

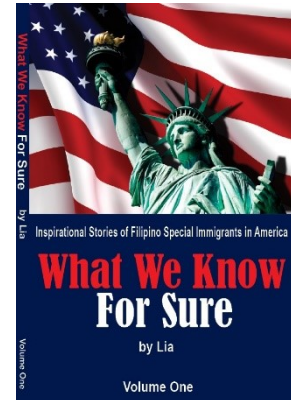
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**What We Know for Sure, an Immigrant's Ultimate Inspirational Book**

JACKSONVILLE, FL. --- Filipino-American author Lia Ocampo releases her first book, *What We Know for Sure: Inspirational Stories of Filipino Special Immigrants in America* in the U.S. and the Philippines. The printed book is now available at The Bookmark (Florida), Avalon.Ph (online), and the national artist-owned Solidaridad Book Shop (Manila) that's been operating since 1964. Readers can also purchase print and ebook copies online from Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Books-a-Million, Apple iTunes, ebookit.com, and Lulu.



The book features 26 colorful stories of former Filipino U.S. Embassy employees who provided long, faithful, and valuable service to the United States Government. In this book, they shared the process of coming to America and the truth behind the hard work and sacrifices it takes to stay. It was written for potential immigrants and immigrants, no matter what stage of the process they are in. These stories are here to comfort, inspire, educate, and guide any immigrant throughout his or her journey to the land of the free.

“This book is the result of what I saw and heard during the many years in the Philippines as I prepared to immigrate and the years since I came to America. It is a compilation of stories from myself and others who came to the United States and the lessons we learned along the way. My mission is to give hope, comfort, and support for future immigrant families as they face the challenges of immigrating,” said Ocampo.

“Readers will find their stories informative and heart-rendering. A testament to their individual and collective determination to build better lives in America for themselves and their families. They remind us of the importance of humility in starting over in a new land while at the same time demonstrating perseverance amid health scares, loss of family in the Philippines, and career challenges,” said former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, Harry K. Thomas, Jr. The retired envoy wrote his praises in the first page of the book.

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Lia arrived in the “Big Apple” in July of 2012, carrying two suitcases packed with framed pictures of her children, her resume, her favorite clothes, and enough money to get her through the first few months. She had spent 18 years working for the United States Embassy in Manila all for the chance to immigrate to bring her children with her. After eight years and several job applications and experiences, Lia is now a passionate flight attendant and a budding inspirational author. A frequent traveler, Lia enjoys watching sunsets by the beach just across her house in Florida. She enjoys reading books as much as writing one to create a bright future, inspire others, and make a positive impact on the world. Born and raised in the Philippines, she witnessed poverty and fewer opportunities. Her journey to America started long before she immigrated. And during that time, she learned to use her two great passions—journalism and photography. She became an advocate for women’s rights, social responsibility, and volunteerism. Her eyes and ears were always searching for those positive voices and stories to capture and retell to motivate and inspire those around her.

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