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Fiction

Novel

(Novel·la)

Quaderns Crema, 2018 | 168p

Booksellers Award 2019 (Premi Llibreter)

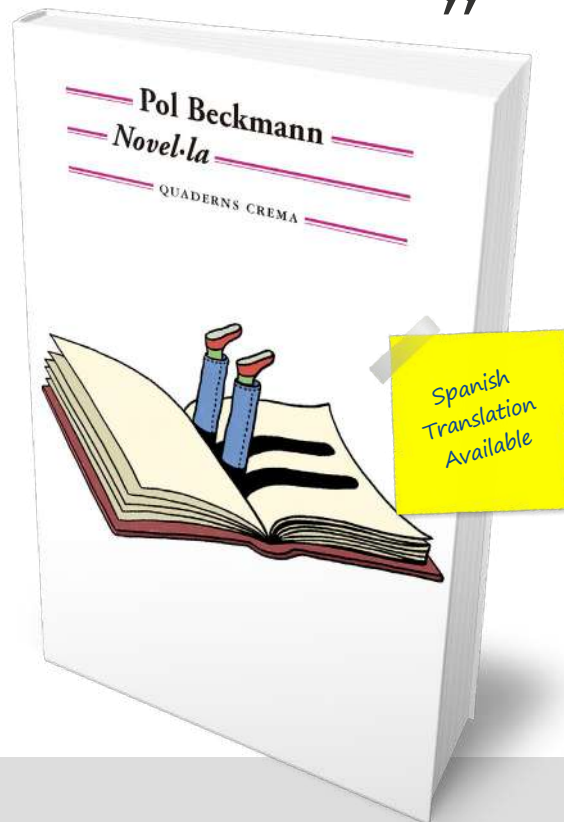
2 ed

#RealUnreal
#Metaliterature
#BreakThroughAuthor

“

The perfect subversion of the idea of the love triangle.

”



SHORTLISTED FOR THE GERMAN
PANEL NEW SPANISH BOOKS
TRANSLATION PROGRAM



BOOKSELLERS AWARD 2019

“The jury awarded the prize **unanimously** for its quality and literary daring, for its mastery of language” and ability to synthesize arguments, and for the originality in the approach of the limits between fiction and reality, which allows it to play with the readers and surprise them until the end.”

COMPARISONS AND ECHOES:

Paul Auster, Pirandello,
David Lynch, Borges,
Kafka, Saramago, Onetti,
Pere Calders, Quim
Monzó, Sergi Pàmies,
Màrius Serra.

A sophisticated and intelligent story where reality and fiction form a labyrinth that will catch the reader from the first page.

Pol Beckmann tells in *Novel·la* the story of Bekman, a writer deeply in love with Sofia, the perfect woman with whom he maintains a perfect relationship. Bekman works on the novel that has to make of him a lead name, although his new perfect relationship is a time-stealer. One day he meets Laura, who is not as perfect as Sofia... but it is more real. And the complex love triangle is served. *Novel·la* ends up being, in the words of its publisher, “a sick game between fiction and reality”, if we agree to call reality what is written in a work of fiction.

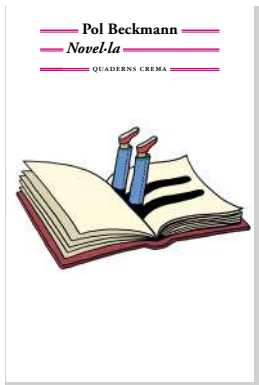


Pol Beckmann

(Barcelona, 1991). Writer. After few awards for short stories he decided to write his first novel. At the age of 27 years, Beckmann publishes *Novel (Novel·la)* a text that will be a breakthrough for many.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

“A first-class literary debut”
Melcior Comes



Quaderns Crema, 2018
168p
-2 ed
-Booksellers Award 2019
(Premi Llibreter 2019)

PRAISES

EL PAÍS - «There will be, no doubt, who gets carried away by the force of fiction that is reinvented sophisticatedly in this novel.»

EL MUNDO - «Novel·la is a short and perfect piece of narrative watchmaking that will disturb more than one reader.»

LA VANGUARDIA - «Novel·la is a story of doors that open and close, which lead from reality in the novel that the protagonist is writing, from the novel to the dream, and from the dream to reality».

SERRA D'OR - «Beckmann's undeniable talent and the elegant intelligence of his debut are encuriosidors and exciting.»

DIARI DE MALLORCA - «A work in which all the elements fit perfectly. Hilarious!»

EL NACIONAL - «Novel·la escapes the parameters of today's literature. It is a work that surprises the reader and forces him to ask himself continuous questions, and that does not bore him even in a single moment.»

LA VANGUARDIA - «Highly recommended read to fight the obscure literalness. An effective game, not at all pretentious, that allows us to question our point of view.»

EL PUNT AVUI - «Beckmann narrates in a careful and personal way, providing a system of images and descriptions that are appreciated in a literary market sometimes too flat, predictable, repetitive.»

EL NÚVOL - «Novel·la is pure mischief. Game and

confusion. A combination between solid and elegant experimentation. It contains high doses of maturity and well-oiled machinery.»

LA REPÚBLICA - «Pol Beckmann has a much appreciated stylistic power.»

FROM THE READING REPORT (KIRSTEN BRANDT), GERMAN PANNEL:

“ *In a sophisticated, very entertaining yet always disturbing way, Novel·la toys with reality and fiction, and in a newspaper article it has been compared Pirandello's. It is astonishing how long the reader allows him/herself to be fooled, because the moment one starts reading a novel one is ready to at first believe every word an author writes. The author succeeds with making the reader believe in the credibility of what is told, to undermine it only gradually. From then on, of course, one constantly asks if this now is “real” (and part of which reality?) or just a product of the protagonist's imagination.*

Thus, Novel·la is an at least ambiguous game which is somewhat nightmarish, due to the growing darkness surrounding the relation between Bekman and Sofia. An extremely recommendable literary debut. ”

Things that Have Really Seen this Eyes Inexistent

(Les coses que realment han vist aquests ulls inexistent)

Rata: (2017) | 212 p

Rights sold

Spanish: La Galera, 2017



SERRA D'OR
CRITICS AWARD, 2018

#Clouds
#Memories
#Aphorisms

“ In writing we play the world,
we embrace it. ”

“Literature works as an emergency
exit and unites us in an absolut and
in a commonplace”.

It is a huge and unstructured night. But it apostrophizes with our heart. It's mid afternoon, good weather, dad lifts the sleeves of his shirt. A dog barks outside, elms rumble, the laundry faucet drips. My brother's blows are heard, he's working in the garden's workshop. Mom is downstairs, attending the business or rather waiting for the first afternoon client. The house smells like work, cold food. A certain smell of earth, of tomatoes, of potatoes on the straw, of absence. Lying on the sink, resting from the day, from work, from illness, from life, which in recent years has been considered to be a farce, my father contemplates a cloud. Smiles under his red mustache. I miss you.



Josep Lluís Badal

(Barcelona 1966). Writer and teacher. In his literary work he combines children's literature with poetry, adult narrative and essay. He has several books published and his children's works have been **translated in many languages**. He has published stories for adults, *La casa sense ombra* and *Els mestres* or the novel *El duel*.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)



Secondary

(Secundaris)

Comanegra, 2018 | 152p

#DirtyRealism

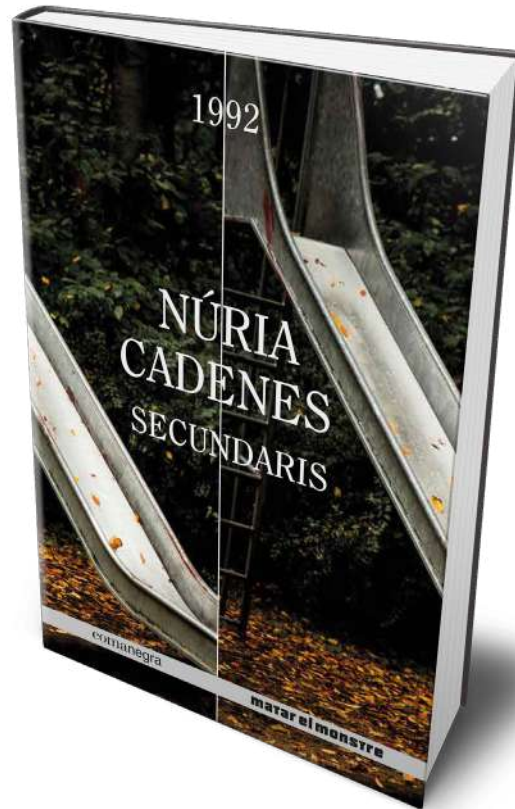
#ANotSoCoolBarcelona

#MarginalNeighbourhood



Núria Cadenes

(Barcelona, 1970) is one of the most special storytellers in the country and with a more unmistakable voice. Her previous novel, *Tota la veritat*, won the Crims de Tinta Award to noir novel in 2016. She had already won many readers with works such as *AZ* and *El banquer*.



Sergi has killed an old man and wanders strangely quietly with a suitcase full of bills. Conxi has done nothing and is in prison trying to learn a new language so as not to collapse. Barcelona has just celebrated the glorious Olympics. The reverse of the beautiful city and the medals is Turó de la Peira neighbourhood, a nest of secondary inhabitants that do what they can so as to not be reduced to the clichés of a bad movie.

The portrait of a hidden Barcelona: nothing about gold medals, laurel wreaths or glory, in Secundaris there are syringes, fight and hunger. In 92 the world looked at us but only saw what the elites of our country left in the foreground.

A blow of reality that brings us down to the hell of those who had no voice.

“A great portrait of simple people.”

Vilaweb

“The novel’s style is sharp as a knife, the point of view jumps from one character to another according to the moment and the need, and sometimes the narrative voice rebukes the reader.”

Ara Llegim

A NOVEL OF THE MARGINAL
BARCELONA '92

#5 IN 2018 MUST READ LIST,
La Vanguardia



Suso de Toro

(Santiago de Compostela, in 1956). Writer. PhD in Geography and History at the University of Santiago de Compostela and in Modern and Contemporary Art. He has published a long list of narrative, theater and essay books. He soon received the recognition of the readers and the critics receiving in 1986 the Premio de la Crítica de narrativa gallega Award for *Polaroid*. A prize that will be revalidated in 1994 for *Tic-tac* and in 2000 for *Non volvas*. His full recognition as a writer will arrive in 2003 with the Premio Nacional de narrativa de las Letras Españolas Award for *Trece badaladas*.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

Out of Your Wits

(Fóra de si)

Xerais, 2018 | 232p

Rights sold:

Spanish: Alianza

#FamilyIdentity

#Loss

#Guilt

#Upmarket

“ **A memorable and unconcessional narration about family identity and feelings of loss and guilt.** ”

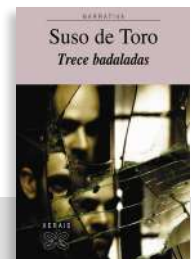
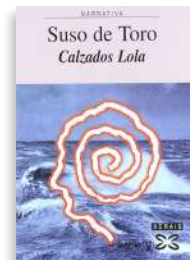


After visiting his father at the nursing home, the neurosurgeon Ricardo Marzoa feels overgrown, out of his wits. He is dragging his life as it was a heavy weight: too many years on his shoulders, too many lives that have gone away in his own hands and, also, a recent death. He is going through a humiliating professional moment and his personal situation is confusing. The situation is so critic that he has come to the conclusion that he needs urgently a psychotherapist. The time has come to break all his ties that unite him with family and work.

Questions about personal identity and the feelings of guilt and loss hover on the novel, which the author writes in a lucid and precise way.

PREMIO NACIONAL DE NARRATIVA DE LAS LETRAS ESPAÑOLAS AWARD AUTHOR

Suso de Toro is a renowned Galician author with more than 20 novels written, many of them translated into Catalan, Spanish and other languages.



Emotions Series

(Colección Emociones, Comanegra)

A BEST SELLER



WHY THESE BOOKS ARE SUCH A SUCCESS?

✓ **TEACHINGS** TRANSMIT EMOTION TO BOTH YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS.

✓ **SMALL:** 18X13 CM.

✓ **SHORT:** 100-130 PGS

✓ **LOVELY, ELEGANT, MEANINGFUL** COVERS

#FeelGood
#Fables
#OnEmotions

A Hidden Treasure

(Un tesoro escondido)
Gemma Lienas

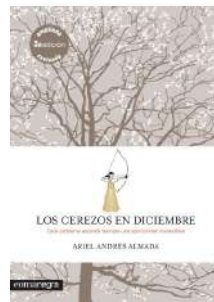


#SELF_ESTEEM
#INNER_LOOK

Ten steps to discover our hidden treasure.

Cherry Tress in December

(Los cerezos en diciembre)
Ariel Andrés Almada



#PERSEVERANCE

Only if we recognize ourselves as part of the problem can we be part of the solution. Each problem always hides a wonderful opportunity.

The Key of Emotions

(La llave de las emociones)
Silvia Congost



#TOXIC_RELATIONSHIP
#FREEDOM_TO_LOVE

The way to discover freedom to love, to free yourself from emotional dependence and enjoy a healthy relationship.

The Lion and the Full Moon

(El león y la Luna llena)
Nora Shen & Mireia Darder



#FEARS_&_COMPLEXES
#VITALITY_MANIFESTO

A map to conquer the labyrinth of life, this is the story of a wonderful cycle. A manifesto that vindicates the awareness of the here and now.

The Path of Love

(El camino del amor)
Eva Mengual



#BROKEN_HEARTS
#LOSS_&_LOVE

Discover how to grow thanks to the love we carry inside.

The Principle of the Circle

(El principio del círculo)
Michi Kobayashi

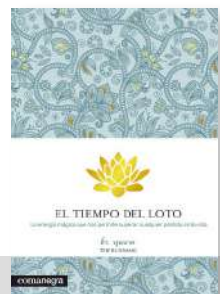


#COMMUNICATION
#PRACTICAL_TIPS

An emotional story full of tenderness that shows how to take advantage of contact and communication to move on the path to happiness on a day to day basis.

The Time of the Lotus

(El tiempo del loto)
Tew Bunnag



#MAGICAL_ENERGY
#LOSS

A moving story about the magical energy that allows us to overcome any loss in life.

The Wings of the Butterfly

(Las alas de la mariposa)
Ariel Andrés Almada



#FEAR_&_ANXIETY
#HIDDEN OPPORTUNITIES

A cry for us to wake up in time and start living the life not lived, when the darkest moment is just before dawn.

Emotions Series (Colección Emociones, Comanegra)

A BEST SELLER

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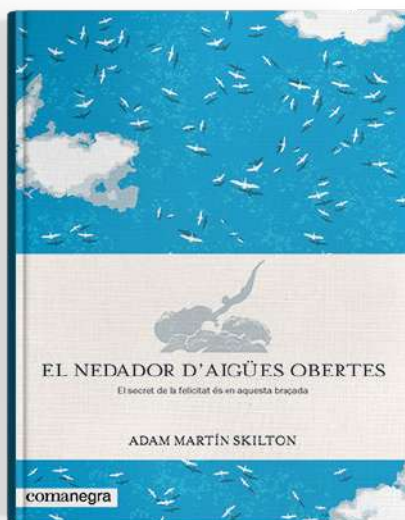
Open Water Swimmer

(El nedador d'aigües obertes)

Adam Martín Skilton

A modern fable where **the sea and open water swimming is the metaphor for a challenge:** to leave the comfort zone.

The secret of happiness is in this stroke.



#InspirationalFable

#ComfortZone

#Challenge

NIL IS A MEDIOCRE ACTOR WHO NO LONGER GETS JOBS. HIS WIFE HAS LEFT HIM AND HE ENTERS A SPIRAL OF SELF-DESTRUCTIVE THOUGHTS. NEXT TO WALRUS, AN EXPERT SWIMMER WHO HIDES A FAMILY TRAUMA, NIL WILL LEARN TO SWIM AT FORTY-EIGHT, AND ALONG THE WAY HE WILL ALSO RECEIVE THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON OF HIS LIFE: SOMETIMES IT IS NECESSARY TO SIMPLY FOCUS, FLOAT AND LET ONE FLOW.

“ An inspiring song of self-improvement. ”

Adam Martín Skilton is a journalist. He has worked as a presenter, editor and script-writer in many television and radio programs. He has specialized in healthy eating and habits and so he has published a good number of books on nutrition.

A Hidden Treasure

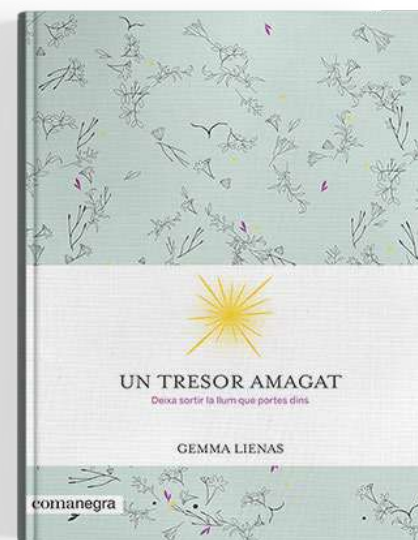
(Un tresor amagat)

Gemma Lienas

#Self-Esteem

#InnerLook

“ Ten steps to discover our hidden treasure. An extraordinarily emotional story about the ways we have to project our image on others. ”



EVA LIVES AMONG MIRRORS THAT RETURN A DECEPTIVE AND DISTORTED IMAGE, AND DO NOT ALLOW HER TO SEE HERSELF WITH ALL HER ABILITIES. FROM THE HAND OF A GOOD FRIEND, SHE WILL REALIZE WHAT HER INNER LOOK IS AND WILL BEGIN A CHAIN OF TIPS TO HELP MANY WOMEN MEET THEIR FULL POTENTIAL.

A story to learn to break the silence about what worries us, to see each other with good eyes and strengthen our self-esteem.

Gemma Lienas is one of the most prolific and awarded Catalan writers. Her work has always dealt with social issues with great sensitivity and rigor, with always special attention to the role of women in the world, their personal fulfillment and their self-esteem.

Emotions Series (Colección Emociones, Comanegra)

A BEST SELLER

#FEEL_GOOD #FABLES #ON_EMOTIONS

Cherry Tress in December

(Los cerezos en diciembre)

Ariel Andrés Almada

3 ed | 15.000 copies sold

-- Discouragement nests in Saki's heart. At 17, she feels immersed in sadness and apathy for no apparent reason. His parents, disoriented, turn to Takumi, the master of archery that will turn this noble art into a vital teaching for the young woman. --



#Perseverance
#Problem&Opportunity

“ A story of humility, perseverance and faith in oneself, which conveys that only if we recognize ourselves as part of the problem can we be part of the solution. Each problem always hides a wonderful opportunity. ”

Ariel Andrés Almada, lover of travel, white tea and dark chocolate, works as a business consultant and has published several business books. *The Cherry Trees In December* is his first work of fiction.

The Principle of the Circle

(El principio del círculo)

Michi Kobayashi

8.000 copies sold

#Communication
#PracticalTips

“ An emotional story full of tenderness that shows how to take advantage of contact and communication to move on the path to happiness on a day to day basis. ”



Apparently everything is going well at Hikaru's house, but his parents will discover that the boy is actually distant and lowering his performance. The situation will only improve when Hikaru meets Mrs. Akiyama, a mysterious woman who will teach him the importance of contact and good communication with the people he loves. (Final chapter with practical recommendations that 100% of readers can apply to improve their personal relationships.)

Michi Kobayashi is not born on a specific day of a given year, but he does it with time and experience. Under the pseudonym of Michi Kobayashi there is a group of professionals formed a psychotherapist, a coach, a naturopath, a doctor, a psychologist, an engineer and a journalist.

Sara and the Silences

(Sara i els silencis)

Amsterdam/Ara Llibres, 2018 | 288p

#ContemporaryUpmarketFiction

#MusicAllOver

#BeatingCancer

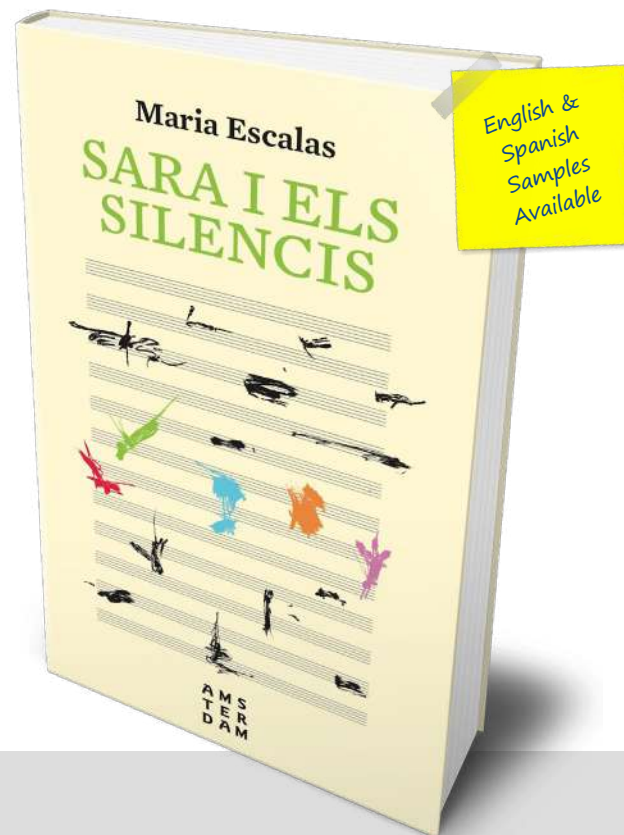
#StrongTiesFriendship



Maria Escalas

Maria Escalas (Mallorca, 1969) is a professional musician and teacher of this subject at a secondary school. With *Abans que el teu record torni cendra* she successfully started her literary career. *Sara i els silencis* is her second novel and it's called to be a new bestseller.

“*Maria Escalas has written a novel of an incredible enduring emotion. An ode to those who, after so much silence, get up to take the floor.*”



« [...] The author builds a second person singular, a conscience that will address to the protagonist throughout the entire book.

[...] A fluent reading with an oral language without impostures. The author says things as they are, and reality moves.

[...] Escalas shares a hard and detailed account of the before and after of cancer, femininity, self-esteem, infidelity and macho abuse, asymmetric human condition, infinite doubts, the inevitable recreation in suffering, the need to affection, death by fascicles and fear of fear.»

Anna Carreras, *El Núvol*

Sara seeks to meet again who she was: a young woman with talent to compose who gave up her promising career to make way for her husband's. She takes again the unfinished work that she wanted to dedicate to her father and to fight the absence of self-inspiration she asks for the help of her old teacher, the demanding and grumpy Josep. He agrees, but with one condition: that Sara would welcome Cristina, a twenty years younger girl, as generously as he did when Sara was young and eager to learn.

This friendship will overcome all barriers and Sara will find the right notes to color her new life.

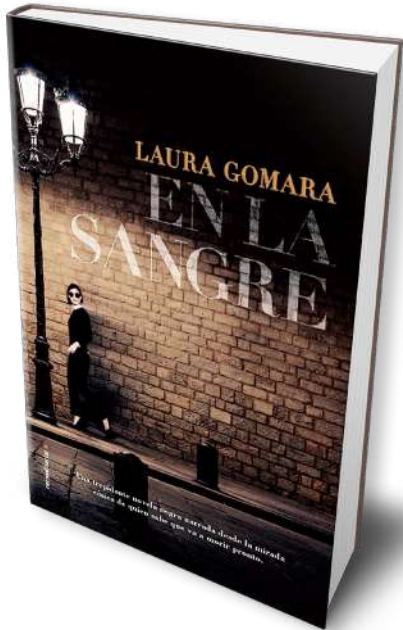
Into the Blood

(En la sangre)

Roca Editorial (2019) | 336p

- #DarkBarcelona
- #Post-crisisPrecariousness
- #Tourism&Mafias
- #FemmeFatalePerspective
- #FastPacedThriller

» After *Vienen mal dadas* (10.000 copies, 3 editions), a huge step of the author towards consolidation.



“A crossroads of murky and exciting stories set in the darkest Barcelona, a city where tourists, thieves and people of various social classes share much more than it seems.”

WHAT WAS GOING TO BE A CHAMPAGNE AND ROSE PATH BECOMES BLACKMAIL, VIOLENCE AND DEATH.

A THRILLING NOIR NOVEL TOLD FROM THE CYNICAL POINT OF VIEW OF ONE WHO KNOWS IS GOING TO DIE SOON.

Eva Valverde is a pickpocket, has two degrees and wears Prada. Further to stealing wallets in the subway and on the streets of Barcelona, she assaults tourist flats in an increasingly overcrowded Barcelona. None of this is done by necessity, but to keep a standard of living she would not be able to carry otherwise.

But the pickpocket race is not easy, and after years of building a perfect world, she loses everything in a single day.

When the Going Gets Tough

(Vienen mal dadas)

Roca Editorial (2019) | 304p

- 3 ed
- L’HConfidential Award finalist
- Nominated and shortlisted to a handful of noir/thriller awards.

“A plot so naked, real and intense that, before you realize, you’ve devoured the book.”

Susana Rodríguez Lezaun, bestselling author

- #DarkBarcelona
- #Post-crisisPrecariousness
- #Page-turner
- #SocialCriticism
- #PowerfulFemaleCharacter

“An excellent first novel - powerful, hard, original- from an author who will cause a stir. The crime novel is in luck. Elia Barceló, bestselling author”

DARK
BARCELONA

TWO
THRILLERS

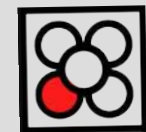
TWO
INTENSE
URBAN
PLOTS



An action-packed noir novel that portrays the darkest Barcelona in times of crisis. Ruth Santana is an evicted and multi-employed young woman who lives on the poverty line to pay off what she considers her debt to the banks. One night, a stranger makes her an offer. He wants her to help him blow up ATMs. The man offers quick money to pay her debt to the bank and get back to a normal life. He offers freedom. In return, Ruth will have to give up her scruples. And, perhaps, something else.



Laura Gomara | holds a degree in Classical Philology and works in the publishing industry and as a creative writing teacher. As a novelist, with her first book *Vienen mal dadas* (Roca Editorial) she was a finalist for the 2016 L’H Confidential Award and was nominated to multiple awards. Her second novel, *En la sangre* (Roca Editorial), is one of the hot crime new titles that literary Autumn will offer soon. One of the narrative voices with more projection of the national noir novel. ([Complete profile of the author here](#))



Passage To A New World

(Passatge al nou món)
Columna, 2018 | 368p

Rights sold:

Spanish: Maeva

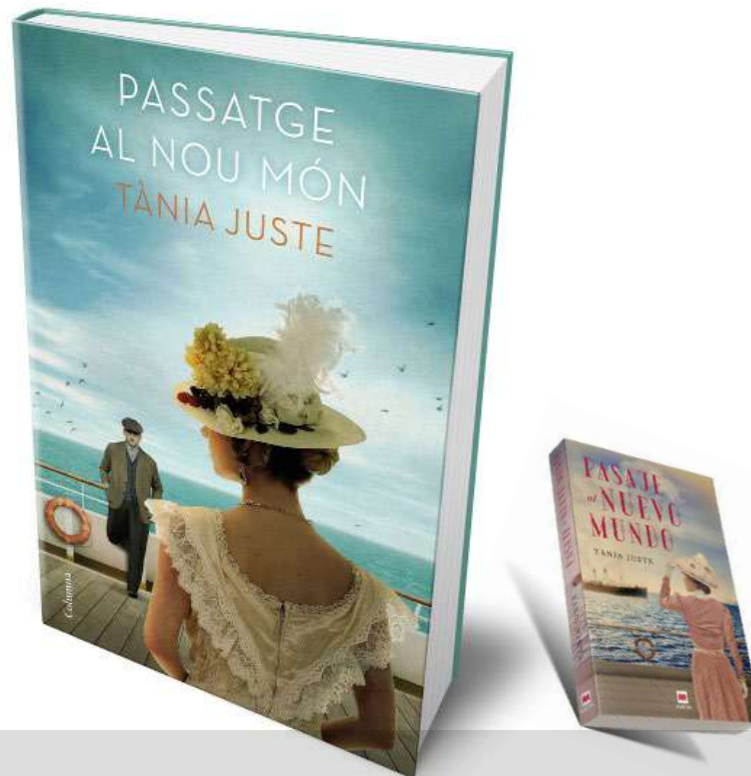
#Historical #Women_Fiction #Love&Friendship



Tània Juste

(Barcelona, 1972). In 2009 she published her first novel, an homage to the hopeful times of the Second Spanish Republic, *A flor de pell*, after which came *Els anys robats*. With *L'hospital dels pobres*, Juste went a step further and gained popularity and several editions. In 2015 receives the Nèstor Luján Award for the intense story of a family among vineyards, *Temps de família*. [\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

“With a love of the past that returns and a welcoming country that waits for the wrong person, the futures of a French-Catalan woman and her Russian friend change in a surprising way. Set at the end of 1918, an amazing story of love and friendship.”



Culturas, LV:

“A picture of the yesterday’s world described by Stefan Zweig and Federico Fellini. [...] Well documented and written. [...] A novel written with joy, *Passatge al nou món* works!”

Núvol:

“[The author’s] stories reach a wider public who is not so interested in getting the main facts, but rather learn more about them in a more agile and informal way. [...] An interesting game between narrative stages.”

La petita llibreria:

“One of those works that does not let you go to sleep, you want to read more and more... Having a work of this author at home is synonymous with a pleasant, emotional, well-written reading, set with delicate addition, careful in detail”

Port of Barcelona, 1918. Berta Casals is a twenty-year-old girl who embarks on the transatlantic Queen Victoria Eugenia on her way to Argentina, where she goes to marry Julio Mitchell, a wealthy Patagonian rancher and friend of the family to whom she barely knows.

During her journey, Berta gets bored with the formalities and rigid rules of first class elitist passengers. Her only confidant on the ship will be Irina Alexandrovna, with whom she will share conversations, complicities and an unmissable secret that seals their destiny forever.

70 years later, Berta will tell her granddaughter about the true story behind that unforgettable journey.

More on **Tània Juste**

Family Time

(Temps de família)

Columna, 2015 | 368p | **3 ed**

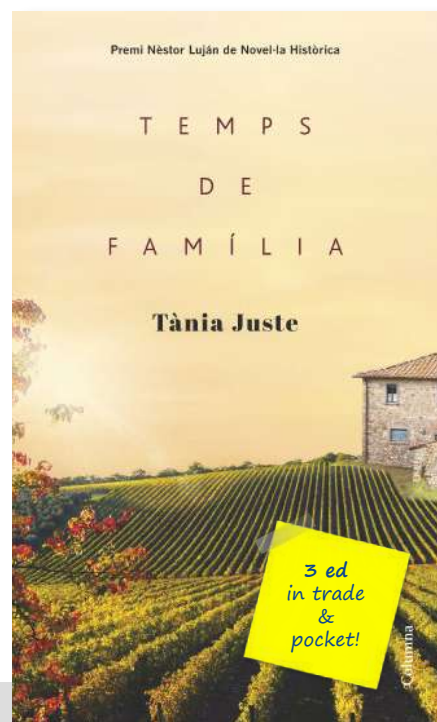
Nèstor Luján Award of Historical Fiction

Rights sold:

Spanish: Maeva



#WomenFiction
#FamilySaga #Historical



THROUGH THE LIVES OF THREE GENERATIONS OF THE GINER FAMILY, THEIR CLANDESTINE LOVES, FRATERNAL HATRED, AND UNSOLVED MURDER MYSTERIES, TEMPS DE FAMÍLIA (FAMILY TIME) WEAVES A PLOT AS ATTRACTIVE AND MAGNIFICENT AS THE VINEYARDS THAT SERVE AS THE SETTING FOR THIS LINEAGE.

“ A novel about a Catalan family, the wine industry and the evolution towards an industrialized modern world that wants to leave old rural traditions behind. ”

A faithful portrayal of a time and a country, a novel that talks about the men and women who fought to restore their lands, devastated by the phylloxera plague at the end of the 19th century, and who began the 20th century in a rural world undergoing a complete transformation.

The Hospital of the Poor

(L'hospital dels pobres)

Columna, 2014 | 333p | **7 ed**

Rights sold:

Spanish: Maeva

German: Bastei Lübbe



“ A novel about the construction of the Hospital de Sant Pau, the largest modernist compound of all times. ”

#Barcelona&Modernism
#FamilySaga #Historical

» THE NOVEL THAT GIVES LIFE TO THE BARCELONA OF THE EARLY XXTH CENTURY.

» BY AWARDED AUTHOR FOR HISTORICAL FICTION.

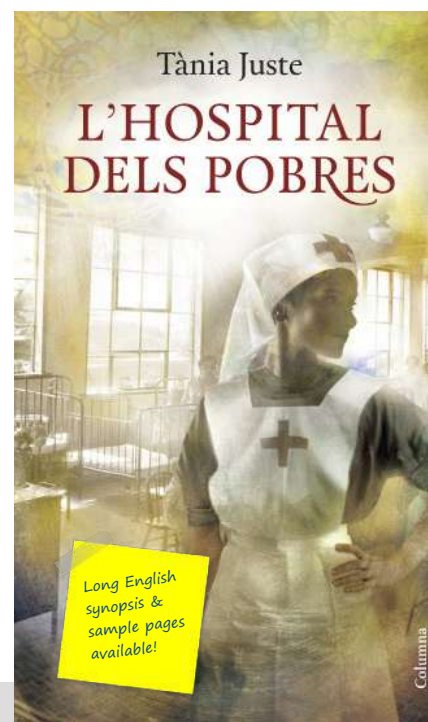
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LA VANGUARDIA :

“A mythical space that becomes literature”

Barcelona, the beginning of the XXth century. Santa Creu Hospital is heaving inside the old medieval city walls that have sheltered it for five centuries. This is a portrait of a society divided by social classes where the lives of a handful of characters cross over indefectibly and together they make the new hospital for the poor people of the city a reality.

Through the construction of some of the greatest modernist gems in the world, men and women seek happiness at the rhythm that marks the new times.



Magui's Shadow Still Wanders the Backyard

(L'ombra de la Magui encara és al jardí)

Columna, 2020

Rights sold:

Spanish: Destino



Sylvia Lagarda-Mata

has a degree in Communication as well as a master in Audiovisual Communication. She is currently a scriptwriter for documentaries and gives classes on cinema and television. Her heart is divided between the Catalonia that she loves and the Languedoc of her ancestors, and so her narrations are often set in both regions. Among her books, special mention should be made to *Mazapanes amargos* finalist for the award Sen Soví.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

#FamilySecrets
#SilencesThatTalk
#UnexpectedTwist
#MotherDespair



“ **SPOILER ALERT:** What would a mother be able to do to prevent her daughter from being abused? ”

Magui is a 4-year-old girl who disappears without leaving a trace on the magical night of Sant Joan, during the fireworks festival that welcome the Summer solstice. We are in the bourgeois Barcelona of the early XXth century, in the great mansion of one of the wealthiest families of the time. Total despair for the parents, for the mother, the sisters and for everyone who loved Magui because the few clues found don't show any hope. Today, the family that suffered this disappearance a century ago will begin an investigation to solve the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Magui, which had remained unresolved for decades. Until now.



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The Invisible Thread

(El fil invisible)

Edicions 62, 2018 | 416p | 2 ed

Rights sold:

Spanish: Destino

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#WomanFiction

#LiterarySmell

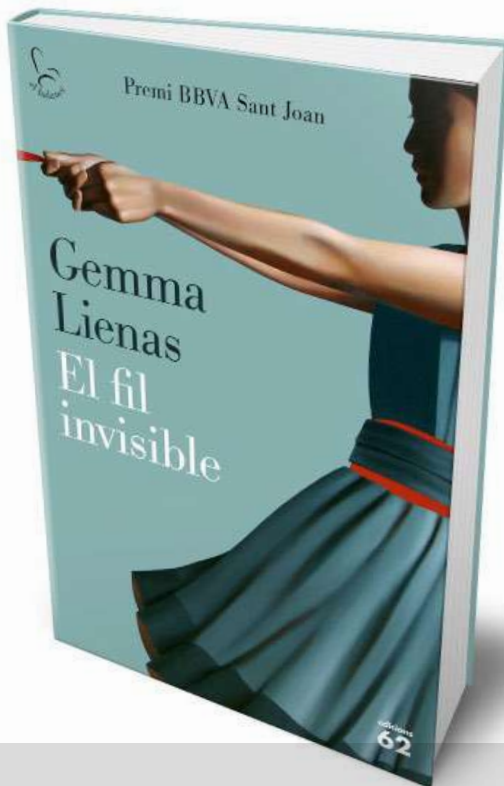
- ✓ SANT JOAN AWARD
- ✓ LEAD AUTHOR TITLE IN EDICIONS 62 (PLANETA GROUP)
- ✓ SOBER PROSE WRITTEN WITH EXPERTISE



Gemma Lianas

Gemma (Barcelona, 1951) is a Catalan writer, feminist and speaker. For the last 15 years she has worked in several media, press and radio, and has given lectures all over Spain and Catalonia. She has written **more than 90 books** for adults, young adults and children as well as she has received **several national awards** (Ramon Llull Award) and the internationally known Honorable Mention IBBY recognition. Her works have been **translated into ten languages**.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)



KEY SELLING POINTS

- **WWII, RESISTENCE & NAZI OCCUPATION** OF BRITTANY.
- **MOTHERHOOD** FROM A POLIEDRIC POINT OF VIEW, UNDERLYING THE WHOLE NOVEL.
- **FEMINIST FIGHT:** LIGHT TO 2 FORGOTTEN FEMALE LEADING NAMES, SPECIALLY ROSALIND FRANKLIN.
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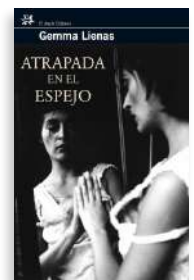
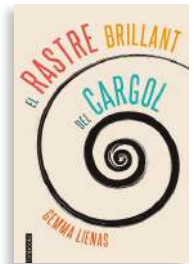
The search for a mysterious family secret that has its origins in WWII.

The reconstruction of the true role of a XXth century female scientist.

Doubts haunt Júlia, a woman in her early thirties. Does she love her husband enough? Is she really prepared to be a mother? Will she find the time to finish her script about the true role of scientist Rosalind Franklin in the discovery of the double helix of the DNA?

To escape from so many uncertainties, Júlia accepts the invitation of her French family with whom she's never been in touch before to spend a whole month in the island of Batz. There, in the old family house, on the seashore, an imposing great-grandmother who's turning 100 this August awaits her.

Thanks to Júlia's observation habillity, she catches an enigmatic detail in some old photographs that date back to World War II, and what was supposed to be a family vacation soon becomes a research about her own origins, which contain a dark secret, jealously guarded by Júlia's centenarian great-grandmother.





Joan-Lluís Lluís

(Perpignan, 1963) is a writer and a journalist. He studied Art History at Montpellier University. He has written some non fiction and mainly fiction. In recent years, he has published *Aiguafang*, *Crítica Serra d'Or Award* in 2009, *Xocolata desfeta* (2009), an experimental work of narrative, and the novel *Cròniques d'un déu coix*, winner of the *Lletra d'Or* 2014.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

The Navigator

(El navegant)

Proa, 2016 | 352p | 3 ed

Rights sold:

Spanish: Navona

Crítica Serra d'Or Award for the best novel in Catalan in 2016

#Historical #Literary #ModernFable

“ A personal narrative style that singles the author out from other writers of his generation.

”



COMPARED TO PATRICK SÜSKIND, ZOLA, ALBERT SÁNCHEZ PIÑOL, MONTAIGNE, JULES VERNE OR CALVINO.

Shortlisted in the international programme New Spanish Books, UK panel.

By Sant Jordi Award author

La Vanguardia:

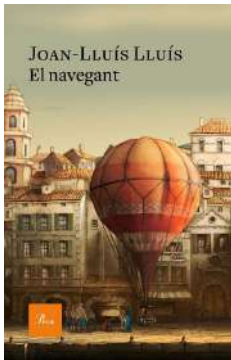
«WITH A BRANCH OF ITALO CALVINO, ANOTHER MONTAIGNE'S ESSAYS AND ONE OF ROBINSON CRUSOE. [...] COMPARED TO SÁNCHEZ PIÑOL.»

Assisclé Xatot is born in Perpinyà in 1852 with a very special ability: a gift that allows him to acquire any language as soon as he hears a single word. Xatot is involved in the riots of the Paris Commune and is deported to New Caledonia, where he will be adopted by an indigenous clan and named his particular storyteller.

Following the patterns of picaresque and adventure novels, Joan-Lluís Lluís brings into question the survival of languages, what's evil, ambition, servility, colonialism, ideals betrayed, fate, chance, what is 'wild' and what is 'civilization'... all through a precise and beautiful language and an absorbent and fast-paced rythm.

Among the most classic adventure and the literary genre, a particular trip of a young Catalan with a unique talent.

ON *EL NAVEGANT*



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PRAISES

El Periódico - « As in *Perfume* by Patrick Süskind, the superpower of Assiscle is useful to travel through history. [...] Joan-Lluís Lluís uses a **beautiful and precise language**»

La Vanguardia - « A **fast-paced** and **absorbing** reading.»

Diari Ara - « The novel is a **tribute to the picaresque** novels. [...] *El navegant* highlights the virtues of the genre: narrative agility, surprises, sense of humor and the self-learning of the main character.»

Culturas LV - « A meditation on language, culture and knowledge, [...] *El Navegant* deals with the philosophical narrative adventure with a branch of Italo **Calvino**, another **Montaigne's** essays and one of Robinson Crusoe. [...] Compared to **Sánchez Piñol**.»

Nosaltresllegim.com - « Chapters describing the living conditions of prisoners are worthy of **Zola**. [...] We are in front of a **very good adventure story that is much more than that**.»

El Periódico « One of the three or four **most valuable books in Catalan fiction this year**.»

FROM THE READING REPORT (PETER BUSH), UK PANNEL

«*The Navigator* is an original, well written novel with a style of its own that hooks the reader. Although it is a historical adventure novel, its perspective is contemporary and thought-provoking.

[...] well-constructed and very readable.

[...] an **original adventure novel** that also highlights the riches that all languages possess.

[...] **extremely convincing**.

[...] The author introduces the theme of linguistic diversity and reflects on **the phenomenon of world languages without becoming pedantic**.

[...] In terms of style, **the novel recalls Zola's** (especially in the pages relating the agitated months Assiscle spends in Paris), **and also Jules Verne.** »



Endings Never Come In A Sudden

(Els finals no arriben mai de sobte)

Enciclopèdia, 2019 | 312p

September 11, 2001. 08:46 am.

An airplane hits the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

A brutal attack that changed History.

In this turbulent New York, some characters wander around amazed by a scene that they still do not know to what extent will affect history and their story. Guillem, a doctor trying to get rid of the memory of his partner in work, with whom he has had a secret relationship behind his wife Sandra's back. And Roger, friend of Sandra and Guillem, who aspires to be a writer but who is content to work in a warehouse. *Els finals mai arriben de sobte* is the vital chronicle of a paradigm shift, but above all is the intimate transition of characters who must face their true nature and discover who they are and what they want to be. For them and for others.

#FistHandChronicle

#UpmarketFiction

#LifeChanging_Day



“ While NY collapses,
3 lives change forever. ”

MACIP LIVED A FIRST HAND 11-S
AS A DOCTOR IN MOUNT SINAI
HOSPITAL

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A NEW VISION OF AN IMPOSSI-
BLE TO FORGET DAY

Macip has climbed as a writer. The depth of the characters, their introspection, the network of relationships, conflict, reflection, social criticism dosed with aphorisms, are highlights that make a leap in quality.

To narrate, describe and communicate the anguish of those who experienced the accident in the first person. The pressure increases and Macip's book is read in a sitting.



Salvador Macip

(Blanes, Girona, 1970) has a doctorate in Medicine from the Universitat de Barcelona. He is a researcher and a writer. He moved to New York in 1998 to work as a researcher of molecular bases of cancer at the Mount Sinai Hospital. Since 2008, he continues his research at the University of Leicester (UK), where he directs the group of cell death mechanisms and is a professor of the Biochemistry Department. Salvador Macip has published several books, both for adult readers and children.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

More on Salvador Macip

The Limits of Life

(Els límits de la vida)

La Galera, 2014 | 250p

Rights sold

Spanish: La Galera

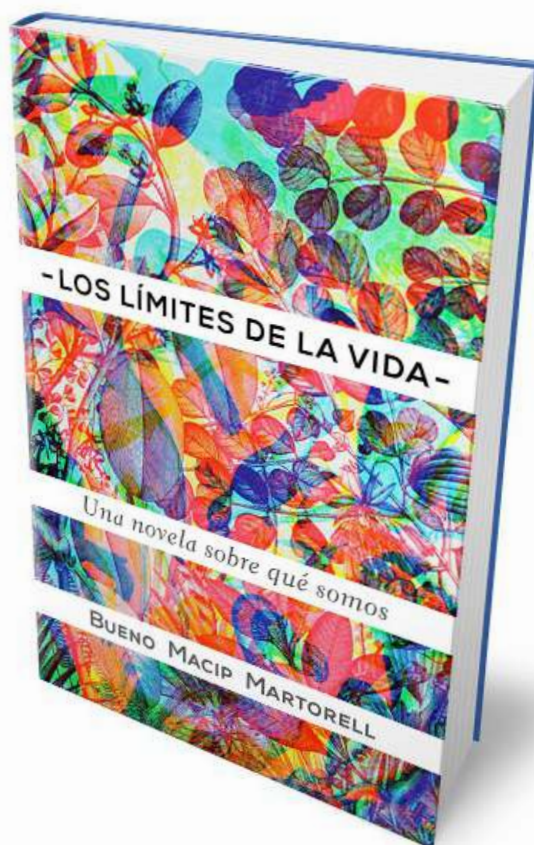
Germany: Hanser Verlag

Italian: Salani

#Crossover
#Biology
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“ A fascinating journey through the main ideas of biology and, at the same time, a story of love and survival full of amusing and surprising scientific anecdotes. ”



ONE THOUSAND AND ONE NIGHTS OF NATURE, SOFIA'S WORLD OF BIOLOGY.

A novel that explains the concept of life. A novel about biology.

Lara is not even fifteen and she does not care about anything anymore. She's between life and death. An outbreak of her illness has left her in the UVI, alone, to spend a night that can be decisive. But in the room there is also Carmen, a doctor she does not know and who begins to explain a fascinating story: the story of life itself.

» Non fiction titles on [p37](#)





David Nel·lo

(Barcelona, 1959) is a writer, flute player and translator. A very well-known Catalan writer especially among children and YA. He has won many different awards for his adult novels as Marian Vayreda Award for *El meu cor cap a tu per sempre* or Roc Boronat Award for *Setembre a Perugia*. *Melissa & Nicole*, his latest work, has received the Prudenci Bertrana Award, one of the most prestigious in Catalan language.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

Melissa & Nicole

Columna, 2018 | 261p

Prudenci Bertrana Award

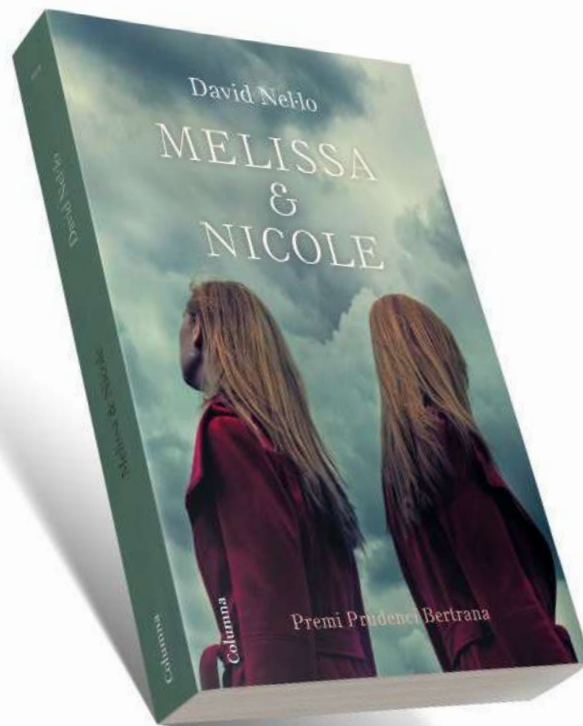
Unanimous vote as **best novel** by the jury

#StolenBabies

#UpmarketCommercial

#LiteraryMystery

“The families of two girls who are twin and have grown up separately because one of them is a stolen girl, find themselves casually on an island in the Baltic Sea.”



-An island in Sweden -
-Two families accidentally meet-
-A disturbing secret-

Full Synopsis
& Sample in
Spanish

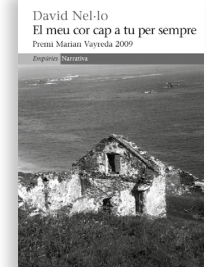
An exceptional novel that places the reader before the moral and ethical dilemma of decisions that have unforeseeable consequences.

X. Cortadellas, literary critic:

“WHEN WE READ MELISSA & NICOLE, WE ALL IN THE JURY WERE ENTHUSIASTIC. IT IS A NOVEL WITH MANY LAYERS. IT SEEMS PERFECT FOR THE WORD OF MOUTH”.

The Callahans and the Vinyals' will casually meet on a small island in the Baltic Sea on the eve of the summer solstice. The two families are visiting the small island of Fårö, a few kilometers from the Swedish island of Gotland. They do not know that they are on the same island or that they are about to meet.

So what unites them? All and nothing. The daughter of the Callahans, Melissa, is very American. Nicole Vinyals, on the other hand, is the perfect young Parisian girl. And yet, after the fortuitous encounter, the events will happen in a very brief period of few days and will shake completely the existence of two families that would not have wanted to meet again.





Tina Frankens

Fanbooks, 2018
168p | Young readers +14

- #FANTASY
- #CROSSOVER
- #FRANKENSTEINMYTH
- #BEINGYOURSELF
- #SCARS

THE FIRST CROSSOVER NOVEL BY
BESTSELLING AUTHOR BEL OLID



Bel Olid

& Montse Rubio | Bel Olid is writer, translator, university professor and feminist to the bone. She presided the Conseil Européen des Associations de Traducteurs Littéraires (CEATL) and since March 2015 she is the president of the association of Catalan writers. She writes both for adult in fiction and non fiction, and for children.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)



“A recreation of the Frankenstein myth from a contemporary and feminine perspective.”



Tina wakes up one day confused, with her aching body full of scars. She does not remember anything of her past and where or why is she in that house with that woman who keeps repeting is her aunt and that she was in a coma due to a severe accident.

At the very first weeks, Tina will just accept everything trying to remember something from when she was a child. But hardly nothing comes back, few flashes, only.

As time passes, Tina feels stronger, starts to make questions: why does she has so many scars? Was it really an accident? How many years has she bein asleep? And where are supposed to be her parents or school-mates? Did she have a boyfriend? And above all: who is she exactly?



(c) Marc Castellet

Laura Pinyol

Laura Pinyol Puig (Terrassa, 1979) is a journalist and this is her debut novel. Strong in communication skills, she also collaborates in various written media, as well as she runs a communication agency.

The Biggest Risk

(El risc més gran)

Amsterdam / Ara Llibres, 2018

354p

6 editions!

#NewPlaceNewLife
#WomanPower
#DiverseFamilies
#ContemporaryFiction
#Upmarket

DEBUT AUTHOR!

With the serene and rebel gaze of Júlia, Laura Pinyol writes about what we are capable of doing when we lose our fear and dare to live in freedom.

Desire, loss, renunciations and love walk through the life of Julia, a thirty-four-year-old woman who moves to live to the distant Terra Alta with her two children after an emotional breakdown. Far from the city, Julia reinvents herself and is reborn. She learns to live with the gaps left by the people she loved -her charismatic mother, a missing husband, the elusive lover, her friend Tona-, to puzzle over her memories and start from scratch.

“ Wild, disturbing and stabbing. An outstanding debut.

A vitalist and moving novel of powerful women, of very diverse family universes, of explosive loves and intense relationships, and of such solid characters that cannot but stay with you for long. ”



«A ROUND STORY, WITH AN ELECTRIFYING STYLE, VERY PERSONAL, BRIGHT. THE DEBUT OF AN EXTRAORDINARY TALENT.»

El Núvol

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«YOU ARE LEFT WITH A HEAVY HEART AND EAGER TO LIVE (IN EQUAL PARTS)! WHAT A DEBUT.»

Roc Casagran, author

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«A NOVEL OF SECOND CHANCES AND A TRIBUTE TO PEOPLE WHO LOVE WITH NO COMPROMISE.»

Fe Fernández, bookseller

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«IT MOVES FROM THE INSIDE AS ONLY GOOD BOOKS DO.»

@Mferres, reader

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Adrià Pujol Cruells

(Begur, 1974). Anthropologist and writer. He has published essay books, biographies and fiction. Difficult to classify by genre, among his many books published, stands out the autobiographical novel *Picadura de Barcelona*, *La carpeta és blava* or *Guia sentimental de l'Empordanet*. All books are always full of irony and humour. Recently, he has published a challenging and experimental book *El fill del corrector / Arre, arre, corrector*, considered by critics as a "magnificent book", "translinguistic experiment" or "utopian, written, rewritten, translated, comented... book".

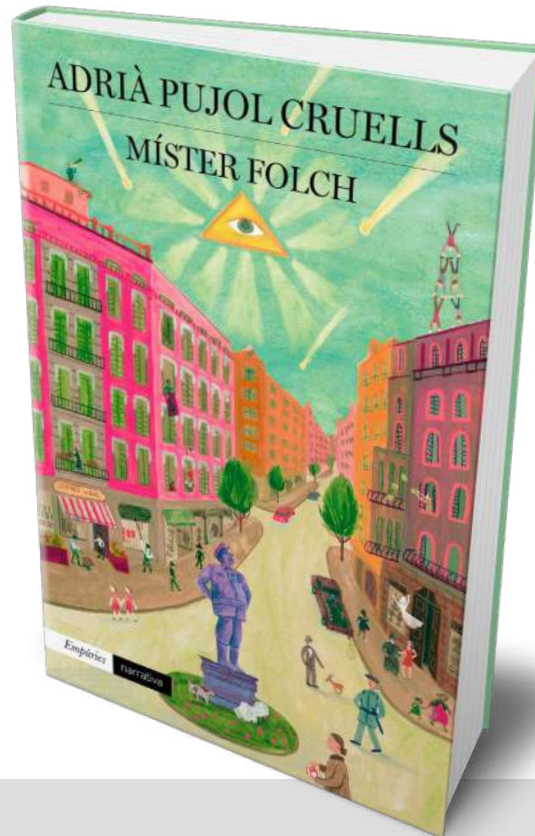
[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

Mr. Folch

(Míster Folch)
Empúries, 2019 | 224p

#HumorousLookAtPostwar
#Antihero
#GodAsStoryteller
#BarcelonaTale

“The first novel about the civil postwar period in Catalonia that does not talk about either the postwar period or Catalonia.”



AN ORIGINAL, IRREVERENT AND WITTY NOVEL BY ONE OF THE MOST BRILLIANT AUTHORS OF THE CURRENT CATALAN NARRATIVE.

A BARCELONA TALE
WITH GOD AS THE STORYTELLER.

This is a Barcelona story told by a God in low hours that seeks the complicity of the reader to present Mr. Folch, a man born in 1942 in highly peculiar conditions and who is graceful with superhuman powers.

Bastard son of a despotic and unscrupulous bourgeois, Mr. Folch discovers that he has unusual powers. However, he does not take advantage of them the way his mentor and father in the shade, God, would like. Mr. Folch comes into contact with spiritualist circles and also with the clandestine struggle against dictator Franco. His life takes a turn when, as if he was a superhero, he feels called to save the city and the country.

Military, prostitutes, Wagnerians, gypsies, workers and maids, Mr. Folch's panorama seems far from victory, but he will make this corner of the world a little better.



Beds of Others

(Els llits dels altres)

Amsterdam/Ara Llibres, 2018 | 144p

Roc Boronat Award to Best Fiction

3 ed

#LifeAfterSexualAbuse

#NakedProse

#StrongDebut

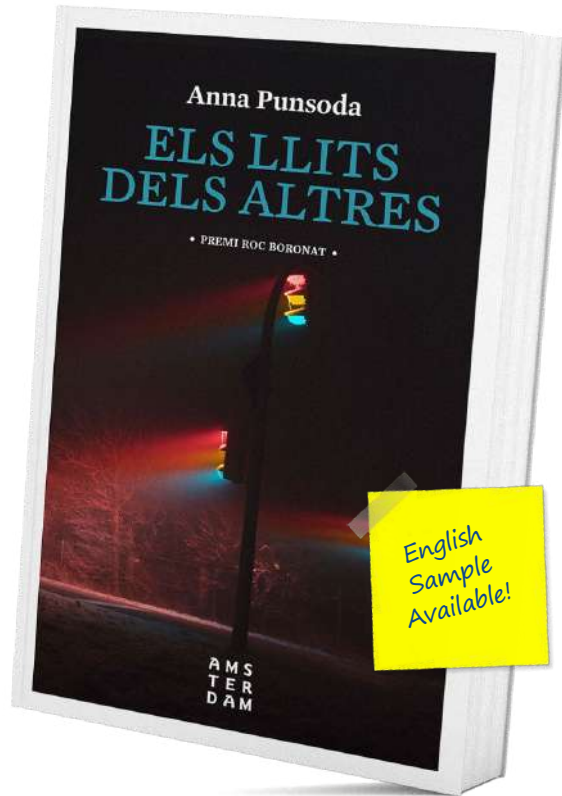
#ContemporaryFiction

#Upmarket



Anna Punsoda

(Barcelona, 1985) has a degree in journalism and philosophy. For ten years she has been devoted to cultural journalism in a number of foundations, written and audiovisual media, a task that has been combined with teaching on one side, and cultural management and promotion on the other. *Els llits dels altres* is her first novel, with which she deserved the Roc Boronat Award.



THE MOST REFINED TEXT WRITTEN WITH **ELIZABETH STROUT, AGOTA KRISTOF AND VIVIAN GORNICK** AS REFERENTS.

Claustre, main character of *Els llits dels altres*, stops the car at a roadside inn. The visit to her mother has left her with awful feelings and she needs to calm down. The bartender woman is an old acquaintance with a murky past. Outside it is already dark, and confidences of a lifetime will ignite the night.

The author dazzles with her gaze the body and sex of Claustre, sculpted by the alcoholism of the father, the frustrating apathy of the mother and a stolen innocence that has led her to lose herself in the beds of others.

With no fuss, bitterness nor desolation, Claustre stares at all the inheritances she's carrying, however sordid, sad and shameful they may be. With the good dose of black humor typical of those who have gone to a bottomless pit and have survived.

“*Anna Punsoda illuminates the most obscure corners of the soul of the protagonist with a clear and forceful prose, devastating and tender at the same time.*”

- A NOVEL AIMED AT SHAKING CATALAN LITERATURE.
- AN AUTHOR CALLED TO LEAVE HER MARK.
- A TRUE REVELATION.

«I had not read such a strong debut for a long time. As if we had a Lucia Berlin born in Lleida.»

Albert Forns, author

«Direct style and delicate narrative force»

Silvia Muntané, bookseller

«A dazzling debut.»

El Núvol, literary magazine.

«You have to read holding your breath. A powerfully well written book.»

David Guzmán, leadig book reviewer.



J.N. Santaeulàlia

(Banyoles, 1955) is a philologist, writer, poet, essayist, novelist and translator. His first publication was a book of poems, *Memòria de la carn*. He worked as a Catalan teacher and also as a tutor at Aula d'Acollida, this is language lessons and resources for non-Catalan speaking students. In 2008-2009 academic year was Catalan reader at the University of Massachusetts (UMASS). He has won several awards, including the **prize of the Serra d'Or Critics Award** for *Bulbs* or the **Columna Award** for *Ulls d'aigua*.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

Flags of Others

(Banderes dels altres)

Proa, 2019 | 272p

#PowerOfDreams

#LoveWins

#WoundedFamilies

“A handful of intertwined stories that tell about defeat, sacrifice and the power of love, with characters who struggle to achieve their dreams.”



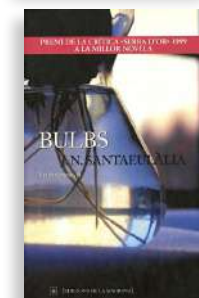
THE SON OF A REPRESSED REPUBLICAN FAMILY PURSUES HIS DREAM IN THE CLASSIST AND DIVIDED CATALONIA OF THE 50S AND 60S.

LOVE AND HATE.
SACRIFICE AND TRIUMPH.
REVENGE AND RECONCILIATION.

AND ABOVE EVERYTHING,
THE POWER OF DREAMS.

Banderes dels altres is a rich portrait of a society that fights to leave behind the wounds of war. In a temporary arc that goes from 1936 to 1975, several family strains braid their lives despite the old confrontation during a war that, in fact, everyone lost.

The main narrative thread follows Jepi Gual, the youngest of three orphaned brothers from a Republican family who leaves school to work in a workshop, rents a hut near the pond where he boils skins to create glue and builds a company that with the years becomes a thriving factory. Jepi ends up marrying his childhood love, the daughter of an owner who had been 'on the other side'.



The Memory of the Tree

(La memòria de l'arbre)

Anagrama, 2017 | 218p

Catalan: **5 ed**

Spanish: **2 ed**

Rights sold:

French: Philippe Rey

Galician: Kalandraka

Italian: Solferino

Portuguese: Dom Quixote

Spanish: Anagrama

Turkish: Can Çocuk Yayinlari



Tina Vallès

(Barcelona, 1976).
Writer, translator and proofreader. Co-editor of the digital magazine for short stories *Paper de Vidre*. Founding member of APTIC, a professional association of translators and interpreters in Catalunya. She is a powerful literary voice who publishes books for adults and she also writes stories for children.

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English sample available



Spanish



Portuguese



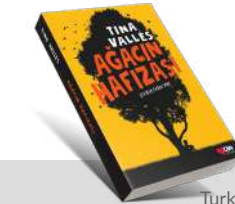
Italian



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#Contemporary

#Literary

#Grandfather&Grandson

#Longseller

ANAGRAMA LLIBRES PRIZE

“A little upmarket gem”

The Jury

A magical and deeply moving portrayal superbly realised of the relationship between grandfather, grandson and the loss and transmission of memory.

• THE CURIOUS INCIDENT OF THE DOG IN THE NIGHT-TIME MEETS THE BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS .

• VOICE COMPARED TO HUCKLEBERRY FINN AND THE CATCHER IN THE RYE.

From now on there will be five at home. Jan tries to discover why his parents did not smile when they gave him the news: grandpas Joan and Caterina go to live with them, in their flat in Barcelona. Now the house is filled with some silences that Jan will try to decipher with the help of his grandfather. And little by little, between walks full of questions and answers, silences and tress, Jan and we will discover how memories are made, how they are conserved and how they are lost. Between the big city and a small town of barely five hundred inhabitants, Jan pursues the story of a mysterious weeping willow that the grandfather treasures in his infancy since childhood.

While the first one builds his memory, his identity, the second sees his own disappear.

ON *LA MEMÒRIA DE L'ARBRE*

PRAISES

Babelia, El País - «Tina Vallès shows her expertise and her delicate narrative insight.»

@Librotea, Gabi Martínez - «Delicate miniaturist and beauty searcher, Tina Vallès is able to offer the best of details. Her use of the language is passionate.»

L'avencç - «If in *La memòria de l'arbre* we are not exactly in front of the adolescent skatz that applied Mark Twain in *Huckleberry Finn* and J.D. Salinger in *The Catcher In the Rye*, little is lacking.»

La Razón - «Impressive existential everyday life. [...] The return to simple and direct writing.»

Màrius Serra - «Delicious ... A novel as sensitive as a haiku. Contained and full of emotional content.»

Núvol - «As slowly unwrapping a gift [...]. *La memòria de l'arbre* is a book that can give very good surprises.»

Ara - «A delicate delicious novel [...]. A remarkable domain of dramatic irony. The prose is clean, airy and carefully purged of kitsch.»

Vilaweb - «Its sensitivity and tenderness are born of a mind structured and precise.»

Nació Digital - «An example of how overwhelming can be delicacy. Take this book [...] and you'll understand what substance is memory made of.»

Diari De Mallorca - «200 pages that read like a party. [...] A writer full of verbal freshness.»

El País - «Vallès has expressed deep silence of the intimate nature of everyday life. Commitment in favor of

the simple beauty without dark sides.»

L'Espolsada (bookshop) - «A beautiful book that everyone should definitely read.»

EXCERPT FROM UK READING REPORT (BY LAURA MCGLOUGHLIN)

“ *La memòria de l'arbre* is a **beautifully-written, poignant** novel about the **relationship** between a boy and his grandfather, **told in a series of vignettes**, which leaves a **lasting impression on the reader**.

The novel is **artfully constructed as a series of memories** and glimpses into one small boy's world as it changes around him, often **evocative** and quietly **devastating**. The novel's true strength, however, lies in the writing. **Vallès' style is deceptively simple yet effective**. Vallès realises Jan's voice **brilliantly** -he is bright and sensitive to the moods of the adults around him, and his narration **never feels contrived**.

I loved this novel and it **stayed with me for days** after I finished reading it. Vallès manages to evoke genuine feeling in the reader -the **depiction of the relationship between Jan and his grandfather brought me to tears** more than once.

Its **universal themes** of love and memory, coupled with the increasingly topical subject matter of dementia, make this a very **universal novel**. ”



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Non Fiction



Javier Aparicio Maydeu

(Barcelona, 1964) is Full Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literature at Universitat Pompeu Fabra. He worked with Carmen Balcells as literary agent for 15 years. He founded and still manages the Master in Publishing of UPF, Barcelona School of Management. He has been reviewing contemporary fiction at "Babelia", El País for the last 20 years and is still one of the most renowned critics in Spanish language. He is the author of several essays and the editor of critical editions of Nabokov, Calvino and Modiano, all published C tedra and Alianza.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

Tradition Scrapped. In the workshop of the XXth century fiction

(El desguace de la tradici n. En el taller de la narrativa del siglo XX)

C tedra, 2011 | 1.021p | 4 ed

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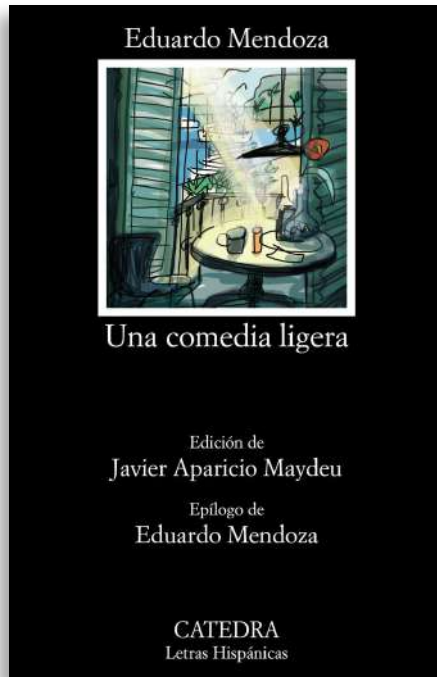
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Eduardo Mendoza (anotated edition by Javier Aparicio Maydeu)

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(Dirige tu empresa como un síndrome de down)

Comanegra, 2018 | 144p

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Josep María Batalla holds a degree in Information Sciences and Public Relations. His campaigns in world leading companies have been awarded at international festivals, of which he has also been a member of the jury. Currently, his work is focused on helping brands to be socially responsible and to sell more. He is co-founder of La Casa de Carlota.

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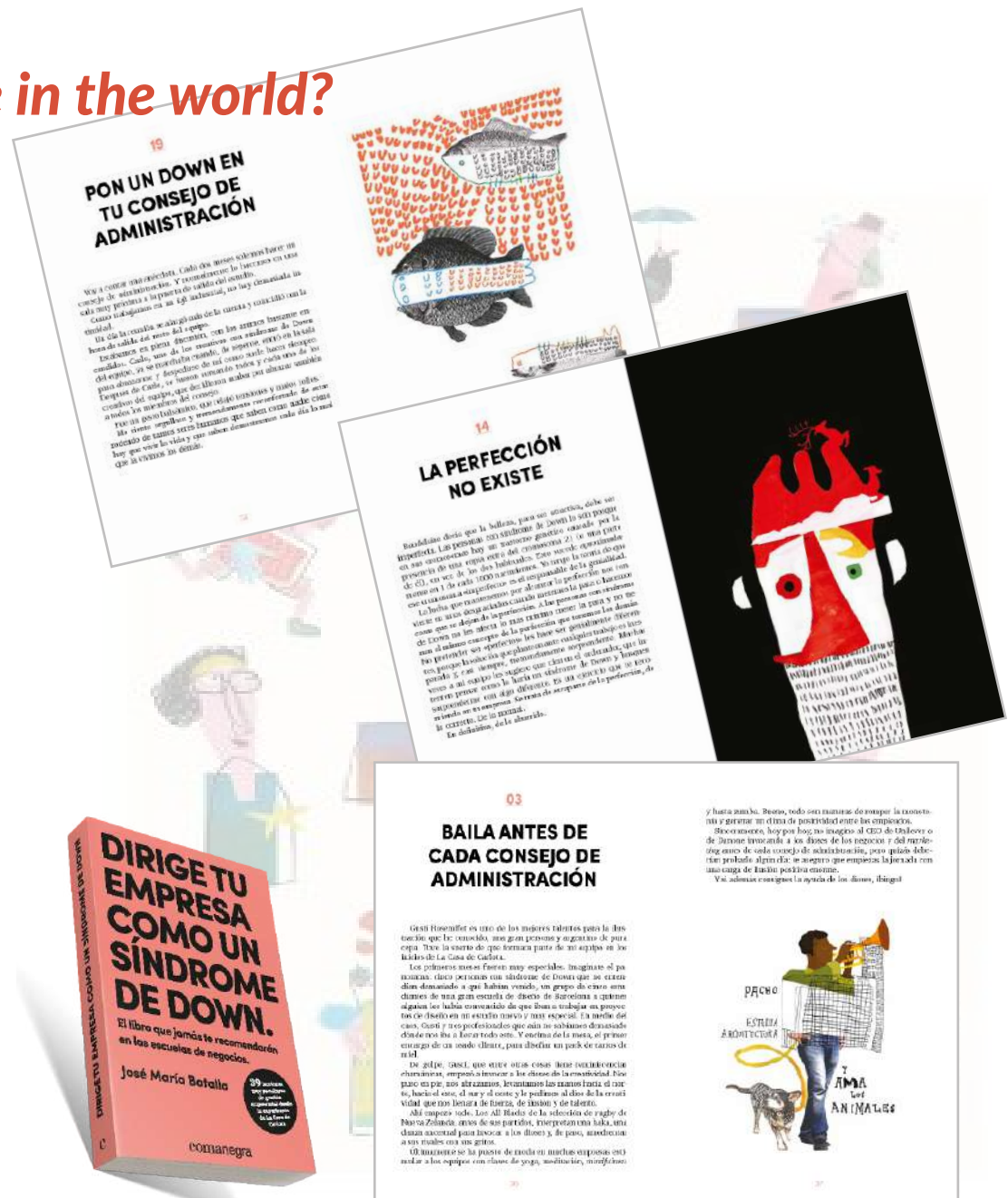


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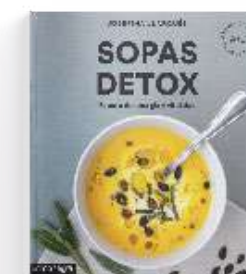
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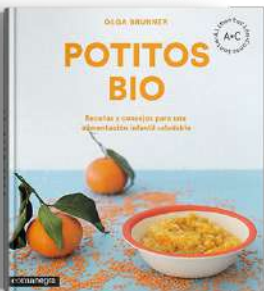
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(Barcelona, 1967) has a degree in Business Administration and Management from Esade. After a long experience in marketing and communication, she creates the Educarxtransformar project (Educate2Transform Project) and works transversally for social and economic change. She is president of the Associació Catalana per al Foment de l'Economia del Bé Comú. She doesn't believe everything is lost.

This Will Not Change Alone

(Esto no va a cambiar solo. Alegato de urgencia por una economía más humana)

Comanegra, 2018 | 175p

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“*Allegation of urgency for a more humane economy.*”



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Salvador Macip

(Blanes, Girona, 1970) has a doctorate in Medicine from the Universitat de Barcelona. He is a researcher and a writer. He moved to New York in 1998 to work as a researcher of molecular bases of cancer at the Mount Sinai Hospital. Since 2008, he continues his research at the University of Leicester (UK), where he directs the group of cell death mechanisms and is a professor of the Biochemistry Department. Salvador Macip has published several books, both for adult readers and children.

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100 Questions on Cancer

(100 preguntes sobre el càncer)

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Cossetània, 2018 | 222p

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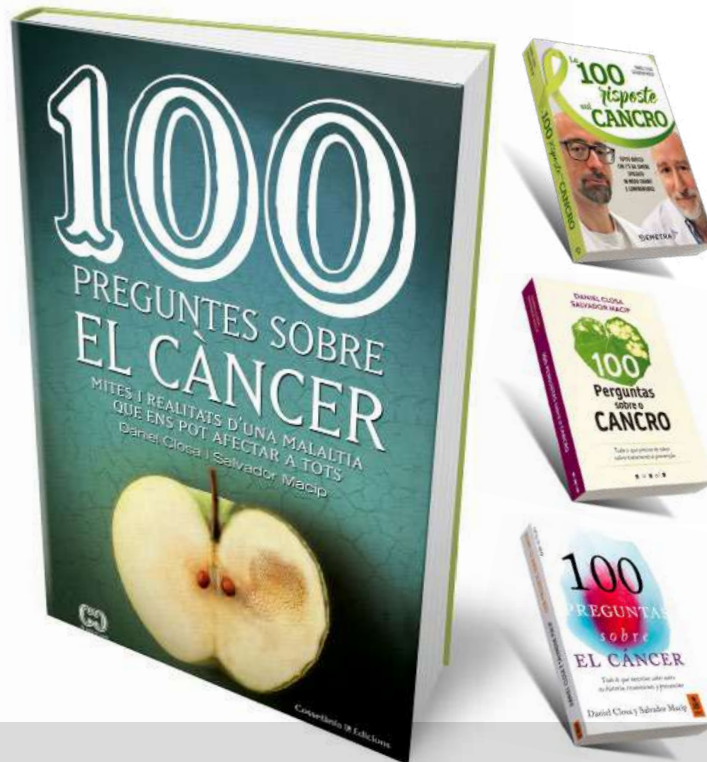
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The best way to deal with cancer is to understand what it is and why it happens.

» Fiction titles on [p19](#)





Bel Olid
& Glòria Vives Xiol

Bel is writer, translator, university professor and feminist to the bone. She presided the Conseil Européen des Associations de Traducteurs Littéraires (CEATL) and since March 2015 she is the president of the association of Catalan writers. She writes both for adult in fiction and non fiction, and for children.

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(Follem?)

Bridge, 2019 | 180p

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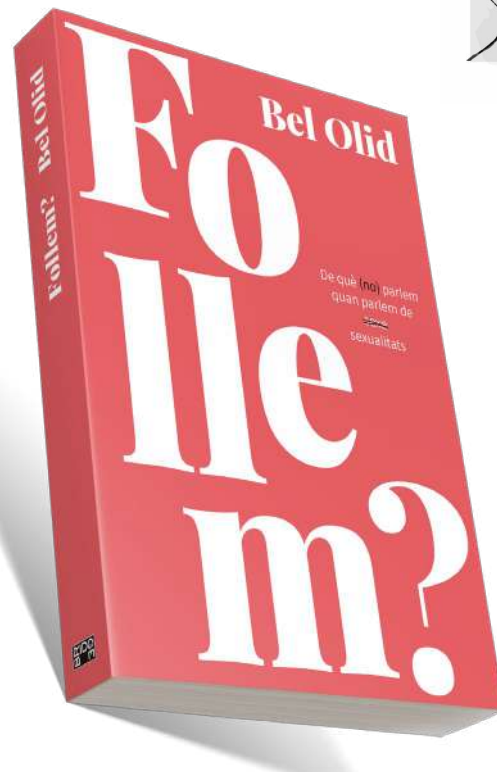
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Follow the desire, share the pleasure. It seems easy, right? And yet, we live sexualities conditioned by expectations, budgets and taboos that make it difficult for us to listen to ourselves. Follem? explores the paths that can lead us to more human sexualities, more pleasant relationships.



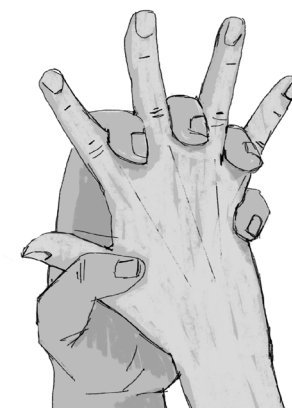
What we are (not) talking about when we talk about ~~sex~~ sexualities.



“ Perhaps the first thing we should learn about sex is to unlearn. Unlearn the desire that we have been taught to feel, unlearn the shame. [...] And then, with different eyes, look deep inside and ask ourselves what we want, what we like, what we want to discover.

Dare to doubt, to explore, to make mistakes, to stop at any moment. Get out of what "should be" and get into what makes us vibrate.

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Pocket Feminism

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(Feminisme de butxaca)

Angle Editorial, 2017 | 128p | 8 ed

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It might seem like a violent fantasy, but it is not; it's a fantasy of self-defense.

Fiction titles on [p22](#)





Vicent Partal

(Betera, 1960). Journalist and director of Vilaweb, the most important digital newspaper in Catalan. He has worked in several media and has been a correspondent in countries in conflict from where he has lived crucial moments in history, from the fall of the Wall to the war of the Balkans or the revolt of students in Beijing. He has published several monographs on NATO and on nationalisms for which he has received numerous awards. He is president of the European Journalism Center based in Maastricht.

[\(Complete profile of the author here\)](#)

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(Nou homenatge a Catalunya)

Ara llibres, 2018 | 267p

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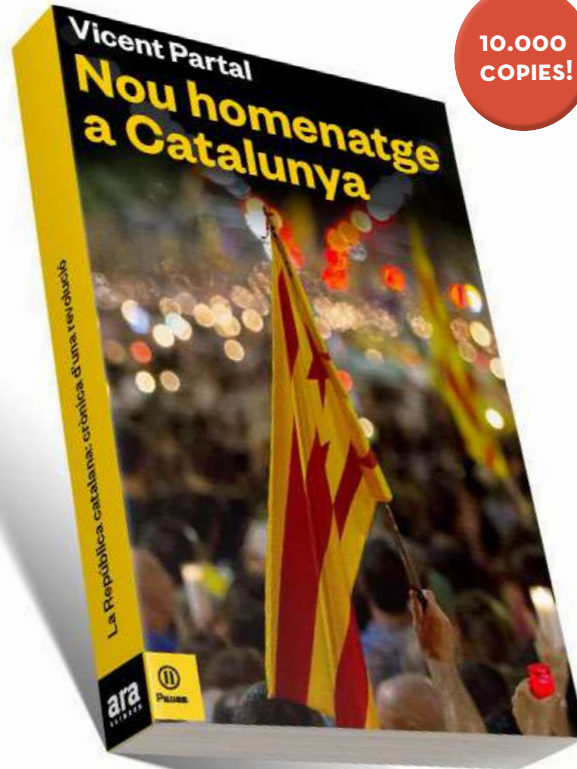
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A group of six leading social scientists analyze the situation of the current relationship between Catalonia and Spain. Ahead there is Clara Ponsatí, known in Scotland as our Clara, who is being defended by rector of the University of Glasgow Amer Anwar for the European Arrest Warrant withdrawn by Spain on July 19th, from which she was released without special conditions.

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Why So Many Catalans No Longer Want To Be Part of Spain

- Authors: Clara Ponsatí (editor) et al
- 90 pages (working document, 37.000 words)

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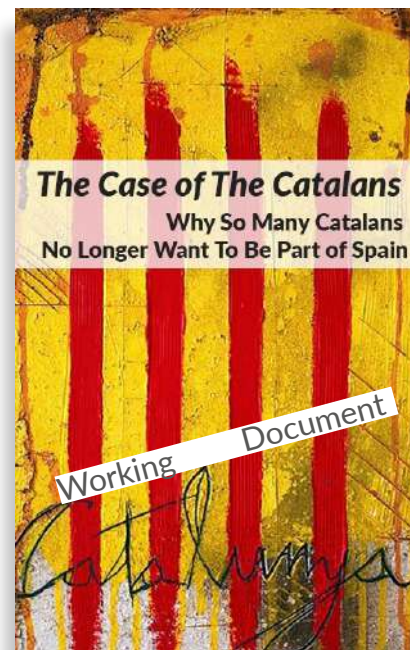
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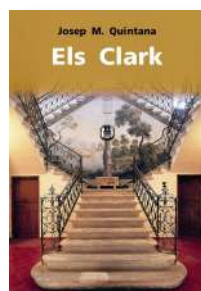


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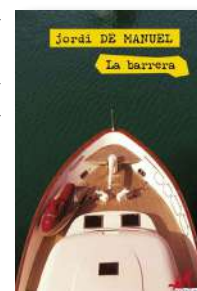


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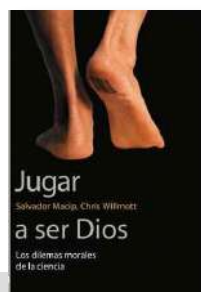
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