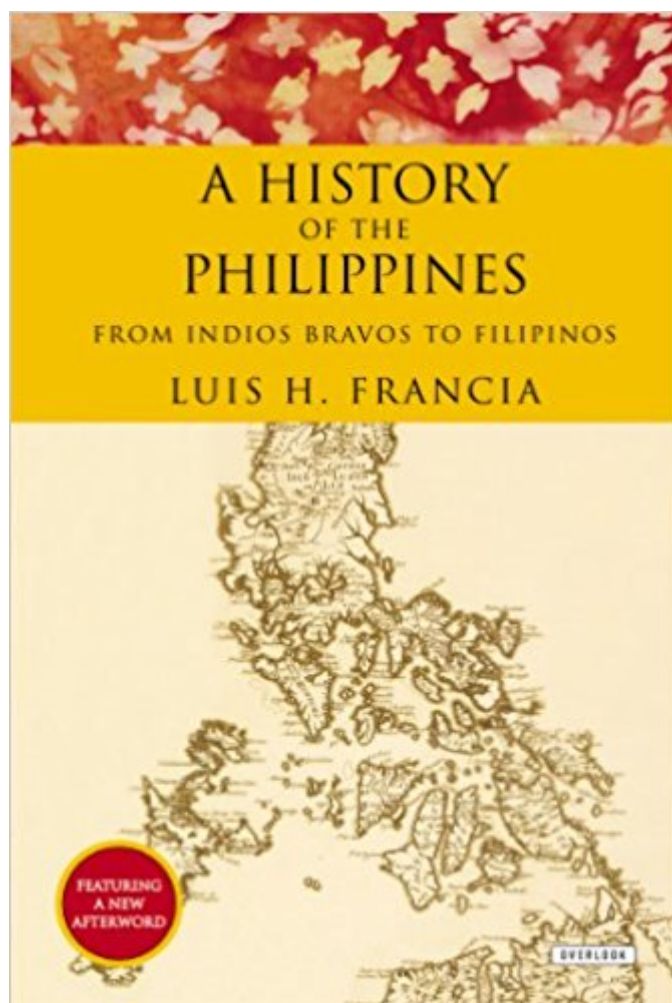


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History Of The Philippines: From Indios Bravos To Filipinos



Synopsis

Over three million Filipino Americans now live in the US, but popular histories of this rich, complicated nation are still rare. From ancient Malay settlements to Spanish colonization, the American occupation and beyond, *A History of the Philippines* recasts various Philippine narratives with an eye for the layers of colonial and post-colonial history that have created this diverse and fascinating population. *A History of the Philippines* begins with the pre-Westernized Philippines in the 16th century and continues through the 1899 Philippine-American War, the nation's relationship with the United States's controlling presence, culminating with its independence in 1946 and two ongoing insurgencies, one Islamic and one Communist. Luis H. Francia creates an illuminating portrait that offers the reader valuable insights into the heart and soul of the modern Filipino, laying bare the multicultural, multiracial society of contemporary times.

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Praise for Luis H. Francia "A new take on the Filipino story" -- [Inquirer.net](#)

Luis H. Francia was born in the Philippines and moved to New York in the 1970s. He teaches at the City University of Hong Kong, Hunter College, and New York University.

I love history, and was keen to devour whatever information I could find about the Philippines. This book certainly whet my appetite for further, more in-depth histories. Right from the outset, the author indicates that this was never intended to be an all-encompassing history. He also acknowledged

that he wasn't an historian. What I found most valuable was the vital understanding of the Philippines' history in terms of its colonial past, and which remains the common thread throughout the majority of the book. There was also the recurring theme of corruption, which continues to this day. Those insights aside, my favorite part of the book was the chapter devoted to pre-colonial times. I wish there had been more on this topic, but there are probably other books which expound on the subject. In terms of scholarship, there was an extensive list of references which I will probably mine for future reading endeavors. There is also a glossary of Filipino and Spanish terms which are used throughout the book, and which proved highly enlightening and informative. While I wouldn't consider this the best history book out there, it is an engaging read that provides a quick (if biased) overview of Filipino history and some interesting cultural analysis.

I am married to a Filipina and wanted to learn about the history of the Philippines - this book is great!

Good.

Good reference to have for us who are lost about the history of the Philippines. Includes a lot of info we never know that were never mentioned in some Philippine books.

hard to find a book on the subject.

If you are interested in why the Philippines are the way that it is today, then this is perfect book to start with. Luis Francia pulls no punches in outing the self interest of the ruling elite and the one sided agreements made by the Americans when they left the Philippines as major culprits.

I got this book just in time for Christmas. It's an awesome book for my dad. He loves Filipino history. I often try to find books for him since he reads mainly about war and the Philippines. He's almost done with the book too. I highly recommend this book for people who like to learn about the Philippines.

I enjoy history so I am vulnerable when learning new episodes of the past. Especially appealing when the USA is involved. Don't think the overall mission of the hawks protecting the USA has changed but they sure have gotten better with the public relations and political correctness. If you don't love the USA you need to spend some time overseas even if it is London or France.

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