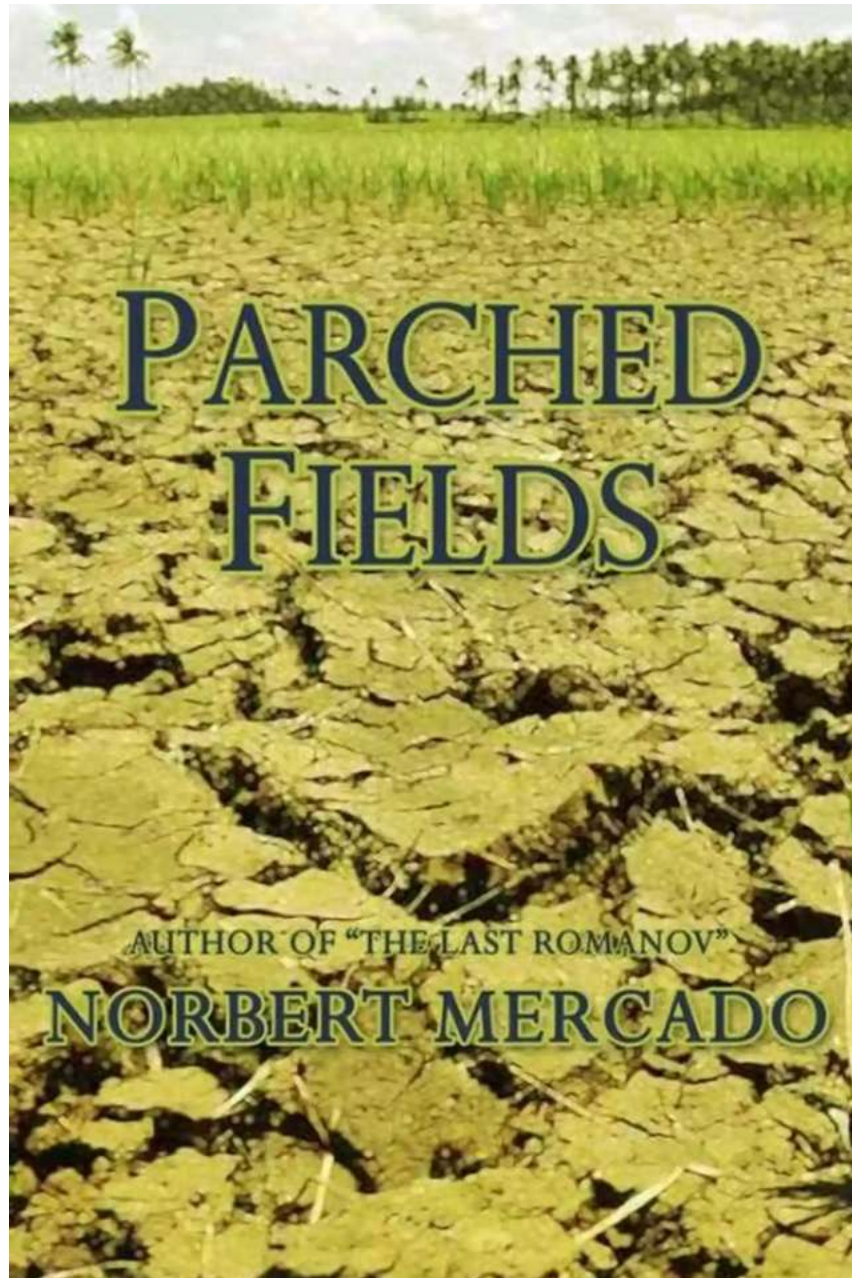


# **Parched Fields Norbert Mercado: A Tale of Drought and Survival**

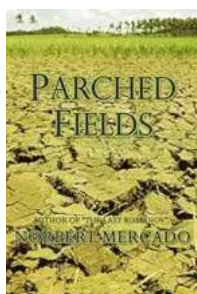


Once upon a time in a remote village, there lived a man named Norbert Mercado. Little did he know, his life would soon become entwined with the

fate of parched fields, as drought plagued the region. This is a story of resilience, determination, and the triumph of the human spirit.

## The Setting: A Land Gripped by Drought

The village of San Roque nestled amidst a picturesque landscape. However, its beauty concealed a dire reality. For years, the villagers struggled to cope with recurring drought seasons that left the once-fertile fields a barren wasteland.



### **Parched Fields** by Norbert Mercado (Kindle Edition)

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The situation was grave. Crops failed, and livestock perished due to lack of water and sustenance. The villagers, including Norbert Mercado, faced an existential crisis as their only means of survival vanished before their eyes.

## Rising from the Ashes: Norbert Mercado's Journey

Norbert Mercado was a man of indomitable spirit. Despite the challenges he faced, he refused to accept defeat. With a heart full of hope and a mind

brimming with determination, he embarked on a mission to revive the parched fields and restore life to his village.

He sought guidance from experts, conducted extensive research, and tirelessly experimented with innovative farming techniques. Norbert's unwavering commitment to finding a sustainable solution inspired the entire village.



### **Reviving Hope: The Transformation Begins**

With each passing day, Norbert Mercado's efforts bore fruit. He discovered a method to harness and utilize limited water resources efficiently. Through a combination of rainwater harvesting, drip irrigation, and crop rotation, he managed to revive the parched fields.

The once barren land slowly transformed. Lush greenery replaced the cracked soil, and resilient crops flourished. Birds returned, their melodious

chirping filling the air, and the village once again thrived.

### **An Inspiration to Many**

News about Norbert Mercado's remarkable achievements spread far and wide. People from neighboring villages sought his guidance, eager to replicate his success. Norbert selflessly shared his knowledge, empowering others to tackle the challenges of drought and transform their own lives.

In recognition of his extraordinary work, Norbert Mercado was honored with numerous awards and accolades. Yet, his greatest satisfaction came from witnessing the ripple effect of his endeavors – the positive impact on countless lives.



### **A Testament to the Power of the Human Spirit**

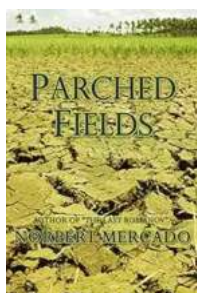
The story of Norbert Mercado and the parched fields of San Roque serves as a powerful reminder that even in the face of seemingly insurmountable



challenges, the human spirit can prevail. It teaches us to persevere, adapt, and find innovative solutions to the most pressing problems.

As Norbert Mercado continues his mission, the village of San Roque stands strong, a testament to the resilience and determination of its people. Their story offers hope, inspiration, and a call to action for communities worldwide to confront the challenges of a changing climate.

Let Norbert Mercado's tale be a beacon of light in our darkest times, reminding us that no matter how parched the field, the seeds of hope can still flourish and transform lives for generations to come.



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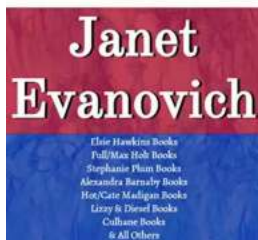
“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

This question of Uncle Gadong rang in my ears as I sat at the base of the Ambuklao tower in the western field of Lanat, San Manuel, Tarlac, my birthplace.

He asked me this question sometime in November 1961 when he visited us. He is the younger brother of my mother Francisca Lacierna Mercado. My mother and Uncle Gadong Lacierna were both born in San Clemente, Tarlac, and both grew up there. They had other siblings – Uncle Kardo, Uncle Quirino, and Aunt Ninay. All of them were born in San Clemente to Francisco Lacierna and Victoria Lucero.

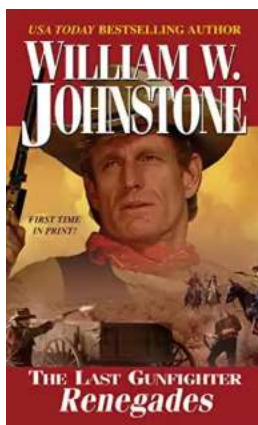
“What is your dream? What do you want to be?” Uncle Gadong asked me again. He was holding my report card in his hands, and he saw that I was given very high grades in the first and second grading periods by my first grade teacher, Mrs. Conchita Lorenzo-Fernando.

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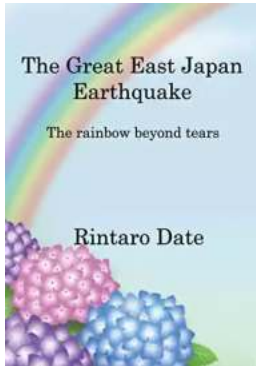
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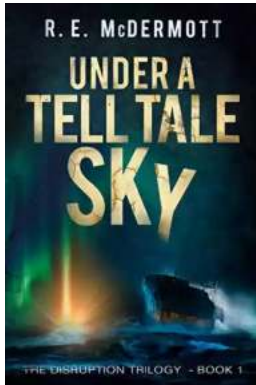
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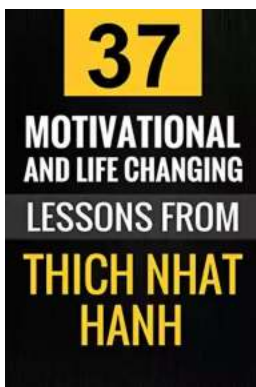
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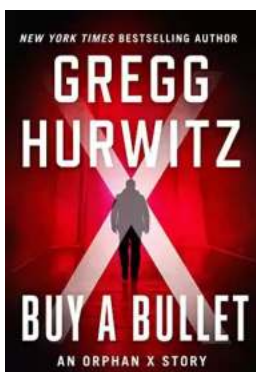
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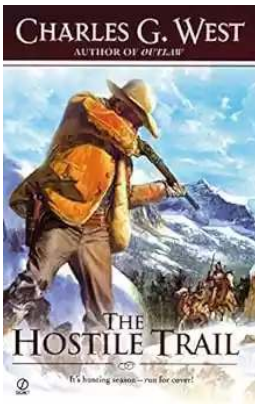
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