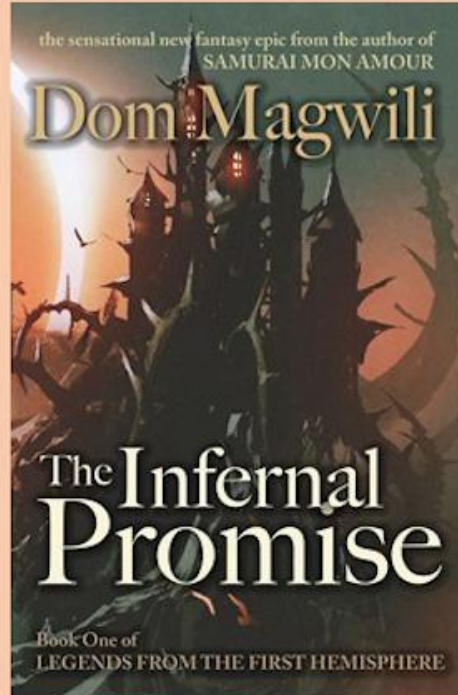


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DOM MAGWILI'S THE INFERNAL PROMISE

Sat, July 16, 2022, 1:30 p.m. PST
1410 W. Temple Street, LA 90026

In-person & via Zoom

RSVP/Register: <https://carlosbulosanbookclub.org/events>

DETAILS

- **WHEN:** Book Launch on Saturday July 16, 2022 at 1:30 - 4 pm (PST)
- **WHERE:** Echo Park Branch LA Public Library, 1410 W. Temple Street, LA 90026
- Book signing - 3-4 pm after the program . Books will be available for purchase.
- Event is free and open to the public

Book Synopsis:

Our story begins with a humble wagon train filled with immigrants headed for San Francisco. It ends up with them in a faraway world.

They are caught in the middle of a planetary invasion where animals walk and talk like men. They face bloody battle axes and deadly power staffs, with hostile giants on four-legs and two, eager to slit their throats.

But our earthly travelers are not without their own secrets -- like the assassins posing as missionary nuns, the Filipino gambler armed with his trusty Bowie knife, the Chinese brothers leaving their lives as fighters for the prosperity in the land called Gold Mountain or the Japanese adventurers looking to make America their home.

In this world named Eko, there are cities like the opulent Amada, the crown jewel of the Boar folk empire, and the desiccated blue city of Rajii, home of the mystic rats. There is the infamous Blood Keep in the south, home of the flying Dragon Wings. And even though everyone fears them, it does not compare to the dread brought on by the Emerald Edifice in the north.

It is in this world that our improbable travelers become unlikely heroes. Welcome to their adventures!

BIOGRAPHY: Dom Magwili was born and raised in Oakland, California. He found an artistic home at the East West Players Theatre in Los Angeles. Dom has served as an actor, playwright, director, producer, and teacher there. He has won several Rockefeller Playwright-in-Residence Grant awards for his stage plays. He has also written a number of screenplays that were produced into movies such as *Much Adobo About Nothing*, *Future War*, *American Streetfighter*, *Bikini Hotel*, *Power Elite*, and *GiAnts*.

Dom has written and/or directed several Youtube projects such as *Chinatown Rhapsody* and *Samurai Mon Amour*. He currently teaches for the Asian American Studies Department at California State University Fullerton.

Video Trailers:

[About Dom Magwiliw: Self Introduction](#)

[A passage from the prologue of the book](#)

[Our heroes' first contact with a native of this alien world](#)

DISCUSSANTS/COMMENTATORS?

Carol Ojeda-Kimbrough	Cecilia Brainard
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REVIEWS

BLURBS AND COMMENTS

A ragged group of immigrants navigating the harsh landscape the American West encounters an even stranger environment on a savage, alien world — and are greeted as gods! This clash of cultures and fantasy genres moves its vividly drawn characters briskly from peril to peril in an ever broadening scope. A true Epic.

– Michael Sprout

The Infernal Promise gives us that ensemble of fully developed characters whose stories are rooted in the experiences of Chinese, Japanese, Pilipinos, and even the islands of Polynesia. The tale moved so quickly from chapter to chapter that I often lost track of time.

– Emilio J. Virata, Jr.

Move over Game of Thrones and Warrior, Infernal Promise delivers on every level. The journey transports you to another world and universe and you can't help but invest yourself in the finely etched characters.

– Maria Mayenzet

With polychromatic prose and a propulsive narrative, Dom Magwili has crafted an other-worldly epic in his novel The Infernal Promise. This is a fabulous tale in the truest sense of the word—a fable of grand conflicts that nonetheless touches intimate chords. The book abounds with strange creatures and yet there is sympathy for them, and we are led to care what happens to them.

-- Mark A. Vieira, author – Sin in Soft Focus, Forbidden Hollywood: The Pre-Code Era

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