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### Vlad

" Presents important and scholarly criticism on major works from The Odyssey through modern literature" The critical essays reflect a variety of schools of criticism" Contains notes on the contributing critics, a chronology of the author's life, and an index" Introductory essay by Harold Bloom

### Leaving Tabasco

A young woman encounters strange events in her Mexican hometown in this novel by an author who “ immerses us in her wickedly funny and imaginative world ” (Latina). Leaving Tabasco tells of the coming of age of Delmira Ulloa, raised in an all-female home in Agustini, in the Mexican province of Tabasco. In Agustini it is not unusual to see your grandmother float above the bed when she sleeps, or to purchase torrential rains at a traveling fair, or to watch your family ’ s elderly serving woman develop stigmata, then disappear completely, to be canonized as a local saint. But as Delmira becomes a woman, she will set out on a search for her missing father, and must make a choice that could mean leaving her home forever, in a tale filled with both depth and delightful mystery that poses questions about just how real the real world is. “ To flee Agustini is to leave not just a town but the viscerally primal dreamscape it represents. ” — The New York Times Book Review “ Vibrant Each chapter is an adventure. ” —The Boston Globe “ We happily share with [Delmira] her life, including the infinitely charming town she inhabits [and] her grandmother ’ s fantastic imagination. ” —The Washington Post Book World

### The Buried Mirror

### Willie Masters' Lonesome Wife

In *Myself with Others*, Fuentes has assembled essays reflecting three of the great elements of his work: autobiography, love of literature, and politics. They include his reflections on his beginning as a writer, his celebrated Harvard University commencement address, and his trenchant examinations of Cervantes, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Borges.

### The Campaign

Unlock the more straightforward side of *Aura* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *Aura* by Carlos Fuentes, which blends elements of magical realism, fantasy and the Gothic novel to create a highly original and disorienting narrative. It follows a young historian called Felipe Montero, who has just been hired by the eccentric widow Consuelo Llorente to work on her late husband's memoirs. As the narrative progresses, he slowly begins to unravel the bizarre relationship between Consuelo and her beautiful niece Aura, with consequences that he could never have imagined. Carlos Fuentes was one of the most influential Latin American writers of the 20th century, and his novels, essays and short stories, which often engage with the politics and history of his country, represent an essential landmark in Mexican literature. Find out everything you need to know about *Aura* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you:

- A complete plot summary
- Character studies
- Key themes and symbols
- Questions for further reflection

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### Demeure

A New York Times Notable Book for 2011 A Boston Globe Best Fiction Book of 2011 The great panoramic social novel that Los Angeles deserves—a twenty-first century, West Coast Bonfire of the Vanities by the only writer qualified to capture the city in all its glory and complexity With *The Barbarian Nurseries*, Héctor Tobar gives our most misunderstood metropolis its great contemporary novel, taking us beyond the glimmer of Hollywood and deeper than camera-ready crime stories to reveal Southern California life as it really is, across its vast, sunshiny sprawl of classes, languages, dreams, and ambitions. Araceli is the live-in maid in the Torres-Thompson household—one of three Mexican employees in a Spanish-style house with lovely views of the Pacific. She has been responsible strictly for the cooking and cleaning, but the recession has hit, and suddenly Araceli is the last Mexican standing—unless you count Scott Torres, though you'd never suspect he was half Mexican but for his last name and an old family photo with central L.A. in the background. The financial pressure is causing the kind of fights that even Araceli knows the children shouldn't hear, and then one morning, after a particularly dramatic fight, Araceli wakes to an empty house—except for the two Torres-Thompson boys, little aliens she's never had to interact with before. Their parents are unreachable, and the only family member she knows of is Se ñ or Torres, the subject of that old family photo. So she does the only thing she can think of and heads to the bus stop to seek out their grandfather. It will be an adventure, she tells the boys. If she only knew . . . With a precise eye for the telling detail and an unerring way with character, soaring brilliantly and seamlessly among a panorama of viewpoints, Tobar calls on all of his experience—as a novelist, a father, a journalist, a son of Guatemalan immigrants, and a native Angeleno—to deliver a novel as broad, as essential, as alive as the city itself.

## Modern Critical Interpretations Set, 83-Volumes

Collects stories, an unfinished novel, and sketches by the author--all of which focus on the part of 1930s New York society that lived in the Bronx, but longed to be in the shadow of skyscrapers--as well as the author's correspondence with encouraging publishers. Original.

## Tractor Trouble (Disney/Pixar Cars)

First published in 1968, Carlos Fuentes's controversial novel *A Change of Skin* tells the story of four persons who drive from Mexico City to Veracruz one Palm Sunday. The Driver of the car is Franz, an ex-Nazi, and with him is his young Mexican lover Isabel, the talented but failed poet Javier, and his embittered wife, Elizabeth. There is a fifth person as well--the Narrator. Through him we discover that all the characters are searching for some real value in their lives: love for Elizabeth, creating in the case of Javier, experience for Isabel, and redemption for Franz.

## Love is Like Park Avenue

On a hot, insomniac night at the Hotel Metropol, the novelist Carlos Fuentes steps onto his balcony only to find another man on the balcony next door. The other man asks for news of the social strife turning into revolution in the unnamed city below them. He reveals himself as the 19th-century philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, permitted to revisit earth once a year for 24 hours based on his theory of eternal return. With tenderness and gallows humor, the novelist and the philosopher unflinchingly tell the story of the beginning of the revolution, its triumph, fanaticism, terror, and retrenchment: a story of love, friendship, family, commitment, passion, corruption, betrayal, violence, and hope.

## The Years with Laura D í az

"As a narrative device, irony in the Latin American novel has been treated before in a rather fragmented, non-systematic way. It needed a cohesive study based on close textual examination of several major novels. Professor Tittler has done just that and done it well. This book is the best and most comprehensive study of the ironic mode that we have."-Myron I. Lichtblau, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Syracuse University In this book Jonathan Tittler explores some of the many possibilities that the concept of irony holds for literary criticism. Identifying irony as a characteristic property of Spanish-American fiction, Tittler offers close readings of seven important novels: Carlos Fuentes' *The Death of Artemio Cruz*, Juan Rulfo's *Pedro Paramo*, Manuel Puig's *Betrayed* by Rita Hayworth, Guillermo Cabrera Infante's *Three Trapped Tigers*, Mario Vargas Llosa's *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*, Julio Cortazar's *A Manual for Manuel*, and Isaac Goldemberg's *The Fragmented Life of Don Jacobo Lerner*. Tittler begins with a comprehensive review of existing theories of irony, in all of which the concept of narrative distance plays a major role. Next he proposes his own innovative model for critical reading made up of two basic forms of irony, which he terms "static" and "kinetic." He then applies the model systematically to his readings of the texts--four in the static mode, and three in the kinetic, linguistically self-conscious mode. Tittler concludes by reflecting on the relationship between irony and the novel, asserting that in the light of actual events in Spanish America, the novels themselves, and the critical discourse in which they

are evoked, may be regarded as ironic phenomena.

### Happy Families

One of the great masterpieces of modern Latin American fiction, *Terra Nostra* is concerned with nothing less than the history of Spain and of South America, with the Indian Gods and with Christianity, with the birth, the passion, and the death of civilizations. Fuentes skillfully blends a wide range of literary forms, stories within stories, Mexican and Spanish myth, and famous literary characters in this novel that is both a historical epic and an apocalyptic vision of modern times. *Terra Nostra* is that most ambitious and rare of creations—a total work of art.

### The Death of Artemio Cruz

Disappointed by her inattentive husband/reader, Babs engages in an exuberant display of the physical charms of language to entice an illicit new lover: a man named Gelvin in one sense, but more importantly, the reader of this "essay-novella" which, in the years since its first appearance in 1968 as a supplement to *TriQuarterly*, has attained the status of a postmodernist classic. Like Laurence Sterne and Lewis Carroll before him, Gass uses a variety of visual devices: photographs, comic-strip balloons, different typefaces, parallel story lines (sometimes three or four to the page), even coffee stains. As Larry McCaffery has pointed out, "the lonesome lady of the book's title, who is gradually revealed to be lady language herself, creates an elaborate series of devices which she hopes will draw attention to her slighted charms [and] force the reader to confront what she literally is: a physically exciting literary text."

### The Death of Artemio Cruz

In *African Mexicans and the Discourse on Modern Nation*, author Marco Polo Hernández Cuevas explores how the Africaness of Mexican *mestizaje* was erased from the national memory and identity and how national African ethnic contributions were plagiarized by the criollo elite in modern Mexico. The book cites the concept of a Caucasian standard of beauty prevalent in narrative, film, and popular culture in the period between 1920 and 1968, which the author dubs as the "cultural phase of the Mexican Revolution." The author also delves into how criollo elite disenfranchised non-white Mexicans as a whole by institutionalizing a Eurocentric myth whereby Mexicans learned to negate part of their ethnic makeup. During this time period, wherever African Mexicans, visibly black or not, are mentioned, they appear as "mestizo," many of them oblivious of their African heritage, and others part of a willing movement toward becoming "white." This analysis adopts as a critical foundation Richard Jackson's ideas about black phobia and the white aesthetic, as well as James Snead's coding of blacks.

### Distant Relations

The Comte de Branly narrates a story about the relationships in a family named Heredia, focusing on two pairs of fathers and sons and highlighting the mutual, corrupting influences at work between the Old World and the New

## Narrative Irony in the Contemporary Spanish-American Novel

### A New Time for Mexico

Seventy-one-year-old Mexican financier recalls the turbulent days of his life, as he lies dying.

### The Old Gringo

This volume, a powerful short prose piece by Blanchot with an extended essay by Derrida, records a remarkable encounter in critical and philosophical thinking.

### The Barbarian Nurseries

Mater and Lightning McQueen team-up to track down runaway tractors in this all-new Little Golden Book featuring all of your favorite characters from Disney/Pixar Cars. It's a must-have for children ages 3-7!

## Great Latin American Novel

In *The Old Gringo*, Carlos Fuentes brings the Mexico of 1916 uncannily to life. This novel is wise book, full of toughness and humanity and is without question one of the finest works of modern Latin American fiction. One of Fuentes's greatest works, the novel tells the story of Ambrose Bierce, the American writer, soldier, and journalist, and of his last mysterious days in Mexico living among Pancho Villa's soldiers, particularly his encounter with General Tomas Arroyo. In the end, the incompatibility of the two countries (or, paradoxically, their intimacy) claims both men, in a novel that is, most of all, about the tragic history of two cultures in conflict.

## An Analysis of the Fragmentation in *The Death of Artemio Cruz* and *Hiroshima Mon Amour*

One of the late Carlos Fuentes's final projects, this compendium of his criticism traces the evolution of the Latin American novel from the discovery of America to the present day. Combining historical perspective with personal and often opinionated interpretation, Fuentes gives us a tour from Machado de Assis to Borges and beyond. A landmark analysis, as well as a scintillating and often wry commentary on a great author's peers and influences, this book is as much a contribution to Latin American literature as it is a chronicle of that literature's greatest achievements.

## African Mexicans and the Discourse on Modern Nation

## Black Sunday

## Christopher Unborn

The Death of Artemio Cruz, published in 1962, proved to be a breakthrough novel for Carlos Fuentes, as it solidified his place as one of Mexico's most revered literary figures. Through a series of flashbacks, the novel chronicles the life of Artemio Cruz, the tragic protagonist, as he loses his boyhood idealism and amasses both power and wealth in the aftermath of the Mexican Revolution. Carlos Fuentes's *The Death of Artemio Cruz* features a collection of captivating and informative critical essays that will enhance a reader's understanding of and appreciation for this paramount work of modern Latin American literature.

## Myself with Others

Named a Kirkus Reviews Best Fiction Book of the Year and called "simultaneously unique and universal," this fiercely original debut novel follows the fate of four siblings over the course of two decades in Nigeria as they search for agency, love, and meaning in a society rife with hypocrisy (NPR). "I like the idea of a god who knows what it's like to be a twin. To have no memory of ever being alone." Twin sisters Bibike and Ariyike are enjoying a relatively comfortable life in Lagos in 1996. Then their mother loses her job due to political strife, and the family, facing poverty, becomes drawn into the New Church, an institution led by a charismatic pastor who is not shy about worshipping earthly wealth. Soon Bibike and Ariyike's father wagers the family home on a "sure bet" that evaporates like smoke. As their parents' marriage collapses in the aftermath of this gamble, the twin sisters and their two younger siblings, Andrew and Peter, are thrust into the reluctant care of their traditional Yoruba grandmother. Inseparable while they had their parents to care for them, the twins' paths diverge once the household shatters. Each girl is left to locate, guard, and hone her own fragile source of power. Written with astonishing intimacy and wry attention to the fickleness of fate, Tola Rotimi Abraham's *Black Sunday* takes us into the chaotic heart of family life, tracing a line from the euphoria of kinship to the devastation of estrangement. In the process, it joyfully tells a tale of grace and connection in the midst of daily oppression and the constant incursions of an unremitting patriarchy. This is a novel about two young women slowly finding, over twenty years, in a place rife with hypocrisy but also endless life and love, their own distinct methods of resistance and paths to independence.

## Don Quixote

In this masterly, deeply personal, and provocative book, the internationally renowned Mexican writer Carlos Fuentes, whose work has been called "a combination of Poe, Baudelaire, and Isak Dinesen" (Newsweek), steps back to survey the wellsprings of art and ideology, the events that have shaped our

time, and his extraordinary life and fiercest passions. Arranged alphabetically from “ Amore ” to “ Zurich, ” This I Believe takes us on a marvelous inner journey with a great writer. Fuentes ranges wide, from contradictions inherent in Latin American culture and politics to his long friendship with director Luis Bu ñ uel. Along the way, we find reflection on the mixed curse and blessing of globalization; memories of a sexual initiation in Zurich; a fond tracing of a family tree heavy with poets, dreamers, and diplomats; evocations of the streets, caf é s, and bedrooms of Washington, Paris, Santiago de Chile, Cambridge, Oaxaca, and New York; and a celebration of literary heroes including Balzac, Cervantes, Faulkner, Kafka, and Shakespeare. Throughout, Fuentes captivates with the power of his intellect and his prose. Here, too, are vivid, often heartbreaking glimpses into his personal life. “ Silvia ” is a powerful love letter to his beloved wife. In “ Children, ” Fuentes recalls the births of his daughters and the tragic death of his son; in “ Cinema ” he relives the magic of films such as Citizen Kane and The Wizard of Oz. Further extending his reach, he examines the collision between history and contemporary life in “ Civil Society, ” “ Left, ” and “ Revolution. ” And he poignantly addresses the experiences we all hold in common as he grapples with beauty, death, freedom, God, and sex. By turns provocative and intimate, partisan and universal, this book is a brilliant summation of an international literary career. Revisiting the influences, commitments, readings, and insights of a lifetime, Fuentes has fashioned a magnificently coherent statement of his view of the world, reminding us once again why reading Fuentes is “ like standing beneath the dome of the Sistine Chapel. . . . The breadth and enormity of this accomplishment is breathtaking ” (The Denver Post).

### The Imperfects

The life and fate of Laura D â iaz becomes entwined in the history, culture, and politics of Mexico, in a novel that chronicles her life from 1905 to 1978 as she becomes a politically active artist, wife, mother, and lover.

### Nietzsche on His Balcony

The severed head of Josu ã e Nadal, floating in the Pacific Ocean off the shore of Mexico, remembers his life, friends, enemies, and lovers, and his involvement in the drug trade and the corruption frequently encountered in his country.

### This I Believe

From time immemorial, Mexico's legendary beauty has been matched by intense historical drama. Mayan mythmakers, Aztec emperors, Spanish conquistadors, Yankee and French invaders, dictators and peasant revolutionaries are still vivid influences on Mexico's present. In this stunning collection of essays, first published in Britain in 1997, Carlos Fuentes examines Mexico as it faces a new time. Torn between tradition and modernity, impatient with an exhausted political system but unsure how and with what to replace it, Mexicans are struggling to make the transition from authoritarian to democratic politics. Fuentes' bold and timely study discusses the origins and nature of the unforeseen events that have transformed Mexico's politics and society: the 1994 rebellion in Chiapas, the subsequent rash of assassinations, the break between Presidents Salinas and Zedillo, and continual traumas for democratic self-rule.

## Terra Nostra

Where, Carlos Fuentes asks, is a modern-day vampire to roost? Why not Mexico City, populated by ten million blood sausages (that is, people), and a police force who won't mind a few disappearances? "Vlad" is Vlad the Impaler, of course, whose mythic cruelty was an inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. In this sly sequel, Vlad really is undead: dispossessed after centuries of mayhem by Eastern European wars and rampant blood shortages. More than a postmodern riff on "the vampire craze," Vlad is also an anatomy of the Mexican bourgeoisie, as well as our culture's ways of dealing with death. For—as in Dracula—Vlad has need of both a lawyer and a real-estate agent in order to establish his new kingdom, and Yves Navarro and his wife Asunción fit the bill nicely. Having recently lost a son, might they not welcome the chance to see their remaining child live forever? More importantly, are the pleasures of middle-class life enough to keep one from joining the legions of the damned?

## The Eagle's Throne

Baltasar Bustos--an inflamed revolutionary democrat--sneaks into the bedroom of the wife of the Marquise de Cabra and kidnaps her baby, replacing it with the child of a black prostitute, and falls instantly in love with the Marquise's sleeping wife

## The Crystal Frontier

Mexico, 1991: Black acid rain falls on "Makesicko City", the most polluted, most populated city in the world. Amid this apocalyptic landscape a prize is being offered to the first child born on the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America. That child is the narrator of this passionate, savage novel by one of the world's preeminent writers.

## Carlos Fuentes' The Death of Artemio Cruz

A choral novel on the hopes, disillusionments and betrayals of family life in Mexico. A rich Catholic rancher wants his four sons to become priests, while the boys themselves have other plans; a bereaved mother explains her daughter's life to the man who killed her; three daughters meet up around their father's coffin for the first time in ten years; a middle-aged couple meet by chance on a cruise-ship and wonder if they were once young lovers. The result is a picture of contemporary Mexico seen through a violently fragmented narrative, not unlike the internationally successful film Amores Perros. The stories are punctuated by a chorus, commenting as if in a Greek tragedy, crudely and un sentimentally on the underbelly of modern Mexican life, offering a raw but richly textured glimpse of the inequalities of that society - street children, junkies, dead rock icons, the ideal wife, a honeymoon gone wrong, a child suicide, a man faking his death and beginning a new life - that throw the middle-class dramas of the linked stories into harsh relief. Happy Families is a dramatic polyphony of the many conflicting strands of Latin America and the modern urban world.

## After Such Knowledge

In five new novellas, the author presents an ingenious and passionate reconstruction of history, past and present

### The Good Conscience

Young Jose Francisco grows up in Texas, determined to write about the border world - the immigrants and illegals, Mexican poverty and Yankee prosperity - stories to break the stand-off silence with a victory shout, to shatter at last the crystal frontier.

### A Change of Skin

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY GOOD MORNING AMERICA · PARADE · OK! MAGAZINE · ELLE CANADA · CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR · PUBLISHERS WEEKLY “ A page-turning family saga, this book will entertain readers of all generations. ” —Good Morning America  
“ Compassionate, thoughtful, and surprisingly moving... [The Imperfects] will satisfy fans of Maggie Shipstead and Celeste Ng. ” —Booklist  
From the bestselling author of *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* comes a captivating new novel about a priceless inheritance that leads one family on a life-altering pursuit of the truth. The Millers are far from perfect. Estranged siblings Beck, Ashley and Jake find themselves under one roof for the first time in years, forced to confront old resentments and betrayals, when their mysterious, eccentric matriarch, Helen, passes away. But their lives are about to change when they find a secret inheritance hidden among her possessions—the Florentine Diamond, a 137-carat yellow gemstone that went missing from the Austrian Empire a century ago. Desperate to learn how one of the world’s most elusive diamonds ended up in Helen’s bedroom, they begin investigating her past only to realize how little they know about their brave, resilient grandmother. As the Millers race to determine whether they are the rightful heirs to the diamond and the fortune it promises, they uncover a past more tragic and powerful than they ever could have imagined, forever changing their connection to their heritage and each other. Inspired by the true story of the real, still-missing Florentine Diamond, *The Imperfects* illuminates the sacrifices we make for family and how sometimes discovering the truth of the past is the only way to better the future.

### Aura by Carlos Fuentes (Book Analysis)

As the Holocaust recedes in time, the guardianship of its legacy is being passed on from its survivors and witnesses to the next generation. How should they, in turn, convey its knowledge to others? What are the effects of a traumatic past on its inheritors? And what are the second-generation's responsibilities to its received memories? In this meditation on the long aftermath of atrocity, Eva Hoffman--a child of Polish Jews who survived the Holocaust with the help of neighbors, but whose entire families perished--probes these questions through personal reflections, and through broader explorations of the historical, psychological, and moral implications of the second-generation experience. She examines the subterranean processes through which private memories of suffering are transmitted, and the more willful stratagems of collective memory. She traces the "second generation's" trajectory from childhood intimations of horror, through its struggles between allegiance and autonomy, and its complex transactions with children of perpetrators. As she guides us through the poignant juncture at which living memory must be relinquished, she asks what insights can be carried from the past to the newly problematic present, and urges us to transform potent family stories into a fully informed understanding of a forbidding history.

## Portrait of Mexico

An exploration of Spanish culture in Spain and the Americas traces the social, political, and economic forces that created that culture

## Burnt Water

The Good Conscience is Carlos Fuentes's second novel. The scene is Guanajuato, a provincial capital in Central Mexico, once one of the world's richest mining centers. The Ceballos family has been reinstated to power, and adolescent Jaime Ceballos, its only heir, is torn between the practical reality of his family's life and the idealism of his youth and his Catholic education. His father is a good man but weak; his uncle is powerful, yet his actions are inconsistent with his professed beliefs. Jaime's struggle to emerge as a man with a "good conscience" forms the theme of the book: can a rebel correct the evils of an established system and at the same time retain the integrity of his principles?

## The Orange Tree

## Destiny and Desire

Here is a true literary event – the long-awaited new novel by Carlos Fuentes, one of the world's great writers. By turns a tragedy and a farce, an acidic black comedy and an indictment of modern politics, *The Eagle's Throne* is a seriously entertaining and perceptive story of international intrigue, sexual deception, naked ambition, and treacherous betrayal. In the near future, at a meeting of the United Nations Security Council, Mexico's idealistic president has dared to vote against the U.S. occupation of Colombia and Washington's refusal to pay OPEC prices for oil. Retaliation is swift. Concocting a "glitch" in a Florida satellite, America's president cuts Mexico's communications systems – no phones, faxes, or e-mails – and plunges the country into an administrative nightmare of colossal proportions. Now, despite the motto that "a Mexican politician never puts anything in writing," people have no choice but to communicate through letters, which Fuentes crafts with a keen understanding of man's motives and desires. As the blizzard of activity grows more and more complex, political adversaries come out to prey. The ineffectual president, his scheming cabinet secretary, a thuggish and ruthless police chief, and an unscrupulous, sensual kingmaker are just a few of the fascinating characters maneuvering and jockeying for position to achieve the power they all so desperately crave.

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