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Synopsis

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I know little about the countries of South America except their names and their capitals. This is the first book I have read about the history of a South American country. It is well written, interesting. I hope to read more about the history of South American countries.

Most of this book called "Uruguay" is not about Uruguay at all. It's some description of terms in alphabetical order and has nothing with Uruguay. Other, small part of the book, is very old (dated) information about Uruguay from years 2003-2009. So, it was totally wasting of money. Such a shame.

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