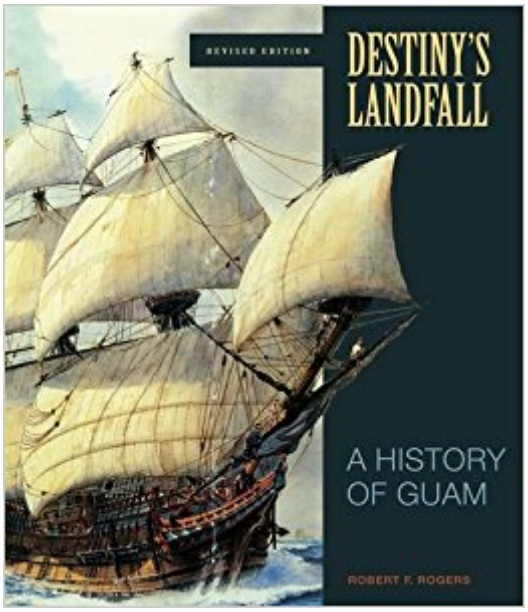
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I bought this book as a result of my son preparing a genealogy that included my Guamanian wife' s family after seeing it listed on the Internet as having references to her Japanese grandfather who had a substantial trading business based in Guam in the early 20th century and was pleasantly surprised to find that once starting it, I could not put it down. It was not only a thorough history of Guam since the days of Magellan, but an excellent study of colonialism under an exhausted Spanish empire and an American rule, primarily run by the Navy, that brought with it all its pre-1960 prejudices and Jim Crow laws. It is not very flattering to United States, Spain and Japan, which had a brief and cruel occupation, or for that matter to the Chamorran natives, but it is what a history should be - an honest appraisal of what happened. It also is amazing that so much could have occurred over many centuries in this small island that until quite recently never had more than 15,000 residents. It is well worth reading even if one has no connections to Guam.

Once I got past the rather flowery introduction about Magellan's sighting an discovery of Guam, I found this a fascinating, well-written, well-dcoumented and well-researched book. It takes the reader through the discovery phase, Spanish colonial phase (and predictably brutal) the governing role of the US Navy, the Japanese occupation and finally, the American invasion to free Guam and the associated governmental transfer from the US Navy to the Department of the Interior.Certain recurring themes are summarized since the "post-contact" history of Guam from the 16th century to the present. These are:.1). Close ties between Guam and Philippines.2).. Guam's geopolitical role in

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Because of my overseas location, I really wasn't expecting this book in until much later. Delivered in a week. The book, in and of itself, tells a compelling story of our history as Chamorro and one in which would bee on the bookshelf of any proud Guamanian. Coupled with both lore and modern history, Destiny's Landfall provides a condensed reiteration of all that is the island of Guam. Well written and a must to never forget where it is we came from, and who we are as a people.

This is a good history book of Guam. After reading The Coast Guard Oracle, a novel taking place in Guam, I wanted to learn more about the island. Destiny's Landfall is very informative and descriptive

This was quite an interesting book! It has a lot of information in it that was new to me.

Im new to the island and was curious on the history of it. So I ordered this book and just wow! SO much history here on this little island. Its really thourough and easy to read.

My friend who spent part of her early childhood on Guam is thoroughly enjoying this informative book.Came in great condition.

Everything you wanted to know about Guam and the Chamorro people. I bought extra copies to give to family members.

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