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Joaquin Mejia says

This book is one of the best books about Philippine history I have ever read. It is about the dictatorship of Ferdinand Marcos that began with his declaration of Martial Law on September 21, 1972 and ended in his ouster on February 25, 1986. It was a time of murder and corruption. During that dark age, good and innocent people were being killed, tortured, and imprisoned while Marcos was plundering the country.

I was born on 2002. I did not experience Martial Law. I have heard about it and talked about it but I have never experienced it. But I did not need to. Even if I was born thirty years after Marcos declared Martial Law and sixteen years after he was peacefully overthrown by the People Power Revolution, I know that Marcos was a dictator, an oppressor, a plunderer, and a murderer.

But this book taught me something. It taught me that the Marcos Era was more terrible than I imagined it to be. I already knew about the dictatorship's murder and torture but the book's descriptions showed me that the atrocities were far beyond my imagination. The book shocked me.

Even if I already knew that Martial Law was horrible, the book taught me that it was a lot worse.

Aside from surprising me, the book made me sad. It's not just that Marcos was selfish, corrupt, and power-hungry. It's not just that good and heroic people who opposed Marcos were treated in the worst possible way. It is also because we are forgetting all of these. After People Power, we Filipinos have done little to make the Marcos Era engraved in our country's memory. We have failed to learn from that dark chapter in the Philippines's history.

Yes, the book made me sad. Will we continue to fail in bringing justice for all the people who suffered under the oppressive regime? Will we continue to tolerate, or even support, the Marcoses despite their crimes? Will we continue to fail in teaching future generations about the horror of Martial Law? I think we Filipinos will continue doing all of these if we continue to forget. Our amnesia has turned into a national disease. The present and future are in darkness and gloom because we cannot remember the Philippines's dark past.

Aireen says

finished reading

Jay-r Trinidad says

A difficult read.

An eye-opener.

At times, it made me cry.

Excellent work from Miss Robles.

Bay says

Raissa's Robles' work is hard to read, not because it is lengthy, but because it tells the story of the atrocities committed to our people. The discussion on how FM declared Martial Law, the accounts of torture survivors, and the fall of Martial Law were detailed. In addition, her detailed accounts of torture, especially to the medical student, whose brain was located in his abdomen, gave me shivers ---- I was reading the book during nighttime.

As I was reading the book, I realized that the current situation we are having are the consequences of Marcos' actions. And the collective amnesia, alas, that we experience today are mainly of the misinformation, forgetfulness, and forgiving nature of us. All hope is not lost, however. Good job, Raissa, for making this detailed discussion in Martial Law. I hope that your book will be read by children in schools so that they can learn more and not be misinformed about FM in this era of fake news and trolls.

Matthew Lopez says

To be honest, the book is a difficult read. It is raw and uncensored, and you are thinking this cannot be real. But sadly, this is true narration of one of the darkest chapters in modern Philippine history and the excesses of the Martial Law regime. This is a mandatory read in schools, colleges and should be distributed in other countries.

Jimmy Hilario says

A must-read specially for those who didn't live through the Martial Law years.
