

Alfredo Bosi

Colony, Cult and Culture

"Alfredo Bosi has with wisdom and delicacy written essays and books on poets, poetry, and Brazilian culture. This translation will allow new readers, at long last, to admire one of his unusually perceptive essays, which helps focus critical and historical attention on Brazil and Latin America's complex and vulnerable colonial legacies. This volume does Bosi the finest kind of critical justice: it makes his work available to a larger audience, and it offers a portrait of a brilliant and inspiring critic." (ARCADIO DÍAZ QUIÑONES)

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"Alfredo Bosi is not only a great critic, but can be considered a complete critic. From his first works, his grounding in philosophy, the originality of his points of view, and the clarity and perfection of his writing stand out." (ANTONIO CANDIDO)

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