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“*El gallo de oro* and Rulfo’s short stories are not inhabited by living corpses, instead of living beings that die when they die and are born when they’re born... The novel had not been published when I was in my teens. It can be read as a fable of the power of the powerless, and the rotten one of the powerful?even when their roots belong to the powerless. It has many other readings. The novel has gone wild in my mind.” ? **Carmen Boullosa, author of *Texas: The Great Theft***

“There is an exquisite sense of tension in the stories and novels of Juan Rulfo. The earthly and the ghostly are interwoven throughout.” ? **Dylan Brennan, author of *Blood Oranges***

“A collection of neglected gems and quirky B-sides.” ? **Henry Zhang, *Times Literary Supplement***

“A text that is refreshing and diverse... Descriptions of the cockfights and La Caponera’s mariachi band evoke aspects of Mexico’s particular, vibrant culture, but as Weatherford points out in his introduction, there is a timelessness and geographical homogeneity that infuses all of Rulfo’s writing, allowing him to capture a universal quality that speaks to readers across generations and across borders.” ? **Nozomi Saito, *Asymptote Journal***

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"A vivid, brutal depiction of life in Mexico... a literary gem." ? **Unabridged Bookstore**

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About the Author

Juan Rulfo (1917-1986) was one of Mexico's premier authors of the twentieth century and an important precursor of "magical realism" in Latin American writing. Rulfo received Mexico's National Prize for Literature (Premio Nacional de Literatura) in 1970, was elected to the Mexican Academy of Language (Academia Mexicana de la Lengua) in 1980, and received the Cervantes Prize (Premio Cervantes), the highest literary award in Spanish, in 1985. Rulfo suffered from lung cancer in his final months and died on January 7, 1986 at his home in Mexico City.

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