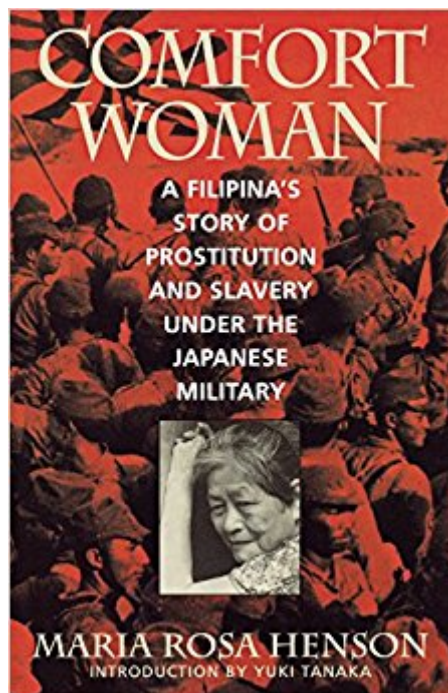




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# Comfort Woman: A Filipina's Story Of Prostitution And Slavery Under The Japanese Military (Asian Voices)



## Synopsis

In April 1943, fifteen-year-old Maria Rosa Henson was taken by Japanese soldiers occupying the Philippines and forced into prostitution as a comfort woman. In this simply told yet powerfully moving autobiography, Rosa recalls her childhood as the illegitimate daughter of a wealthy landowner, her work for Huk guerrillas, her wartime ordeal, and her marriage to a rebel leader who left her to raise their children alone. Her triumph against all odds is embodied by her decision to go public with the secret she had held close for fifty years.

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## Customer Reviews

Henson's book is different for two reasons: she experienced the tragedy firsthand and therefore speaks with authority; but she also speaks with the voice of healing, since she has lived with her nightmare for decades and survived, both physically and spiritually. Another amazing aspect of this book is that despite its title, it does not focus narrowly on the sex-slave controversy. Henson died in August 1997, but her words live on. Her example is unforgettable. (The Japan Times) This book makes clear that what the Japanese army did was only the worst example of oppression against women in the long history of colonialism and imperialism in the Philippines. It serves a corroborative text for historians, a call to arms for feminists and human rights activists, and, finally, a life-affirming reminder of the indomitability of the human spirit for all readers.

(Persimmon) Maria Rosa Henson's *Comfort Woman* is a straightforward, painful account, simply told. A powerful account of a woman's life controlled by men, both Filipino and Japanese. (Feminist

Formations)Serves as a good introduction to readers who may be approaching the subject of  
&#39;comfort women&#39; for the first time. Henson&#39;s autobiography becomes more than just  
the telling of the untold but ultimately the revealing of the unseen and the unsaid. [She] is not only  
able to recount the nightmare of her abduction and confinement in a &#39;comfort station,&#39; but  
she articulates the day to day degradation and hardship that women are subjected to long before  
and after the war is over. (Pilipinas)A compelling and moving account of one Filipina&#39;s ordeal  
under the Japanese military. It is also a story of survival, and of a lifelong quest for healing and for  
justice. Maria Rosa Henson deserves praise for her honesty and courage. By revealing to us her  
painful experiences, Mrs. Henson broke a fifty-year silence and made the world aware of the  
brutality of war and its savageness to women. We are greatly enriched by this story and inspired by  
how one woman can overcome such epic suffering and still have such compassion and such faith.  
(Corazon C. Aquino)

Maria Rosa Henson, 1928–1997, was one of thousands of Asian women forced into  
prostitution during World War II by the Japanese military. She told her story for the first time in the  
1990s at the urging of the Task Force on Filipino Comfort Women.Yuki Tanaka is Research  
Professor at the Hiroshima Peace Institute of Hiroshima City University.

I'm happy she shared her thoughts and pains to the world who seek the truth about the atrocities did  
Japanese Imperial, At this moments Japanese government is not address their concerns about the  
atrocities committed during the WWII, was really heartbreaking book to read I can't say I enjoyed to  
read it. Highly recommended someone who wants to know some history in WWII.

First of all, I don't doubt one word of this woman's story. The ability for people to persevere during  
war is truly remarkable, and Rosa's story is no different. The Japanese enslavement of comfort  
women is well documented.However, the translation and Kindle edition is very difficult to read.  
Random sentences and non-paragraphs appear out of nowhere. Also, parts of the beginning of the  
book seem almost like they are out of chronological order. It's a shame that the book couldn't have  
been translated and written to better honor Rosa's story. I am unhappy to have spent the money on  
a book so poorly laid out. I would have rather got it at the library.

I feel privileged to have read this amazing account of survival against all odds! I am glad she.  
Shared the treatment of women during this turbulent time! Very well written, easy read, and

well-worth the time! Would recommend to anyone! History should not be forgotten but learned from!

I cried my entire time reading this book. I was disturbed and afraid I couldn't finish it, but I'm so glad I did. I'd recommend it to anyone.

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This poignant memoir of a Filipino woman forced into prostitution by the Japanese military during World War II is moving and touching in its simplicity of style. Maria Rosa Henson teaches us truth in these pages, truth which we need to understand. We must all do what we can to see that our country votes properly in the United Nations on this issue. So far the USA is the only nation within the General Assembly of the UN which has refused to uphold that reparations be paid to the thousands and millions of sexual slaves who have been tortured and abused worldwide by the war machine and the various militarists who destroy our humanity everywhere across the globe. The one who has written this book is her personal testimony to help other survivors. Read this memoir and its introduction. It's worth your education.

This is an interesting account of what happened during the war to some of the women who were the captives of the Japanese. It is sad, but a good compilation of the stories of these women which needed to be acknowledged.

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The sample I read was good. After buying the book, however, I was very disappointed. It reads more like a rough draft with incomplete statements and hanging paragraphs. Example below. "The neighbors were beginning to wonder why the landlord was at their house so often. support Don Pepe gave her family kept them alive. Her salary was too small to feed six brothers and sisters. Julia did not want to go back to work in the big house." For the price, not worth it.

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