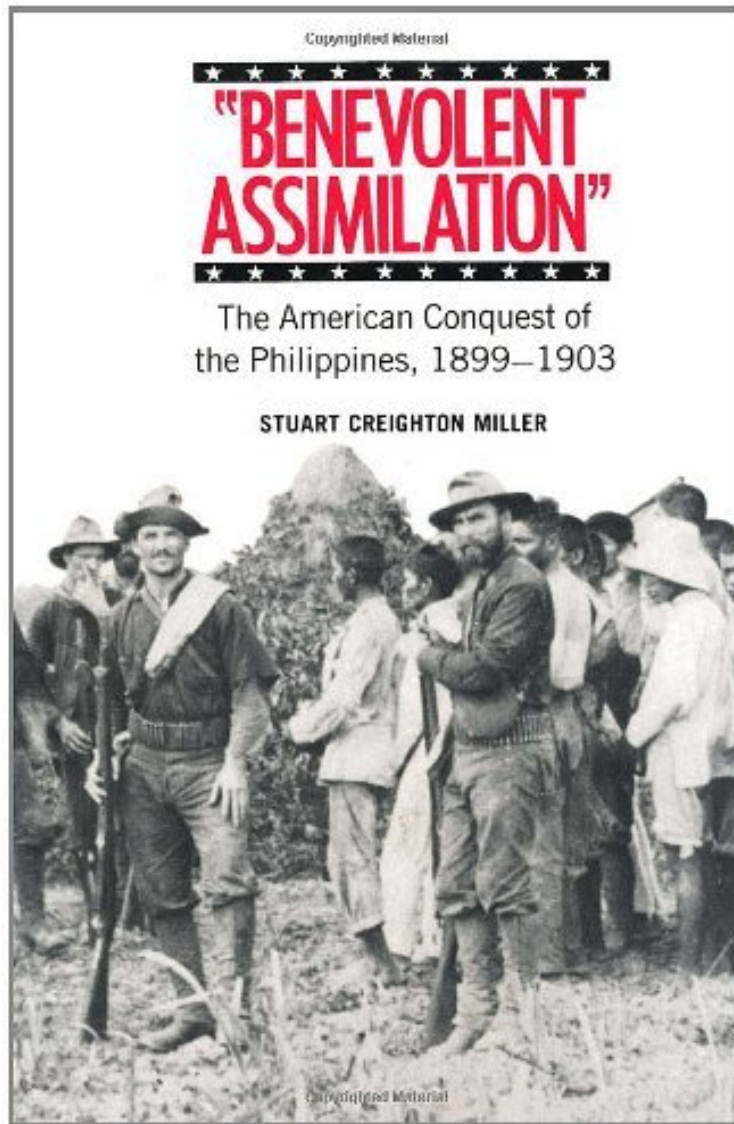


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political turmoil and subterfuges involved in the transition of America into an imperialist power. The book is not really a military history; the military aspects are secondary to Miller's coverage of how Americans justified, reacted to, and lied about our subjugation of the Philippines. It is a very sobering history of the river of lies poured out by the military, especially General Otis, and the administration of William McKinley. This is also a study in racism; how allegedly "superior" Anglo-Saxons needed to "civilize" and "Christianize" the Filipinos, many of whom were Catholic. Overall, this book is a good primer about a shocking and somewhat vile episode in American history. High School history teachers in particular should read this book and include it in their lessons about the outcome of our "splendid little war" with Spain. It is a sad truth that as a result of this conflict, America did not seem to learn anything about the nature of guerilla warfare with a people fighting to be free of foreign control. Our failure to profit from this episode helped propel us into another such quagmire in Vietnam, a nation not too far from the site of our earlier fiasco in the Philippines.

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Von Ian Lunathis book, along with stanley karnow's "in our image" and james hamilton-paterson's "america's boy" should be a necessary primer on america's tragic flirtation with colonialism at the turn of the century. Well-paced and thoroughly engaging, "benevolent assimilation" is as comprehensive and accessible document on the american annexation of the philippines, an illegal act that in its time raised serious questions about the very nature of the American republic and the liberal, jeffersonian democracy late 19th century america putatively still represented. the dream of empire, and its price in blood is poignantly essayed here. the chapters where the United States pursued its brutal, racist war of conquest with the consent of american law are wrenching. quite sad that there is very little public discussion of this atrocious chapter in our history a full century later. thought-provoking. capable of inducing a kind of soul-searching and introspection few events in our history (like african slavery and the extermination and continuing disenfranchisement of native americans) are capable of provoking. essential not just for history buffs, but for anyone interested in reading history with an eye to purifying our creed.

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Von Ein KundeWhere can one begin to review this book? It was a real eye opener to say the least! This is just one of many parts of History that I was never taught, and only learned of it in my adult years. Although the very essence of war is cruel and inhumane, but to read this book and the indiscriminate killing done by the United States Army, the pure racial hatred borne by those soldiers can make even the most jaded person ill. As an Afro-American, I can relate to those stories of killing a person and/or people because they are of a different race, or being treated differently. This book is very riveting and is hard to put down. It places you there in the middle of the war, from Manila down to the slaughter of Moro tribe members, where both women and children were slaughtered! If you are interested in US-Philippines relations, or history of it, this book is a must. One of the most darkest moments in our history, and to think after this, the Philippines has been a staunch ally.

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