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Global Reading: Chile

DB90638 The Essential Neruda, Selected Poems by Pablo Neruda

Fifty poems spanning the breadth of his style, themes, and periods. Collaborative effort of scholars, translators, and poets includes selections from published works from 1924 to 1964 and posthumously. (1971 Nobel laureate in Literature) Spanish/English. 2004.

DBC01364 Distant Star by Roberto Bolaño (political fiction)

Roberto Bolano's novel follows Alberto Ruiz-Tagle, during the Pinochet regime as he exploits the 1973 coup to launch his own version of the New Chilean Poetry: a multi-media enterprise involving sky-writing, torture, photography and murder. Contains descriptions of violence. 1996.

DB43371 Konfidenz by Ariel Dorfman (political fiction)

A woman comes to Paris to aid her imperiled lover. Immediately, the telephone rings and she is swept into an alarming relationship with the mysterious voice of a man who seems to know everything about her, even intimate details. Gradually there comes a startling revelation. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 1994.

DB103123 Seeing Red by Lina Meruane (medical fiction)

Lucina, a Chilean writer in New York, is at a party. As her doctors had warned, her eyes hemorrhage. Within minutes, blood floods her vision, rendering her nearly blind. She and her loved ones adjust to a different life. Translated from the original 2012 Spanish edition. Strong language and descriptions of sex. 2016.

DB103366 The Soul Of A Woman by Isabel Allende (biography of author)

The author reflects on feminism and what it means to be a woman. She recounts her experiences of 1960s feminism, the trajectory of her career, the ups and downs of her love life, and what she values as a woman. Commercial audiobook. 2021.

DB21030 A House In The Country by José Donoso (magical realism, fiction)
Novel by the Chilean author set in an unnamed country. On an isolated estate the Ventura family fritters away the summer as oppressed natives work the family's gold mines and cannibals reportedly roam the countryside. When the adults leave for a day's excursion, the children erupt into rebellion, tearing down the fence that surrounds the estate and joining the natives in an orgy of destruction. Some strong language and violence. 1978.

DB28253 Chile: Death In The South by Jacobo Timerman (history, government)
This work is at once a meditation, an essay, and a report on life in Chile under the dictator Pinochet. Each chapter concludes with the testimony of someone who has suffered under the military government. Timerman, a victim of government torture, strongly opposes what he sees as the most vicious dictatorship in Latin America. 1987.

DB62886 Chile by David Schaffer (nonfiction geography/history)
Describes the geography, culture, and people of Chile, a country on the southwestern coast of South America. Chronicles Chile's history including Spanish colonization, independence, and the strict regime of dictator Augusto Pinochet, who seized power during a violent 1973 military coup. For grades 6-9 and older readers. 2005.

DB66640 Aku-Aku: The Secret Of Easter Island by Thor Heyerdahl (travel)
Author of Kon-Tiki recounts his 1955 expedition to the Southeast Pacific, where he and his team sought the origins of Easter Island's enormous stone statues. Heyerdahl describes his excavations and experiences uncovering the natives' closely guarded secrets with help from his aku-aku--his personal guardian spirit. 1958.

DB78641 Story Of A Death Foretold: The Coup Against Salvador Allende,
September 11, 1973 by Oscar Guardiola-Rivera (nonfiction, politics)
Analysis of the 1973 coup in Chile that overthrew the government of Salvador Allende and brought General Augusto Pinochet to power. Explores the coup's lasting impact on Latin American relations and the roles of the Nixon administration, CIA, and U.S.-based multinational corporations in the outcome. 2009.