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Prayer to the Weathervane Cock

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SYNOPSIS

"Prayer to the Weathervane Cock" is a book-length poem written by poet and playwright Rudinei Borges across the streets of São Paulo and Buenos Aires between 2007 and 2023. Tracing the contours of homoaffective adventures and misadventures, the profane and the sacred meet to the sound of old cathedral bells in squares, corners, and avenues, where life rises and constitutes itself through affection as a revolutionary act, even amid the rubble—seen through a oneiric and vertiginous prism that celebrates poets such as Walt Whitman, Mário de Andrade, Federico García Lorca, Allen Ginsberg, and Roberto Piva. The text powerfully evokes spaces of resistance and fellowship within the gay community in São Paulo's historic downtown, crucial to the struggle for this population's rights.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rudinei Borges

Born in 1983 into a peasant migrant family from Itaituba, in southwestern Pará. He is a poet, playwright, and fiction writer. Author of a prolific body of work, he gathered writings from more than two decades dedicated to literature and theater in the books O grão e a palha na eira [poetry], Oratório no deserto de sal [playwriting], and Campo do Oleiro [prose], published by Selo Rosalva and also translated into Spanish. His poems have appeared in the volumes Chão de terra batida, Memorial dos meninos, Oração ao pequeno sol, and O lançador de granadas. Marked by high lyric-narrative intensity and sharp social critique, his plays have been staged in Africa and South America, including A cicatriz no banzeiro, Dentro é lugar longe, Fé e peleja, Revolver, Dezuó: breviário das águas, Epístola.40: carta [des]armarda aos atiradores, Verônica, Caatinga, Medea Mina Jeje, Sertão sem fim, Transamazônica, Arrimo, and Havia um país aqui antes do Carnaval. He holds a master's degree in Education from the Universidade de São Paulo and a degree in Philosophy from the Centro Universitário Assunção.

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