



Borges, Buddhism, and Dreams

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One of the great writers of the 20th century, Jorge Luis Borges was fascinated with Buddhism and with dreams. Amelia Barili, a longtime friend of his, will guide us in exploring the relation between these two themes and their presence in Borges's lectures and writings. Since both Borges and Buddhism believe our minds create the realities we inhabit, we will begin each class with brief contemplative practices to open to greater intuitive knowledge. Whether you are a Borges aficionado or you are reading him for the first time, you will enjoy this course.

Amelia Barili is the former book review editor of the Argentine newspaper *La Prensa*. Her book, *Jorge Luis Borges y Alfonso Reyes: La cuestión de la identidad del escritor latinoamericano*, and many articles in literary journals open up new understandings of his work. She teaches "Borges, Buddhism, and Cognitive Science" at UC Berkeley.

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