



## All About the Philippines - Stories, Songs, Crafts and Games for Kids

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Imagine living in a country of islands, sprinkled across the ocean like stars in the sky, each with its own unique geography and people.

Mary, Jaime, and Ari don't have to imagine it — they live it!

Join these three Filipino cousins, who live very different lives but are the best of friends, on an incredible journey across their home — the colorful island nation of the Philippines.

From visiting each of their houses and schools to getting to know their families and favorite places, Mary, Jaime and Ari share a glimpse of their lives to help other kids understand what makes the Philippines such a special place.

They will show you how children from one island and ethnic group might be very different from children living on another island, each with its own traditions, languages and beliefs — but all of them are 100% Filipino!

Full of fun facts and perfect for a family to enjoy together, All About the Philippines covers the conquistadors and traders who came to the islands centuries ago, natural disasters such as earthquakes or typhoons, and so much more.

The three cousins even provide some great crafts for kids to do, like fashioning your own sipa — the Philippines' version of a hacky-sack, making holiday decorations like a parol and even a few recipes so you can enjoy Filipino food at home!

Introducing children to different countries and people is a key part of developing the multicultural experience, and All About the Philippines is a great educational book for kids and parents looking to expand their multicultural library.

**About the author and illustrator**

Gidget Rocoles Jimenez is the author of the Adarna Science Series, which includes *Can We Plug Into Lightening?*, *Can We Drink the Ocean?* and *Can We Live on Mars?*, which won a National Children's Book Award in 2010.

Gidget lives in the Philippines with her husband and their three children.

Corazon Dandan-Albano has illustrated over 30 children's books, including the popular *Filipino Friends* and *Filipino Celebrations*.

She lives in the Philippines with her husband and their two daughters.

### Advanced publicity

"Full-color watercolor illustrations by Dandon-Albano are a perfect complement to the text, brimming with recognizable details and the ebullient colors and liveliness that are hallmarks of Filipino culture. Plenty of hands-on art projects, recipes (all of which will require adult supervision), and activities make this book a truly interactive lesson in geography."

— Booklist

"This latest offering in Tuttle's "All About..." series is the strongest yet and much needed" — School Library Journal

"The large format and attractive, cartoonlike illustrations provide an inviting look at a country not often included in many other resources for children." — Kirkus

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