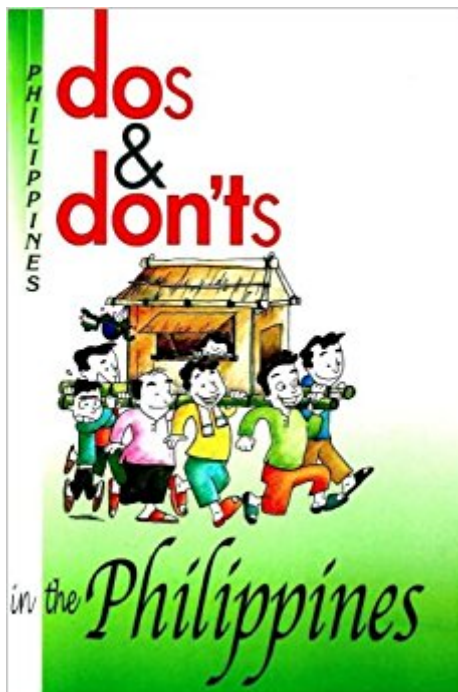


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A book nice to read and recommended to all passengers bound for Philippines. To read before, during and after your stay !

I am a first generation immigrant and my work an office in Manila. I found the book insightful for understanding my parents, my relatives, and my culture. I also found it a good resource to give to a (culturally) American coworker who will be in our Manila office for just over a month. It clearly states Flip customs, habits, quirks, or viewpoints. Gives appropriate and inappropriate responses and behaviors without being condescending. I can't help but be encouraged and sometimes laugh at the illustrations that do so much to capture the nuances and defuse some of the awkwardness ... ie, the illustration of "pointing with your lips" both makes the instance very clear without making it seem outlandish. So for any American or "Joe" traveling to the Philippines, any of us born outside the Philippines doing your "roots" trip, or anyone who wants to know more about us as a people, I'd recommend this book.

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