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Seven Conversations with Jorge Luis Borges (Paperback)

By Fernando Sorrentino

Paul Dry Books, Inc, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. These wide-ranging conversations have an exceptionally open and intimate tone, giving us a personal glimpse of one of the most fascinating figures in contemporary world literature.

Interviewer Fernando Sorrentino, an Argentinian writer and anthologist, is endowed with literary acumen, sensitivity, urbanity, and an encyclopedic memory of Jorge Luis Borges work (in his prologue, Borges jokes that Sorrentino knows his work much better than I do). Borges wanders from nostalgic reminiscence to literary criticism, and from philosophical speculation to political pronouncements. His thoughts on literature alone run the gamut from the Bible and Homer to Ernest Hemingway and Julio Cortazar. We learn that Dante is the writer who has impressed Borges most, that Borges considers Federico Garcia Lorca to be a second-rate poet, and that he feels Adolfo Bioy Casares is one of the most important authors of this century. Borges dwells lovingly on Buenos Aires, too. From the preface: For seven afternoons, the teller of tales preceded me, opening tall doors which revealed unsuspected spiral staircases, through the National Library's pleasant maze of corridors, in search of a secluded little room where...



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