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Renner is loyal [in his translation] to the track Bellatin's narrator tramps through his life.... --Ken Sparling

About the Author

Although born in Mexico in 1960, Mario Bellatin began his career as a fiction writer in Peru in the 1980s, where he first published some of his best novels to date, including *Canon perpetuo* (1993) and *Salon de belleza* (1994). Since returning to Mexico in 1997, his readership in the Spanish-speaking world has continued to grow, and several of his books have now been published in Spain and France. Indeed, Bellatin's well-deserved reputation as a novelist stems from a refined, stylized prose that usually results in the crafting of mysterious and amusing fictional worlds (-Goliath.) Bellatin has published such acclaimed novellas as *Flores*, which received the 2000 Xavier Villaurrutia Prize, and *Salon de belleza*, which French translation was a finalist for the 2000 Medecis Prize for best foreign novel. His work has also been translated into German. Translator Renner is the editor of *elimae.com* and publishes poetry, including his new collection *Mosefolket*, under the name Cooper Esteban.

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