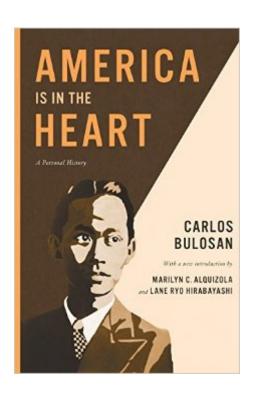
The book was found

America Is In The Heart: A Personal History (Classics Of Asian American Literature)





Synopsis

First published in 1943, this classic memoir by well-known Filipino poet Carlos Bulosan describes his boyhood in the Philippines, his voyage to America, and his years of hardship and despair as an itinerant laborer following the harvest trail in the rural West.Replaced by ISBN 9780295993539

Book Information

Series: Classics of Asian American Literature

Paperback: 368 pages

Publisher: University of Washington Press; revised edition edition (February 21, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0295993537

ISBN-13: 978-0295993539

Product Dimensions: 5.5 x 0.8 x 8.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.5 out of 5 stars Â See all reviews (46 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #20,751 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #7 in Books > Politics & Social

Sciences > Social Sciences > Specific Demographics > Asian American Studies #45 in Books >

Literature & Fiction > United States > Asian American #142 in Books > Literature & Fiction >

Genre Fiction > Historical > Biographical

Customer Reviews

This book tells the story of Allos (or Carlos) Bulosan - from his early days as a peasant child in the Phillipines to his days as an itinerant laborer and reformer for the Filipinos in America. This autobiography reflects the hard life of a persecuted nationality. With no rights to own agricultural land and the risks of being beaten for even conversing with a white women, Filipinos were despised along the West Coast and treated as criminals and monkeys. With no legal recourse or organizations, Filipino workers were often exploited by the contractors and the Chinese and Japanese who owned the gambling houses and whorehouses. This exploitation led many to drinking and violence, only to aggravate the hatred of their kind. Bulosan tells of the brutalities endured by Filipinos at the hands of the white community and of the terrors of disease and unemployment. How many times did Bulosan have to hear "You're fired!" after trying to stand up for himself and his people. One thing that struck me about the book was the concept of meeting your siblings when you're old enough to remember it. Having grown up with my older sister always at my side, the first scene in which he firsts meets his older brother, Leon seemed very foreign to me. It

brought home the point that working families didn't always have the luxury of living together. To survive, each family member had to contribute whether it was working the fields or selling goods in the market, but it meant that the whole family was not united. This family never seemed to be fully together, at least one sibling or parent was always away, trying to do their part. It was hard for me to really relate to that, although I certainly felt for them. Another concept that I noticed was the sense of time in the book.

Essential reading? I dunno. Nonetheless, Bulosan's story is intensely personal and has historical weight in its documentation of the migrant experience. His isn't unique in any regard and you need only look around at the fields that hug the California freeways to catch a glimpse of migrant workers who are, to this day, living experiences similar to what Bulosan described then -- migrating up and down the coast, often without papers and in fear of authority; work conditions that can be intensely hot and bitterly cold, as well as low-paying and piecemeal; often overcramped living quarters; meager or no health services for those who suffer illness; rampant alcoholism and drug use to deaden one's existence. That the book was written several decades ago indicates that not much has changed, except for the major ethnicity of those in the fields. But enough about that I acquired a copy of this book from a friend, from an affluent California family who had it assigned to her in a college class, which I believe was her own forced attempt to learn more about a Filipino now-ex-boyfriend's heritage. Her quick assessment: "boring." I, on the other hand, found it fascinating, because of the similar experiences my uncle went through prior to and during his time as a migrant worker in Dole's pineapple fields in the Marshall Islands: both my father and uncle described to me stories of being poverty-stricken working the land, then Japanese occupation driving them further into destitution, which eventually drove them to seek a better life in what Maxine Hong Kingston's relatives describe as "The Golden Mountain" in her book "China Men." My uncle related the harsh working conditions in the fields; the ethnic infighting (dark-skinned vs. "mestizos") and culture clashes among differing ethnic groups.

Download to continue reading...

America Is in the Heart: A Personal History (Classics of Asian American Literature) Heart Disease: Heart Disease Prevention And Reversal Guide To Prevent Heart Disease And Reverse Heart Disease With Heart Disease Prevention Strategies And Heart Disease Diet Advice Indonesian: Cooking for Beginners - Indonesian Cookbook Simple Recipes - South East Asian Recipes (Easy Indonesian Recipes - Southeast Asian Cooking - South Asian Recipes 1) Wok This Way - 50 Asian Style Recipes - Wok Recipes - Stir Fry Recipes - (Asian Stir Fry Cookbook, Asian Wok Cooking,

(Recipe Junkies - Wok Recipes) Asian Paleo: 30 Minute Paleo! Your Complete Guide to Delicious. Healthy, and Gluten Free Asian Paleo in 30 Minutes or Less (Asian Paleo Guide - Thai, Japanese, ... Korean, Filipino, and Vietnamese Recipes) This Is All I Choose to Tell: History and Hybridity in Vietnamese American Literature (Asian American History & Cultu) American History: The People & Events that Changed American History (People's History, American, United States of America, American Revolution, Patriot, United States History Book 1) Recovered Legacies: Authority And Identity In Early Asian Amer Lit (Asian American History & Cultu) Racial Asymmetries: Asian American Fictional Worlds (American Literature Initiative) The Columbia Anthology of Modern Chinese Literature (Modern Asian Literature Series) Heart Health: Heart Healthy Cookbook: 30 Quick & Easy, Heart Healthy Greek Recipes For Smart Heart Health (cooking, weight loss, weight maintenance) (cooking, ... weight maintenance, weight watchers Book 1) The Shorter Columbia Anthology of Traditional Chinese Literature (Translations from the Asian Classics) Early Modern Japanese Literature: An Anthology, 1600-1900 (Abridged Edition) (Translations from the Asian Classics (Paperback)) VIETNAMESE VEGETARIAN FOOD - OUR FAMILY VEGETARIAN RECIPES: VEGETARIAN FOOD RECIPES FROM OUR VIETNAMESE HOME - VEGETARIAN FOOD RECIPES VEGAN RECIPES ASIAN ... RECIPES ASIAN VEGAN SERIES Book 1) Best Asian Recipes from Mama Li's Kitchen BookSet - 4 books in 1: Chinese Take-Out Recipes (Vol 1); Wok (Vol 2); Asian Vegetarian and Vegan Recipes (Vol 3); Egg Roll, Spring Roll and Dumpling (Vol 4) Asian Food and Homemade Sauces and Dressings Box Set (5 in 1): Amazing Korean Recipes, Wok Cooking Tips, Salad Dressings, Sauces, Rubs and Marinades (Asian Recipes & Homemade Spices) Asian Cooking: The Best Collection Of Asian Cooking Recipes That You will Love it Sources of East Asian Tradition, Vol. 1: Premodern Asia (Introduction to Asian Civilizations) (Volume 1) Asian American Literature: An Anthology Cold War Friendships: Korea, Vietnam, and Asian American Literature

Dmca