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## Celebrating Esteemed Author Gabriel García Márquez

*The World Remembers Influential Colombian Novelist on His 91st Birthday*



Today would have been Colombian author Gabriel García Márquez's 91st birthday. Around the world, fans and readers honor the legacy of one of the world's greatest authors of the 20th century. Notably, Google Doodles dedicated Google's homepage to the man who transformed the literary world in Latin America and beyond.

## The Man Behind the Words

### Biography



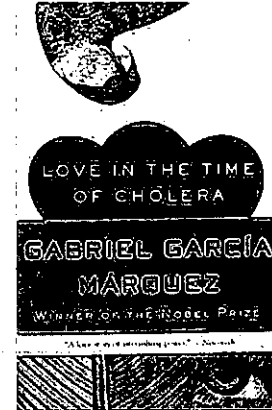
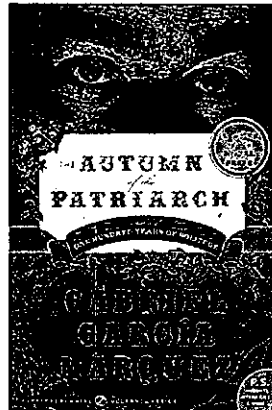
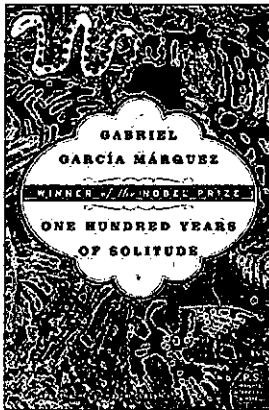
Gabriel García Márquez was a novelist, short-story writer, screenwriter and journalist. Born and raised in Aracataca, he studied journalism at the Universidad Nacional de Colombia in Bogotá, before dropping out to become a journalist. After a decade in the field, García Márquez focused his efforts on becoming a novelist, publishing his landmark novel, *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, in 1967. He went on to write more than 25 books.

García Márquez is acclaimed for popularizing "magical realism" – a literary style that employs magical elements and events in realistic situations. In 1982, he won the Nobel Prize in Literature for his famed *One Hundred Years*

of *Solitude*. García Márquez passed away on April 17, 2014, in Mexico. He was 87 years old.

### Notable Works

Over the course of his career, Gabriel García Márquez published a variety of short stories, non-fiction and screenplays, but he is perhaps best known for his novels, such as *One Hundred Years of Solitude*, *The Autumn of the Patriarch* and *Love in the Time of Cholera*.



### In Tweets: Gabriel García Márquez

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Hoy recuerdo con orgullo y nostalgia a nuestro Nobel Gabriel García Márquez. Acá una de sus frases que nos llena de optimismo y esperanza: 'No es demasiado tarde para construir una utopía que nos permita compartir la Tierra' #LoMejorDeGabo

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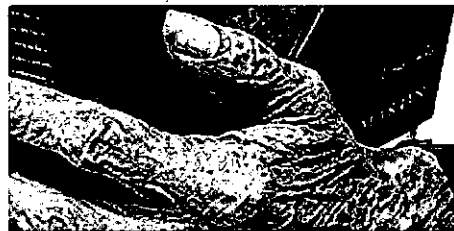
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Hoy es el cumpleaños número 91 de nuestro Nobel de Literatura y #OrgulloColombiano Gabriel García Márquez. #HechoEnColombia

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La obra de García Márquez es un retrato de Colombia. Para entenderla mejor, es necesario conocer el patrimonio cultural de Colombia.

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Happy Birthday, Gabriel García Márquez.

From December: Márquez's literary remains may be in Texas, but a new digital project makes his papers available to readers everywhere.



**Gabriel García Márquez's Archive Freely Available Online**  
The Harry Ransom Center in Texas has digitized and made available roughly half of the novelist's archive, including a draft of an unpublished memoir.

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Today is Gabriel García Márquez's 91st birthday. Here's what to know about the master of magical realism



**Today is Author Gabriel García Márquez's 91st Birthday**  
Here's what to know about "Gabo" the Colombian literary luminary

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## What We're Reading

### Today is Gabriel García Márquez's 91st Birthday. What to Know About the Master of Magical Realism

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Excerpt: "On what would have been his 91st birthday, Google Doodle is celebrating Gabriel García Márquez, or "Gabo," as the man once called 'the greatest Colombian who ever lived' was affectionately known. In García Márquez's novels angels fall to Earth and become carnival attractions, magic carpets fly and priests levitate. The Colombian author defined the genre of magical realism, in which the mundane and the fantastic occur with equal plausibility. He said he was inspired by the unbelievability of Latin American history — an illusory Eldorado plagued by conquistadors, despots and revolutions."

### Google honors author Gabriel García Márquez

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Excerpt: "Google, meet Gabo. The Internet search giant is using its logo to honor author Gabriel García Márquez, often called by the nickname Gabo. The Colombian author would have been 91 on Tuesday. Márquez was born in Aracataca, Colombia in 1927, and wrote several books, including *One Hundred Years of Solitude*."

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