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Join us for another book with



The READ Philippines - Book Club
Featuring *Noli Me Tangere*, by Jose Rizal

Do you look back upon your school days wishing that you learned more about writers to whom you could relate? Were your literature classes filled with a lot of Fitzgerald, Hemingway, and Melville, but not enough Rizal, Bulosan or Hagedorn? If so, then READ Philippines invites you to participate the recently-revived READ Philippines Book Club!

Join us as we embark on an exploration of Filipino and Filipino-American literary greats, past and present. The writers we explore will fill the void left empty by the Anglo-centric literary tradition in which we were raised.

Every 1-2 months, the Book Club will focus on a book by a Filipino or Filipino-American author. Together with READ Philippines Director John Entrada and Co-lead Mark Bhasin, participants will be given several weeks to read a chosen book, after which a Literary Discussion will take place over a weekend brunch or afternoon tea. At the end of each discussion, participants will have the opportunity to suggest and vote on the next book.

At the latest Book Club gathering, members selected *Noli Me Tangere*, by Jose Rizal (preferably the Penguin Classics, Augenbraum Translation) as the next title.

The next Literary Discussion will take place on **Sunday, March 7 at 3pm**. Details to follow. To receive updates from the book club, CORE members are encouraged to contact John Entrada, Director of READ Philippines (read@core-nyc.org)

(More details on the second page.)



PROGRAM: The READ-Philippines Book Club

FEATURE: *Noli Me Tangere* by Jose Rizal

EVENT: Literary Discussion

WHEN: Reading Period: now through Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Literary Discussion: Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 3pm

PLACE: TBD (for details, contact read@core-nyc.org)

COST: Participants are responsible for providing a copy of the featured book. CORE does not underwrite any costs for the culminating discussion.

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JOIN: read@core-nyc.org to join the book club!

From www.bn.com:

***Noli Me Tangere*, by Jose Rizal.** In more than a century since its appearance, José Rizal's *Noli Me Tangere* has become widely known as the great novel of the Philippines. A passionate love story set against the ugly political backdrop of repression, torture, and murder, "The Noli," as it is called in the Philippines, was the first major artistic manifestation of Asian resistance to European colonialism, and Rizal became a guiding conscience—and martyr—for the revolution that would subsequently rise up in the Spanish province. **BACKCOVER:** A beautiful new translation... Rizal's rich, moving novel...[is] perhaps the most important novel in Philippine literature.
—Jessica Hagedorn

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Collaborative Opportunities for Raising Empowerment, Inc. (CORE) is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization whose primary vision is to empower Filipino professionals as a collective body in the United States. It also seeks to provide an avenue for socio-economic involvement to build a stronger Filipino American community.