

Reading free Modern Latin American Literature a very short introduction (Read Only)

what is knowledge is it the same as opinion or truth do you need to be able to justify a claim in order to count as knowing it how can we know that the outer world is real and not a dream questions like these have existed since ancient times and the branch of philosophy dedicated to answering them epistemology has been active for thousands of years in this thought provoking very short introduction jennifer nagel considers the central problems and paradoxes in the theory of knowledge and draws attention to the ways in which philosophers and theorists have responded to them by exploring the relationship between knowledge and truth and considering the problem of scepticism nagel introduces a series of influential historical and contemporary theories of knowledge incorporating methods from logic linguistics and psychology using a number of everyday

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films and access to foreign news and the literature of other cultures considering subtitling interpreting and adaptations matthew reynolds reveals how translation is changing radically in the new age of electronic media this clear succinct and elegant contribution to the very short introductions series surveys the history of global exploration and assesses the motives for good and ill of those who undertook it stewart weaver traces the history of exploration from the first explorers including polynesian and micronesia peoples the ancient greeks marco polo and ibn battuta to the european discover of america the enlightenment and exploration focusing on james cook and the race to the north and south poles

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□□ □□□□ newton s contributions to an understanding of the heavens and the earth are considered to be unparalleled this very short introduction explains his scientific theories and uses newton s unpublished writings to paint a picture of an extremely complex man whose beliefs had a huge impact on europe s political intellectual and religious landscape explores the philosophical notion of love and argues that love is more complex than conventional thought would have us believe our extraordinary capacity to reason and solve problems sets us aside from other animals but our evolved thinking processes also leave us

susceptible to bias and error the study of thinking and reasoning goes back to aristotle and was one of the first topics to be studied when psychology separated from philosophy in this very short introduction jonathan evans explores cognitive psychological approaches to understanding the nature of thinking and reasoning problem solving and decision making he shows how our problem solving capabilities are hugely dependent on also having the imagination to ask the right questions and the ability to see things from a completely new perspective beginning by considering the approaches of the behaviorists and the gestalt psychologists he moves on to modern explorations of thinking including hypothetical thinking conditionals deduction rationality and intuition covering the role of past learning iq and cognitive biases evans also discusses the idea that there may be two different ways of thinking arising from our evolutionary history about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable we live today in an interconnected world in which

ordinary people can become instant online celebrities to fans thousands of miles away in which religious leaders can influence millions globally in which humans are altering the climate and environment and in which complex social forces intersect across continents this is globalization in the fifth edition of his bestselling very short introduction manfred b steger considers the major dimensions of globalization economic political cultural ideological and ecological he looks at its causes and effects and engages with the hotly contested question of whether globalization is ultimately a good or a bad thing from climate change to the ebola virus donald trump to twitter trade wars to china's growing global profile steger explores today's unprecedented levels of planetary integration as well as the recent challenges posed by resurgent national populism about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable this very short introduction explains how the evolution of education has been shaped over the centuries by politics philosophy and the social sciences

considering education today gary thomas looks especially at the arguments about progressive versus formal teaching and how they play out in modern schools this new edition takes a fresh look at the attempts to address the inequality and lack of inclusivity in education across all types of schools looking forward thomas discusses how education might develop over the coming century and how the curriculum must evolve to keep pace with a rapidly changing world learning is a key aspect of animal behavior and central to survival without learning there can be no memory no language and no intelligence haselgrove looks at the nature of learning and how it takes place from the early experiments of pavlov thorndike and others to the most recent studies in social learning he traces the development of the main theories of learning in contemporary psychology and describes the ingenious experimental approaches used to study learning in both animals and humans provided by publisher organization happens in the act of working with others to accomplish a desired future state it can happen through intentionally designed activity spontaneous improvisation or some combination of the two but it always requires coordinated effort this very short introduction provides a lively and thought provoking introduction to the topic this book

demonstrates how innovation is used to create wealth productivity growth and improved quality of life this stimulating very short introduction to music invites us to really think about music and the values and qualities we ascribe to it the world teems with different kinds of music traditional folk classical jazz rock pop and each type of music tends to come with its own way of thinking drawing on a wealth of accessible examples ranging from beethoven to chinese zither music nicholas cook attempts to provide a framework for thinking about all music by examining the personal social and cultural values that music embodies the book reveals the shortcomings of traditional conceptions of music and sketches a more inclusive approach emphasizing the role of performers and listeners about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable with a broad scope across the millennia from high literature to popular culture between page and stage and screen this very short introduction considers comedy not only as a literary genre but also as a broader impulse at work in many

other historical and contemporary forms of satire parody and play this introduction invites readers to revisit algebra and appreciate the elegance and power of equations and inequalities offering a clear explanation of algebra through theory and example higgins shows how equations lead to complex numbers matrices groups rings and fields perception is one of the oldest and most deeply investigated topics in psychology and it raised some profound philosophical questions it is concerned with how we use the information reaching our senses to inform our behaviour and to create our subjective experience of the surrounding world brian rogers discusses the philosophical question of what it means to perceive and describes how we are able to perceive the particular characteristics of objects and scenes such as their lightness colour form depth and motion he argues that perception should not be seen as a separate process but rather as part of a perceptual system involving both the extraction of perceptual information and the control of action amazon com this book introduces identity one of the most iconic concepts of our time which is used ubiquitously but rarely explained it discusses the various uses of identity separately for different fields of study philosophy psychology sociology gender studies and linguistics this book also

compares western concepts and theories of identity with similar concepts in other parts of the world it explains how contemporary trends in marketization and globalization have made identity increasingly important to us in the last 50 years this book also outlines the historical background to the concept of identity typography the art of designing printed words was once the domain of an elite few artists but has become an area with which millions of people engage daily the widespread usage of digital devices from laptops to tablets and smart phones which are used for written communications means that we are regularly asked to make decisions about the fonts sizes and layouts we use in our writing this broadening engagement with the field of typography has led to a perceptible shift from debates about legibility and technicalities to conversations about which fonts best reflect the writer s personality or style in this very short introduction paul luna offers a broad definition of typography as design for reading whether in print or on screens where a set of visual choices are taken to make a written message more accessible more easily transmitted more significant or more attractive considering the development of letterforms and the shapes of letter we use luna discusses the history behind our modern day letters and fonts before considering the

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returns rather than reporting and analysing the political economic and social issues of the day journalism has a central and profound impact on our worldview we find it everywhere from newspapers and television to radio and the internet in the new edition of this thought provoking and provocative very short introduction ian hargreaves examines the world of contemporary journalism by looking not only at what journalism has been in the past but also what it is becoming in the digital age he examines the big issues relating to reportage warfare celebrity culture privacy and technology worldwide about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable having spent centuries in the shadows of its neighbours china and japan korea is now the object of considerable interest for radically different reasons the south as an economic success story and for its vibrant popular culture the north as the home to one of the world's most repressive regimes at once both bizarre and menacing this very short introduction explores the history culture and

society of a deeply divided region michael seth considers what it means to be korean and analyses how the various peoples of the korean peninsula became one of the world s most homogeneous nations before exploring how this nation evolved in a single lifetime into today s sharply contrasting societies he also discusses how korea fits into the larger narrative of both east asian and world history economically politically and socially about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable international relations affects everyone s lives their security economic well being rights and freedoms and the environment they share recently we have seen the transformation from a world of empires to today s world of sovereign states which are enmeshed in a complex array of international institutions all exercising degrees of political authority the new global organization of political authority has far reaching consequences this very short introduction untangles this complex world providing an accessible framework for understanding the contours of global political

change christian reus smit treats theory as an indispensable tool for grasping international relations but demystifies theorizing introducing it as an everyday human practice he surveys a range of theories from realism to feminism reading them as contrasting perspectives on the global organization of political authority historically such organization has been shaped by diverse social forces four of which are discussed in detail shifting patterns of warfare changing economic conditions struggles for rights and the politics of culture reus smit concludes with a reflection on the future of international relations in an era of profound global change about the series the very short introductions series from oxford university press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area these pocket sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly our expert authors combine facts analysis perspective new ideas and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable in this very short introduction john hendry provides a lively introduction to the nature and principles of management tracing its development over the past century hendry looks not only at the jobs managers do today and their place in the culture of work but also provides an insight into modern management theory this very short introduction

deals with the social life of language presenting a succinct account of the most important aspects both micro and macro of sociolinguistics such as language variation language attitudes and the relationship between language and identity

john holland presents an introduction to the science of complexity using examples from biology and economics he shows how complexity science models the behaviour of complex systems examines how philosophers including plato descartes hobbes darwin and de beauvoir responded to real life situations and how their responses continue to influence people today autobiography is one of the most popular of written forms from casanova to benjamin franklin to the kardashians individuals throughout history have recorded their own lives and experiences these personal writings are central to the work of literary critics philosophers historians and psychologists who have found in autobiographies from across the centuries not only an understanding of the ways in which lives have been lived but the most fundamental accounts of what it means to be a self in the world in this very short introduction laura marcus defines what we mean

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Newton 2007-01-25 newton s contributions to an understanding of the heavens and the earth are considered to be unparalleled this very short introduction explains his scientific theories and uses newton s unpublished writings to paint a picture of an extremely complex man whose beliefs had a huge impact on europe s political intellectual and religious landscape

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□□□□□□ 1969-01-01 in this very short introduction john holland presents an introduction to the science of complexity using examples from biology and economics he shows how complexity science models the behaviour of complex systems

Complexity 2014 examines how philosophers including plato descartes hobbes darwin and de beauvoir responded to real life situations and how their responses continue to influence people today

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economy and government it sanctifies injustice and combats it beginning with the first signs of religion among ancient humans and concluding with a look at modern citizens and contemporary trends leading scholar thomas tweed examines this powerful and enduring force in human society religion a very short introduction offers a concise non partisan overview of religion s long history and its complicated role in the world today

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