

# **Female Writers of the Philippines – Collected Profiles**

*Compiled by Bebang Siy*

Name: Dulce Maria Deriada (single, mid 40s)

Language of works/Location: English, Visayas islands Occupation/Industry: university professor

Topic of works: Family, relationship, her father who was a major Filipino writer

Genre: fiction, fiction for young adults

Note: works ready for publication

Name: Elizabeth Quijano Serrano (married with kids, mid 30s)

Language of works/Location: local language and Filipino (national language), Mindanao region Occupation/Industry: university professor

Topic of works: indigenous community and culture, local stories

Genre: fiction, suspense

Note: needs to be translated to English

Name: Almayrah Tiburon (married with kids, late 30s)

Language of works/Location: Maranao, Filipino (national language), Mindanao region Occupation/Industry: university professor

Topic of works: Filipino Muslim, women in her community, indigenous community and culture, family, relationship, urban life of a Maranao woman, contemporary war/siege, child bearing/pregnancy

Genre: fiction, creative nonfiction/essay

Note: needs to be translated to English, Balangay author

Name: Joyce Rochelle Montanano (single, late 20's)

Language of works/Location: Filipino (national language), works in Manila (the capital of the Philippines), but hails from Laguna Province (farm/agricultural place)

Occupation/Industry: business process outsourcing employee

Topic of works: womanhood, body of a woman, rural life

Genre: fiction for young adults

Note: needs to be translated to English, Balangay author

Name: Luchie Maranan (i am not sure re: marital status, 60+ years old)

Language of works/Location: English and Filipino (national language), Baguio City (highlands, city in the mountains, tourist area)

Occupation/Industry: freelance writer, editor, culture and arts worker, translator

Topic of works: contemporary issues, indigenous community, indigenous people's rights

Genre: journalism, fiction, creative nonfiction/essay, stories for children

Note: works ready for publication

Name: Babeth Lolarga (married but i am not sure if with kids, 60 + years old)

Language of works/Location: English, Baguio City (highlands, city in the mountains, tourist area)

Occupation/Industry: freelance writer, editor, journalist  
Topic of works: contemporary issues, arts and culture, books, reviews  
Genre: journalism, creative nonfiction/essay  
Note: works ready for publication

Name: Jhoanna Lyn Cruz (separated, with kids, 50+ years old)  
Language of works/Location: English, from Manila but now resides in Mindanao  
Occupation/Industry: university professor  
Topic of works: lesbian/LGBT/queer, family, children/motherhood, writing/literature  
Genre: fiction, creative non fiction/essay  
Note: works ready for publication

Name: Christine Bellen Ang (married, no kids, 40 to 50 years old)  
Language of works/Location: Filipino (national language) English, Baguio City  
Occupation/Industry: freelance writer (but worked as university professor for more than a decade)  
Topic of works: contemporary issues, folk stories, classic Filipino stories  
Genre: creative non fiction, fiction for children, retelling of folk stories  
Note: works ready for publication

Name: Fanny Garcia (separated, with one kid with disability, she is around 70 years old)  
Language of works/Location: Filipino (national language) English, Quezon City of national capital region/Manila, urban  
Occupation/Industry: book author, freelance writer, editor, worked as university professor for decades  
Topic of works: Family, relationship, autism (son has autism), latest work was about her hometown which is a small city in the national capital region, her most anthologized works are about diaspora and also about the relationship of the Philippines and the US (colonization) told through women's local stories/points of view  
Genre: fiction, creative nonfiction/essays  
Note: some works ready for publication

Name: Genevieve Asenjo (single, mid 40s)  
Language of works/Location: local language, Filipino (national language), English, works in Manila, urban but her hometown is in the Visayas islands, rural, agricultural, island life  
Occupation/Industry: university professor  
Topic of works: womanhood, contemporary issues, strong female main character, local culture and local community in her hometown, family, urban and rural life, arts and culture, Filipiniana books  
Genre: fiction, novel, creative nonfiction/essays  
Note: some works ready for publication

Name: Maine Lasar (single, late 20s)

Language of works/Location: Filipino (national language), Batangas/Laguna provinces, both are agricultural provinces with cities

Occupation/Industry: university professor

Topic of works: contemporary issues, urban and rural setting, family, relationship

Genre: fiction, novel

Note: needs to be translated

Name: Hannah Lecena (single, late 20s to early 30s)

Language of works/Location: local language, Filipino (national language), works in Laguna (agricultural area/mountain area) but hails from Mindanao

Occupation/Industry: high school teacher

Topic of works: life of teacher, students, indigenous culture and community

Genre: fiction, creative nonfiction/essays

Note: needs to be translated, Balangay author

Name: Rita dela Cruz (single, mid 40s)

Language of works/Location: Filipino (national language), English, Quezon City of national capital region/Manila, urban but her hometown is Laguna province (agricultural, developing as a city)

Occupation/Industry: writer/editor for a government agency related to agriculture

Topic of works: women's issues, body of women, Filipiniana book reviews, singlehood from POV of women Genre: fiction, creative nonfiction/essays

Note: some works ready for publication, Balangay author

**Name:** Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo (80 years old)

**Language of works:** English

**Location:** Manila

**Occupation/Industry:** University Professor

**Topic of works:** Magical Realism, Travel, Folktales

**Genre:** Novels, Short Stories, Creative Nonfiction, Literary Criticism

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**Name:** Cyan Abad-Jugo (early 40s)

**Language of works:** English

**Location:** Manila

**Occupation/Industry:** University Professor

**Topic of works:** Family, Friendship, History, Adventure

**Genre:** Children's Literature, Young Adult, Short Stories

**Note:**

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**Name:** Fanny Garcia (late 70s)

**Language of works:** Filipino

**Location:** Malabon City

**Occupation/Industry:** University Professor

**Topic of works:** Women, Family

**Genre:** Children's Literature, Short Stories, Essays, Children with disability, Film Scripts

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**Name:** Carla M. Pacis (late 50s)

**Language of works:** English

**Location:** Laguna

**Occupation/Industry:** University Professor

**Topic of works:** Family, OFWs, Friendship

**Genre:** Young Adult Novels, Children's Literature

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**Name:** Jhoanna Lynn B. Cruz (late 50s)

**Language of works:** English

**Location:** Mindanao

**Occupation/Industry:** Associate Professor and Dean

**Topic of works:** LGBTQIA+, Family

**Genre:** Creative Nonfiction, Short Stories, Plays

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**Name:** Paz Verdades Santos (early to mid 70s)

**Language of works:** English, Filipino, Bikol

**Location:** Canaman, Camarines Sur

**Occupation/Industry:** Professor

**Topic of works:** Feminism, Nationalism, Ecology, Regional Literature

**Genre:** Cultural Essays and Literary Criticism

**Note:**

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**Name:** Yvette Tan (mid 40s)

**Language of works:** English

**Location:** National Capital Region

**Occupation/Industry:** Author

**Topic of works:** Horror / Paranormal

**Genre:** Short Stories, Essays, Journalism

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**Name:** Will P. Ortiz (mid 40s)

**Language of works:** Filipino

**Location:** Quezon City

**Occupation/Industry:** Associate Professor

**Topic of works:** Historical Perspective, Childhood, Folklore, Marginalization

**Genre:** Short Stories, Young Adult, Children's Literature

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**Name:** Dae Azores (late 20s, early 30s)

**Language of works:** Filipino

**Location:** Burdeos, Quezon

**Occupation/Industry:** Teacher

**Topic of works:** Childhood, Island Life, Local Culture

**Genre:** Children's Literature

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**Name:** Luna Sicat-Cleto (late 50s)

**Language of works:** Filipino

**Location:** Quezon City

**Occupation/Industry:** Professor, Editor, Writer

**Topic of works:** Feminism, Family, Experimental Work

**Genre:** Short Fiction, Poetry, Novels, Plays

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**Name:** Merlinda Bobis (late 60s)

**Language of works:** English, Filipino, Bikol

**Location:** Ngunnawal Country, Australia

**Occupation/Industry:** Honorary Senior Lecturer

**Topic of works:** Nostalgia, Hope

**Genre:** Novels, Short Stories, Poetry

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**Name:** Elizabeth Joy Serrano-Quijano (mid 40s)

**Language of works:** Binisaya, Filipino

**Location:** Matanao, Davao del Sur, Mindanao

**Occupation/Industry:** Educator

**Topic of works:** Indigenous Life, Local Culture, Feminism

**Genre:** Short Stories, Essays

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**Name:** Joi Barrios (late 60s)

**Language of works:** Filipino

**Location:** Massachusetts, USA

**Occupation/Industry:** Professor

**Topic of works:** Feminism, Activism, Arts and Culture, Language

**Genre:** Poetry, Novels

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**Name:** Sigrid Gayangos (mid 30s, mid 40s)

**Language of works:** English and Chavacano

**Location:** Dumaguete City

**Occupation/Industry:** Educator

**Topic of works:** Magical Realism, Sociopolitical Issues, Ecology

**Genre:** Short Stories, Poetry, Children's Literature

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**Name:** Mixkaela Villalon (early 30s)

**Language of works:** Filipino

**Location:** Manila

**Occupation/Industry:** Writer

**Topic of works:** Magical Realism, Feminism

**Genre:** Short Stories, Essays, Plays

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