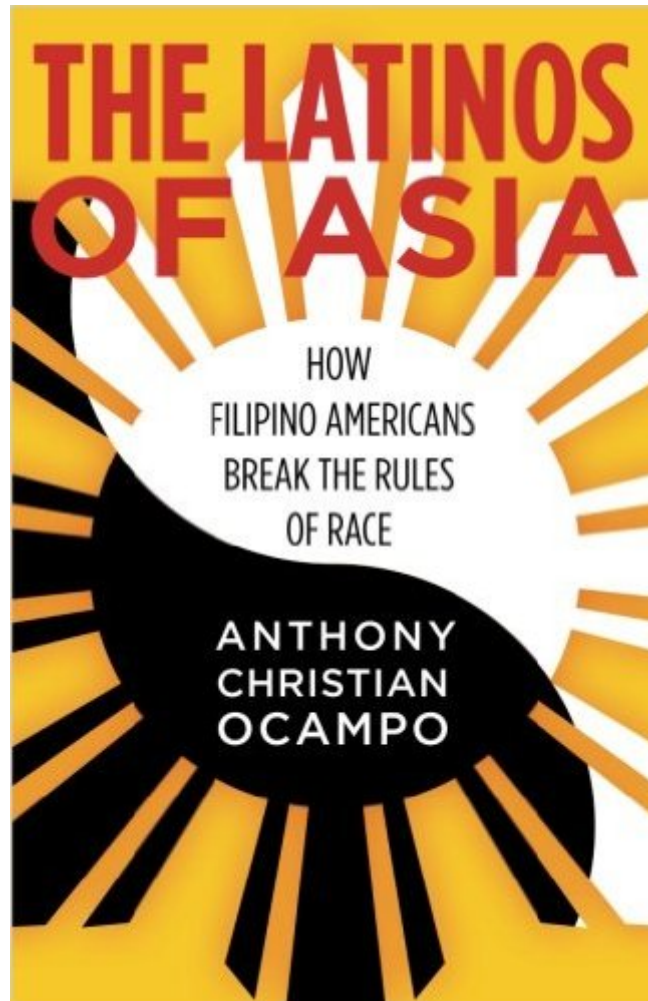


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The Latinos Of Asia: How Filipino Americans Break The Rules Of Race



Synopsis

Is race only about the color of your skin? In *The Latinos of Asia*, Anthony Christian Ocampo shows that what "color" you are depends largely on your social context. Filipino Americans, for example, helped establish the Asian American movement and are classified by the U.S. Census as Asian. But the legacy of Spanish colonialism in the Philippines means that they share many cultural characteristics with Latinos, such as last names, religion, and language. Thus, Filipinos' "color" and their sense of connection with other racial groups changes depending on their social context. The Filipino story demonstrates how immigration is changing the way people negotiate race, particularly in cities like Los Angeles where Latinos and Asians now constitute a collective majority. Amplifying their voices, Ocampo illustrates how second-generation Filipino Americans' racial identities change depending on the communities they grow up in, the schools they attend, and the people they befriend. Ultimately, *The Latinos of Asia* offers a window into both the racial consciousness of everyday people and the changing racial landscape of American society.

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A wonderful portrait of Filipino life in Southern California. Ocampo does a great job of naming some of the things I've felt my whole life as a Filipino. It is very validating to have so much of the Filipino experience in print. So much of it rang true to me as a Filipino American young adult.

This book affirmed so many of my life experiences growing up as a Filipino in southern California.

More importantly, the author also captured experiences where I too felt out of place in different social settings. I will definitely recommend this book to friend's.

We are no latinos of Asia. Feel free to appreciate your upbringing if you're from SoCal but don't lump the rest of us to your perception of what Filipino's or Fil-Ams are. Its a book on a myopic view by a american born "filipino"

A fascinating in-depth qualitative analysis of racial formation projects illustrating both the flexibility of racial identity and the tenacity of racial inequality in contemporary and historical perspective.

An interesting easy read but does not reflect the perception of most of Filipino immigrants in the USA.

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