



Carlos Fuentes | Class of 1950

Carlos Fuentes was an award-winning Mexican novelist, essayist, and diplomat. He was one of the leading names of the Latin American Boom of the 1960s and 1970s, and he won many prestigious awards and honours through his career, including France's National Order of Merit, Spain's Prince of Asturias Award for literature, and the Miguel de Cervantes Prize. His work includes *The Death of Artemio Cruz* (1962), *Terra Nostra* (1975) and *The Old Gringo* (1985). He was a diplomat as well as a writer, and he served as Mexican Ambassador to France. He was a staunch supporter of justice and human rights. As writer as well as diplomat, he greatly contributed to Mexican literary and humanistic traditions.



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Fuentes (right) was a leading figure of the Latin American Boom, a literary movement of the 1960s and 1970s that had a worldwide impact. Other influential writers of this time include Gabriel García Márquez (left).



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Carlos Fuentes won numerous prizes for his works, including the Miguel de Cervantes Prize in 1987, the highest honour recognising the lifetime achievements of writers in the Spanish language. Here, he can be seen with the Spanish Royal family after receiving the prize.



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In commemoration of Fuentes' influence and his role as Mexican Ambassador to France, Paris named a road after him after his death. According to his wishes, he is buried in the cemetery of Montparnasse.

