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The Book

Carlos Palanca Memorial awardee and historian Dr. Jose Victor Torres takes on the task of acquainting the first year tertiary students with the wellsprings and bases of our history. This textbook, aptly titled *Batis: Sources in Philippine History* (denotative of spring from where water flows), provides primary sources—documents, pictures, videos, audio-visual recordings, and digital contents, among others—that have to do with Philippine history and discusses their historical contexts and relevance. The students are expected to analyze and evaluate these materials and come up with an understanding of a historical truth, thereby participating in the writing of history and not just merely studying it.

Batis specifically covers the first-hand accounts, controversies, and conflicting views in Philippine history as well as the mandated topics on the Philippine Constitution, agrarian reform, and taxation. It also features historical sites, museums, and shrines to promote and preserve the country's historical and cultural heritage. Finally, relevant yet interesting exercises complement the discussions for students to develop their historical and critical consciousness so that, as what the Commission on Higher Education envisions, they will become versatile, articulate, broad-minded, morally upright, and responsible citizens.



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