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A collection of writings includes essays, literary and film criticism, biographical sketches, and lectures. A dual-language volume of poems on darkness and light—many appearing in English for the first time—by one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century. Revered for his magnificent works of fiction, Jorge Luis Borges thought of himself primarily as a poet. *Poems of the Night* is a moving collection of the great liter

visionary's poetic meditations on nighttime, darkness, and the crepuscular world of visions and dreams, themes that speak implicitly to the blindness that overtook Borges late in life—yet the poems here are drawn from the full span of Borges' career. Featuring such poems as "History of the Night" and "In Praise of Darkness" and more than fifty others in luminous translations by an array of distinguished translators—among them W. S. Merwin, Christopher Maurer, Alan Trueblood, and Alastair Reid—this volume brings to light many poems that never appeared in English, presenting them en face with the Spanish originals. A selection of poems by the Argentinian writer, Jorge Luis Borges from the period of 1923-1967. Eric Ormsby is a poet who writes prose that is both graceful and hard-headed. With an outspoken contempt for cant and literary persiflage, Ormsby ranges over a surprising array of writers and literatures. Each essay involves a new and sometimes startling viewpoint, whether on Hart Crane's homosexuality and its effect on his poems or the strange and twisted, yet redeeming, portrait of Shakespeare held in his own family history. From American and Canadian poetry to Classical Arabic literature, Ormsby brings a fresh slant and incisive expression to his prose. What was Franz Kafka doing at a ski resort in the last year of his life and what did he do there besides tobogganing? Everyone knows that Jorge Luis Borges was bookish, but did you know he was bloodthirsty as well? How is Pat Lowther's posthumous reputation as a poet connected with the brutal circumstances of her murder? These and other mysteries are explored in the elegant essays that make up Eric Ormsby's new book. "In this book, scholar Thorpe Running shows that a skeptical approach

to both language and poetry places eight poets from three countries in Latin America within a strain of poetry prefigured by Stéphane Mallarmé." "Octavio Paz, Jorge Luis Borges, Roberto Juarroz, Alejandra Pizarnik, Alberto Girri, Juan Luis Martínez, Gonzalo Millán, and David Huerta span three different generations. In addition to their age and geographical differences, their poetry bears no obvious similarities. All are, however, *poetas pensantes*, or thinking poets, and underlying the work of these probing writers is the disturbing question: Does language do what it is supposed to do? The answer is negative for all these poets who see their poems being made up of words that don't work."--BOOK

JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved While Latin American poets such as Pablo Neruda, Jorge Luis Borges, and Octavio Paz have been receiving most of the attention of critics, the Ecuadorian poet Jorge Carrera Andrade had quietly continued writing his "transparent" poetry. Nevertheless, Carrera Andrade's poems are undoubtedly some of the best ever written in the Spanish language, and he has often been mentioned as a likely candidate for the Nobel Prize. In his poetic exploration of what he calls "the secret country of human existence," Carrera Andrade marvels at the beauty of the world. And this wonder is conveyed by means of dazzling, descriptive metaphors. Perhaps it could be said that the Ecuadorian poet always interprets the world visually, but his visual images constitute merely a metaphorical technique, around which he constructs his poems. In his verbal structures he expresses the transitory nature of life as well as the loneliness of man in the universe. He describes

life in his native Ecuador, contemplates with compassion the plight of the Indians of his country, and denounces social injustices. More recently Carrera Andrade, concerned about the destiny of mankind, manifests his indomitable faith in humanity in the book *Hombre planetario* (1959), imagining a social utopia. Carrera Andrade has stated that his poetry is the result of "the intimate union of the senses and the intellect." And his poems remain "transparent." He rejects obscurity and complexity and chooses simplicity and clarity. He considers "one of the essential goals of poetry is communion with other men" and that if his poetry cannot communicate "its emotional and sensorial content, it fails to accomplish its mission, which is the interpretation of the world." As to the universal meaning of his poetic work, Carrera Andrade would recall Goethe's phrase "All my works are fragments of a great confession." He would characterize his own work as a confession of love both for humanity and for the wonders of this world. Carrera Andrade must be counted among the four or five best contemporary poets of Latin America. Whether he is awarded a Nobel Prize still remains to be seen, but there can be no doubt that in his poetry one can detect the same literary excellence as in the work of Neruda, Paz, or Borges. Hopefully the work of this great Ecuadorian poet will soon be universally appreciated. In some of his works he can be compared to T. S. Eliot, Hölderlin, or Saint-Jean Perse. The publication of H. R. Hayes' translation will, for the first time, make available to English-speaking readers all of the significant verse of Carrera Andrade, beginning with some of his first pieces from *La guirnalda del silencio* (1926) and ending with translations from *Posía última*.

(1957 -1966). A collection of interviews now available from New Directions for the first time *The words of a genius: Borges at Eighty* transcends our expectations of ordinary conversation. In these interviews with Barnstone, Dick Cavett, and Alastair Reid, Borges touches on favorite writers (Whitman, Poe, Emerson) and familiar themes — labyrinths, mystic experience and death — and always with great, throw-away humor. For example, discussing nightmares, he concludes, "When I wake up, I wake to something worse. It's the astonishment of being myself." *The Poetic Avant-Garde* compares three avant-garde groups active in the era between the world wars: those surrounding Jorge Luis Borges, W.H. Auden, and Andre Breton. These groups were composed of poets and writers who made use of the avant-garde's characteristic modes of self-expression: the publication of small journals, unorthodox attention-getting tactics, and interaction with the mainstream press. However, their differing aesthetic, social, and political agendas illustrate the surprisingly broad range of avant-gardism in the interwar era. Strong looks at the choices the three groups made when their radical goals collided with the forces of social and political change in the 1920s and 1930s, highlighting the disparity between their rhetoric and their actual achievements. The book focuses on the avant-garde's struggle to reconcile contradictory imperatives: a desire to be radically new while also finding an audience. This book includes 118 earlier pieces never before translated, and moves through his more fantastic work to a later realism While Latin American poets such as Pablo Neruda, Jorge Luis Borges, and Octacio Paz have been receiving most of the attention of c

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manuscripts studied include many of Borges's most celebrated stories and essays--"The Aleph," "Kafka and His Precursors," "The Cult of the Phoenix," "The Garden of Forking Paths," "Emma Zunz," and many others--as well as lesser known but important works such as his 1930 biography of the poet E. Carriego. As the first and only attempt at a systematic and comprehensive study of the trajectory of Borges's creative process, this will become a definitive work for all scholars who wish to trace how Borges wrote. A collection of 108 haiku poems to heighten awareness and deepen our appreciation of the ordinary in everyday life Haiku, the Japanese form of poetry written in just three lines, can be miraculous in its power to articulate the profundity of the simplest moment—and for this reason haiku can be a useful tool for bringing us to a heightened awareness of our lives. Here, the poet Patricia Donegan shares her experience of the haiku form as a way to gain insight that anyone can use to slow down and uncover the beauty of ordinary moments. She presents 108 haiku poems on themes such as honesty, transience, and compassion—and commentary on each as an impetus to meditation and as a key to unlocking the wonder in what we find right before us. Combining spirited and philosophical conversations, biographical anecdotes, citations from poetry, and literary analysis, this is a poignant portrait of Jorge Luis Borges in his later years. It presents the poet-storyteller as a figure of paradox and contradictions. For the first time in English, all the fiction by the writer who has been called "the greatest Spanish-language writer of our century" collected in a single volume Penguin Classics Deluxe Edition From Jorge Luis Borges's



1935 debut with *The Universal History of Iniquity*, through immensely influential collections *Ficciones* and *The Aleph*, these enigmatic, elaborate, imaginative inventions display his talent for turning fiction on its head by playing with form and genre and toying with language. Together these incomparable works comprise the perfect one-volume compendium for all those who have long loved Borges, and a superb introduction to the master's work for those who have yet to discover this singular genius. Poems, stories, and personal reflections reveal the interwoven existence of imagination and reality in the work of the South American writer Alastair Reid began publishing poetry in the *New Yorker* in 1951 and has since contributed reviews, translations, stories, and reportage as well. Having lived variously in Scotland, the United States, Spain, France, Greece, Switzerland, Central and South America, Reid has until recently called Magazine his only permanent address. Many of the poems in *Weathering* arise from Reid's itinerant life. Chosen by the poet from previous books published on both sides of the Atlantic since the 1950s, they range from the wind-swept corridors of New York city to Isla Negra, Chile, where the poet sits 'with the Pacific between my toes.' Whether lyric or narrative, whether moved by wit, irony, or humor, all Reid's poems test the strength of language to 'summon the moment when amazement ran through the senses like a flame' and gauge the power of words to catch fire in an instant of realization. Including translations of poems by Pablo Neruda, Jorge Luis Borges, and Jose Emilio Pacheco, *Weathering* displays the diverse talents of the poet, the recurring preoccupations of the itinerant traveler, seeking to encompass

the world with words. *Selected Poems* brings together some hundred poems - the largest collection of Borges' poetry ever assembled in English, including many never previously translated. The brilliance of the Spanish originals is matched with luminous English versions rendered by a remarkable cast of translators, among them W.S. Merwin, John Updike, Robert Fitzgerald, Mark Strand and Alastair Reid. A literary guide to Argentina by its most famous writer Jorge Luis Borges wrote about Argentina as only someone passionate about his homeland can. *On Argentina* reveals the many facets of his passion in essays, poems, and stories through which he sought to bring Argentina forward on the world stage, and to do for Buenos Aires what James Joyce did for Dublin. In colorful pieces on the tango and the gaucho, on the card game truco and on the criollos (immigrants from Spain) and compadritos (street-corner thugs), we gain insight not only into unique aspects of Argentine culture but also into the intellect and values of one of Latin America's most influential writers. Featuring material available in English for the first time, this unprecedented collection is an invaluable literary and travel companion for devotees of both Borges and Argentina. The complete sonnets of one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century—in English and Spanish This landmark collection brings together for the first time in any language all of the sonnets of one of the greatest writers of the twentieth century. More intimate and personally revealing than his fiction, and more classical in form than the inventive metafiction that is his hallmark, the sonnets reflect Borges in full maturity, paying homage to many of his literary and philosophical

paragons—Cervantes, Milton, Whitman, Emerson, Joyce, Spinoza—while at the same time engaging the mysteries immanent in the quotidian. A distinguished team of translators—Edith Grossman, Willis Barnstone, John Updike, Mark Strand, Robert Fitzgerald, Alastair Reid, Charles Tomlinson, and Stephen Kessler—lend their gifts to these sonnets, many of which appear here in English for the first time, and all of which accompany their Spanish originals on facing pages. The incomparable Borges delivered these seven lectures in Buenos Aires in 1977; attendees were treated to Borges' erudition on the following topics: Dante's *The Divine Comedy*, Nightmares, Thousand and One Dreams, Buddhism, Poetry, The Kabbalah, and Blindness. Some of the most witty and uncannily original short fiction in Western Literature.--The New Yorker With poems selected and translated by one of the preeminent translators of our day, this bilingual collection of 112 sonnets by six Spanish-language masters of the form ranges in time from the seventeenth to the twentieth centuries and includes the works of poets from Spanish America as well as poets native to Spain. Willis Barnstone's selection of sonnets and the extensive historical and biographical background he supplies serve as a compelling survey of Spanish-language poetry that should be of interest both to lovers of poetry in general and to scholars of Spanish-language literature in particular. Following an introductory examination of the arrival of the sonnet in Spain and of that nation's poetry up to Francisco de Quevedo, Barnstone takes up his six masters in chronological turn, preceding each with an essay that not only presents the sonneteer under discussion but also continues

carefully delineated history of Spanish-language poetry. Consistently engaging and informative and never dull or pedantic, these essays stand alone as appreciations--in the sense of that word--of some of the greatest poets ever to be. It is, however, Barnstone's subtle, musical, clear, and concise translations that form the heart of this collection. As Barnstone himself says, "In many ways all my life has been some kind of preparation for this volume." Though universally acclaimed for his dazzling fictions, Jorge Luis Borges always considered himself first and foremost a poet. This new bilingual selection brings together some two hundred poems--the largest collection of Borges' poetry ever assembled in English, including scores of poems never previously translated. Edited by Alexander Coleman, the selection draws from a lifetime's work--from Borges' first published volume of verse, *Fervor de Buenos Aires* (1923), to his final work, *Los Conjurados*, published just a year before his death in 1986. Throughout this unique collection the brilliance of the Spanish originals is matched by luminous English versions by a remarkable cast of translators, including Robert Fitzgerald, Stephen Kessler, W. S. Merwin, Alastair Reid, Mark Strand, Charles Tomlinson, and John Updike. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators. -- Focus

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Best known as a novelist, Nicholas Christopher began publishing poems in *The New Yorker* in the twenties, and has published eight collections, praised over years by poets and critics as being among America's most important poets. Reviewing his selected poems, *Crossing the Equator*, published eight years ago, *The Washington Post* said "To read his richly honed and sensuous work, which has so much tensile strength, is to visit other worlds and then to return to our own disturbed by time, but also refreshed and reawakened." *On Jupiter Place* is his first book since that collection, and it contains material that is perhaps his most personal, autobiographical and intimate work yet. Beautifully made and carefully constructed, one might be reminded of thinking that his poems were "little machines" of feeling. And everywhere in this book are moments of disorientation, where the wonder of the poem transcends understanding and leaves readers back into themselves slightly startled and richer for the effort. As Merwin has written, "his poems are vibrant with the surprise of recognition. He shows us again and again the luminous nature of the familiar." *The Washington Post*, reviewing his *Crossing the Equator: New & Selected Poems* reported that "Nicholas Christopher is a fabulist...His fiction often puts me in mind of Jorge Luis Borges and Italo Calvino, two time-travelers who are his great precursors. His poetry tends to build on the work of Wallace Stevens, Elizabeth Bishop and James Merrill. Like them, he has a taste for the exotic,

faraway, the displaced, the imaginary. Transcribed from recently discovered tapes, this work stands as a deeply personal yet far-reaching introduction to the pleasures of the word, as a first-hand testimony to the life of literature. 1 halfton Handpicked works from the greatest Argentinian writer of twentieth century. "Without Borges the modern Latin American novel simply would not exist" (Carlos Fuentes, author and diplomat). After almost a half a century of scrupulous devotion to his art, Jorge Luis Borges personally compiled this anthology of his work—short stories, essays, poems, and brief mordant "sketches," which, in Borges's hands, take on the dimension of a genre unique in modern letters. In this anthology, the author has put together those pieces on which he would like his reputation to rest; they are not arranged chronologically, but with an eye to their "sympathies and differences." A Personal Anthology, therefore, is not merely a collection, but a new composition. "An important work, by far the best yet available to the reader . . . who seeks a representative sampling of the great Argentine writer . . . the standard introduction to Borges in England and the United States." —Saturday Review

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