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combine to give a new and revealing window on one of the most celebrated cultural figures of the past century he read and wrote with the greatest of passions and jorge luis borges the greatest of argentine writers created through a 60 year long career one of the significant and enduring literary legacies of any writer of the 20th century the reach of his poetry his stories and his essays was global jorge luis borges is generally acknowledged to be one of the twentieth century s most significant writers yet in all the critical debates on his work the fact that he is argentinian is rarely discussed as if his international reputation had somehow cleansed him of nationality in this brilliant introduction to his work sarlo challenges these universalist readings arguing that they leave aside vital aspects of borges writing including his powerful vision of argentina s past and its traditions which placed both the writer and his country at the intersection of european and latin american culture jorge luis borges is one of the key writers of the twentieth century in the context of both hispanic and world literature this companion has been designed for keen readers of borges whether they approach him in english or spanish within or outside a university context it takes his stories and essays of the forties and fifties especially ficciones and el aleph to be his most significant works and organizes its material in consequence about two thirds of the book analyzes the stories of this period text by text the early sections map borges s intellectual trajectory up to the fifties in some detail and up to his death more briefly they aim to provide an account of the context which will allow the reader maximum access to the meaning and significance of his work and present a biographical narrative developed against the argentine literary world in which borges was a key player the argentine intellectual tradition in its historical context and the argentine and world politics to which his works respond in more or less obvious ways steven boldy is reader in latin american literature at the university of cambridge jorge luis borges is undeniably argentina's best known and most influential writer in addition to scholarly studies of his work his emblematic figure continues to appear on book covers and carrier bags in biographies plaques and statues photographs and interviews as well as cartoons and city tours the making of jorge luis borges as an argentine cultural icon argues that the ideas and expectations that argentine people have placed upon the author thus constructing the icon are also those that allow them to define their cultural identity the book examines these intertwined processes by analysing the image of borges in biographies photographs comic strips and urban spaces and the socio political historical and cultural contexts in which they were produced the study seeks not to reveal a borgesian essence but rather to expose the complexity of the ongoing mechanisms which construct borges the icon despite the vast amount of biographical and critical work about the writer that has been produced in argentina and abroad the making of jorge luis borges as an argentine cultural icon is the first in depth comprehensive examination of the construction of the author as an argentine cultural icon this text is part of a reference set that covers the works of argentine author jorge luis borges the incomparable borges delivered these seven lectures in buenos aires in 1977 attendees were treated to borges erudition on the following topics dante s the divine comedy nightmares thousand and one dreams buddhism poetry the kabbalah and blindness a comprehensive account of borges s life and work including his early and late poetry and his hugely influential short stories an obscure argentine after writing a few laconic stories on philosophical themes is miraculously discovered by the french literati and goes on to become one of the most admired writers of the 20th century though this may sound like a rather

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