

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, nonfiction

Note: works ready for publication

Email: dmvderiada@gmail.com

Amusings (2017) available at kasingkasingpress@gmail.com

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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

Email: Elizabeth Joy Quijano <elizabethjoy.flatworld@gmail.com

Dili Pwede Mogawas Ug Ubang Mga Sugilanon (Can't Go Out and Other Stories) is available at publications@addu.edu.ph.

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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

Email: mayanne82@yahoo.com

Salamin At Iba Pang Panglaw (short stories) is available at Balangay Productions balangay.productions@gmail.com

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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
Email: joshell.montanano@gmail.com
Biyak (short story for young adults) is available at Balangay Productions balan-gay.productions@gmail.com

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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
Email: luchiemaranan888@gmail.com
Apong Lasoy's Beads: Strands of Memory and Legacy is available at museokordilye-ra.upbaguio@up.edu.ph

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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
Email: babethlolarga@yahoo.com
Moon Hanging Low Over My Window and Other Poems is available at publishing@ust.edu.ph.

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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

Email: jcdaliling@up.edu.ph

Abi Nako, Or, So i Thought (nonfiction) is available at press@up.edu.ph

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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

Email: christinebellen@yahoo.com

Her children's books are available at info@milflorespublishing.com and onlinesales@anvilpublishing.com

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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

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„Erick Slumbook: Paglalakbay Kasama ang Anak Kong Autistic“ (Journeys with My Autistic Son) nonfiction is available at onlinesales@anvilpublishing.com

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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

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Sa Gihapon, Palangga, ang Uran | Always, Beloved, the Rain: Mga Binalaybay | Poems is available at agnuspress@gmail.com

Lumbay ng Dila (Tongue's Melancholy) novel is available at Balangay Productions
balangay.productions@gmail.com

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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

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Toto O (young adult novel) is available at <https://pumplepie.com/products/toto-o>

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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

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Jonas: Nobela sa Wikang Sebwano is available at komfil@kwf.gov.ph

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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, single-hood from POV of women Genre: fiction, creative nonfiction/essays

Note: some works ready for publication, Balangay author

Email: „rita t. dela cruz“ <mygulch@gmail.com>

Solo Flight Mga Kuwento (short stories) is available at Balangay Productions <balangay.productions@gmail.com>

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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

Note:

Email: cristinaphidalgo@gmail.com cristinaphidalgo@yahoo.com

Collected Stories & Tales is available at publishing@ust.edu.ph

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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:

Email: c/o Ateneo University Press

Her books for young adults are available at onlinesales@anvilpublishing.com

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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

Note:

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Tita Amel: Master Puppeteer and Storyteller / (Dakilang Papetir at Tagapagsalaysay) biography for children and young adults is available at

<https://press.up.edu.ph/.../tita-amel-master-puppeteer.../>

Lazada: <https://www.lazada.com.ph/products/i4985783028.html...>

Shopee: <https://shopee.ph/product/276147505/25492714617/>

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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:

Email: c/o Ateneo De Naga University Press

Her works are available at upress@gbox.adnu.edu.ph

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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

Note:

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Insect Had and Other Stories is available at onlinesales@anvilpublishing.com

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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

Note:

Email: wportiz@up.edu.ph

Ang Pagbabalik ni Maria Makiling Unang Aklat (folk stories for children) is available at press@up.edu.ph

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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

Note:

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Bangkaanan at Iba Pang Akdang Pambata (short stories for children) is available for reading at <https://digitalarchives.culturalcenter.gov.ph/entity/856/opac-2024-bangkaanan>

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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

Note:

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Novels Makinilyang Altar (2002), and Mga Prodigal (2010) are available at press@up.edu.ph and onlinesales@anvilpublishing.com respectively

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Name: Merlinda Bobis (late 60s)

Language of works: English, Filipino, Bikol

Location: Ngannawal Country, Australia

Occupation/Industry: Honorary Senior Lecturer

Topic of works: Nostalgia, Hope

Genre: Novels, Short Stories, Poetry

Note:

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Novel The Solemn Lantern Maker is available at onlinesales@anvilpublishing.com

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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

Note:

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Recent romance novels "Sintang Malapit, Sintang Malayo" (this writer's translation: "Love Close By, Love from a Distance") and Kung Daratnan pa Kitang Naghihintay" (rough translation, "If I Will Meet You Again Still Waiting) are available at gantala-press@gmail.com

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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

Note:

Email: sigridgayangos@gmail.com

Laut: Stories is available at press@up.edu.ph

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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

Note:

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Interregnum (short stories) is available at gantalapress@gmail.com