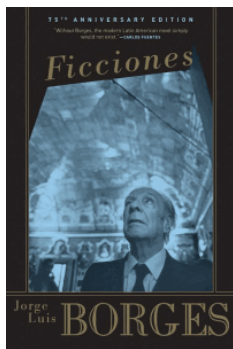




Latin American Literature



Argentina



Ficciones by Jorge Luis Borges

Stories dealing with an unusual garden, an enormous library, authorship, language, memory, philosophy, and the art of writing are accompanied by background information, excerpts from an interview with the author, and discussion questions.



Furia by Yamile Saïed Méndez

Seventeen-year-old Camila Hassan, a rising soccer star in Rosario, Argentina, dreams of playing professionally, in defiance of her fathers' wishes and at the risk of her budding romance with Diego.

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

The Invention of Morel and *Where There's Love, There's Hate* by Adolfo Bioy Casares

Unthinkable Tenderness: Selected Poems by Juan Gelman

The Angel of Darkness and *On Heroes and Tombs* by Ernesto R. Sábato

Bolivia

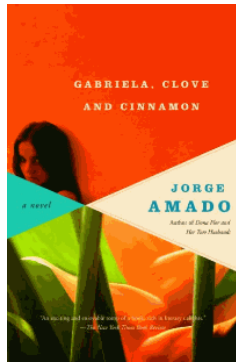
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Turing's Delirium by Edmundo Paz Soldán

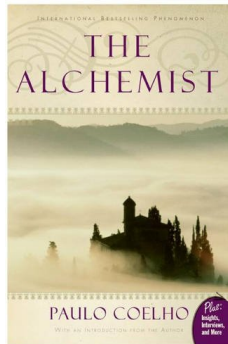
The Fat Man from La Paz: Contemporary Fiction from Bolivia edited by Rosario Santos

Brazil



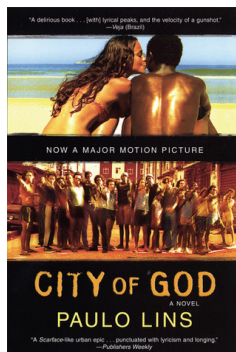
***Gabriela, Clove and Cinnamon* by Jorge Amado**

Gabriela, one of a group of dirty migrant workers to arrive in Ilheus from the backland of Brazil, is hired as a cook by Nacib, the owner of a popular cafe, and her skills as a chef, as well as her dazzling beauty, soon turn the restaurant into the most prosperous business in town.



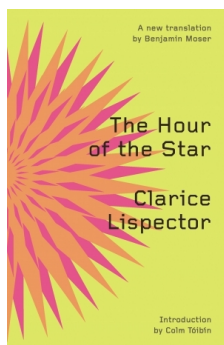
***The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho**

A fable about undauntingly following one's dreams, listening to one's heart, and reading life's omens features dialogue between a boy and an unnamed being.



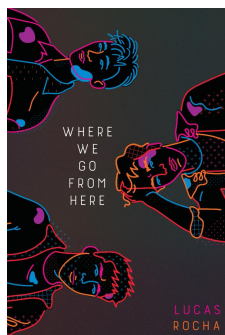
***City of God* by Paulo Lins**

Cidade de Deus, the City of God, is one of Rio's most notorious slums. Yet it is also a place where samba rocks till dawn, where the women are the most beautiful on earth, and where one young man wants to escape his background and become a photographer.



***The Hour of the Star* by Clarice Lispector**

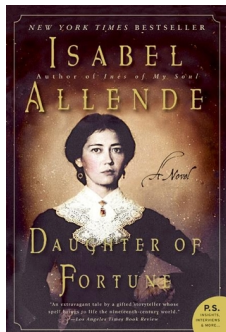
Despite her ugliness, horrible boyfriend, and miserable job, Macabéa feels quite happy, until her boyfriend begins to pull her down with his own negativity.



***Where We Go from Here* by Lucas Rocha**

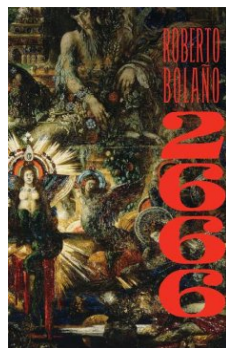
When Victor finds himself getting tested for HIV for the first time, he can't help but question his entire relationship with Henrique, the guy he has-had-been dating. See, Henrique didn't disclose his positive HIV status to Victor until after they had sex, and even though Henrique insisted on using every possible precaution, Victor's livid. That's when Victor meets Ian, a guy who's also getting tested for HIV. But Ian's test comes back positive, and his world is about to change forever. Though Victor is loath to think about Henrique, he offers to put the two of them in touch, hoping that perhaps Henrique can help Ian navigate his new life.

Chile



Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende

Orphaned at birth, Eliza Sommers is raised in the British colony of Valparaíso, Chile, by the well-intentioned Victorian spinster Miss Rose and her more rigid brother Jeremy. Just as she meets and falls in love with the wildly inappropriate Joaquín Andieta, a lowly clerk who works for Jeremy, gold is discovered in the hills of northern California. By 1849, Chileans of every stripe have fallen prey to feverish dreams of wealth. Joaquín takes off for San Francisco to seek his fortune, and Eliza, pregnant with his child, decides to follow him.



2666 by Roberto Bolaño

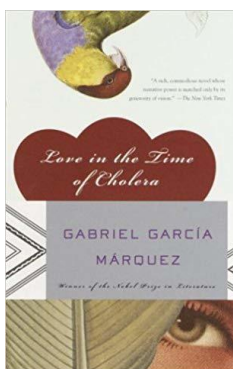
An American sportswriter, an elusive German novelist, and a teenage student interact in an urban community on the U.S.-Mexico border where hundreds of young factory workers have disappeared.

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Persona Non Grata: a Memoir of Disenchantment with the Cuban Revolution by Jorge Edwards

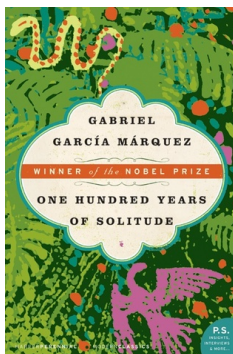
Antipoems: How to Look Better & Feel Great and *Sermons and Homilies of the Christ of Elqui* by Nicanor Parra
Gonzalo Rojas in - *The FSG Book of Twentieth-century Latin American Poetry* and *The Oxford Book of Latin American Poetry*

Colombia



Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel García Márquez

In their youth, Florentino Ariza and Fermina Daza fall passionately in love. When Fermina eventually chooses to marry a wealthy, well-born doctor, Florentino is heartbroken, but he is a romantic. As he rises in his business career he whiles away the years in 622 affairs—yet he reserves his heart for Fermina. Her husband dies at last, and Florentino purposefully attends the funeral. Fifty years, nine months, and four days after he first declared his love for Fermina, he will do so again.



One Hundred Years of Solitude by Gabriel García Márquez

The brilliant, bestselling, landmark novel that tells the story of the Buendia family, and chronicles the irreconcilable conflict between the desire for solitude and the need for love—in rich, imaginative prose that has come to define an entire genre known as "magical realism"

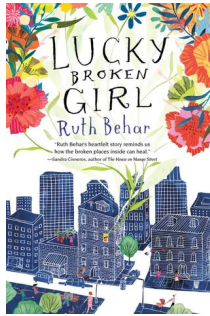
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The Adventures and Misadventures of Maqroll by Álvaro Mutis

Costa Rica

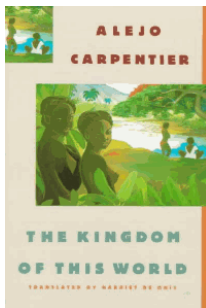
***Saints of the Household* by Ari Tison (to be published in 2023)**

Cuba



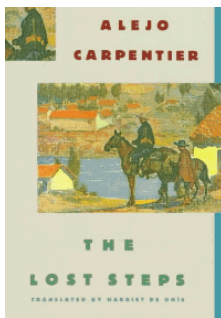
***Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar**

Ruthie Mizrahi and her family recently emigrated from Castro's Cuba to New York City. Just when she's finally beginning to gain confidence in her mastery of English and enjoying her reign as her neighborhood's hopscotch queen, a horrific car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined her to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie's world shrinks because of her inability to move, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger. She comes to understand how fragile life is, how vulnerable we all are as human beings, and how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times.



***The Kingdom of This World* by Alejo Carpentier**

After its liberation from harsh French rule in 1803, Haiti endured a period of great brutality under Henri Christophe, who was born a slave but rose to become the first black king in the Western Hemisphere. In this unnerving novel, Henri Christophe's oppressive rule is observed through the eyes of the elderly slave Ti Noël. Ranging across the country, searching for true liberation, Ti Noël finds himself confronted with bloody revolutions, maniacal rulers, and the mysterious power of voodoo magic.



***The Lost Steps* by Alejo Carpentier**

A disillusioned musician leaves his home in search of different surroundings and companions and a new existence in the Amazonian jungle.

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

Three Trapped Tigers by Guillermo Cabrera Infante

Absolute Solitude: Selected Poems by Dulce María Loynaz

Dominican Republic

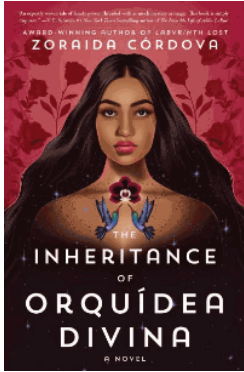
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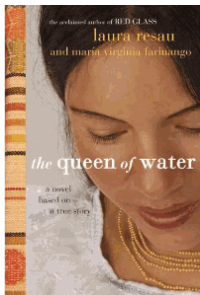
Living with an old-world mother and rebellious sister, an urban New Jersey misfit dreams of becoming the next J. R. R. Tolkien and believes that a long-standing family curse is thwarting his efforts to find love and happiness.

Ecuador



***The Inheritance of Orquídea Divina* by Zoraida Córdova**

The Montoyas know better than to ask why the pantry never seems to run low or empty, or why their matriarch won't ever leave their home in Four Rivers, even for graduations, weddings, or baptisms. When Orquídea Divina invites them to her funeral and to collect their inheritance, they hope to learn the secrets that she has held onto so tightly their whole lives. Instead Orquídea is transformed, leaving them with more questions than answers. Seven years later, her gifts have manifested in different ways for Marimar, Rey, and Tatinelly's daughter, Rhiannon, granting them unexpected blessings. But a hidden figure begins to tear through their family tree, picking them off one by one as it seeks to destroy Orquídea's line.



***The Queen of Water* by Laura Resau and María Virginia Farinango**

Living in a village in Ecuador, a Quechua Indian girl is sent to work as an indentured servant for an upper class "mestizo" family.

El Salvador

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

One Day of Life by Manlio Argueta

Small Hours of the Night: Selected Poems of Roque Dalton

Guatemala

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

I, Rigoberta Menchú an Indian Woman in Guatemala

The Cross and the Pear Tree by Victor Perera

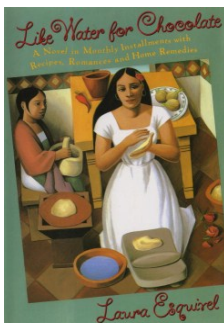
Oy, Caramba!: an Anthology of Jewish Stories From Latin America

Honduras

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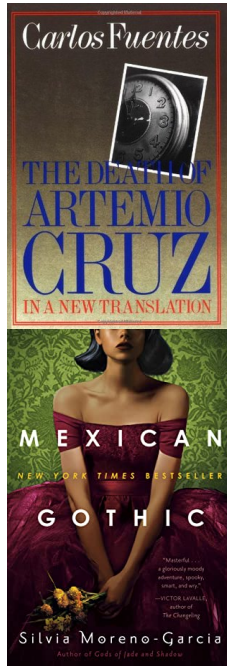
Mexico



***Like Water For Chocolate* by Laura Esquivel**

A sumptuous feast of a novel, it relates the bizarre history of the all-female De La Garza family. Tita, the youngest daughter of the house, has been forbidden to marry, condemned by Mexican tradition to look after her mother until she dies. But Tita falls in love with Pedro, and he is seduced by the magical food she cooks. In desperation, Pedro marries her sister Rosaura so that he can stay close to her,

so that Tita and Pedro are forced to circle each other in unconsummated passion. Only a freakish chain of tragedies, bad luck and fate finally reunite them against all the odds.



***The Death of Artemio Cruz* by Carlos Fuentes**

As the novel opens, Artemio Cruz, the all-powerful newspaper magnate and land baron, lies confined to his bed and, in dreamlike flashes, recalls the pivotal episodes of his life.

***Mexican Gothic* by Silvia Moreno-Garcia**

After receiving a frantic letter from her newly-wed cousin begging for someone to save her from a mysterious doom, Noemí Taboada heads to High Place, a distant house in the Mexican countryside. She's not sure what she will find—her cousin's husband, a handsome Englishman, is a stranger, and Noemí knows little about the region.

Her only ally is the family's youngest son. Shy and gentle, he seems to want to help Noemí, but might also be hiding dark knowledge of his family's past. As Noemí digs deeper she unearths stories of violence and madness and may soon find it impossible to ever leave this enigmatic house behind.

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

City of Memory and Other Poems by José Emilio Pacheco

The Collected Poems by Octavio Paz

The Art of Flight and *Mephisto's Waltz: Stories* by Sergio Pitlor

Nicaragua

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

The Inhabited Woman and *Infinity in the Palm of Her Hand* by Gioconda Belli

Panama



***The Book of Unknown Americans* by Cristina Henríquez**

Arturo and Alma Rivera have lived their whole lives in Mexico. One day, their beautiful fifteen-year-old daughter, Maribel, sustains a terrible injury, one that casts doubt on whether she'll ever be the same. And so, leaving all they have behind, the Riveras come to America with a single dream: that in this country of great opportunity and resources, Maribel can get better. When Mayor Toro, whose family is from Panama, sees Maribel in a Dollar Tree store, it is love at first sight. It's also the beginning of a friendship between the Rivera and Toro families, whose web of guilt and love and responsibility is at this novel's core.

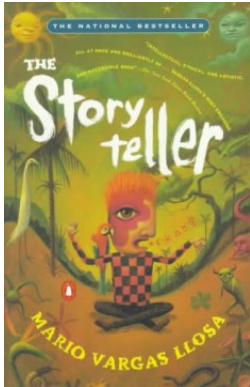
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Mama's Girl and *The Go-Between* by Veronica Chambers

Paraguay

Augusto Roa Bastos in *The Oxford Book of Latin American Short Stories*

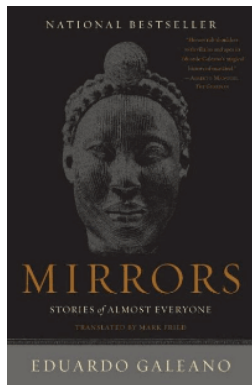
Perú



***The Storyteller* by Mario Vargas Llosa**

Seeing a photograph of an Amazon tribal storyteller, a Peruvian writer becomes certain that the man is one of his old school friends and begins to imagine his transformation from the person he knew into a central member of the Machiguenga tribe.

Uruguay



***Mirrors* by Eduardo Galeano**

A collection of some six hundred vignettes in which the author draws from the entire span of human history to look at episodes from the perspectives of the unseen, unheard, and forgotten.

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

The Book of Embraces and *Soccer in Sun and Shadow* by Eduardo Galeano

Body Snatcher, *The Shipyard*, and *Goodbyes and Stories* by Juan Carlos Onetti

Venezuela

Books available from the public library for the following authors:

Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde and *The Laramie Project* by Moisés Kaufman
