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El Labertino de la Soledad by Octavio Paz - Anthony Stanton 2008-10-15
This book, Paz's first book-length essay, is the most famous of his works and a modern classic. Published in Spanish in 1950, it is undoubtedly the most influential work that exists on problems of Mexican cultural identity. In this critical edition, Stanton introduces the work, explores the historical circumstances in which it was written, its textual genesis, sequels and its influence. He analyzes key elements of the essay, such as the structure, methodology, use of Freud, Jung, Marx, Nietzsche and the way it relates culture to history. This book contains questions and themes for discussion and a select bibliography.

Miserable Miracle - Henri Michaux 2002-04-30

"This book is an exploration. By means of words, signs, drawings. Mescaline, the subject explored." In *Miserable Miracle*, the great French poet and artist Henri Michaux, a confirmed teetotaler, tells of his life-transforming first encounters with a powerful hallucinogenic drug. At once lacerating and weirdly funny, challenging and Chaplinesque, his book is a breathtaking vision of interior space and a piece of stunning writing wrested from the grip of the unspeakable. Includes forty pages of black-and-white drawings.

The Double Flame - Octavio Paz 1996

A collection of essays examines the themes of love and sex in literature, from Plato to modern fiction

The Labyrinth of Solitude ; The Other Mexico ; Return to the Labyrinth of Solitude ; Mexico and the United States ; The Philanthropic Ogre -

Octavio Paz 1985

Examines Mexican character and culture, pre-Columbian societies, and relations between Mexico and the United States

Convergences - Octavio Paz 1991

A renowned poet, philosopher, and world traveler offers a collection of essays on a wide range of topics including modern American painters and the religious rites of the Aztecs

The Labyrinth of Solitude - Octavio Paz 1985-01

The Labyrinth of Solitude; Life and Thought in Mexico. Translated by Lysander Kemp - Octavio Paz 1961

In Light of India - Octavio Paz 1998

Paz looks at the people and landscapes of India, based on his years with the Mexican embassy, offering a collection of essays on Indian history, culture, art, politics, language, and philosophy

Marcel Duchamp - Octavio Paz 1990

The esteemed Nobel Prize-winning poet offers a portrait of Marcel Duchamp as a great cautionary figure in public culture, citing the philosopher's influential beliefs about spiritual freedom and the encroachment of criticism, science, and art in today's world. Reprint.

Aguila O Sol? - Octavio Paz 1976

A bilingual edition of the short prose poetry written by Mexico's most distinguished living poet in 1949-50

One Earth, Four Or Five Worlds - Octavio Paz 1985-01-01

The Mexico Reader - Gilbert M. Joseph 2003-01-16

The Mexico Reader is a vivid introduction to muchos Méxicos—the many Mexicos, or the many varied histories and cultures that comprise contemporary Mexico. Unparalleled in scope and written for the traveler,

student, and expert alike, the collection offers a comprehensive guide to the history and culture of Mexico—including its difficult, uneven modernization; the ways the country has been profoundly shaped not only by Mexicans but also by those outside its borders; and the extraordinary economic, political, and ideological power of the Roman Catholic Church. The book looks at what underlies the chronic instability, violence, and economic turmoil that have characterized periods of Mexico's history while it also celebrates the country's rich cultural heritage. A diverse collection of more than eighty selections, *The Mexico Reader* brings together poetry, folklore, fiction, polemics, photoessays, songs, political cartoons, memoirs, satire, and scholarly writing. Many pieces are by Mexicans, and a substantial number appear for the first time in English. Works by Octavio Paz and Carlos Fuentes are included along with pieces about such well-known figures as the larger-than-life revolutionary leaders Pancho Villa and Emiliano Zapata; there is also a comminiqué from a more recent rebel, Subcomandante Marcos. At the same time, the book highlights the perspectives of many others—indigenous peoples, women, politicians, patriots, artists, soldiers, rebels, priests, workers, peasants, foreign diplomats, and travelers. The Mexico Reader explores what it means to be Mexican, tracing the history of Mexico from pre-Columbian times through the country's epic revolution (1910–17) to the present day. The materials relating to the latter half of the twentieth century focus on the contradictions and costs of postrevolutionary modernization, the rise of civil society, and the dynamic cross-cultural zone marked by the two thousand-mile Mexico-U.S. border. The editors have divided the book into several sections organized roughly in chronological order and have provided brief historical contexts for each section. They have also furnished a lengthy list of resources about Mexico, including websites and suggestions for further reading.

A Draft of Shadows, and Other Poems - Octavio Paz 1979

A selection of recent poems by one of Mexico's leading writers is presented both in Spanish and in English translation

The Labyrinth of Solitude - Octavio Paz 2005

As well as the nine essays on his country's psyche and history that make up *The Labyrinth of Solitude*, this highly acclaimed volume also includes *The Other Mexico*, Paz's heartfelt response to the government massacre of over three hundred students in Mexico City in 1968, and *Return to the Labyrinth of Solitude*, in which he discusses his famous work with Claude Fell. The two final essays contain further reflections on the Mexican government.

The Poems of Octavio Paz - Octavio Paz 2012

Collects the author's poetry spanning his entire writing career, including his first published poem as well as his last, along with a biographical note and notes on the poems taken from interviews with the author.

The Other Mexico: Critique of the Pyramid - Octavio Paz 1972-01-01

Examines the historical development of the character and culture of modern Mexico, paying special attention to recent political unrest

The Bow and the Lyre - Octavio Paz 2013-05-15

Octavio Paz presents his sustained reflections on the poetic phenomenon and on the place of poetry in history and in our personal lives.

One Hundred Years of Solitude - Gabriel Garcia Marquez 2003-06-24

One of the 20th century's enduring works, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* is a widely beloved and acclaimed novel known throughout the

world, and the ultimate achievement in a Nobel Prize-winning career. The novel tells the story of the rise and fall of the mythical town of Macondo through the history of the Buendía family. It is a rich and brilliant chronicle of life and death, and the tragicomedy of humankind. In the noble, ridiculous, beautiful, and tawdry story of the Buendía family, one sees all of humanity, just as in the history, myths, growth, and decay of Macondo, one sees all of Latin America. Love and lust, war and revolution, riches and poverty, youth and senility -- the variety of life, the endlessness of death, the search for peace and truth -- these universal themes dominate the novel. Whether he is describing an affair of passion or the voracity of capitalism and the corruption of government, Gabriel García Márquez always writes with the simplicity, ease, and purity that are the mark of a master. Alternately reverential and comical, *One Hundred Years of Solitude* weaves the political, personal, and spiritual to bring a new consciousness to storytelling. Translated into dozens of languages, this stunning work is no less than an accounting of the history of the human race.

Octavio Paz - Ilan Stavans 2001

"In this small, memorable meditation on Octavio Paz as a thinker and man of action, Ilan Stavans - described by the Washington Post as "one of our foremost cultural critics" and by the New York Times as "the czar of Latino culture in the United States" - ponders Paz's intellectual courage against the ideological tapestry of his epoch and shows us what lessons can be learned from him. He does so by exploring such timeless issues as the crossroads where literature and politics meet, the place of criticism in society, and Mexico's difficult quest to come to terms with its own history."

The Labyrinth of Solitude - Octavio Paz 1962

"One of the major poets of our time here probes and defines Mexican character and culture in a series of essays. Silence, irony, the formalization of social life -- these are the masks that permit the Mexican to conceal his personality. Far more than an interpretation of his own country alone, this book is also a penetrating commentary on the plight of Latin America today as a whole, an enlightening view of the North American -- "who wanders in an abstract world of machines, fellow citizens, and moral precepts"--And a universally applicable evaluation of the situation of contemporary man." [Back cover].

The Cage of Melancholy - Roger Bartra 1992

"A wonderful and timely book. . . . Bartra brilliantly dissects the idea of 'being Mexican' upheld and imposed by the dominant forces in Mexico. But by extension, he asks readers everywhere if they recognize themselves in the national character proposed by the political elites of the U.S., France, U.S.S.R., or Nigeria. Bartra invites us all to step out of self-consciousness, take a good look at the metaphysics of 'national character' and then decide if they are true to you or to me. . . . A more relevant cultural exercise can not be proposed at this time." ð Carlos Fuentes
In *The Cage of Melancholy*, Roger Bartra explores the myth of the Mexican national character, and how this myth has been used to legitimize the exploitative modern national state. Between the time of the European Conquest and the Mexican Revolution, the Mexican was viewed as a peasant who was timid, childlike, resigned, lazy, and indifferent to death. This image was modified by industrialization. The peasant became a worker who was violent, sentimental, resentful, evasive, and betrayed by modernity. In both incarnations, the Mexican is stereotyped as melancholy, as are the members of the intellectual elite who construct this image. (Bartra links this notion of melancholy with European, Romantic ideas.) As Bartra shows how the myth was constructed and why, he skillfully weaves an extraordinary comparison with an axolotl. An axolotl is an actual larva-like aquatic amphibian, swimming in the waters of Mexico, which never metamorphosizes into a salamander, as expected, and which is misunderstood by both Europeans and Mexicans as they subject it to constant scrutiny. For Bartra, the axolotl is the Mexican, always on the brink of change, always misunderstood, always melancholic. The axolotl is a mirror of the Mexican national culture. To explain the ways that the myth of the typical Mexican serves political purposes, Bartra tells us about *relajo*, the slackening of norms that causes disorder. Mexicans advocate *relajo* as a strategy of self-defense as they try to disorder the mechanisms of domination. But when *relajo* is institutionalized into the myth of the national spirit, it functions as a diversion that deflects protests, thus ensuring the domination of the modern state. Moreover, those who question the state are accused of renouncing the national culture. Bartra argues that "Mexicans must get rid of this imagery which oppresses our consciences and fortifies the despotic domination of the so-called Mexican Revolutionary state." Drawing from the fields of history,

literature, popular culture, psychoanalysis, evolution, and biology, he challenges us to look at problems in new ways. Roger Bartra is an anthropologist and sociologist at the National Autonomous University of Mexico and the editor of *La Jornada Semanal*, a literary magazine. 200 pp. 11 black-and-white illustrations. Cloth, \$38.00ss

Essays on Mexican Art - Octavio Paz 1995-01

Essays discuss pre-Columbian art, the influence of European art on the Mexican muralists, and the abstract art of Tamayo

On Poets and Others - Octavio Paz 2014-08-05

The Nobel Prize-winning poet and man of letters Octavio Paz was also a brilliant reader of other writers, and this book selects his best critical essays from over three decades. In the sixteen pieces collected here, Paz discusses a wide range of poets and writers, both American and international, from Robert Frost and Walt Whitman to William Carlos Williams; from Fyodor Dostoevsky to Luis Buñuel to Alexander Solzhenitsyn; and from Charles Baudelaire to Jean-Paul Sartre, André Breton, and Henri Michaux. Paz writes, "I believe that a writer's attitude to language should be that of a lover: fidelity and, at the same time, a lack of respect for the beloved object. Veneration and transgression." When this original thinker meets these writers, each essay is an adventure of the mind.

Distant Neighbors - Alan Riding 2011-07-06

A study of Mexico - political, social, cultural, economic - by a journalist who was for the past 6 years the NYT bureau chief in Mexico City. With portraits of Mexico's top leaders, about a nation whose stability is vital to our national well-being.

Readings from Modern Mexican Authors - Frederick Starr 2020-02-25

This book has been considered by academicians and scholars of great significance and value to literature. This forms a part of the knowledge base for future generations. So that the book is never forgotten we have represented this book in a print format as the same form as it was originally first published. Hence any marks or annotations seen are left intentionally to preserve its true nature.

Conjunctions and Disjunctions - Octavio Paz 2011-09-22

Fascinated by the polarity of being, Paz has boldly attempted to write a "history of man". Unlike countless other histories that simply chronicle civilizations and cultures, Paz's work explores the human heart, the meaning of human nature, and the duality that exists within all beings.

A Visit to Don Otavio - Sybille Bedford 2010-10-29

This affectionate study of the Mexican temper is "one of the most charming travel books ever written." - The Atlantic Monthly
Before returning to the Old World after World War II, Sybille Bedford resolved to see something more of the New. "I had a great longing to move," she said, "to hear another language, eat new food, to be in a country with a long nasty history in the past and as little present history as possible." And so she set out for Mexico - and, incidentally, to write what Bruce Chatwin called the best travel book of the twentieth century, "a book of marvels, to be read again and again and again."

Why America Failed - Morris Berman 2011-09-13

Why America Failed shows how, from its birth as a nation of "hustlers" to its collapse as an empire, the tools of the country's expansion proved to be the instruments of its demise. *Why America Failed* is the third and most engaging volume of Morris Berman's trilogy on the decline of the American empire. In *The Twilight of American Culture*, Berman examined the internal factors of that decline, showing that they were identical to those of Rome in its late-empire phase. In *Dark Ages America*, he explored the external factors—e.g., the fact that both empires were ultimately attacked from the outside—and the relationship between the events of 9/11 and the history of U.S. foreign policy. In his most ambitious work to date, Berman looks at the "why" of it all. Probes America's commitment to economic liberalism and free enterprise stretching back to the late sixteenth century, and shows how this ideology, along with that of technological progress, rendered any alternative marginal to American history. Maintains, more than anything else, that this one-sided vision of the country's purpose finally did our nation in. *Why America Failed* is a controversial work, one that will shock, anger, and transform its readers. The book is a stimulating and provocative explanation of how we managed to wind up in our current situation: economically weak, politically passe, socially divided, and culturally adrift. It is a tour de force, a powerful conclusion to Berman's study of American imperial decline.

A Tree Within - Octavio Paz 1988

An Erotic Beyond - Octavio Paz 1998

A poem and two essays written over a period of five decades gather the

author's thoughts on the work of the controversial Marquis de Sade

The Sorrows of Mexico - Lydia Cacho 2016-08-18

With contributions from seven of Mexico's finest journalists, this is reportage at its bravest and most necessary - it has the power to change the world's view of their country, and by the force of its truth, to start to heal the country's many sorrows. Supported the Arts Council Grant's for the Arts Programme and by PEN Promotes Veering between carnival and apocalypse, Mexico has in the last ten years become the epicentre of the international drug trade. The so-called "war on drugs" has been a brutal and chaotic failure (more than 160,000 lives have been lost). The drug cartels and the forces of law and order are often in collusion, corruption is everywhere. Life is cheap and inconvenient people - the poor, the unlucky, the honest or the inquisitive - can be "disappeared" leaving not a trace behind (in September 2015, more than 26,798 were officially registered as "not located"). Yet people in all walks of life have refused to give up. Diego Enrique Osorno and Juan Villoro tell stories of teenage prostitution and Mexico's street children. Anabel Hernández and Emiliano Ruiz Parra give chilling accounts of the "disappearance" of forty-three students and the murder of a self-educated land lawyer. Sergio González Rodríguez and Marcela Turati dissect the impact of the violence on the victims and those left behind, while Lydia Cacho contributes a journal of what it is like to live every day of your life under threat of death. Reading these accounts we begin to understand the true nature of the meltdown of democracy, obscured by lurid headlines, and the sheer physical and intellectual courage needed to oppose it.

The Collected Poems of Octavio Paz, 1957-1987 - Octavio Paz 1991

This landmarked bilingual edition gathers all the poetry the 1990 Nobel Laureate has published in book form since 1957, the year his long poem "Sunstone"--her translated anew--made its first appearance. Included are the complete texts of "Days and Occasions", "Solo for Two Voices", "A Drift of Shadows", "East Slope", "Toward the Beginning", and more; plus Paz's most recent collection, *A Tree Within*.

The General in His Labyrinth - Gabriel García Márquez 2014-10-15

AVAILABLE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN eBook! General Simon Bolívar, "the Liberator" of five South American countries, takes a last melancholy journey down the Magdalena River, revisiting cities along its shores, and reliving the triumphs, passions, and betrayals of his life. Infinitely charming, prodigiously successful in love, war and politics, he still dances with such enthusiasm and skill that his witnesses cannot believe he is ill. Aflame with memories of the power that he commanded and the dream of continental unity that eluded him, he is a moving exemplar of how much can be won—and lost—in a life.

Itinerary - Octavio Paz 2001-10-15

The late Nobel Prize-winning poet and essayist shares the evolution of his intellectual and political ideas in this special look inside the mind of a literary genius. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

Freud's Mexico - Rubén Gallo 2010

Freud's Mexico is a completely unexpected contribution to Freud studies. Here, Rubén Gallo reveals Freud's previously undisclosed connections to a culture and a psychoanalytic tradition not often associated with him. Freud found a receptive audience among Mexican intellectuals, read Mexican books, collected Mexican antiquities, and dreamed Mexican dreams; his writings bear the traces of a longstanding fascination with the country. In the Mexico of the 1920s and 1930s, Freud made an impact not only among psychiatrists but also in literary, artistic, and political circles. Gallo writes about a "motley crew" of Freud's readers who devised some of the most original, elaborate, and influential applications of psychoanalytic theory anywhere in the world: the poet Salvador Novo, a gay dandy who used Freud to vindicate marginal sexual identities; the conservative philosopher Samuel Ramos, who diagnosed the collective neuroses afflicting his country; the cosmopolitan poet Octavio Paz, who launched a psychoanalytic inquiry into the origins of

Mexican history; and Gregorio Lemercier, a Benedictine monk who put his entire monastery into psychoanalysis. After describing Mexico's Freud, Gallo offers an imaginative reconstruction of Freud's Mexico. Although Freud himself never visited Mexico, he owned a treatise on criminal law by a Mexican judge who put defendants—including Trotsky's assassin—on the psychoanalyst's couch; he acquired Mexican pieces as part of his celebrated collection of antiquities; and he recorded dreams of a Mexico that was fraught with danger. Freud's Mexico features a varied cast of characters that includes Maximilian von Hapsburg, Leon Trotsky and his assassin Ramón Mercader, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera—and even David Rockefeller. Gallo offers bold and vivid rereadings of both Freudian texts and Mexican cultural history.

Mexico - Enrique Krauze 2013-04-09

The concentration of power in the caudillo (leader) is as much a formative element of Mexican culture and politics as the historical legacy of the Aztec emperors, Cortez, the Spanish Crown, the Mother Church and the mixing of the Spanish and Indian population into a mestizo culture. Krauze shows how history becomes biography during the century of caudillos from the insurgent priests in 1810 to Porfirio and the Revolution in 1910. The Revolutionary era, ending in 1940, was dominated by the lives of seven presidents -- Madero, Zapata, Villa, Carranza, Obregon, Calles and Cardenas. Since 1940, the dominant power of the presidency has continued through years of boom and bust and crisis. A major question for the modern state, with today's president Zedillo, is whether that power can be decentralized, to end the cycles of history as biographies of power.

Alternating Current - Octavio Paz 2011-09-15

In its front-page review of *Alternating Current*, The New York Times Book Review called Octavio Paz "an intellectual literary one-man band" for his ability to write incisively and with dazzling originality about a wide range of subjects. This collection of his essays is divided into three parts. Part 1 sets forth his credo as an artist and poet, steeped in his knowledge of world literature and Mexican art and history and buttressed by readings of writers from Mexican poet Luis Cernuda to D. H. Lawrence, Malcolm Lowry, André Breton, and Carlos Fuentes. Part 2 deals with themes such as Western individualism versus plurality and flux in Eastern philosophy, atheism versus belief, nihilism, liberated man, and versions of paradise. In Part 3, Paz writes of politics and ethics in essays on revolt and revolution, existentialism, Marxism, the third world, and the new face of Latin America. A scintillating thinker and a prescient voice on emerging world culture, Paz reveals himself here as "a man of electrical passions, paradoxical visions, alternating currents of thoughts, and feeling that runs hot but never cold" (Christian Science Monitor).

Mexican Poetry - Octavio Paz 1994-03

Collects samplings of the writings of thirty-five influential Mexican poets ranging from the sixteenth to twentieth centuries

Manana Forever? - Jorge G. Castañeda 2012-04-17

In this shrewd and fascinating book, the renowned scholar and former foreign minister Jorge Castañeda sheds much light on the puzzling paradoxes of politics and culture of modern Mexico. Here's a nation of 110 million that has an ambivalent and complicated relationship with the United States yet is host to more American expatriates than any country in the world. Its people tend to resent foreigners yet have made the nation a hugely popular tourist destination. Mexican individualism and individual ties to the land reflect a desire to conserve the past and slow the route to uncertain modernity. Castañeda examines the future possibilities for Mexico as it becomes more diverse in its regional identities, socially more homogenous, its character and culture the instruments of change rather than sources of stagnation, its political system more open and democratic. *Mañana Forever?* is a compelling portrait of a nation at a crossroads.

The Monkey Grammarian - Octavio Paz Lozano 1988-01