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The Poems of Octavio Paz Indiana University Press

In these five essays the Ecuadorian poet Jorge Carrera Andrade traces the evolution of Spanish-American poetry from the sixteenth century to the present. The author shows how Spanish-American literature grew out of the special conditions produced when the New World environment totally transformed Old World culture and society. Initially, the brilliance of the land and its extraordinary peoples inspired European interest in exotic travel and utopianism; later, Old World literary currents came to have distinctive expression in Spanish-American writing. □*Poetry and Society in Spanish-America*□ follows the historic commitment of the New World poets to social issues, particularly such unique ones as the endeavor to bring the Indians into national life, while □*Trends in Spanish-American Poetry*□ dwells on the more purely aesthetic concerns that have stimulated the poets of the twentieth century. Throughout, Carrera Andrade ties his analysis to specific poems and poets. In the last two essays the author presents a clear perspective of his poetic development from 1930 to 1960. □*A Decade of My Poetry*□ and □*Poetry of Reality and Utopia*□ will especially interest readers of Carrera Andrade's poetry, for not only do they elucidate the personal history and philosophy informing his poems, they also reveal how truly his inspiration springs from that unique Spanish-American world he has so clearly delineated.

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Maria Callas continues to mesmerize us decades after her death, not only because she was indisputably the greatest opera diva of the 20th century, but also because both her life and death were shrouded in a Machiavellian web of scandal, mystery and deception. Now Anne Edwards, well known for her revealing and insightful biographies of some of the world's most noted women, tells the intimate story of Maria Callas—her loves, her life, and her music, revealing the true woman behind the headlines, gossip and speculation. The second daughter of Greek immigrant parents, Maria found herself in the grasp of an overwhelmingly ambitious mother who took her away from her native New York and the father she loved, to a Greece on the eve of the Second World War. From there, we learn of the hardships, loves and triumphs Maria experienced in her professional and personal life. We are introduced to the men who marked Callas forever—Luchino Visconti, the brilliant homosexual director who she loved hopelessly, Giovanni Battista Meneghini, the husband thirty years her senior who used her for his own ambitions, as had her mother, and Aristotle Onassis, who put an end to their historic love affair by discarding her for the widowed Jacqueline Kennedy. Throughout her life, Callas waged a constant battle with her weight, a battle she eventually won, transforming herself from an ugly duckling into the slim and glamorous diva who transformed opera forever, whose recordings are legend, and whose life is the stuff of which tabloids are made. Anne Edwards goes deeper than previous biographies of Maria Callas have dared. She draws upon intensive research to refute the story of Callas's "mystery child" by Onassis, and she

reveals the true circumstances of the years preceding Callas's death, including the deception perpetrated by her close and trusted friend. As in her portraits of other brilliant, star-crossed women, Edwards brings Maria Callas—the intimate Callas—alive.

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The collision between scientific thought, incapable of giving meaning to life, and religious morality lacking personal justification raises in Unamuno the urgent question of the meaning of existence. The irreconcilable antagonism between the heart and reason, between everything and nothing, leads Unamuno to the abyss of despair, where man must fight following the vitalist example of Don Quixote, whose faith is based on uncertainty. Pedro Cerezo-Galán in the introduction covers the vital and intellectual trajectory followed by Unamuno until he reaches his tragic conception of life and its embodiment in this now classic work.

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The American classic is accompanied by critical studies by such scholars as Van Wyck Brooks, Lionel Trilling, and T. S. Eliot.

[Twenty-one Love Poems](#) St. Martin's Griffin

One of the most significant novels in Latin American literature, written by Cuba's most important modern novelist—to win a bet with Gabriel

Garcia Marquez. In the early 1970s, friends Gabriel García Márquez, Augusto Roa Bastos and Alejo Carpentier reached a joint decision: they would each write a novel about the dictatorships then wreaking misery in Latin America. García Márquez went on to write *The Autumn of the Patriarch* and Roa Bastos *I, the Supreme*. The third novel in this remarkable trinity is *Reasons of State*, hailed as the most significant novel ever to come out of Cuba. As with Garcia Marquez, *Reasons of State* is a bold story, boldly told --- daring in its perceptions, rich in lush detail, inventive in prose, and deadly compelling in its suspenseful plot. Inexplicably out of print for years, it tells the tale of the dictator of an unnamed Latin American country who has been living the life of luxury in high-society Paris. When news reaches him of a coup at home, he rushes back and crushes it with brutal military force. But returning to Paris he is given a chilly welcome, and learns that photographs of the atrocities have been circulating among his well-to-do friends. Meanwhile World War One has broken out, and another rebellion forces the dictator back across the ocean. As he struggles with the Marxist forces beginning to find footing in his own country, and Europe is devastated, Carpentier constructs a masterful and biting satire of the new world order.

The Villancico and Related Genres

University of Chicago Press

This book includes a set of rigorously reviewed world-class manuscripts addressing and detailing state-of-the-art research projects in the areas of Computing Sciences, Software Engineering and Systems. The book presents selected papers from the conference proceedings of the International Conference on Systems,

Computing Sciences and Software Engineering (SCSS 2006). All aspects of the conference were managed on-line.

A Guide to Art Song Style and Literature University of Pennsylvania Press

Innovations and Advanced Techniques in Systems, Computing Sciences and Software Engineering includes a set of rigorously reviewed world-class manuscripts addressing and detailing state-of-the-art research projects in the areas of Computer Science, Software Engineering, Computer Engineering, and Systems Engineering and Sciences.

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Tchaikovsky's Complete Songs W. W. Norton

Now in paperback, the definitive, life-spanning, bilingual edition of the poems by the Nobel Prize laureate The Poems of Octavio Paz is the first retrospective collection of Paz's poetry to span his entire writing career from his first published poem, at age seventeen, to his magnificent last poem. This landmark bilingual edition contains many poems that have never been translated into English before, plus new translations based on Paz's final revisions.

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Weinberger—who has been translating Paz for over forty years—The Poems of Octavio Paz also includes translations by the poet-luminaries Elizabeth Bishop, Paul Blackburn, Denise Levertov, Muriel

Rukeyser, and Charles Tomlinson. Readers will also find Weinberger's capsule biography of Paz, as well as notes on many poems in Paz's own words, taken from various interviews he gave throughout his long and singular life.

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On the great influence of a valiant lord: "The companions, who see that good warriors are honored by the great lords for their prowess, become more determined to attain this level of prowess." On the lady who sees her knight honored: "All of this makes the noble lady rejoice greatly within herself at the fact that she has set her mind and heart on loving and helping to make such a good knight or good man-at-arms." On the worthiest amusements: "The best pastime of all is to be often in good company, far from unworthy men and from unworthy activities from which no good can come." Enter the real world of knights and their code of ethics and behavior. Read how an aspiring knight of the fourteenth century would conduct himself and learn what he would have needed to know when traveling, fighting, appearing in court, and engaging fellow knights. Composed at the height of the Hundred Years War by Geoffroi de Charny, one of the most respected knights of his age, *A Knight's Own Book of Chivalry* was designed as a guide for members of the Company of the Star, an order created by Jean II of France in 1352 to rival the English Order of the Garter. This is the most authentic and complete manual on the day-to-day life of the knight that has survived the centuries, and this edition contains a specially commissioned introduction from historian Richard W. Kaeuper that gives the history of both the book and its

author, who, among his other achievements, was the original owner of the Shroud of Turin.

Sounds of the Imagined Nations Hal Leonard Corporation

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Their Political and Economic Development and Their Relations with the United States Da Capo Press

From the fifteenth century to the beginning of the nineteenth century, devotional music played a fundamental role in the Iberian world. Songs in the vernacular, usually referred to by the generic name of 'villancico', but including forms as varied as madrigals, ensaladas, tonos, cantatas or even oratorios, were regularly performed at many religious feasts in major churches, royal and private chapels, convents and in monasteries. These compositions appear to have progressively fulfilled or supplemented the role occupied by the Latin motet in other countries and, as they were often composed anew for each celebration, the surviving sources vastly outnumber those of Latin compositions; they can be counted in tens of thousands. The close relationship with secular genres, both musical, literary and performative, turned these compositions into a major vehicle for dissemination of vernacular styles throughout the Iberian world. This model of musical production was also cultivated in Portugal and rapidly exported to the Spanish and Portuguese colonies in America and Asia. In many cases, the

villancico repertory represents the oldest surviving source of music produced in these regions, thus affording it a primary role in the construction of national identities. The sixteen essays in this volume explore the development of devotional music in the Iberian world in this period, providing the first broad-based survey of this important genre.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt Springer Science & Business Media

(Book). Carol Kimball's comprehensive survey of art song literature has been the principal one-volume American source on the topic. Now back in print after an absence of several years, this newly revised edition includes biographies and discussions of the work of 150 composers of various nationalities, as well as articles on styles of various schools of composition.

Shelley & Calderon, and Other Essays on English and Spanish Poetry Small PressDistribution

"In this study of complex beliefs in which Aztec religion and Spanish Catholicism blend, Lafaye demonstrates the

importance of religious beliefs in the formation of the Mexican nation. Far from being of only parochial interest, this volume is of great value to any historian of religions concerned with problems of nativism and syncretism."—Franke J. Neumann, *Religious Studies Review*
"Devotional Music in the Iberian World, 1450-1800" Rowman & Littlefield

Transcending her gender restrictions in the haiku world, Hisajo Sugita wrote haiku of the female gaze: the mundanities of nursing a baby & doing the laundry, the eroticism of unloosened kimono sashes & moon-lit naked skin, and the melding of the spiritual & everyday while combing her hair under the Milky Way. Finally, more great Japanese women haiku poets like Hisajo will be known outside of Japan through the gift of these comprehensive selections and fine translations of Alice Wanderer. The luminosity of Hisajo's imagery and depth of her words reverberate long after the last page is turned.

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