

*After-Dinner Declarations*, brilliantly translated by Dave Oliphant, shows us a new side of Nicanor Parra, one of the truly seminal figures of modern Spanish American poetry. Written in a raucous and wry vernacular, and enriched by the lyricism and wisdom that come from a long and fully engaged life, Parra's observations offered here touch on a wide variety of topics and issues, ranging from personal relationships and culture to politics, ecology, and the future of the planet. *After-Dinner Declarations* is a must read for anyone interested in Parra, the power and appeal of socially conscious poetry, or the exciting new field known as inter-American literature.”  
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