



Ilustrado (Paperback)

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Picador USA, United States, 2011. Paperback. Condition: New. Reprint. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.WINNER OF THE 2008 MAN ASIAN LITERARY PRIZE A NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW NOTABLE BOOK OF THE YEAR It begins with a body. On a clear day in winter, the battered corpse of Crispin Salvador is pulled from the Hudson River. Gone, too, is the only manuscript of his final book, a work meant to rescue him from obscurity by exposing the crimes of the Filipino ruling families. Miguel, his student and only remaining friend, sets out for Manila to investigate. The result is a rich and dramatic family saga of four generations, tracing one hundred and fifty years of Philippine history forged under the Spanish, the Americans, and the Filipinos themselves. Exuberant and wise, wildly funny and deeply moving, *Ilustrado* is a daring and inventive debut novel that begins as a murder mystery and develops into an ambitious exploration of cultural identity, ambition, and artistic purpose. (The New Yorker).

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