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"Funny, extravagant . . . A wonderfully comic novel almost unbelievably rich in character, place and event."  
?Los Angeles Times Book Review

"Uproarious entertainment . . . For sheer wit, imagination, and high style, this soap opera of love can't be beat." ?The Christian Science Monitor

"A bedazzlement of entertainment." ?Time

"One of South America's finest contemporary writers." ?The Times (London)

### Language Notes

Text: English, Spanish (translation)

### About the Author

**MARIO VARGAS LLOSA** was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2010 "for his cartography of structures of power and his trenchant images of the individual's resistance, revolt, and defeat." Peru's foremost writer, he has been awarded the Cervantes Prize, the Spanish-speaking world's most distinguished literary honor, and the Jerusalem Prize. His many works include *The Feast of the Goat*, *The Bad Girl*, *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*, *The War of the End of the World*, and *The Storyteller*. He lives in London.

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