



## A Master on the Periphery of Capitalism: Machado De Assis

By Roberto Schwarz

Duke University Press, United States, 2002. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 228 x 148 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A Master on the Periphery of Capitalism is a translation (from the original Portuguese) of Roberto Schwarz s renowned study of Brazilian novelist Machado de Assis (1839-1908). A leading Brazilian theorist and author of the highly influential notion of misplaced ideas , Schwarz focuses his literary and cultural analysis on Machado s The Posthumous Memoirs of Bras Cubas , which was published in 1880. Writing in the Marxist tradition, Schwarz investigates in particular how social structure gets internalized as literary form, arguing that Machado s style replicates and reveals the deeply embedded class divisions of nineteenth-century Brazil. Widely acknowledged as the most important novelist to have written in Latin America before 1940, Machado had a surprisingly modern style. Schwarz notes that the unprecedented wit, sarcasm, structural inventiveness, and mercurial changes of tone and subject-matter found in The Posthumous Memoirs of Bras Cubas marked a crucial moment in the history of Latin American literature. He argues that Machado s vanguard narrative reflects the Brazilian owner-class and its peculiar status in both national and international contexts, and shows why this novel s...



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