



South American Literature

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

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