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TITLE: Adarna: Alamat ni Maria Blanca
GENRE: Role-playing, Educational
RELEASE DATE: August 25, 2016
GAMEPLAY LENGTH: Approximately 90 minutes
PLATFORM: PC
LANGUAGE: Tagalog

English Description

This game is the sequel to *Adarna*, which was released in the year 2015. In the original 17th century *Ibong Adarna* tale by Jose de la Cruz, the Princesses Maria Blanca, Juana and Leonora were merely the girlfriends of the protagonist Prince Juan. At the end of the corrido, Juan picks Maria Blanca as his preferred wife, while the other two women became the wives of Juan's brothers, Pedro and Diego. All three women had interesting backgrounds, but the way they were treated in the story left something to be desired. This is a manuscript that is often discussed in Filipino literature classes, but the portrayal of women — either as damsels in distress or prizes to be chosen — are not empowering.

Adarna: The Legend of Maria Blanca re-imagines what it would be like if these princesses' lives did not revolve around Juan or his brothers. Many regions of pre-Hispanic Philippines had matriarchal societies, and while the first *Adarna* game released by Senshi.Labs had a very Western feel to it, this sequel attempts to transport the players back to an indigenous pre-colonial atmosphere while keeping the language somewhat up to date.

Awards

Adarna: Alamat ni Maria Blanca was nominated for 4 categories in the Philippine Information Communication and Technology Awards, which was held at the 10th Animahenasyon Festival. It bagged Best Narrative, Best Sound and Music Design, and Best Educational Game.

Trailer

Link: <https://youtu.be/TUw1ixkOgZc>





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