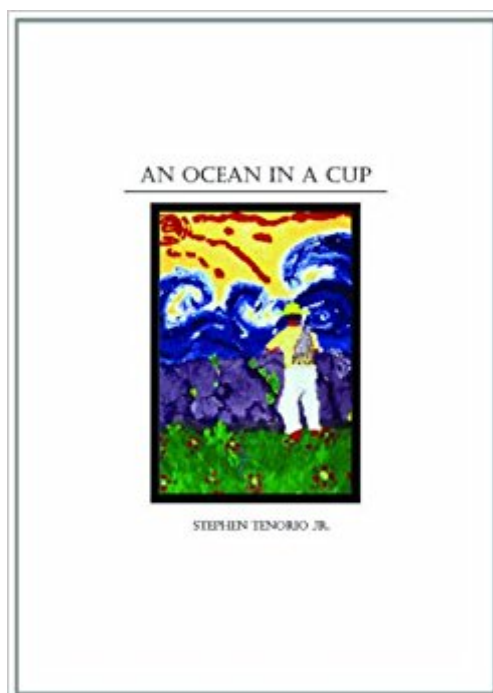


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# An Ocean In A Cup



## Synopsis

The novel follows Tomas, a gifted young islander, who is tormented by an unexplainable darkness. As Tomas sets out to deliver his goods across the island, the reader is exposed to Tomas's memories which surface to help him through his difficult times and sheds light on the origin of his dark episodes. Staged in the late 1890s, the reader is treated to vistas and scenes of island life throughout the Marianas Archipelago and the South Pacific seas. The narrative is both deep and multi-layered with observations that seek to touch the social and psychological layers of small communities throughout the Pacific. Having a true appreciation for euphony, Stephen Tenorio Jr. attempts to craft a narrative pleasant to the ear while hoping to expose the cultural dynamics of the indigenous communities of the Marianas namely, the Chamorro people in the literary context.

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This book has intriguing historical references, but it is not a historical novel. It is so much more, in terms of poetic prose that paints pictures in the reader's mind - not always pleasant but always thought-provoking. This book provokes critical thinking about our Mariana Islands' history by presenting almost improbable, yet plausible situations that invite discussion about our broad, Pacific layers of inter-connectedness and interactions to colonial interventions on a personal level. The author brings each character to life, but always leaves a hint of intrigue that leads the reader to want to know more. I admit that I struggled through my first read, expecting to have all my questions answered. I could not put it down! In the end, that is the test of a good book. It is a book that I will enjoy re-reading, savoring passages for their artistic wit and subtle symbolism. Congratulations to

Steven Tenorio, Jr., a son of the Mariana Islands, who is breaking new literary boundaries among our indigenous writers. I look forward to more! --Judy Flores, PhD. is a professional batik artist, historian and folklorist.

Stephen Tenorio Jr. introduces his first novel, *An Ocean In a Cup*. Like most literary works cast in the interpretive fiction style of writing, the author fills his novel with rich language taking the reader through a carefully constructed narrative that enriches the reader's mind. Stephen Tenorio Jr. was born and raised on Guam. After teaching for several years in his Guam, he moved to Seattle with his daughter where he raised her as a single parent. Later he enrolled and graduated from Seattle University School of Law. Wanting his daughter to experience island-life to its fullest, he returned to Guam and practiced law for several years before dedicating his time to completing his novel. Upon returning to Guam, he also joined the US Army Reserve Components, first graduating from Infantry School, and then later, he was commissioned as a Judge Advocate Officer. An avid swimmer and runner, Stephen Tenorio Jr. is often seen along the same beaches he writes about in his novel, and running along the roads that have supplanted the same paths his characters likely walked. \*Stephen Tenorio Jr. can be contacted via email: [Stephen.tenorio@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.tenorio@gmail.com)

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