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Isabel Allende : My Invented Country A Memoir before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised My Invented Country A Memoir:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Come for the Coup, Stay for the LessonsBy Gerard WhiteI picked up this memoir after reading Allende's foreword in a copy of Eduardo Galeano's Open Veins of Latin America. Knowing Allende was the niece of Salvador Allende, I was interested in how that turbulent time shaped her life. I had no idea Isabel Allende was such an accomplished writer or had published so many books, I simply knew her for her connections to the man ousted by Pinochet. This book has made me an Isabel Allende fan!I've never read a memoir which is so poetic and full of insight not only into the character of the writer, but into life itself. Several chapters in I no longer cared about her connections to Salvador Allende or the coming coup of 1973, but was memorized by her ability to weave a story, to reflect on the lives of others, and to offer numerous insights into the meaning of a well lived life.Sure enough, later in the book there are chapters on Salvador Allende and Pinochet, and they are remarkably reflective and powerful (especially her discussion of the difference between an exile and an immigrant), yet those won't be the moments I remember.What I will remember is the beauty of Chile, the importance of being outspoken, and the need for us all to be "patiperros"!1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Fractured Fairy TaleBy Linda BallouI enjoyed Isabelle Allendes nostalgic look back upon her young life in Chile. She shares insights into the national character of the country, a democracy that became ruled by a dictator whose heavy-handed policies forced her to flee. This a personal memoir in which she explains why she will always be an immigrant in the U.S. even though

she has lived here most of her adult life enjoying huge success and freedom of expression in her writing. I had hoped for more description of the natural beauty of Chile and insights into where I should go what I should see when I go there. However, this book was focused more on the politics and idiosyncrasies of a layered society than travel tips. The bottom line is that Allendes writing has given her fractured journey continuity that has held her together over the years. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. One of Allende's best! By xxmolly I almost gave this book 4 stars because the beginning was more like a travelogue and very repetitive of "Inez of my Soul, but when I got to her descriptions of the people of Chile, Venezuela, Spain, and all Hispanic countries, I just cracked up. Haven't laughed so much in a very long time. Since I am of Hispanic ethnicity, she had the family structure and the male/female roles down perfectly. It was wonderful reading and I recommend it highly even if you're from Bora Bora and not Hispanic! It seems that Allende has perfected her wonderful talent for seeing and uncovering the traits of people in this book and I thank her for a wonderful read.

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