

## Magdaragat: An Anthology of Filipino-Canadian Writing Editors: C. E. Gatchalian, Teodoro Alcuitas, Patria Rivera

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Since first arriving in Canada, the Filipino community has contributed invaluably — and too often invisibly — to the fabric of Canadian society. In this anthology of Filipino-Canadian writing, *Magdaragat* explores the diverse intricacies of these growing yet underrepresented peoples, continuing the vital work of recognizing and celebrating their cultural contributions.

The forty-three contributors to this anthology hail from across Turtle Island. They provide their singular yet universally resonating insights through stories of new homes and old homelands, of untangling internalized racism and championing solidarity, of the chasms within intergenerational households and the work of repairing them, and more. Poems, essays, short fiction, plays, and speeches — their works collected here showcase a wide breadth of Filipino-Canadian experience.

Through stories of sacrifice, violence, and discrimination interspersed with stories of success, recovery, and solidarity, *Magdaragat* delves into Filipino-Canadian history, the joys and struggles of its present, and the hopes and aspirations for the future.

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