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- ★ Reformer
- ★ Peacemaker
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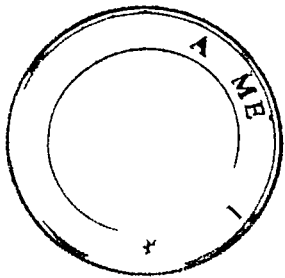
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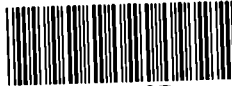
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and my mother  
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# The Book

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**T**his sequel breathes with the vision that President Ramos has for this Third World Southeast Asian multi-ethnic archipelago which he pushed to the status of a newly industrializing country.

One can see how FVR intended to lift off from the problems of his predecessor, what his political road map was during his six-year term, and a glimpse of the hitherto private person before he became a public servant.

Certainly, FVR left a legacy that will shimmer in the suns of history: as a peacemaker, as one who consolidated and sustained the country's economic growth and bold enough to enter into economic agreements with foreign institutions or governments to benefit his country, as a workaholic head of state who demanded an eight-day work for government employees, as an ASEAN and world leader, and as a statesman.

But the man, son of Ilocos Norte and Pangasinan, who spelled out his vision for the Philippines as it edged toward the millennium rollover, was as well a human being — with author Ben Cal giving the reader a next sofa-view of FVR as a family man and husband to Ming Ramos.

FVR spent much of his energy pushing the Philippines into the culture of peace and unity, with a soul distinct from its ASEAN and Asian neighbors.

As an economic strategist, he spent efforts to encourage foreign investors to siphon their investments into the country. The way he stood undaunted on the bridge as the country was lashed on both sides during the economic meltdown in 1997, the year the currency crisis swept much of Asia, is a lesson in strength and leadership.

He was truly his father's son, following in the footsteps of his father Narciso in the ASEAN corridor of leadership.

His travels to the ASEAN countries — comprising initially five nations during the Cold War and eventually 10 after the Berlin Wall was dismantled and the Soviet Union collapsed with Mikhail Gorbachev's glasnost and perestroika — demonstrated his sense of roots in ASEAN.

This book, for its historical insight, deserves a second read.

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