



National Bookstore was put up as a retail bookstore in Plaza Sta. Cruz area by Jose and Socorro Ramos during the WWII in 1942, but was burned to ashes during the 1945 Liberation of Manila. It was rebuilt in Avenida after the war, publishing books on Philippine history and heroes, including Jose Rizal and his greatest novels, *Noli Me Tangere* and *El Filibusterismo*.