

*“Filipino American Literature Collection”*

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As a second-generation Filipino American, I search aggressively for anything that will teach me the culture of my parents and ancestors. Moreover, as a student of literature and an aspiring poet, I have a particular interest in literary works that are written by and about Filipinos and Filipino Americans. My book collection contains works that were written by Filipino and Filipino American authors. Fiction and non-fiction, poetry and prose, they delineate and analyze the Filipino experience in the Philippines and the United States. Such works of literature are not very accessible. To obtain the works of Filipino American literature in my collection, I searched the Internet or placed an order through a bookstore. Two of the books in my collection are works of native Filipino literature: Joaquin's Prose and Poems and Rizal's Social Cancer. I bought these when I visited the Philippines two years ago. I treasure my book collection, and I am constantly looking for the means to expand it.