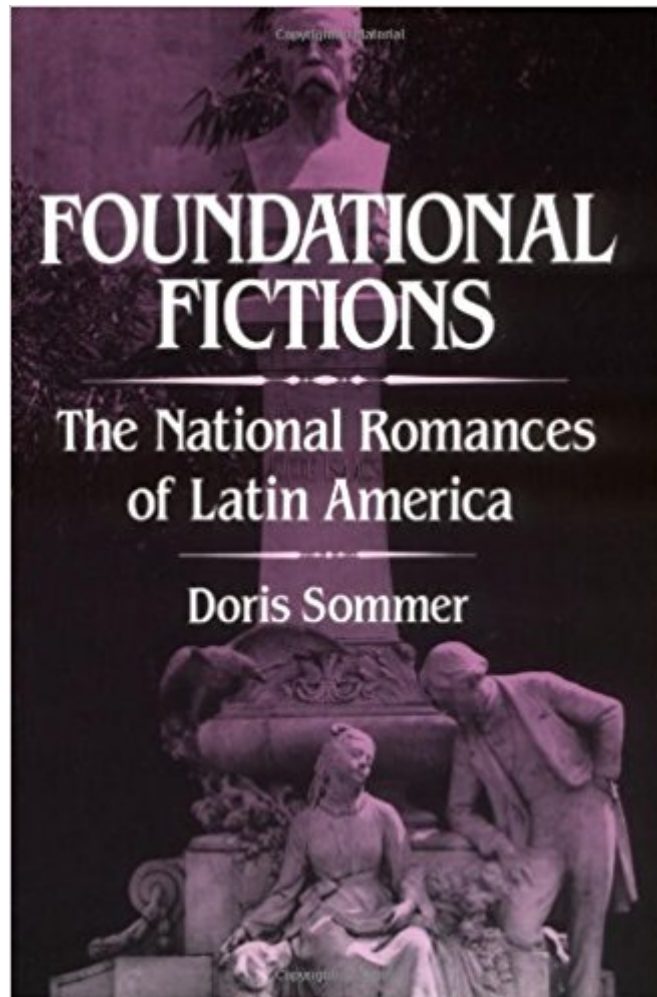


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Years ago, I attended a lecture by Doris Sommers where the author placed Tony Morrison's *Beloved* under the same political-historical-literary framework with great heuristic craft and passionate intensity. Sommers is a great scholar and an engaging lecturer. In *Foundational Fictions* Sommers decouples the master narratives of the young Latin American Patrias of the 19th Century in political-historical and literary discourses, with race and gender at the core of all national projects. As a teacher, *Foundational Fictions* provided me with new tools to get the attention and captivate the interest of a wild bunch of high school teenagers. Not a small feat. *Foundational Fictions* is a must! Anahi W. Schafer

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