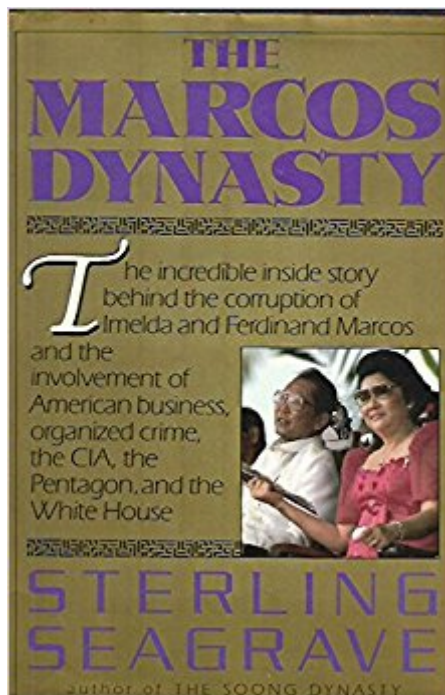


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Great historical account, hard to find many worth reading. A bit biased from an American writer with his obvious progressive secular points of view, but still a good, detailed worth reading

I am a fan of Sterling Seagrave's work and The Marcos Dynasty lived up to my expectations. Highly recommended.

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Lots of detail.

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