

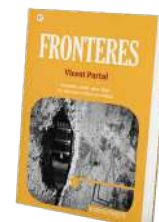
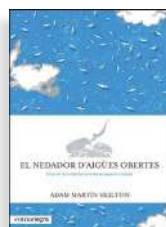
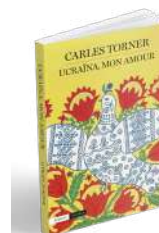
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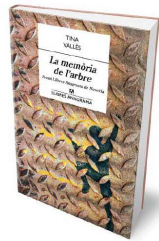


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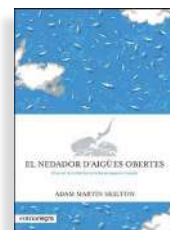
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SPANISH (Almadía)



THE RULE OF MIRROR
CROATIAN (Stilus)



BIOGRAPHY OF THE FIRE
GREEK (World Books)



OPEN WATER SWIMMER
GREEK (Pedio)

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Fiction

A Song of Rain

(Una cançó de pluja)

2025 | 160 p



Joan-Lluís Lluís

Writer and a journalist. He studied Art History at Montpellier University. He has written some books of nonfiction, although he has mostly published novels that have been widely awarded. All his works share a personal narrative style that singles him out from other writers of his generation.

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

Rights sold:

Catalan: Club Editor

#NatureFable #WalkingJourney

#WayHome #Slavery #TrueFiction

“A blend of fable, animal rights manifesto and true crime. Round and unique. *El País*”



WHAT THE FIRST READERS SAY:

“An astonishing and moving story, unsettling and subtle.”

“A tribute to animal kindness and a portrait of human cruelty.”

“Always astounding, always poignant.”

“One of our authors with the most original universes. He has seduced me once again.”

A short novel that portrays the dark side of human nature.

The main character of A Song of Rain is She-Silent, the only survivor among nine orangutans imprisoned on a ship. After escaping, she begins a journey back to her native Borneo, carrying with her the memory of her companions, the presence of benevolent spirits, and the weight of an ancient mythology that unfolds under the auspices of two deities: Mother-Whole, who created the animals, and Mother-Jealous, who created humans. As She-Silent travels through villages filled with machines and lights, she contrasts the idyllic Arcadia of her species with depraved world of humans, until, deep in the jungle, she comes face to face with horror.

Unlike anything you have ever read before.

By the author of *Junil*, 20.000 copies sold:
“Beautifully written, [...] a captivating fable. A successful reappropriation of ancient literature and philosophy.”

Le Monde

THE TRUE STORY BEHIND THE FABLE

- * THE AUTHOR STUMBLED UPON AN ARTICLE TELLING A REAL EVENT -SLAVERY AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A FEMALE ORANGUTAN- THAT BECAME EMBEDDED AT THE HEART OF THE STORY. AND TRANSFORMED IT.
- * SHE-SILENT IS RIGHT BETWEEN DOCUMENTARY-LIKE ANIMALITY AND DISNEY-STYLE HUMANIZATION.
- * THE BLEND BETWEEN FABLE AND REAL FACT IS ACHIEVED WITHOUT DAMAGING THE FABLE OR TRIVIALIZING THE FACT.
- * LIKE IN *JUNIL*, REALITY SURFACES SUBTLY IN THE TEXT, LIKE A SHADOW PASSING OVER MAGIC.



More By
Joan-Lluís Lluís

Junil in Barbarian Lands

(Junil a les terres dels bàrbars)

2021 | 288 p | 6ed

Rights Sold

Catalan: Club Editor

Spanish (Spain): La Montaña Pelada

Spanish (LatAm): Sigilo

Audio: Saga

French: Les Argonautes

#Bildungsroman

#HistoricalNotHistorical

#FoundationalFable

#ContemporaryClassic



“ Beautifully written, [...] a captivating fable. A successful reappropriation of ancient literature and philosophy. ”

Le Monde

A splendid universal adventure story, with the classic aroma of an oral fable and a real taste for the language.

Junil in Barbarians Lands is a utopian fable that explores universal themes through the eyes of a seventeen-year-old girl. Drawing inspiration from the great tradition of historical and adventure novels—while refusing to be bound by either—this story charts a timeless journey.

Junil, the heroine, sets out on foot across half of Europe in search of Ovid, whose verses ignite the spark that frees her from the cage of her father's tyranny. Escaping his abuse drives her to devise a plan rooted in reading and writing, and from it grows the dream of reaching a place where slavery does not exist.

Òmnium & Crexells Awards to Best Novel

According to the reviews, compared to / for readers of:
THE NAME OF THE ROSE
FAHRENHEIT 451
THE WIZARD OF OZ
TOLKIEN WORLDS.

Along the way, she is joined by a band of companions, each walking for their own reasons, carrying with them a chorus of languages and motives for fleeing a world where women are treated as property—first of the father, then of the husband—and where virginity is a currency.

The novel confronts painful themes such as family disdain and fear, yet also dwells on the enduring need to tell stories, the desire for understanding across languages, and even on the philosophical terrain of doubt, belief, and otherness.

English full synopsis & sample available.



French



Spanish (LatAm)



Spanish (Spain)

More On *Junil in Barbarian Lands* -->

Junil in Barbarian Lands Praises:



Club Editor, 2021 | 288 p | 6ed

Crexells & Òmnium Awards to Best Novel of the Year

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LA VANGUARDIA – “Reminiscent of details *The Name of the Rose* and *Fahrenheit 451*.”

EL PAÍS – “The best book by Lluís. A celebration of the art of storytelling, ”

EL PUNT AVUI – “Her companions (of Junil) have symbolic features, such as the lion and the tin man in *The Wizard of Oz*.”

ZENDA – “Myth, memory and fiction. *Junil* is a perfect artifact for those who lived their adolescence decades ago dived into the pages of Tolkien’s books.”

EL TEMPS – “Fascinating and absorbing, a turning point.”

EL PAÍS – “[In *Junil*] Literature, languages and friendship. Wrapped in his already genuine and apparently spontaneous

metaphorical capacity, Lluís sprinkles the novel with formal games.”

ARA LLEGIM – “Few authors of contemporary Catalan literature are capable of taking readers, book after book, to such different and distant realities.”

VILAWEB – “A truly meticulous creator.”

EL PERIÓDICO – “What sustains the novel is the author’s narrative capacity, with his colossal imagination. [...] An allegory of the path towards the ideals of freedom and democracy that also hides a journey to the heart of language.”

JAUME C. PONS ALORDA, publisher, writer, translator – “A book that makes one love literature, an adventure novel that is a love letter to languages, art and the need for translation.

[...] This book is a treasure that creates a whole world.”

JORDI PUNTÍ, international bestselling author – “An extraordinary novel, my best reading time this summer.”

THE JURY (UNANIMOUS VOTE) – “The Omnium Award is a mirror of infinite talent. The book grabs the reader from the first line.”

VILAWEB – “One of the most fascinating novels in the recent Catalan literary corpus.”

ARA – “A major challenge.”

EL TEMPS – “Beautiful, unexpected. The best Lluís is this one.”

LA LECTORA – “It goes far beyond a series of entertaining incidents.”

Other titles by the author:



Czech: Bourdon



Spanish: Navona





Maria Carme Roca

Maria Carme Roca (Barcelona, 1955) is a Catalan historian and philologist, and one of the most widely read authors in the country. In 1997 she published her first work and has not stopped writing since then. With around seventy books to her name, she has explored various genres and, in terms of fiction, has specialized in historical novels. Many of them are devoted to prominent figures from history, and with this Santa Eulàlia Award to Fiction on Barcelona she adds yet another accolade to her vast and well-deserved list of honors.

The Passage

(*El passatge*)

2025 | 312 p

Rights Sold

Catalan: Comanegra

Spanish: Comanegra

SANTA EULÀLIA AWARD TO FICTION
ON BARCELONA

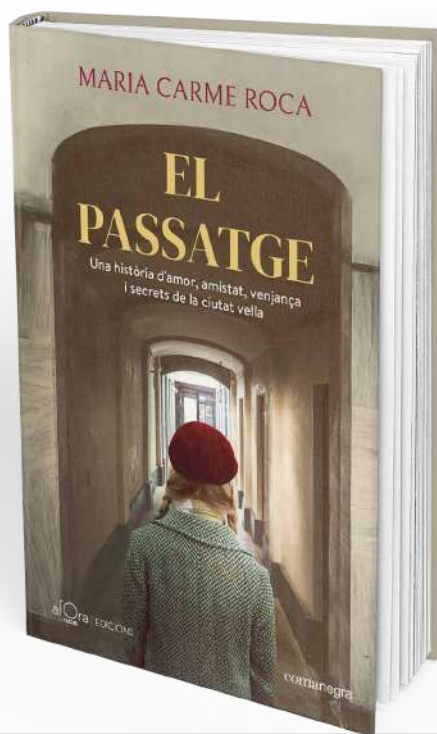
#HistoricalNovel

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#Love&Friendship

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Romantic, intriguing and moving. A story of love, friendship, revenge and secrets from the old city.

THE UNFORGETTABLE STORY OF FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE BETWEEN REGINA AND JOSEP MARIA SERT, THE LEGENDARY PAINTER AND MURALIST OF THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY.

Barcelona, late 19th century. As a child, Regina Soldevila played hide-and-seek in the quiet Sert passage, where she first met a boy watching from his window – the youngest son of a wealthy family.

Josep Maria Sert fell in love with her before his meteoric rise as the world's greatest muralist, and their bond never fully faded. But while he pursued illustrious lovers, she sought to build a family and escape poverty, the city's turmoil, and that first love.

Their story takes us to a roaring city and to the most hidden corner of Sant Pere quarter: the Passatge d'en Cirici, the shortest path between the old Barcelona and the new. One of the city's most secret and enchanting places.

In the little-explored quarter of Sant Pere, a passage links what Barcelona embodies in its diversity: the new city -open, changing and cosmopolitan (Sert's world)- and the old city with its neighborhood spirit and local flavour (Regina's world).

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NOVEL

- ✓ A romantic historical story with hints of mystery, set between the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries and the interwar period.
- ✓ A dive into the life and work of internationally renowned Barcelona artist Josep Maria Sert.
- ✓ A vivid portrayal of a little-known Barcelona neighborhood, Sant Pere, capturing its unique character and charm.
- ✓ Richly detailed historical research that brings the era to life.
- ✓ A narrative voice that seamlessly reflects the protagonist's perspective and personal journey.

Neighbourhood Girls

(Les noies de Sants)

2024 | 502 p

Rights sold:

Catalan: Columna Edicions – 7 ed

Spanish: Espasa – 2 ed

Italian: Nord

Serbian: Laguna



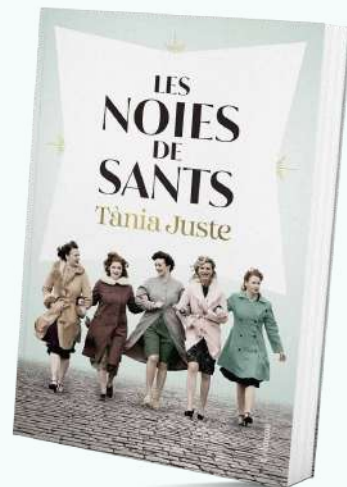
Tània Juste

In 2009 she publishes her first novel, an homage to the hopeful times of the Second Spanish Republic, *A flor de pell*, after which comes *Els anys robats*. With *L'hospital dels pobres*, Juste goes a step further and reaches several editions. In 2015 receives the Nèstor Luján Award for the intense story of a family among vineyards, *Temps de família*. After travelling to Argentina in *Passatge al nou món*, she wins the Bertrana Award with *Amor a l'art*, an homage to the shadowed women painters.

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

“A family, five daughters and a country in turmoil: dreams and love in turbulent times.”

#FamilySaga #5sisters
#Barcelona
#WarInTheCity



The emotional story of the Molina family's new life in Barcelona in the midst of the turbulent history of the 20th century.

The Molina family, father, mother and five daughters, leaves their native València to go to Barcelona, to the Sants neighbourhood, where one of the father's brothers, Uncle Miguel, has already been living for some time. The father works in the factory and the mother as a seamstress for a nearby tailor. The five daughters, Júlia, Pilar, Carme, Àngels and little Lola, grow up fully integrated into the

Five girls will become everyday heroines.

A magnificent fresco in the purest style of Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, but in 20th century war Barcelona.

A vindication of “the other war”, that in which women fought while men were at the front.

neighbourhood. There they will experience major historical events, such as the advent of the Republic, the outbreak of war, the bombings and the hunger of the post-war period, but also the loves and heartbreaks of their age, the long-awaited dances of the Summer festivities, the film premieres and the life of associations.

Dreams and aspirations come together amidst the hardships of a turbulent time that will put the family and its emotional ties to the test.

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2	Blackwater i La riada Michael McDowell, Blackie Books. Saga maternal sobre una família en la primera meitat del segle XX.	2	Les noies de Sants Tània Juste, Columna. Cinc germanes viuen la República, guerra i postguerra entre amors i desamors.
3	La solista Freida McFadden, Suma. La criada dels Winchester veu saber què se sent portant la vida dels amos.	3	Cavall ataca a l'escut Manuel Barca, Periscopi. Un fuster humil seguit amb preocupació l'evolució d'un fill adolescent.
4	El temps de les heres Victor del Arbol, Destino. Un policia jubilat investiga a Lanzarote una trama criminal internacional.	4	El non que va perdre la guerra Julia Navarro, Rueda de Vents. La història d'un noi enviat a Rússia durant la Guerra Civil.
5	La cartesa Francesca Giamone, Duomo. Una dona del nord d'Itàlia transforma les vides dels habitants d'un poble del sud.	5	No dormis Oriol Canals, Rueda de Vents. La segona guerra mundial i les explosions durant la gira d'una esquiadora.

#2 in LV Bestseller List

Other titles by the author:



Spanish: Maeva



Spanish: Maeva



Spanish: Maeva



Spanish: Maeva
German: Bastei Lübbe



ON NEIGHBOURHOOD GIRLS

“Juste’s perspective illuminates a side of the conflict that, until recently, had remained in the shadows, giving voice to the women who also had to fight to survive in a tumultuous and dark era of conflict, bombings and starvation.”

Núvol



NEIGHBOURHOOD GIRLS...

- ✓ is an inspiring and shocking journey that takes the reader to the turbulent Barcelona of the war, where five intrepid sisters fight for their lives and ideals.
- ✓ brings us closer to the role of women during the War, when men were at the front and women had to take on the daily routine.
- ✓ shows an innovative perspective: that of women in the rearguard.
- ✓ is a tribute to the resistance and courage of women during wars.
- ✓ explains one war that can be any war.
- ✓ is a shocking read full of courage and resilience.
- ✓ offers an emotional and vibrant narrative.
- ✓ captures the spirit of struggle and survival, of strength and hope.
- ✓ unfolds an endearing, credible and absorbing story that captivates from the first page.
- ✓ is a tribute to the bravery of the women who lived through the war, vindicating their daily struggle.
- ✓ points a vision of the human complexity of tragedy and love.
- ✓ is a story of resistance, love and heartbreak.
- ✓ portrays a turbulent time that will put the family and its ties to the test.

Ten Days with Mrs. Dalloway

Deu dies amb la senyora Dalloway

2025 | 296 p

Rights sold

Catalan: Edicions 62

#BreakingTaboos

#Journey

#Changes

#LifeChoices

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Spanish
translation
available



Sandra Freijomil

Sandra Freijomil has a degree in Philosophy from the Universitat de Barcelona and she has also studied Narrative and Novel at the writing school in the Ateneu Barcelonès.

She published her first novel *La forma de las palabras* in 2019 and her second novel, *Les mares no abandonen* (Univers 2021), was awarded 2020 Pollença Narrative Prize. *El jugador dislèctic* (La Campana) is the experiential account of a mother facing her son's dyslexia.

Deu dies amb la senyora Dalloway, (Edicions 62) is her last novel, a story that immerses the reader in the everyday life of a woman that suddenly explodes into a thousand bites.

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

With touches of Woolf's life and the Bloomsbury group.

Why limit yourself to what is considered normal, when you can be happy?

When a lie tests all your certainties.

Raquel is forty-nine, has a stable marriage and a teenage son. She works in an advertising agency, a creative job that has been unsatisfying her for some time. The discovery that her husband has a parallel life throws her into a sentimental breakdown.

To get over it, she escapes and travels alone to England. While trying to decide what to do with her life, she follows the trail of Virginia Woolf through the English countryside. And on this trip she meets Lea, a young girl who lives as a nomad and who shows Raquel that life can be lived in another way.

Deu dies amb la senyora Dalloway takes the reader to the everyday life of a woman that suddenly explodes into a thousand pieces.

From Raquel's surprise to a new life she has the reins of, with the counterpoint of Lea, the antagonist who helps her to rethink some unbreakable thoughts.

The entire narrative set around Monk's House and Charleston struck me as deeply moving, with Virginia woven into the story with remarkable naturalness.

Dolors Udina, **awarded for her translation of Mrs. Dalloway** in Catalan.

Other titles by the author:



An Ordinary Woman Returns Home

(Una dona qualsevol torna a casa)

2025 | 256 p

Rights sold:

Catalan: Columna

Spanish: Alrevés

#ClassicNoir

#FemaleAssassins

#Sharp

Full
English
translation
available



Spanish



Jo Alexander

Jo Alexander (Barcelona) published her first novel, *Extrañas creativities* (Mondadori), at the age of twenty, which opened the doors to her writing scripts and television reports. Her short stories within the collective Les Germanes Quintana preceded her second novel, *L'hivernacle* (Quaderns Crema). After a few years dedicated exclusively to the written press, she published her third book of fiction, *Palas y Héctor* (Acanalado). *Una dona qualsevol torna a casa* (Columna and Alrevés) is her fourth solo book.

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

With agile, elegant prose, in the best tradition of Cortázar or Mamet. A feast for the most demanding readers.

A chance encounter at a remote gas station, a routine assault with unexpected consequences, the thoughts of a sniper during her long waits... *An Ordinary Woman Returns Home* is a compendium of how the sublime, the unfair, the ironic or the ominous can await any of us, around the corner of our routine lives.

Accurate as only the truth and the best writers know how to be, Jo Alexander lets us look through the keyhole of her characters' daily lives and access that precise moment when their lives take an unexpected turn, passions take justice into their own hands and ordinary, conventional beings, and others not so much, become victims or executioners.

With a masterful sense of rhythm, dialogues, drama and tragedy, Jo Alexander reveals as a brilliant master of the sharpest prose and the darkest stories.

Almost all the victims are men under 20, all the murderers are women and the reader knows them from the first page.

Other titles by the author:



The Barbies' Clan

(O clan das barbies)

2024 | 244 p



Antía Yáñez

Writer and civil engineer. Her literary work has been awarded with different prizes for short stories and both children and adult titles. Her feminist struggle led her to vindicate women's freedom in her first novel, *Senlleiras*, which earned unanimous acclaim both from the critics and readers. With *No pienses en un elefante rosa* Yáñez makes a great leap and offers an extraordinarily funny novel about how to be an adult as a millennial, which deals with mental illness and invites you to take life with humor. In her last novel, *El clan de las barbies*, the author brings the best female rage novel: an antidote full of fury and sisterhood.

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

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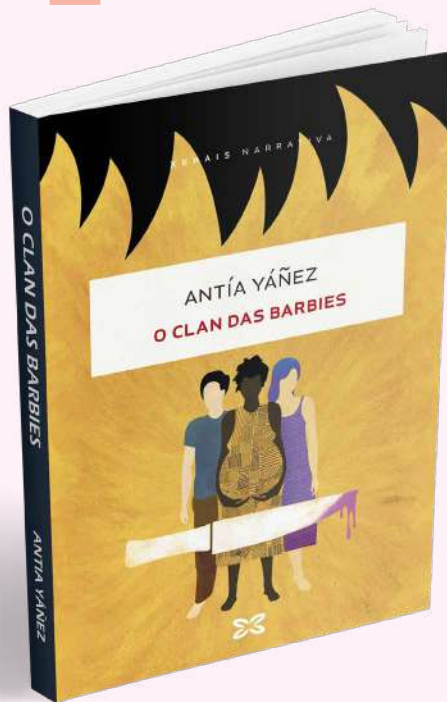
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#FemaleRage #Tarantinoish
#Revenge #Sisterhood

A female rage story.
Violence by women taken to the extreme.



Tarantino's rage meets Almodóvar's women.

Violence is never the solution. Until it is.

In a world where it seems that money can buy everything, three people meet at the Eva fertility clinic. They don't know each other, but this chance encounter will be the beginning of a friendship born of desperation and rage.

Alma would like to be invisible, but family burdens, both present and past, prevent her from doing so. Carla did the impossible to save a father who only knew how to love a dead woman. An fought from a very young age to meet his mother's expectations, even if he had to forget his own identity. In that waiting room they begin to understand that the original sin they carry is not their fault, and that every sacrifice has a limit.

Through the story of this clan of subalterns, Antía Yáñez offers **an antidote full of fury and sisterhood with which to confront precariousness, discrimination and exploitation.**



Three lives interwoven that burst violently giving way to what they were really hiding underneath: **revenge.**

In the author's words:

"I never had a Barbie that punched, kicked, wore a bulletproof vest and carried a machine gun. [...] I thought about breaking away from that socialization that tells us we have to be loving, kind, supportive and helpful."

More
By
Antia Yáñez

Do Not Think of A Pink Elephant

(*Non penses nun elefante rosa*)

2022 | 424 p

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Spanish: Contraluz

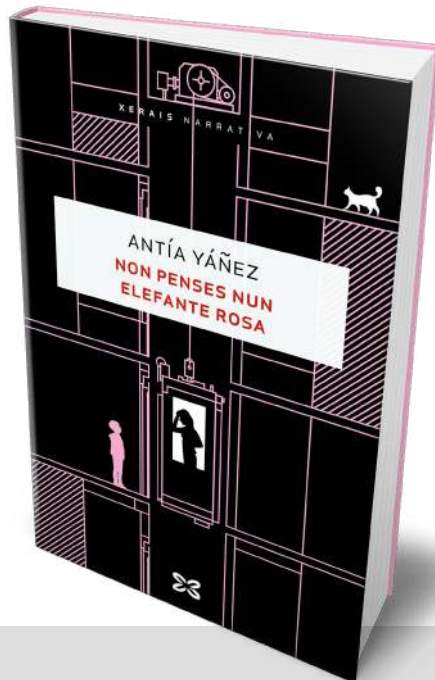
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Spanish



#OCD

#MentalHealth

#Hilarious #PoliticallyIncorrect

Aurora is young, independent, has a job, friends, lives alone in the city, reads erotic novels, goes out when she wants and sleeps with whoever she wants. Everything sounds perfect... if it weren't for the fact that in her existence almost nothing goes as it should. Her life is shaky, her boyfriend has left her, she runs away from her friends and she prefers to get away from her family. One day, by chance, Aurora meets Brais, a ten-year-old boy from a broken family, curious, impertinent, exceptionally gifted whom she is not able to get rid of.

This is the story of Aurora, a self-demanding and perfectionist millennial who lives her life like a whirlwind that she cannot control.

English
sample
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“WITH NO DRAMA OR CARICATURE.”

EL PROGRESO

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“BRAVE NOVEL” LA VOZ DE GALICIA

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Close your eyes and concentrate.
Don't think of a pink elephant...
Don't think. But there it is, right?



Tina Vallès

Writer, translator and proofreader. Coeditor 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.

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

Maic

(Maic)

2025 | 88 p

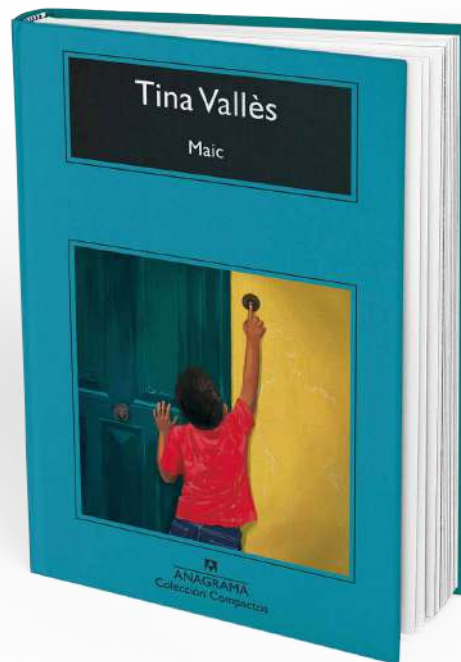
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Catalan: Anagrama

#Fable #GrowingUp #Absences

Written with the usual sensitivity and masterful hand of the author of *The Memory of the Tree*, sold to 20 languages.



“ **The subtle portrait of a boy not allowed to be a child, and his daily struggle to chase away fears and loneliness. Indeed, the story of many children who carry big responsibilities too soon.** ”

Maic is a boy who has to grow up before his time: while he has to take care of his brother, his mother spends the day away from home trying to find the perfect father. Thus, he has a non-father who is only conspicuous by his absence, and a grandmother who went to live far away and now only calls him on his birthday. All this makes Maic develop whirlpools in his belly button, so unbearable that he thinks he will break in half. His distraction is his neighbors on the stairs: Mrs. Pillows, for example, who gives soft and warm hugs, or Mr. and Mrs. Stories, who are the only ones who listen to him. All of them, each in their own way, save his lonely afternoons, while he waits for his mother to return, for his grandmother to call, for his brother to be there for a while, for his non-father to suddenly appear. Maic's mother is

looking for the perfect father, and he hopes she'll find him soon because being the man of the house is hard to bear.

“ **The main protagonist that captivate the reader from the start. And the story moves thanks also to how the chapters have been structured and how the rest of the characters enter the scene.** ”

Praises:

«With maximum ambition, Vallès manages to deeply express the intimate nature of the silences of everyday life» (*El País*).

«With her own vision, not a fan of trends, who goes her own way. Her sensitivity and tenderness are born from a structured and precise mind» (*VilaWeb*).

More By
Tina Vallès

The Memory of the Tree

(La memòria de l'arbre)

2017 | 218 p

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Catalan: Anagrama, 10ed

Spanish: Anagrama 2 ed

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Galician: Kalandraka

Italian: Solferino

Portuguese: Dom Quixote

Arabic: Arab Scientific Publishers

German: Diederichs

Lithuanian: Alma Littera

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A recall of the most unique characters in *Huckleberry Finn*, *The Catcher In the Rye*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog In the Night-Time* and *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*.

“A NOVEL FULL OF POETRY IN WHICH VALLÈS PUTS HERSELF IN THE SHOES OF A CHILD TO SPEAK TO US, WITH MODESTY AND ACCURACY, ABOUT MEMORY AND FAMILY TIES.”

PRIX JEAN MONNET JURY

“A DELICATE AND MOVING FAMILY STORY THROUGH A CHILDREN’S NARRATIVE VOICE.”

MANDARACHE JURY

“A DAILY STORY TOLD FROM TENDERNESS, WITH A CLEAN, FRESH LOOK WHICH CAPTURES THE SLIGHTEST MOVEMENTS OF THINGS, OF PEOPLE, OF SOULS.”

MARIA ÀNGELS ÀNGLADA JURY

AWARDS

- 2023 - Priznanje zlata hruška (Slovenian)
- 2020 - Prix Jean Monnet, LEC Fest. (French)
- 2020 - Mandarache Award shortlist (Spanish)
- 2018 - Maria Àngels Anglada Award (Catalan)
- 2017 - Anagrama Llibres Award (Catalan)

“ THE JURY SAID:
A little upmarket gem.

Anagrama jury

”

ON *LA MEMÒRIA DE L'ARBRE*



Anagrama, 2017 | 218p
Catalan: **10 ed**
Spanish: **2 ed**

Rights sold: 20 languages

French: Philippe Rey
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Portuguese: Dom Quixote
Spanish: Anagrama
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Arabic: Arab Scientific Publishers
German: Diederichs, Penguin Random House
Lithuanian: Alma Littera
Portuguese/Brazil: Leya Brazil
Slovenian: Založba Zala
Russian: Eksmo
Czech: Bourdon
Serbian: Vulkan
Azerbaijani: Gadim Gada
Greek: World Books
Polish: Znak
Audio: Saga

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'Avenç - «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**. ”





Albert Villaró

Historian and writer who has built an unclassifiable and multifaceted novelistic corpus widely awarded. His first works live halfway between the description of manners, absurd humor and false erudition and novels by then are a parody of the stereotypes of the crime novel transferred to rural environments, presented with a slyness that borders on the sarcasm. . Afterwards, he sets his thrillers in contemporary Andorra with character Andreu Boix and writes other novels with more diverse approaches but with a common denominator: a fanciful re-election of the past.

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

Keep My Cows

(Obaga)

2018 | 142 p

Rights Sold

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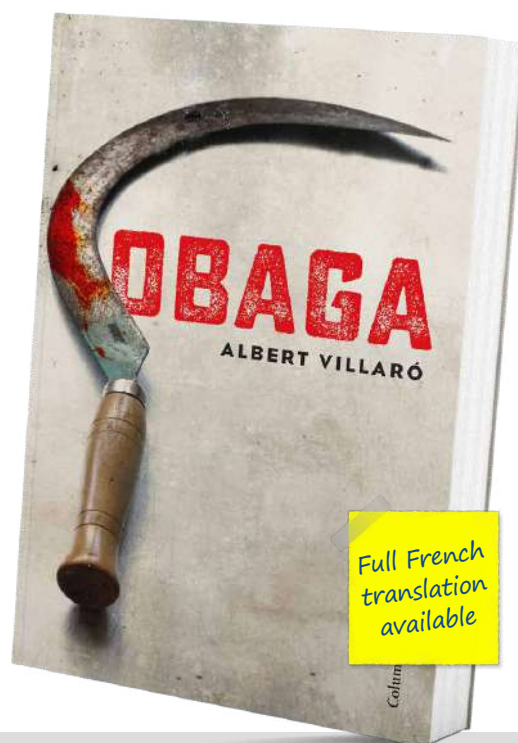
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Spanish

“The novel is just what it sets out to do: a suspense story in an unusual, non-metropolitan space (the Pyrenees), with some social references (village behaviors) uncommon in this genre, treated in a comical way.”

Ara Llegim



Carlota Gurt

Writer and translator. Degree in Translation and Interpreting, East Asian Studies, Humanities, Business and Audiovisual Communication. She worked at the theatre company La Fura dels Baus and at the Temporada Alta Festival, mainly as production manager. Like the characters in her first book, she rides a life without saddle and also juggles with her three kids, translation, writing and reading. She made her literary debut by winning the 2019 Mercè Rodoreda Award with story collection *Cavalcarem tota la nit*, a word-of-mouth phenomenon. After her first novel *Sola*, Gurt is back with a new story collection that is gurther than ever, *Biografia del foc*.

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

Biography of Fire

(*Biografia del foc*)

2023 | 224 p

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Spanish



Catalan

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More
By
**Carlota
Gurt**

Alone

(Sola)

2021 | 380 p | 2 ed

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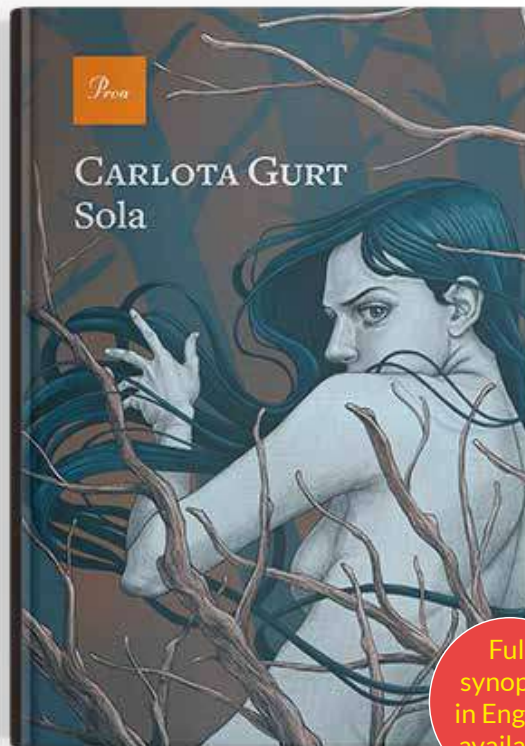
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The
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Best-selling author and expert on family relationships and self-fulfillment. Though he struggled with anthropophobia (social phobia) in his high school days, he overcame that fear with a determination to research the rules of life and studied psychology and Eastern philosophy after entering university. In 1999, he established a psychology consulting practice, where he began working as a counselor. He became well known for his individual sessions as well as couples counseling and family counseling sessions. Today he operates an online self-fulfillment school.

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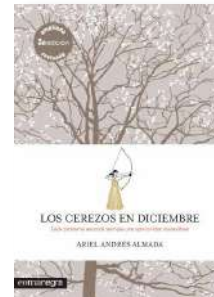
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(Picadura de Barcelona)

2014 208 p

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Anthropologist, writer and translator. Among his prolific writings are works of fiction, non-fiction, biography and essay, with perhaps his best-known novel being *Picadura de Barcelona*. Among his translations (of Henri Bergson, Pierre Michon, and Boris Vian), his rendering of Georges Perec's *Eclipse* into Catalan won the Serra d'Or Prize in 2018. His latest essay, *Gluttony*, appears in the *Seven Deadly Sins*. Pujol is an unclassifiable, sharp-tongued, sarcastic and alien to labels author.

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

"This is a book about smoking and walking. About smoking and thinking, remembering, and imagining. About walking and telling stories. About the intimate bond—one inseparable from the other—between a stroll and a digression."—bond—one inseparable from the other—between a stroll and a digression. – Juan Pablo Villalobos, author

The narrator walks the city on a Saturday night. In this odyssey back home, the voice that speaks to us in first person –and makes us laugh at every step– pretends to think out loud and dissects the city's with intelligence and irony.

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In the manner of Nietzsche's wandering thoughts, Pujol narrates the twelve hours in which his self walks through a nocturnal Barcelona. But unlike the protagonist of Joyce's *Ulysses*, Pujol's thoughts are a symbolic ascent in which life, despite the blows, is vindicated with an explosive force.

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What Makes Us Human?

(¿Què ens fa humans?)

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“How science should help answering philosophical questions.”

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Humans have a unique ability to understand our existence. Knowing our genetic, biochemical and cellular characteristics, in the context of history, culture and evolution, can help us better understand ourselves as a species and answer, from scientific methodology, some of the questions that philosophy has traditionally raised.

In this essay, Macip proposes to analyze the human condition through what he calls “rationalist biohumanism”, a tool that should allow us to transgress biological determinism in order to achieve a life in a dignified and just society.



Spanish

The RATIONALIST BIOHUMANISM

concept according to Salvador Macip, humanist scientific: reasoning (Humanities) and empiricism (Science) are needed and complementary.

“A brilliant scientific career.”
National Geographic



Salvador Macip, researcher and writer, has a doctorate in Medicine from the Universitat de Barcelona. 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. With the Covid-19 crisis, Macip becomes one of the reference scientist at a national and international level.

Life At the Extremes

(La vida als extrems)

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Spanish: Arcàdia

“Understanding the biological and evolutionary processes of our species will allow us to break the patterns that constrain us from Birth to Death, the two extremes of the human existence.”

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“To understand the mechanisms of birth and death to control and modify them, and build better societies.”

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“Scientific knowledge to the great debates of humanity.”

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“Macip’s career supports his deep approach.”

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In this thought-provoking essay, Salvador Macip revisits the idea of *rationalist biohumanism* to explore how biology and society together shape our lives. From sex, gender, and uncertainty to family, monogamy, patriarchy, migration, and even love and hate, he examines how natural mechanisms intersect with cultural demands. As a doctor and specialist in aging, Macip also turns his gaze to the final stage of life, offering insight into one of today’s most pressing issues. Clear, rigorous, and deeply human, his reflections invite us to rethink how we define ourselves—both as individuals and as a society.



Spanish

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#RationalistBiohumanism

Other titles by the author:



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The Secret of Eternal Life

(El secret de la vida eterna)

2023 | 192 p | 2 ed



Salvador Macip &
Manel Esteller

Researcher, reference scientist at a national and international level and writer, **Salvador Macip** has a doctorate in Medicine from the Universitat de Barcelona. He moved to Mount Sinai Hospital (New York) in 1998 as a researcher of molecular bases of cancer. 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.

Manel Esteller is one of the world authorities in epigenetics and cancer research. Physician, researcher and professor of Genetics at the University of Barcelona and the Catalan Institution for Research and Advanced Studies (ICREA), he is currently the director of the Josep Carreras Leukemia Research Institute, in Barcelona.

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In this book, doctors Salvador Macip and Manel Esteller review what is currently known about the aging process and tell us what we can do to stop it, from interventions that have already proved their effect, to treatments that in a future, perhaps not so distant, could make us immortal.

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Macip and Esteller are world reference researchers and their books have reached international audience.

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The Longevity Pyramid

(La piràmide de la longevitat)

2024 | 284 p

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Portuguese: Contraponto

THE AUTHOR

Maria Puntí

Founder and director of two integrative health clinics and teacher and director of the integrative health training academy Integra Salud School. Trained in dietetics with a master's degree in Human Microbiota (Tech School of Nutrition) and a double degree in Precision Health and Nutrition, Medicine and Orthomolecular Practice, Maria is also a great communicator in topics related to health care through her social media profile, @m.punti, where she has more than 60k followers.

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Foreword
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outline in
English

Living well for many years also depends on you.

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Step by step to improve physical, mental and social well-being.

In this book, Maria Puntí shares with us the essential pillars for caring for our health, providing us with the **tools to improve our quality of life and prevent the appearance of diseases**. Because the goal should not be to age as late as possible, but as well as possible.

Spanish



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- ✓ Stick to healthy habits

The
Author

Iñaki Rubio

Iñaki Rubio is one of the most interesting authors of Andorran literature. Member of the Andorran National Commission for UNESCO, Rubio is a first-rate narrator who has been awarded and celebrated especially as a storyteller. Today, as with *Morts, qui us ha mort?* (*Dead, Who Gave you Death*), Comanegra 2021, 3 editions and translated into Spanish), he is seen as a non-fiction author capable of taking us wherever he wants with his narrative non fiction..

Picasso In the Pyreiness.

1906, The pause that transformed modern art.

(*Pau de Gósol. Picasso al Pirineu*)

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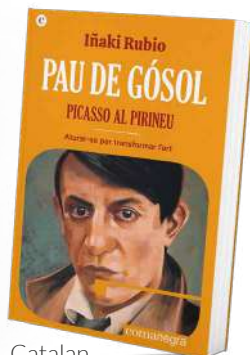
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Spanish



Catalan

A narrative nonfiction portraying the **epiphanic moment that Picasso experienced in the Summer of 1906 in Gósol where he met Hermínia, the beautiful and unknown woman whom he obsessively portrayed and never forgot.**

Picasso In the Pyreiness is the **fictionalized chronicle of the birth of the Cubist revolution.**

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One of the little unknown and most relevant periods in the career of Picasso.

1906 is a turning point and this is the chronicle.

Les demoiselles d'Avignon were born in Paris but conceived in Gósol.

Together with Fernande Olivier, Picasso spent the 1906 Summer in this rustic setting, Gósol, becoming fascinated by the authenticity of the traditions, the territory and the people, as well as by the enigmatic Hermínia, whom he would draw obsessively.

This extremely fruitful stay represented for Picasso a radical journey through time and of self-discovery, which he started as a nineteenth-century painter and from which he emerged already inoculated with the "virus" of modernity.

11 weeks that changed the History of Art.

Blocked, in his first creative crisis, barely 24 years old and leaving unfinished the portrait of Gertrude Stein, Pablo Picasso left Paris in May 1906 and from Barcelona he undertook an arduous journey, which included eight hours of walking on mules, until the small inhospitable pre-Pyreanean mountain town of Gósol (Lleida). He spent only eleven weeks but they were capital for his career as it was then that he made the leap into modernity.

In the autumn of 1906, back in Paris, Picasso made the first sketches of *Les demoiselles d'Avignon*, the foundation work of cubism in painting. At the beginning of the XXth century, for someone who lived with one foot in Paris and the other in Barcelona, this was a radical journey through time to an archaic oasis. But for Picasso meant the search for a new artistic form that would break with the past.

Moreover, Picasso found in the women of Gósol a very special source of inspiration, and Rubio goes further in his research and portrays the enigmatic woman that stole Picasso's heart, Hermínia, an obsession for him.

This transformative trip was so significant that during his stay he even signed all his works as Pau de Gósol.



The Geography of Oblivion

(Geografia de l'oblit)

2022 | 386 p

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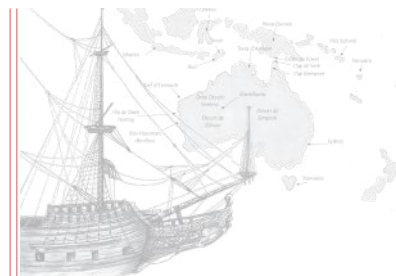
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Eduard Niubó

Eduard Niubó Prat has travelled widely and has been to many of the countries which appear in his first book, *The Geography of Oblivion*. Places like Alaska, Canada, Iceland and Svalbard have made it possible for him to get know the Arctic well. He is also familiar with some of the great mountain ranges, such as the Andes, the Himalayas, the Alps and the Pamir mountains, and has made long journeys across every inhabited continent. His interest in literature, travel and history led him to write *The Geography of Oblivion*, a book about explorers and adventurers silenced by history.

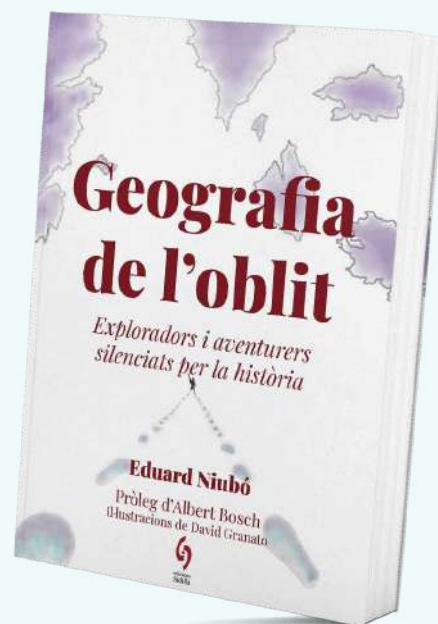
The history of geographical discoveries is full of explorers who we barely know, but who have changed our view of the world. Many of these explorers, despite the amazing adventures they lived, are often forgotten under the account of the conquerors who have followed them, or in the shadow of their leaders.

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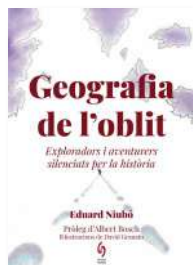
- Great geographical discoveries from a new perspective.

- Explorers and adventurers silenced by history.

- Full of a fascinating people who deserve their place but are rarely mentioned: anonymous sailors on the great expeditions, non-Western discoverers, shipwrecked people, whalers, fugitives...

More On *The Geography of Oblivion*





ON THE GEOGRAPHY OF OBLIVION

Edicions Sidillà,
2022
386 p

KEY POINTS

- ✓ Each major section could work as a small book and most chapters could be read as short, independent pieces.
- ✓ Fullfilling, rewarding and pleasant read both for demanding and for sporadic readers.
- ✓ Informative, all data and facts come from reliable documents and sources.
- ✓ Fresh tone and reader-friendly language.
- ✓ Great variety of emotions: tension, fear, concern and tragic moments and also desire, joy, euphoria, relaxation...

An explorer species. Explore the exploration



1. GIVING SHAPE TO THE WORLD

The discovery of smoke
The stars
The root of maps
The roundness of the world
The depths

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Some discoveries of America
The Bering Strait
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Overseas news
The Europeans in Brazil
And then what?

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Henrique de Malacca
Point Gallows. From Magellan to
Drake

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Pytheas of Massalia. The first fogs
Towards the Northwest Passage
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Martin Frobisher. The Inuit discover
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Willem Barentsz. A closed door to the
northeast
Henry Hudson. A simple misstep
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The Northwest Passage. Wood soul
The ice drift
Fridtjof Nansen
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Arctic
The North Pole

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Sealers and whalers
Inside the polar circle
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Polar trades. Bjaaland, Lindstrom,
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poles
The South Pole 2. Draw the pole
Death at the South Pole
Douglas Mawson. When nothing can
be worse
The ships of oblivion
The South Pole 3. Air and wind things
The internal border. Between illusion
and obsession
The eternal loneliness of the pole

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The time of dreams
XVI century
Some white men
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1606. Torres, Quiros and Don Quixote
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The wreck of the Batavia
The bloody colony
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De la Perouse. The brief French
presence
D'Urville. The journeys of names
Mary Bryant
XIX century. Draw and paint your
continent
At the end of the longest road
The last nomad

7. THE CEILING OF THE WORLD

The individual conquest
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Towards the top
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Seven forgotten Sherpas and a
century of deaths
The thirties. Shipton and Norgay
Maurice Wilson, The Yorkshire
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Handshake



Bel Olid

Writer, translator, Assistant Instructional Professor in Catalan and Spanish at the Romance Languages & Literatures Department and Affiliated Professor at the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, both at University of Chicago. Their works always mirror the gender, identity and sexuality discussion with a brave and critical analysis either from fiction to non fiction, both for children/ YA and adults. *Hairless*, published simultaneously in different languages, is her latest word on the debate.

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

Hairless

Breaking the Vicious Circle of Hair Removal, Submission and Self-hatred.

(A contrapel)

2020 | 80 p

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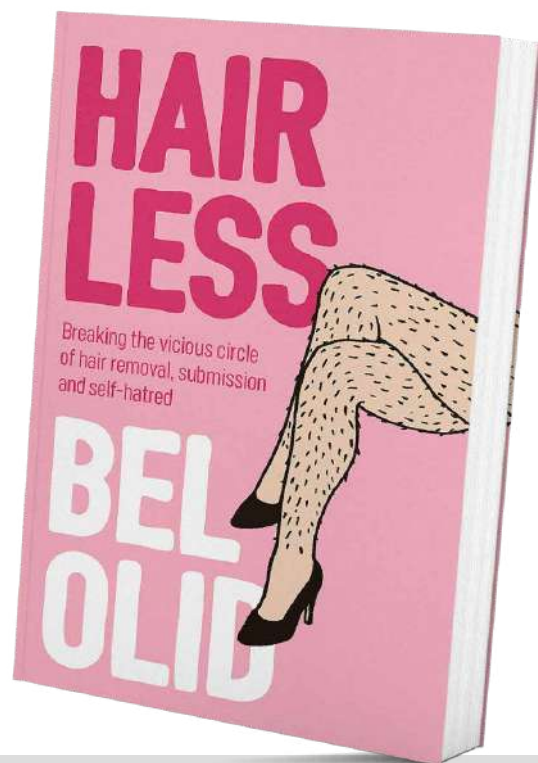
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Showing body hair is not a simple harmless option. Not waxing and showing it openly is usually a political decision.

Razors, tweezers, wax and creams: these are the tools for the initiation rites that signal the passage from girl to woman. Hair is no longer a sign of joy but a battleground of cosmetic surgery. This short book dismantles preconceived ideas about the supposed benefits of body hair removing and analyzes the social penalty that comes with showing body hair as it is born. With clarity and courage, Olid exposes the contradictions and hidden costs of hair removal, and issues a rousing call to women everywhere to set themselves free from the urge to please everyone else and to focus, instead, on what pleases them.

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BEL OLID EXPOSES WITH CLARITY AND COURAGE NOT ONLY THE CONTRADICTIONS OF WOMEN'S HAIR REMOVING, BUT ALSO EVERYTHING THAT ENTAILS OF SOCIAL SUBMISSION, OBEDIENCE TO DEMANDING MARKET REGULATIONS AND THE PERSONAL INSECURITY OF SO MANY WOMEN.

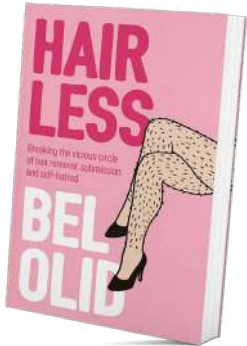
WITH DATA IN HAND, WE DISCOVER THAT THE CHOICE IS NOT FREE AND THAT SHOWING OR NOT SHOWING BODY HAIR IS NOT A SIMPLE HARMLESS OPTION.

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More On *Hairless* - - ➔

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The Pocket Guide to Feminism and Wanna F*ck?
Their latest books on the debate, have reached 11 and 7 editions each.

Olid's latest works mirror the gender, identity and sexuality discussion with a brave and critical analysis either from fiction to non fiction, from adults to children, with their unbeatable FEMINISME DE BUTXACA (**THE POCKET GUIDE TO FEMINISM**, longseller with 11 editions, sold in Spanish, English and Galician) and **WANNA F*CK?** (**FOLLEM?**) their bestseller on sexualities with 7 ed and Spanish, English, Portuguese and Galician translations.

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Wanna F*ck?

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(Feminisme de butxaca)

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#KeyConcepts

Olid's latest works mirror the gender, identity and sexuality discussion with a brave and critical analysis. #Debate #Fight



Catalan Spanish Galician

Feminism is more alive and more necessary than ever because discrimination against women has become more subtle and difficult to detect but keeps its paralyzing power.

Bel Olid shares the key concepts of the current feminist struggle in an intelligent, radical and sometimes surprising way.

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My fantasy is a tommy gun. When I go down the street and a stranger tells me something: tommy gun. When the on duty politician makes the on duty sexist comment: tommy gun. When the bishop explains in the newspapers how is that we don't want to be raped, if we ask for free and affordable abortion: tommy gun. When in school it is valued to infinity that the father of the creatures attend the meetings, but it is assumed the attendance of mothers: tommy gun. When I get kicked out of work because I'm pregnant: tommy gun. When they tell me not to be exalted, that there is no such thing: tommy gun. It might seem like a violent fantasy, but it is not; it's a fantasy of self-defense.

Borders

Those Lines Someone Has Drawn On A Map

(Fronteres. Aquelles línies que algú ha dibuixat sobre un mapa)

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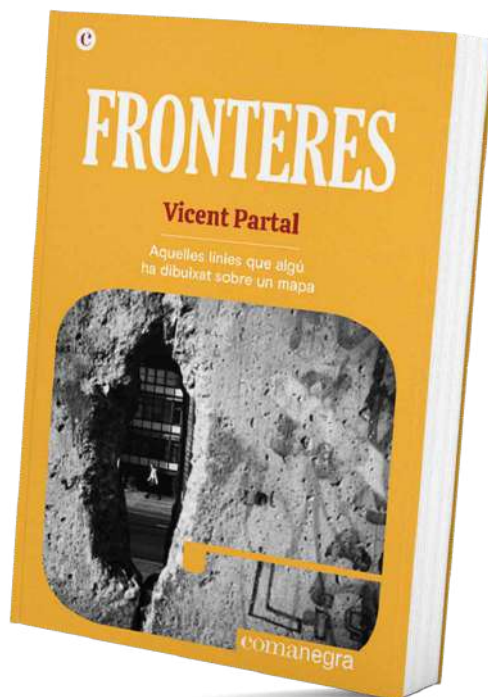
#UnderstandingBorders
#MeetingPointVsFrontier
#NarrativeNonFiction



Vicent Partal

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.

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



In Mexico the border is a library, in Lixouri the radio, the light in Hong Kong, a drink in Tallin, in Tiraspol a notebook, in Zagreb a night train, in Belfast were words and Berlin was the total border.

Borders are key points of cultural confluence and political conflict, of linguistic mixture and of historical transformation. They are a magnificent social phenomenon and inexhaustible reading. Following the trace of these lines drawn on the maps, we delve into the history of their towns in a privileged way. Partal has lived endless experiences and moments of great journalistic significance, and here he leaves a good example of it. Thirty-seven chapters where we'll attend the division of the Soviet Union, the ravages of the Balkan war, the birth of republics and the revival of officially extinct languages.

A fascinating journey.

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Partal is one of the journalists with more experience and in deep knowledge about geopolitics and border spaces.

Contrary to what people usually think, and against what states want us to think, borders are always a human invention and not even the most apparently natural ones are so.

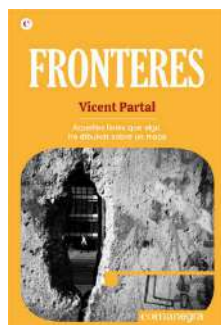
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Key information:

1. The whole book is a **narrative non fiction** that can be published as it is.
2. However, **Foreword & Epilogue can be published together as a very short approach to the borders question.**
3. According to the publisher needs, the author is ready to **rewrite the Epilogue and/or update on Ukraine and Palestine.**

More On Borders -- ➔

ON *BORDERS. THOSE LINES SOMEONE HAS DRAWN ON A MAP*



Comanegra, 2022
248 p
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- **Tallinn:** "The border of drink".
- **Tiraspol:** "The border is a notebook".
- **Trakai:** "The border is a small metal box".
- **Truro:** "The border is a resurrection".
- **Van:** "The border of the border, hidden on an island, hidden in a lake".
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- **Warsaw:** "The border at a run".
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