

# La paz de los vencidos

The Peace of the Defeated



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"I feel like those voluntary exiles – if that isn't a contradiction in terms – who never find peace anywhere because, at heart, they have not severed their ties with the one thing it is impossible break with: ourselves." A Peruvian immigrant writes a diary that starts with his new job in a slot machine arcade. His days pass by with no prospect of change and the people around him are in a very similar limbo: an elderly teacher with no students, a compulsive gambler, an old friend who chains him to a painful past, a tyrannical boss, a writer eclipsed by his only work, a beautiful young woman with strange intentions, the long shadow of a former love... "Jorge Eduardo Benavides is an extraordinary writer". Fernando Iwasaki

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