

# South American Literature Cheat Sheet

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*Authors are listed roughly chronologically, in order of the publication of their most important works.*

**Bolded** terms appear frequently in questions.

Author Home Nation	Works	Details
Joaquim <b>Machado</b> de Assis Brazil	The Posthumous Memoirs of Bras Cubas; Dom Casmurro	
Pablo <b>Neruda</b> Chile	Twenty Love Poems and a Song of Despair Canto General Elemental Odes; "Ode to My Socks"	"The Song of Despair" includes the lines " <b>Tonight I can write the saddest lines</b> " and " <b>in you everything sank!</b> " includes the poem " <b>The Heights of Macchu Picchu</b> "
Jorge Luis <b>Borges</b> Argentina	"The Garden of Forking Paths" "The Library of Babel" "The Aleph"	short story from <b>Ficciones</b> ; German spy <b>Dr. Yu Tsun</b> murders Dr. Stephen Albert after learning that <b>Ts'ui Pen's</b> lost "Garden of Forking Paths" is actually his novel short story from <b>Ficciones</b> ; describes an infinite array of hexagonal rooms filled with randomly-composed books
Julio <b>Cortázar</b> Argentina	Hopscotch	
Manuel <b>Puig</b> Argentina	Kiss of the Spider Woman	
Jorge <b>Amado</b> Brazil	Dona Flor and Her Two Husbands	
Gabriel <b>Garcia Marquez</b> Colombia	One Hundred Years of Solitude Love in the Time of Cholera; Chronicle of a Death Foretold; "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings"	follows the rise and fall of the <b>Buendia</b> family in the town of <b>Macondo</b> , including numerous family members named <b>Aureliano</b> and a baby born with the tail of a pig
Mario <b>Vargas Llosa</b> Peru	Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter The Time of the Hero	in odd chapters, <b>Mario Varguitas</b> has an affair with Aunt Julia; the even chapters are scripts by <b>Pedro Camacho</b> , a scriptwriter for Radio Panamericana
Isabel <b>Allende</b> Chile	The House of the Spirits Eva Luna Daughter of Fortune	follows the <b>Trueba</b> family at their hacienda, <b>Las Tres Marias</b> ; <b>Clara</b> is a clairvoyant member of the Trueba family, who predicts the poisoning death of her sister, green-haired <b>Rosa</b>
Paolo <b>Coelho</b> Brazil	The Alchemist	