

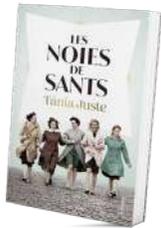
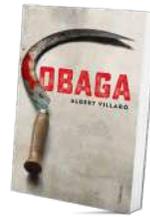
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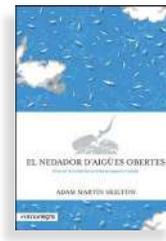
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CROATIAN (Stilus)



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GREEK (World Books)



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GREEK (Pedio)

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Literary Fiction

Barren

(Els erms)

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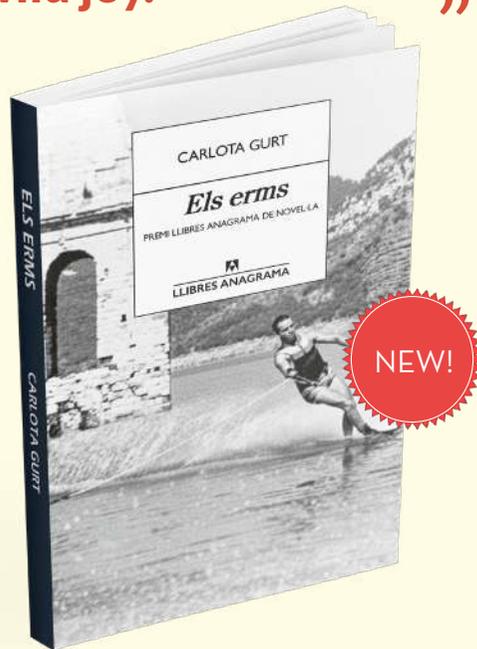


Carlota Gurt

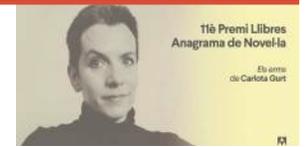
Carlota Gurt makes her literary debut in 2019 when she wins the Mercè Rodoreda Prize with the short stories collection *Cavalcarem tota la nit* (*We Will Ride the Whole Night Through*, Proa 2020). Six years later and one novel, one story collection and one short essay further, Gurt wins the 11th Anagrama Books Prize by unanimous decision of the jury with *Els erms* (*Barren*).

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

“**A celebration of the power of storytelling to propel not only a story, but also our wild joy.**”



XI Anagrama Novel in Catalan Award 2026



With an alchemical blend of fury and tenderness, Carlota Gurt draws two memorable characters who gradually take shape in a hall of mirrors between real and imagined lives. Written in a lively prose, lit by flashes of critique and humor.

THE JURY. BLURBS FOR AN UNANIMOUS DECISION:

“**A**sk ChatGTP to describe Carlota Gurt’s work and style, and it will say: ‘Her prose is precise yet intimate, inviting reflection on emotions, solitude, and the search for meaning in everyday life.’ But after reading *Barren*, you will realize—fortunately for both her and her readers—that **Gurt’s writing is far richer and more powerful than any algorithm could capture.**” Sergi Pàmies

“**C**aught as if in an Escher drawing, the characters seem to seek a

vanishing point that might set them free. Yet at the same time, Gurt’s prose envelops them—and us—with a **striking, fearless, and mysterious intensity.**” Jordi Puntí

“**A**narrative tour de force confronting the barren landscapes of today’s world, showing how a truly compelling work of fiction can triumph over reality.” Mita Casacuberta

“**G**urt writes about all kinds of droughts with **humor, mystery, and, ultimately, hope.** In *Barren*, when reality becomes suffocating, her fertile and untamable imagination comes to the rescue.” Guillem Gisbert

Biography of Fire

(*Biografía del foc*)

224 p

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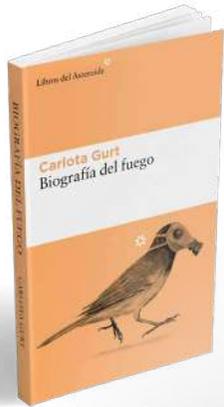
Catalan: Proa

Spanish: Libros del Asteroide

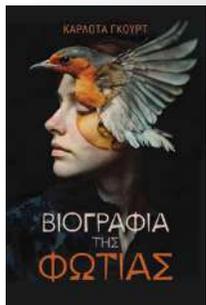
Greek: World Books

#VividVoice #OnUncertainty
#MasterSkills
#PerfectRoundBook

English sample available.



Spanish



Greek



Catalan

By the author of *Sola* (Alone), an “Unforgettable début”.
The Bookseller

The memory of **Cortázar** is undeniable. The most fun and playful Cortázar. Cortázar pure intelligence. Unfathomable, never ending. [...] Irony, that wise humor and the necessary distance. [...] Original dialogues, enormously lucid, lapidary, forceful phrases. - Zenda

A perfect, round book. [Gurt is] a virtuoso of the genre. *El Mundo*

Gurter than ever, these stories display the overwhelming force of Gurt's always surprising literary universe.

Heroes of anxiety and slaves of love, absent mothers, couples starting out or crashing into uncertainty, and marriages on the verge of collapsing parade through the pages of this book.

Gurt's characters do not know where they are going or how to get to their destination, and at the same time they are terrified but euphoric at the possibilities of prodigious worlds that arise from destruction. With addictive prose, a vivid language and a tone that oscillates between irony and intimate confession, Gurt invites us to enter her universe and builds a unique tableau of human relationships.

Fourteen stories about an incertitude that is both terrifying and full of possibilities.

Other titles by the author:



UK: Europa Editions
Spanish: Libros del Asteroide
Italian: Round Robin
Audio: Saga



Greek: World Books
Galician: Galaxia



Alone

(Sola)

380 p | **5 editions!**

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Spanish: Libros del Asteroide (preempt)

English (UK): Europa Editions UK

Italian: Round Robin

Audio: Saga

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#NatureWoman

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English



Italian



Spanish



Catalan

Full synopsis in English available

Unforgettable début. An intoxicating story of collapse and survival.

The Bookseller



Alone Praises

ARA LLEGIM - "Masterpiece. [...] A first-rate psychological game."

EL PAÍS - "An untamed narrative power."

LA VANGUARDIA - "[Sola as] The Shining in Sorrius. Sola describes a case of delirium with flashing moments of language and style. [...] Gurt is very good when she explains how to feel, from the body: sore, wounded, menstruated, hungry."

TIME OUT - "A real literary 'tour de force' with a totemic protagonist installed in a place full of mystery. Good literature!"

NÚVOL - "Sola advances in a spiral to the core of loneliness."

JORDI NOPCA - "Subjects the reader to a relentless countdown."

ARA - "Nature and the mountains rise like a powerful character."

PÚBLICO - "Plastic and incisive grabbing style."

RAC 1 - "A voice that grips the reader from the first paragraph."

MITA CASACUBERTA - "The story of the double process of self-destruction and recomposition of a feminine identity through writing."

LA RAZÓN - "Deep and luminous

solitude of the debutant Carlota Gurt."

EL PÚBLICO - "The structure works like a very well executed trap to catch readers and hold them til the end."

EL DIARIO.ES - "Extraordinary acuity to reproduce disturbing moments of existence: breaks, losses, changes, violence, decisions."

NACIÓ DIGITAL - "One of the most promising authors in Catalan literature."

EL NACIONAL - "In times of Twitter or Netflix, this book shows to be aware of the little things."

ELDIARIO.ES - "An exceptional novel in which Gurt immerses in the depths of that tangled forest that is the personality of Mei, its protagonist."

LA VOZ DE CASTILLA - "The ease of Gurt's prose, her swift style, strewn with witty similes, make reading easy."

ÚLTIMA HORA - "Powerful. [...] Gurt bursts in like a whirlwind. Her character, loquacious and impetuous, and her literature intense and at times gutted."

EL NACIONAL - "A strong, intense piece with a vigorous style and great fragility [and a] structure that generates tension and expectation."

The Man Who Sold the World

(L'home que va vendre el món)

368 p

Rights sold:

Catalan: Proa



Melcior Comes

Melcior Comes has a degree in Law and Literary Theory. His literary work has earned critical and public acclaim, and many of his novels have received the most prestigious awards in the Catalan literary scene. He teaches at the writing school Escola d'Espectura of the Ateneu Barcelonès, he regularly collaborates in the media and he has also translated works by Honoré de Balzac and Victor Hugo.

“Critics like Comes because whatever he takes on, he does it well”, *El País*.

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

#PostmodernistBarcelona #Satire
#TouristsGoHome #RightWingRise



NEW!

Dense, vibrant, dramatic, colorful, hyperreal, delirious, sensorial, dynamic—the novel offers a portrait of our world. Seen not from today, but from the day after tomorrow.

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A plot set against elections in a subtly futuristic Barcelona, where a populist, Islamophobic, business-friendly and nationalist candidate keeps climbing in the polls, and featuring a middle-aged male protagonist, comfortably middle class, navigating the full range of personal crises afflicting much of the population. Simó Diarte, a communications and advertising professional, is thrown off balance when a populist mayoral candidate uses his ideas to power her campaign. At a low point in his personal and professional life, he drifts through a kitsch Barcelona reshaped by Venetian-style canals, estranged from his daughter and keeping uneasy company with a cat that can’t stand him.

Other titles by the author:



Spanish:
Navona

**BRILLIANT REVIEW IN
*EL QUADERN (EL PAÍS):***

- “A SMART YET LIGHTEARTED EPIC, AN AMBITIOUS WORK.
- COMES USES THE TOOLS OF PARANOID NOIR TO MAKE THE BALZACIAN SOCIAL PANORAMA HE WANTS TO PAINT BOTH MISCHIEVOUS AND ENTERTAINING.
- MULTI-AWARDED [...] COMES IMPRESSES CRITICS BECAUSE, WHATEVER HE DOES, HE DOES IT WELL.
- A CONTINUATION OF THE POSTMODERN LINE THAT BEGINS WITH QUIM MONZÓ.”

Forest, Whale, Fog

(Bosc, balena, boira)

144 p

Rights sold:

Catalan: Lleonard Muntaner

NEW!



Josep Lluís Badal

Writer and teacher. In his literary work he combines children's literature with poetry, adult narrative and essay. Among his work for the youngest stands out *Jan Plata* series -awarded with Folch i Torres Award (2012)- or *Els llibres d'A* and *Googol* (2021) both translated into several languages. In the adult side, worth to highlight that in 2018 he won the 52nd Critics Award Serra d'Or for the best novel 2017 with *Les coses que realment han vist aquests ulls inexistents*.

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

“**BADAL STRIPS THREE FABLES DOWN TO THEIR ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS AND RECONSTRUCTS THEM WITH COMPLETE AND ABSOLUTE FREEDOM.**”

#Captivating #Literary
#FablesOnGoodness&Evil

Like a triptych by Francis Bacon, a vision by Franz Kafka, a poem by Herta Müller or a scream by Víctor Català. These are three fables, three faces of a single narrative that reinvents the art of popular storytelling and the ancestral wisdom of myths through pages as perverse as they are precious.

With a striking and fascinating expressiveness, the author refounds the tales of *Little Red Riding Hood*, *The Magical Flower*, and *Sleeping Beauty* without shying away from the violence, sensuality, and evil that pulse in the original legends —and in ourselves, their heirs.

For its beauty and its boldness, *Bosc, balena i boira* is a wild experience that forces us to face the heart, the eyes, and the sex of the beast. And perhaps to ask ourselves who, in the fable, in life, is the true beast.



FOR READERS WHO ENJOYED IRENE SOLÀ OR MERCÈ RODOREDA.

“JOSEP L. BADAL HAS WRITTEN A TRIPTYCH ABOUT THE DISEASED WORLD THROUGH THREE FABLES, WHICH HE INTERPRETS WITH COMPLETE FREEDOM. [...] FASCINATING AND ALLURING. [...] WITHIN THE CONGLOMERATE, WHICH GATHERS DIVERSE MATERIALS, POP ELEMENTS STAND OUT.”

LA VANGUARDIA

“A CULT AUTHOR. WITH THIS BOOK, WE CONFIRM IT. WE WILL BE HEARING A GREAT DEAL ABOUT IT. [...] IT IS THE RISK OF BECOMING A CLASSIC.”

JAUME AULET, CATALAN LITERARY HISTORIAN, WRITER AND UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

“A BOOK THAT IS AT ONCE A TRIPTYCH OF FABLES, A NOVEL, AN ESSAY ON THE NATURE OF THE FABLE AS A GENRE AND AS AN ENTITY, A BOOK OF POETRY, A YOUNG ADULT BOOK, AN ANIMATED CARTOON SERIAL, A SURREALIST NOVEL, AN ADVENTURE ONE, AN EROTIC-PORNOGRAPHIC STORY, AND A HYMN TO BEAUTY.”

NÚVOL, LITERARY MAGAZINE

Other titles by the author:



Italian: Mondadori
Simplified Chinese: Beijing Publishing
Turkish: Can Çocuk
Danish: Jensen & Dalgaard



A Song of Rain

(Una cançó de pluja)

Rights sold:

Catalan: Club Editor | 160 p | 3 eds

French: Les Argonautes

#NatureFable #WalkingJourney

#WayHome #Slavery #TrueFiction



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.

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

“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*)

288 p | 6ed

Rights Sold

Catalan: Club Editor

Spanish (Spain): La Montaña Pelada

Spanish (LatAm): Sigilo

Audio: Saga

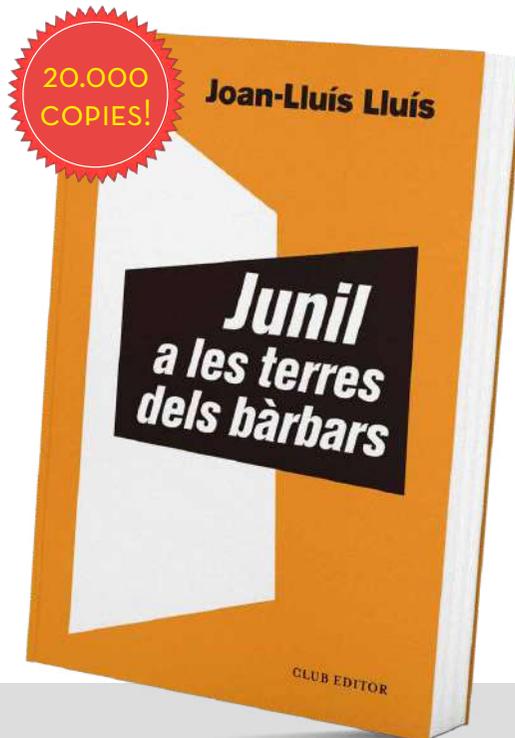
French: Les Argonautes

#Bildungsroman

#HistoricalNotHistorical

#FoundationalFable

#ContemporaryClassic



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

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

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:



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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



The Heights

(Les altures)

240 p

Rights sold:

Catalan: Empúries

#BarcelonaNewYork

#QueerArtist

#20thCentury

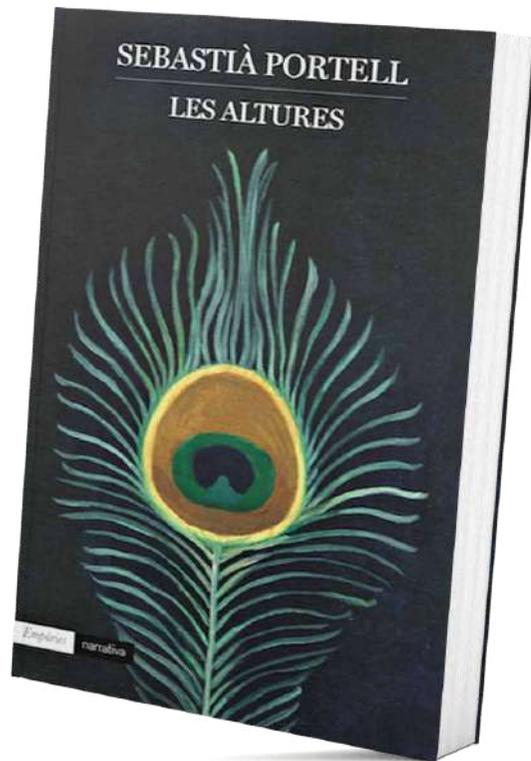
#Rise&Fall



Sebastià Portell

Writer, playwright, and president of the Association of Catalan Writers (AELC), Sebastià Portell is the author of novels (*Ariel i els cossos*, *El dia que va morir David Bowie*), short stories (*Maracaibo*), several theatrical works (*Un torrent que era la mar* or *Transbord*), non fiction works (*Les nenes que llegien al lavabo*) and he has been responsible for the very first anthology of Catalan LGBTQ poetry. *Les altures* is his new and most ambitious novel.

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



“

Sebastià Portell's most ambitious novel draws Ismael Smith's career with a set of voices to embody the tensions and chiaroscuros that the provocative artist captured in his work.

”

ÒMNIUM AWARD TO BEST NOVEL SHORTLIST

SUCCESS AND FAILURE BASED ON THE PROFILE OF ISMAEL SMITH, ONE OF THE MOST QUEER, GENUINE AND EXCEPTIONAL FIGURES IN ARTISTIC HERITAGE.

From the Barcelona of 1886 to the New York of 1972, the novel *Les altures* (*The Heights*) traces the life of Ismael Smith, painter, sculptor and engraver and a brilliant promise of Catalan art at the beginning of the 20th century. Smith sought success among the wealthy families of turn-of-the-century New York but was banished a short time later by the bourgeoisie who had exalted him. Dark and tormented, Ismael Smith ran into public misunderstanding but had a lucidity that briefly brought him fame.

The choral portrait of a life crossed by misunderstanding and by notions of success and failure in the world of art.

Chapter outline,
full synopsis and
English sample
available.

Other titles by
the author:



Spanish:
Dos Bigotes



Galician:
Ediciones Positivas



Fiction

Upmarket Commercial &
Woman Fiction

The Time of Pomegranates

(El temps de les magranes)

384 p | 2ed

Rights sold

Catalan: Edicions 62

Spanish: Lunwerg



Caterina Karmany

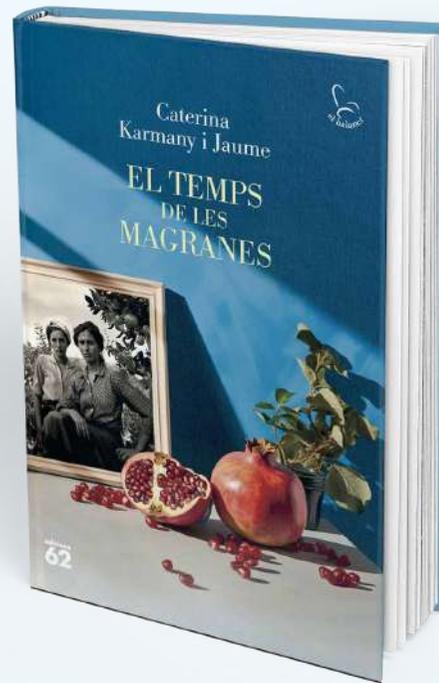
Caterina Karmany i Jaume is a journalist, now a correspondent for TV3 and Catalunya Ràdio in the Balearic Islands and, before that, in Madrid. Storyteller by vocation and voracious reader since the age of five. *El temps de les magranes* (*The Time of the Pomegranates*) is her debut as a novelist and tells the story of three generations of brave women who, thanks to friendship and their drive, overcome adversity.

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

#RuralMystery
#Mallorca
#FemaleSaga



Spanish



The story of three generations of brave women, ready to face whatever life throws their way. A story of courage and hope.

When Margot, an advertising photographer, returns to her hometown in the interior of Mallorca, her past explodes in her face. After the death of her parents, she lived there with her grandmother. The house in which she now lives still preserves the smells of her recipes and, in a corner of the garden, the two pomegranate trees.

Little by little, Margot will know about the past of that strong, uneducated woman who worked as a cook in rich houses and will reveal to her some forgotten events that took place during the post-war period on the island.

And, as Margot reconciles with the town where she grew up and recovers her three lifelong friends her life takes a radical turn. As her grandmother, it is time for her to trust in her talent and fight for her dreams.

THE NOVEL

- *Spans several generations of women, in the tradition of great successful female sagas.*
- *Highlights universal themes: solidarity among women, friendship, power of feminine strength and using the past to change the present.*
- *Shares an inspiring perspective full of humanity and memory.*
- *Immerses readers in a literary tradition where the landscape itself holds breathtaking force.*

Ten Days with Mrs. Dalloway

Deu dies amb la senyora Dalloway

296 p

Rights sold

Catalan: Edicions 62

#BreakingTaboos

#Journey

#Changes

#LifeChoices



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.

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

Full
Spanish
translation
available



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:



Do Not Think of A Pink Elephant

(*Non penses nun elefante rosa*)

424 p

English sample available.



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.

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

Rights sold:

Galizian: Xerais

Spanish: Contraluz

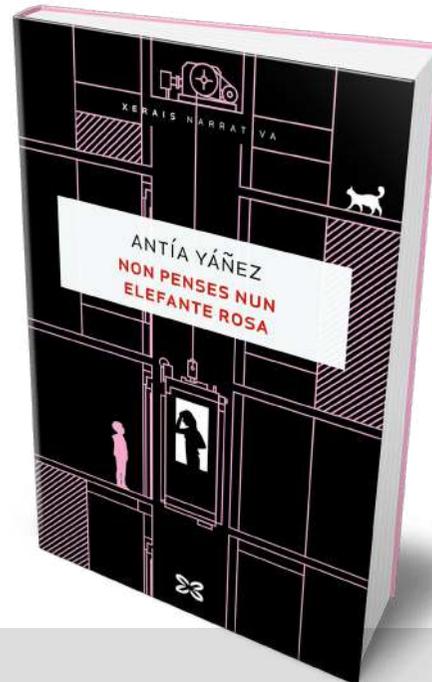
Catalan: Contraluz



Catalan



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.

“WITH NO DRAMA OR CARICATURE.”

EL PROGRESO

“A WITTY NOVEL AGAINST MENTAL HEALTH STEREOTYPES.” *TODOLITERATURA.ES*

“BRAVE NOVEL” *LA VOZ DE GALICIA*

“AN HONEST PORTRAIT OF OCD, WHICH UNFORTUNATELY HAS BEEN CARICATURED A LOT IN MOVIES AND SERIES.” *LIBROS Y LITERATURA*

“ON MENTAL HEALTH WITHOUT GIVING UP HUMOR.” *WOMENSHEALTH.COM*

Wild, girly, witty, fresh, millennial, fast-paced as a series.

For readers/fans of *Normal People*, *Pure*, *Fleabag*, *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* and *Sorrow and Bliss*.

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

The Day of the Whale

(El dia de la balena)

192 p

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Catalan: Univers

#90iesSummers

#Friendship

#Mallorca

#Coming-of-age



Melcior Comes

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

One of the happiest novels you can read right now!

Núvol



A coming-of-age short novel compared to *Call Me By Your Name* set in a Mallorca Summer of the late 90s: childhoods that end, mistakes, first loves and lasting friendships.

A discovery journey: the 90ies, Summer, Mallorca, bicycles, monsters, first loves, divorces, tourists... and a teenager trying to figure out what all this life is about. A local story to which everyone can feel identified. The day a dead whale appears on the beach everything changes in the life of Martí, a fourteen-year-old boy who during that Summer must begin to think about himself after his parents divorce. With his friend Bibi they tour the town from end to end and, after a motorcycle accident almost kills Franc, Bibi's brother, Martí will work secretly from his parents in a supermarket. Everything gets complicated in a story of secret ambitions, buried traumas and lies that get bigger.

PRAISES:

"Gratifying to read: A nice gateway to the literature of Melcior Comes."

Vilaweb

"A delightful coming-of-age in capital letters. Testimony of a very specific place and time: the island of Mallorca in the 90ies."

El Nacional

English full synopsis & sample available.

Other titles by the author:



Spanish: Eclacta





Laia Fàbregas

Creative writing teacher at the Laboratori de Lletres, of which Fàbregas is the director and where she created the Master's Degree in Literary Creation. Between 1997 and 2010 she lived in the Netherlands where she worked in a bank, in an industrial pump company, in an art festival, in an art gallery and in the Amsterdam police. In 2008 she published *La nena dels nou dits* (*Girl with the Nine Fingers*) in the Dutch house Ambo|Anthos (highly praised and in 7 languages). Afterwards *La llista* (*Landing*), *Dies de cel groc* (*Yellow Days*) and *No escriuré la teva història* (*I Will Not Write Your Story*) were published. *El silenci dels astronautes* (*The Silence of the Astronauts*) is her last and awarded novel.

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

The Silence of the Astronauts

(El silenci dels astronautes)

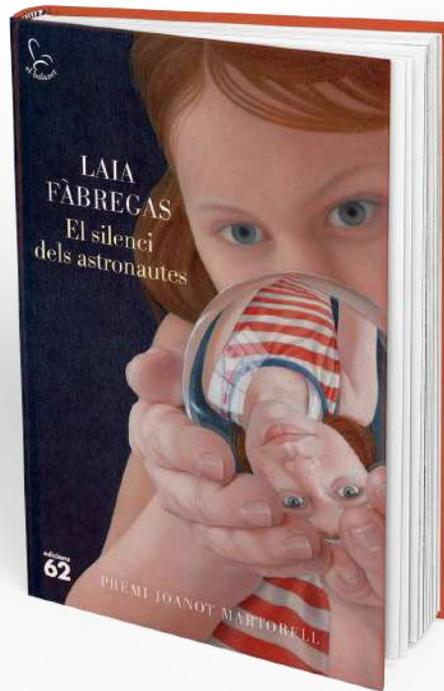
232 p | 2ed

Rights sold

Catalan: Edicions 62

Joanot Martorell Award

#Bubbles #SelectiveMutism
#InvisibleThreads
#UnbornLives



Full Spanish translation available

This is the story of three bubbles: of a girl who isolates herself, of a mother who doesn't know how to help her and of a boy who, for some time and a distant space, will be the key to everything

A book on what it means to be normal.

“A brave book that with delicacy manipulates sentimentalism, as following what Poe said in *The Philosophy of Composition*. [...] A pleasingly honest way of making literature.” EL PAÍS

A solid book with well-differentiated narrative voices. NÚVOL

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The story of a mother and daughter who struggle to adapt to their circles.

Seven-year-old Rita has serious communication problems at school. She has invented a bubble that protects her from those around and she lives in its silence. She doesn't talk to anyone. On the other hand, at home, she can't stop doing it. Anna, Rita's mother, lives trapped in a bubble of guilt. Dazed by her work, by her concern for Rita, and by the memory of a daughter who died in her belly mid-pregnancy, she cannot write. The story of David Vetter, an American boy who lived for twelve years locked in a plastic bubble because his immune system did not work, will help mother and daughter overcome their fears and vulnerabilities and get out of the invisible prisons that have been built.

Fàbregas elegantly navigates complex, current, human and universal themes, and dresses them with profound narrative simplicity.

Other titles by the author:



Carmina Massot's Private Life

(La vida privada de Carmina Massot)

300 p

Rights sold:

Catalan: Univers

Spanish: Harper Collins



Gemma Lienas

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**.

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

THE SECRET LIFE OF A WOMAN DETERMINED TO LIVE IN FULLNESS AND FREEDOM.

A SONG TO THE WOMEN WHO, THROUGH THEIR FREE BEHAVIOR, BEGAN TO OPEN DOORS TO THE NEW GENERATIONS.

#MagneticCharacter

#SecretLove

#OurElders



Carmina is 87 years old, she has always been single and very independent. Despite her age, she continues to live alone but her fragile memory makes it increasingly difficult for her. However, she doesn't want to hear about anything other than smoking more than necessary, drinking her shots of Pedro Ximénez while talking to her kissing fish and doing her holy will.

Aware of the time left she has, she wants to leave all her affairs arranged for her beloved nieces, so she decides to voice record the secret story of her life, that of a first and great love that pushed her to cross a whole country to follow the trace of a valuable painting looted in the Second World War.



Spanish

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3 TOP AUTHORS ABOUT THE BOOK:

- “A DISTURBING PLOT THAT TIES PRESENT AND PAST, REAL AND FICTIONAL CHARACTERS, SENSATIONAL BOOK ADVENTURE AND LITTLE THINGS FROM EVERYDAY LIFE. AFTER READING THIS NOVEL, WE FEEL MUCH MORE CURIOUS AND ADMIRATION FOR THOSE OLD AND HARMLESS SINGLE WOMEN, WHO KEEP UNTHINKABLE SECRETS IN THE DRAWERS.”

MARTA SANZ

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- “LIENAS COURAGE IN SPEAKING ABOUT OLD AGE, DEPENDENCY AND FREEDOM IS UNIQUE. I WAS SURPRISED, EXCITED AND AMUSED BY THE NOVEL.” CARE SANTOS

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- “LIFE BALANCES, FAMILY STORIES, ENIGMAS FROM THE PAST AND HOW A WOMAN FACES OLD AGE WITH BRAVERY. FAST PACED AND ENJOYABLE.” LAURA FREIXAS

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The Memory of the Tree

(La memòria de l'arbre)

218 p

#Contemporary #Literary
#Grandfather&Grandson
#Longseller



Tina Vallès

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.

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

Rights sold:

Catalan: Anagrama, **10ed**
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Turkish: Can Çocuk, **14 ed**
French: Philippe Rey
Galician: Kalandraka
Italian: Solferino
Portuguese: Dom Quixote
Arabic: Arab Scientific Publishers
German: Diederichs
Lithuanian: Alma Littera
Portuguese/Brazil: Leya Brazil
Slovenian: Zalozba Zala
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Czech: Bourdon
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Azerbaijani: Gadim Gada
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Audio: Saga



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*.

“ **ANAGRAMA NOVEL AWARD**
the jury said:
A little upmarket gem. ”

“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 Anglada jury

AWARDS

Priznanje zlata hruška (Slovenian)
Prix Jean Monnet, LEC Fest. (French)
Mandarache Award shortlist (Spanish)
Maria Àngels Anglada Award (Catalan)

ON *LA MEMÒRIA DE L'ARBRE*



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

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Czech: Bourdon

Serbian: Vulkan

Azerbaijani: Gadim Gada

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Polish: Znak

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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**.

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Fiction

Historical Fiction

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.

More by **Tània Juste**

Family Time

(Temps de família)

Columna | 368 p | **3 ed**

Nèstor Luján Award of Historical Fiction

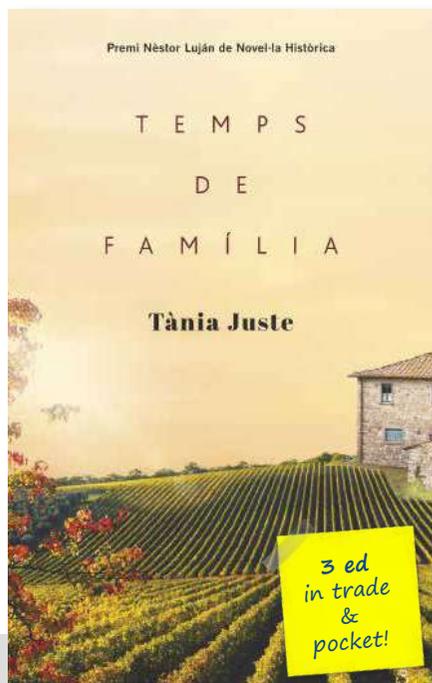
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Spanish

#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 | 333 p | **9ed!**

Rights sold:

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German: Bastei Lübbe



German

Spanish

“ 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.

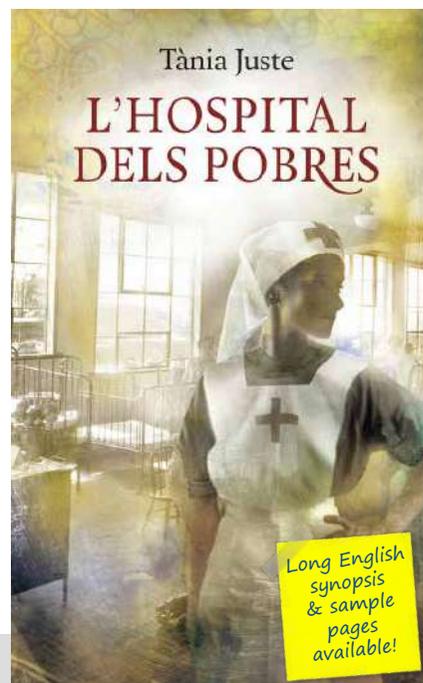
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LA VANGUARDIA :

“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.





The Author

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)

312 p

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Spanish: Comanegra

SANTA EULÀLIA

AWARD TO FICTION ON BARCELONA

#HistoricalNovel

#SecretPassage

#OldTimesBarcelona

#Love&Friendship



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.**

Fiction

Noir

Suspense

Mystery

The Barbies' Clan

(O clan das barbies)

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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Catalan: Contraluz

#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."



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)

142 p

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Catalan: Columna Edicions

Spanish: Destino

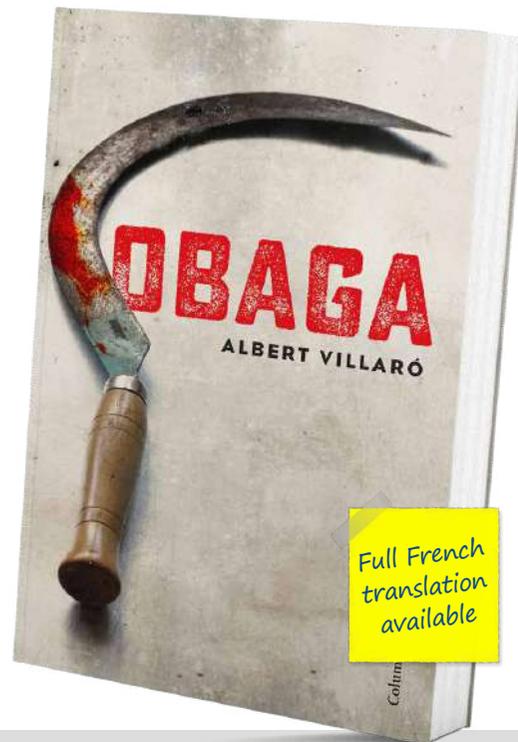
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#Parody

#RuralThriller

#ContemporaryClassic



A LONG-SELLER THAT HAS BECOME A CLASSIC!
A RESOUNDING SUCCESS WHEN PUBLISHED, WITH EXCELLENT REVIEWS AND SALES.



Spanish

Greek

A hilarious rural noir set in a Pyrenean village.

Nothing ever happens in Llobarca, a tiny mountain town near the border with Somorra. Tomàs takes care of his cows, his silent uncle, his formal girlfriend, dodging the collapse of a microcosm condemned to disappearance. Nothing ever happens, until something happens that disturbs such placidity: there are strange movements in an old smugglers track. From then on, everything changes. Tomàs ends up putting his cows aside for a few days and begins a new vital facet dealing with traffickers of the highest rank, corrupt policemen and journalists who are too gossipy to free the girl he loves and who, unfortunately, is not his girl and to clarify, incidentally, a case that has brought too bad a mood to the town.

“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

On Impure Land

(Sobre la terra impura)

538 p

**Crítica Serra d'Or &
Joan Crexells narrative awards**

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#PsychologicalAdventure
#FamilyMystery #MagneticTale
#SymphonicThriller #LiteraryFeast.



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



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CREXELLS AWARD - The Jury:

THROUGH A FRIENDLY, DIRECT AND ELECTRIFYING STYLE, THE NOVEL DESCRIBES THE FUTURE OF A POWERFUL FAMILY, A DISAPPEARANCE, AN UNCONFESSABLE SECRET AND A WRITER WHO IS READY TO DISCOVER THE WHOLE TRUTH. LOCATED IN THE DEEP MALLORCA OF BUSINESSMEN, SMUGGLERS AND THE NOUVEAU RICHE, IT PRESENTS FAMILY PLOTS, OF REVENGE, ENVY AND REPROACH.

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A Mallorcan writer living in Barcelona is commissioned to write the biography of Dora Bonnín, a terrifying and controversial theater actress who has just died leaving behind a series of intimate diaries. Bit by bit, the protagonist will discover that these diaries hide a very dark secret that could dismantle the empire of the Verderas, a very powerful family from Mallorca, known as Falangists, who got rich by making shoes. Melcior Comes narrates a psychological adventure about the way we

understand the world and ourselves, a return to the origins to discover a painful and terrible family mystery, a frantic chronicle of the horror years of the Transition. Between Balzac, Philip Roth and Llorenç Villalonga, the author builds an often delirious, magnetic tale, a symphonic thriller that drags us with its freedom from the very first pages, a novel full of voices and black humor.

A real literary feast. A turning point in Comes' narrative.

“With the energy of Dickens and the humor of Franzen.” **El Periódico**

“The great contemporary novel of Mallorca and the family as an institution” - **L'Espolsada, book-seller**

“The author plays intelligently. [...] It shines above all for the vivacity of the prose and for its characters.” - **Núvol**

“A novel that progresses naturally towards its final point, the narrator's voice acts with solvency, and one could say that a firm hand cunningly directs the multiple threads of the story.” - **El País**

“It is not only a magnificently organized account of a series of intrigues but also allows an approach to the social contexts where the main actions take place.”

La veu dels llibres

An Ordinary Woman Returns Home

(Una dona qualsevol torna a casa)

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* (Acantilado). *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.

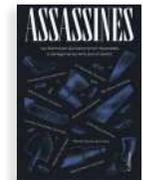
A chance encounter at a remote gas station, a routine assault with unexpected consequences, the thoughts of a sniper during her long waits... *An Ordinary Woman Returns Home* is a compendium of how the sublime, the unfair, the ironic or the ominous can await any of us, around the corner of our routine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

Sylvia Lagarda-Mata

Sylvia Lagarda-Mata has a degree in Information Sciences and a master's degree in Audiovisual Communication. She started writing about the myths and iconography of Barcelona in the seventies and she hasn't stopped since then. She has been a scriptwriter for documentaries, an advertising creative, and for many years she has been a teacher of Communication, Cinema and Television. This is her third novel and with it she takes a decisive step to place herself among the best narrators in the country.

One of the main chroniclers of the dark and criminal Barcelona.

Voices of Death

(Veus de mort als encants vells)

2024 | 352 p

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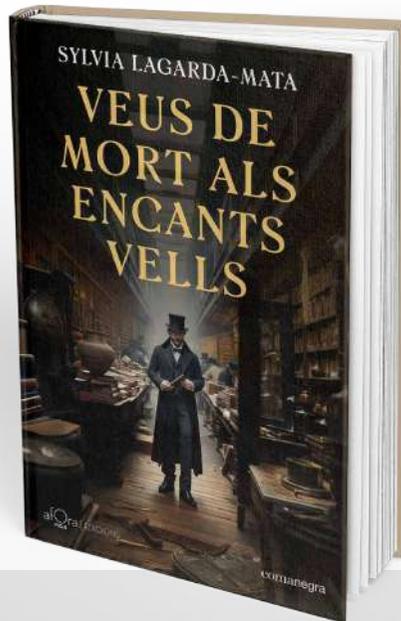
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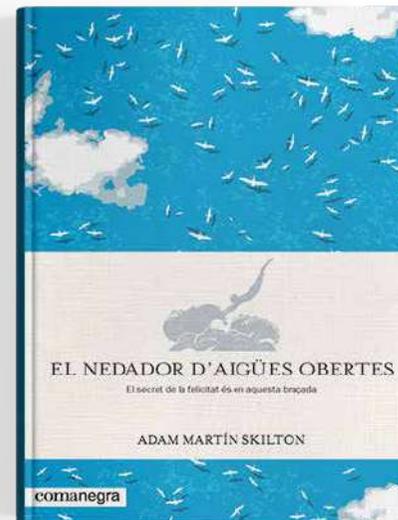
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Adam Martín Skilton is a journalist. He has worked as a presenter, editor and scriptwriter in many television and radio programs. He has specialized in healthy eating and habits and so he has published a good number of books on nutrition.

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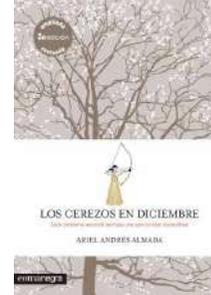
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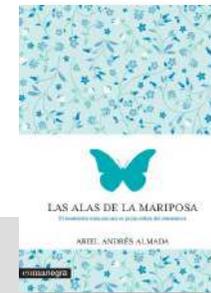
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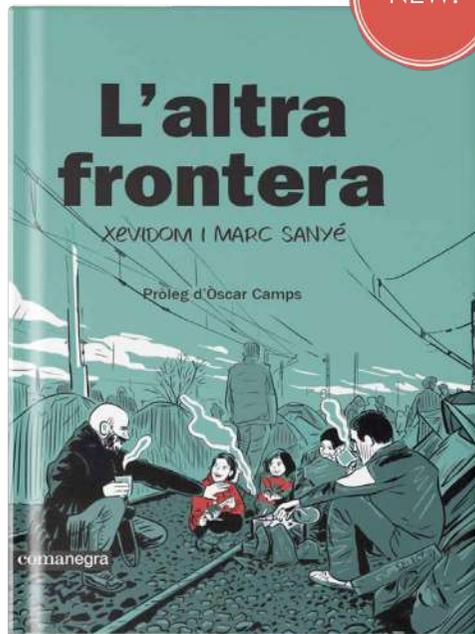
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128 p.

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A powerful visual testimony from Europe's migration hotspots.

A moving, authentic, and deeply human perspective on migration - beyond statistics, beyond headlines.

Bodrum, Turkey, summer 2015. Photographs of a three-year-old boy stretched out on the beach thrill Europe. Alan Kurdi drowned in his family's desperate attempt to flee the war in Syria. That child became a symbol thanks to someone who was there to take a picture (in this case, photographer Nilüfer Demir). Photography can be a big slap.

That image prompted the photojournalist Marc Sanyé to embark on a seven-year journey, intensely covering the hottest spots on the migration routes to Europe. He captured the stories behind the numbers and put a face and name to what are usually just figures. Figures and silence. Illustrator Xevidom brings these stories to life, using real photographs as the starting point for each narrative. Raw, human, and unforgettable.

With a prologue by the founder and director of Open Arms, Òscar Camps.



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The Duo

Marc Sanyé is a photojournalist who graduated from the IEFEC, where he attended the Photo Essay Course in Conflict Zones. Since 2010, he has documented migrations at different European borders. His work has been published in *El País*, *L'Ara* and *AP*. He also works for the newspaper *El Nou*. This book is his testimony of what he witnessed beyond the photographs. **Xevi Domínguez**, aka Xevidom, is an illustrator and cartoonist. He has published, among others, *Manicomio* (2019) and *Conviure*, winner of the Serra i Moret Civic Prize (2010). In 2022, he won three prizes with the animated short *Julius Akira Esteve*.

Yesterday I Knocked Back All the Diazepam

(Ahir em vaig fulminar el diazepam)

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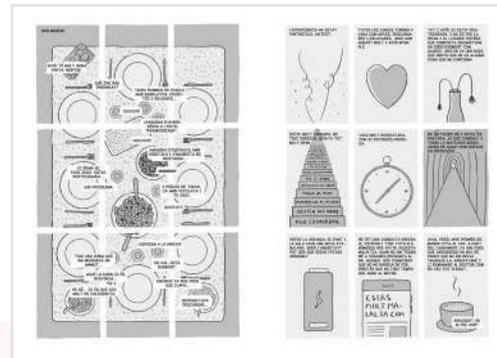
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Through irony and a sharp sense of humor—far from grand ambitions or Homeric epics—the book invites us to reflect on those small yet meaningful issues many readers will recognize themselves in.

The Author

Roger Ruppmann Tobella is a Barcelona-based designer. Born in 1978, he earned a degree in Advertising at the turn of the century and went on to spend twenty years designing for brands around the world. He explores conceptual and street art with a playful spirit. He paints walls, creates miniatures, destroys banknotes, and dresses sculptures in pajamas under the name TocToc. He currently works at the Threeten design studio and is a Master's Thesis tutor in the Motion Graphics Master's program at SHIFTA.

Dersu Uzala

(Dersú Uzalà)

Vladimir Arsenyev & Toni Térmens

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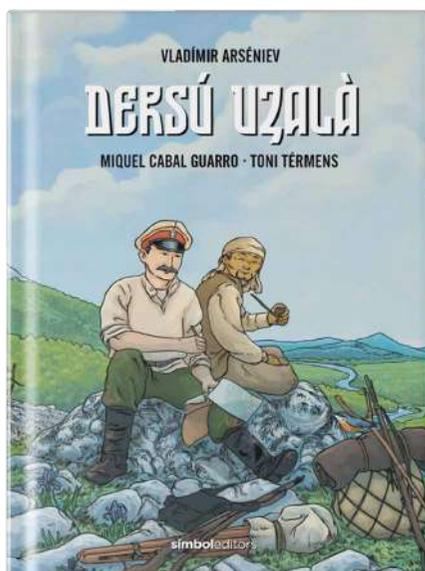
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A HYMN TO FRIENDSHIP, TO NATURE, TO RESPECT, TO LIFE.

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The
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Vladimir Arsenyev (Saint Petersburg, 1872 – Vladivostok, 1930) was a Russian and Soviet explorer, naturalist, cartographer, and writer, whose main works were carried out in the Russian Far East. From the accumulated geographic, botanical, geological, and ethnographic documentation, he wrote more than sixty works, among which *Dersu Uzala* is the most celebrated.

Toni Térmens is an illustrator for publishing, advertising, and interpretative spaces of historical and natural heritage. A drawing workshop instructor, he has taught several courses in naturalistic drawing, comics, and illustration.

Non Fiction

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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. After her novel and short stories collections, awarded, praised, translated and positively received both from critics and readers alike, Gurt steps in the non fiction field with a poignant essay on the female libido through history.

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El Mundo

From classical authors to the Bible and Darwinism; from scientific studies to personal frustrations, male literary projections, Marie Bonaparte and Muhammad, Freud and bicycles, Sappho, Dominican inquisitors and contraceptive pills, everything is used to challenge established -maleish- narratives about female desire.

Throughout history, there have been two great irreconcilable narratives about female desire: one claims that women are sexually insatiable beasts; the other, that of prudishness, seeks to convince us that female desire is weak or even non-existent. What is delusion and what is truth?

Gurt goes back four thousand years to trace a whole genealogy of female. At the same time, she reviews the absurdities about women written by men who are now

Other titles by the author:



The Incomplete Mother

(*La mare incompleta*)

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- ✓ NOT PROVIDING ANSWERS NOR JUDGING ANYONE'S CHOICES



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.

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

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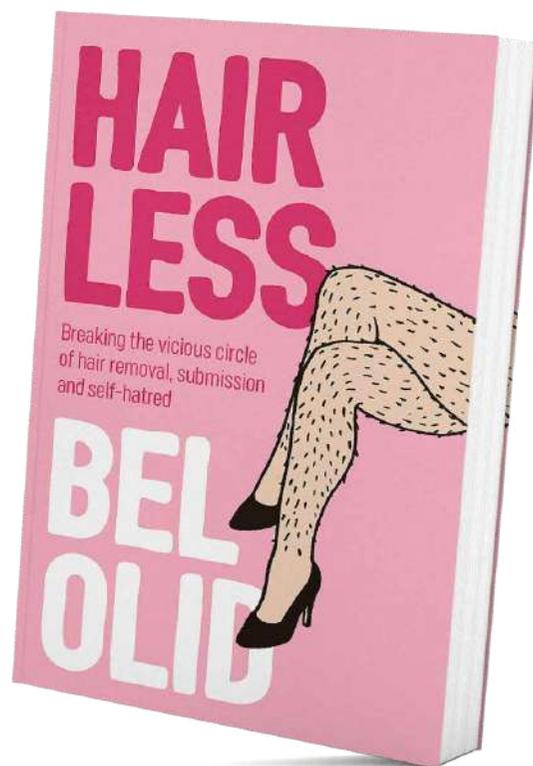
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Excellent, snappy treatise. [...] Olid pulls off a masterful balance of academic erudition and accessible, crisp prose. Persuasive and thought-provoking, this brisk volume deserves a broad audience. *PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY* *STARRED*

Olid's account is thoughtful and thorough: Hairless has a refreshing willingness.

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A survival kit

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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.



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Fine Cut Barcelona

Wanderings Through a Stranger City

(Picadura de Barcelona)



Adrià Pujol

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.

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

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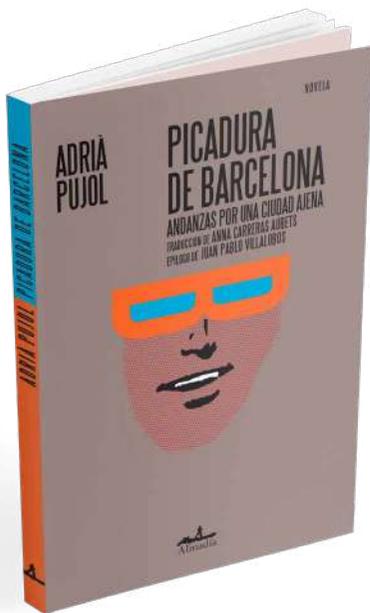
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Iñaki Rubio is one of the most interesting authors of Andorran literature. Member of the Andorran National Commission for UNESCO, Rubio is a first-rate narrator who has been awarded and celebrated especially as a storyteller. Today, as with *Morts, 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 Pyreness.

1906, The pause that transformed modern art.

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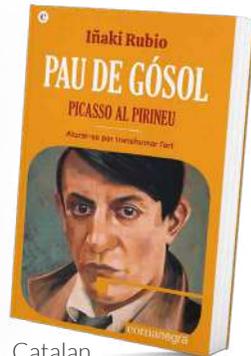
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#1906 #TurningPoint

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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 Pyreness is the fictionalized chronicle of the birth of the Cubist revolution.

English sample available.

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-Pyrenean 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 reasearch 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.

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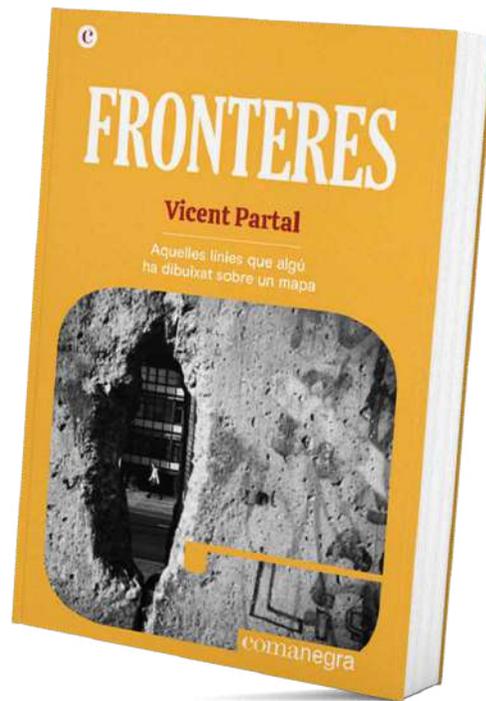
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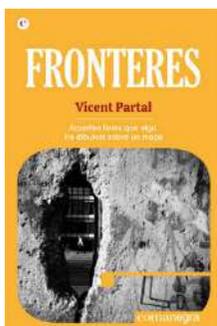
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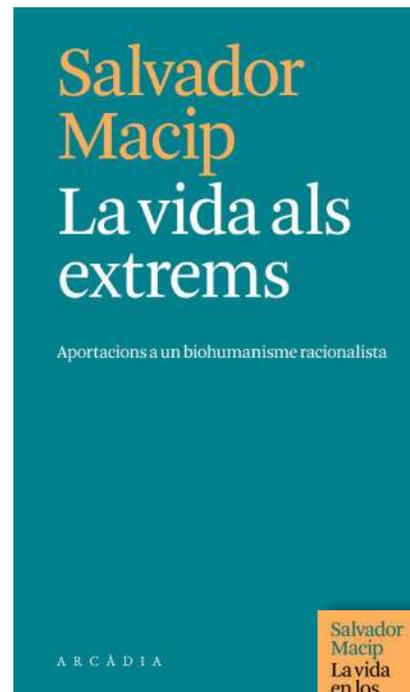
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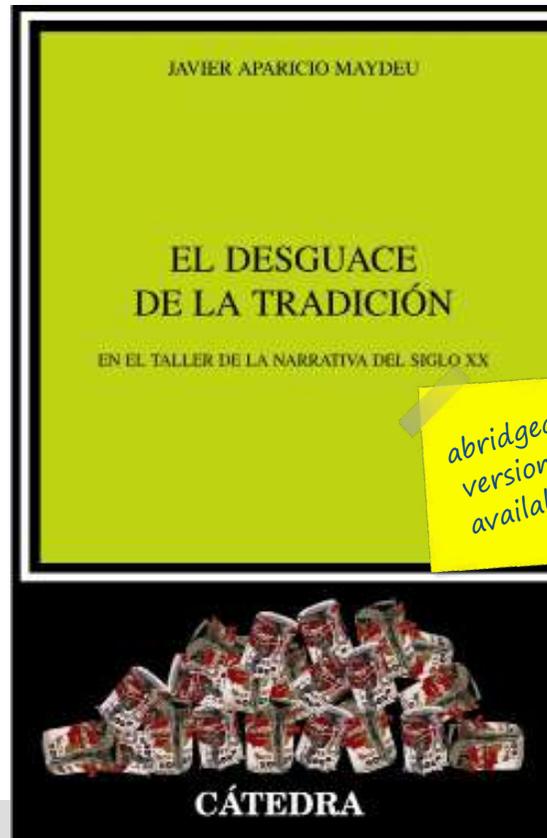
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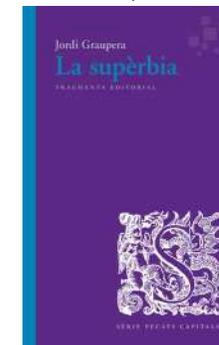


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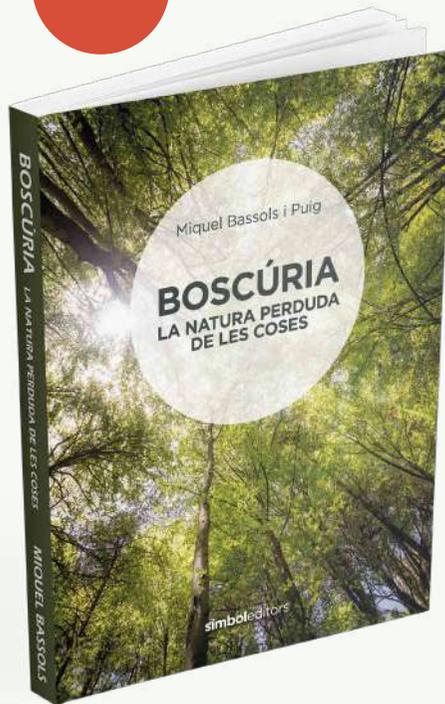
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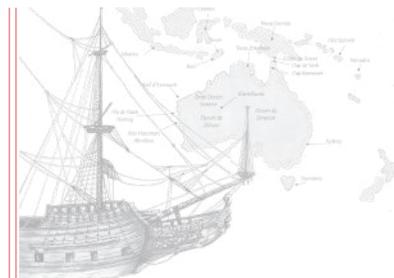
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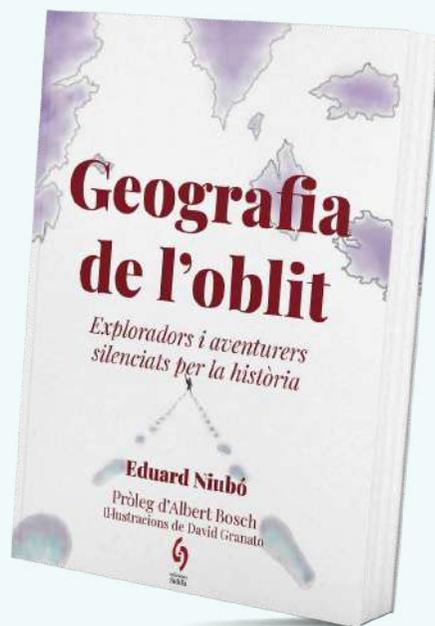
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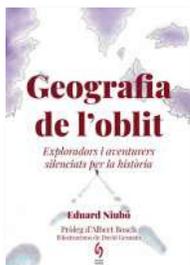
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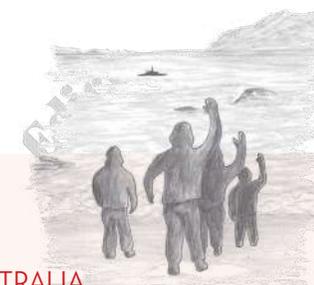
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In this book, Maria Puntí shares with us the essential pillars for caring for our health, providing us with the **tools to improve our quality of life and prevent the appearance of diseases.** Because the goal should not be to age as late as possible,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

Spanish



The definitive guide to regaining your vitality by healing from the inside.

- ✓ Say goodbye to fatigue
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- ✓ Strengthen your immune system
- ✓ Stick to healthy habits

Manage Like A Down Syndrome

(Dirige tu empresa como un síndrome de down)

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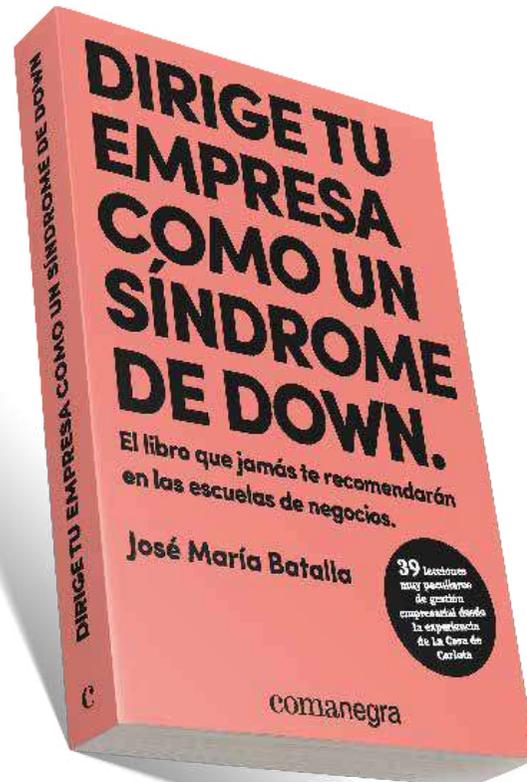
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Manage Like A Down Syndrome shows the **potential to integrate diversity in business** with **39 simple, incredibly funny, touching and real expert lessons** that a coach or a guru could have given you, but never a successful and innovative business man.

The book will help you to work better, to have **healthier companies**, to **have fun** at work and, above all, to be a **better happier person**.

“If you liked **Paul Arden's** *Whatever You Think, Think The Opposite*, you'll love this anti-management book.”



“ **Josep Maria Batalla:**

If you hire a disabled just to have him/her at the reception and think how a good person you are, buy yourself a ficus, which is also cool. Do not use people as elements of greenwashing. ”

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Why La Casa de Carlota is unique in the world?

Josep Maria Batalla, founder of the successful craziness La Casa de Carlota (LCDC) shares the lessons he has learned next to the most creative team one can think of. Look what **The Guardian** said: <https://www.youtube.com/watch>

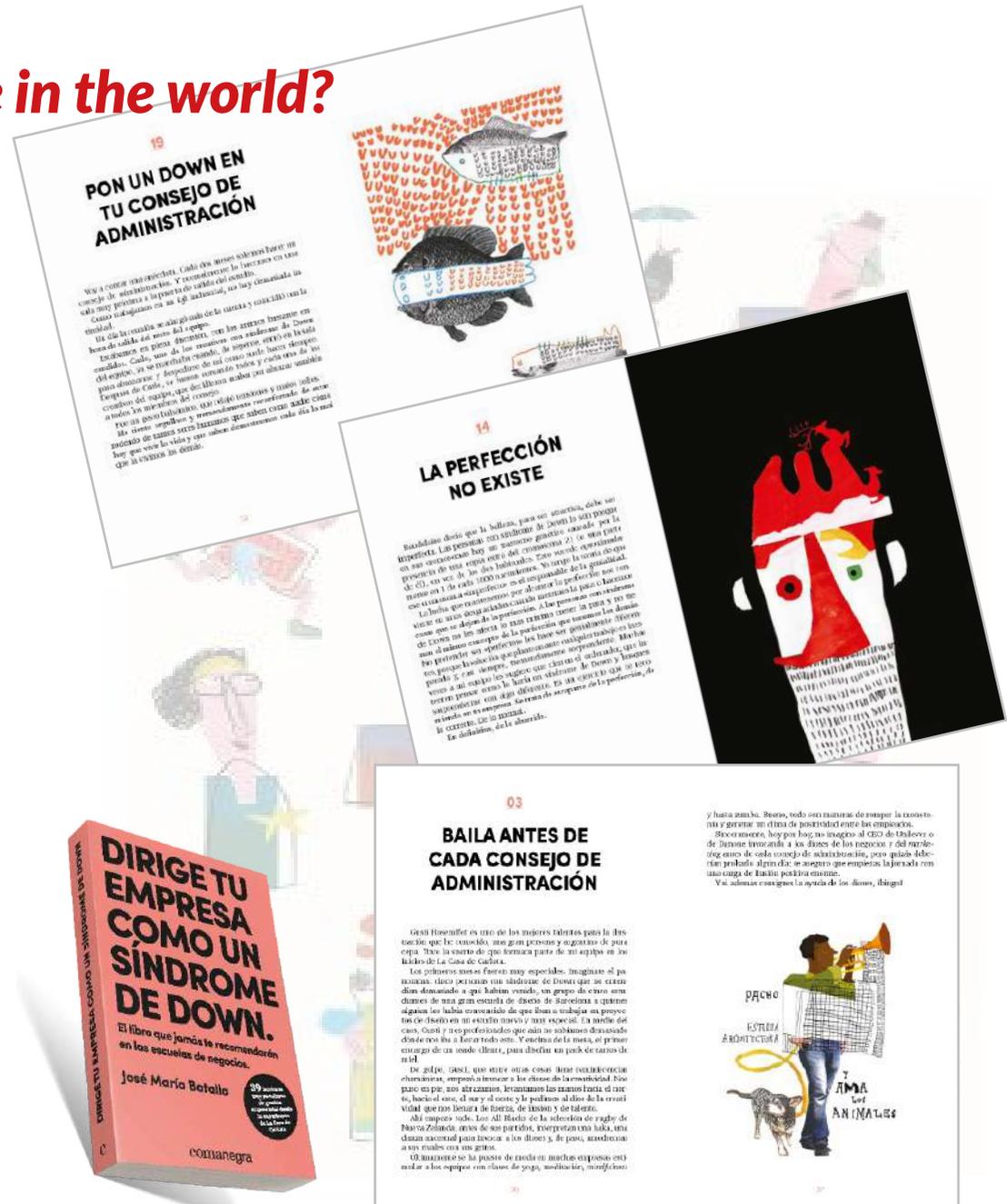


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- It is the only company in the world to receive **recognition from the United Nations** for working Down Syndrome people in creative projects.
- Downs and autists are paid exactly the same as their colleagues, they are not the greenwash quota. It is **not a foundation nor a NGO nor a social project** but a real successful design studio.
- One of the few examples of successful labor integration because **LCDC compete as equals with other** companies.

GOALS:

- THEY HAVE CREATED LOGOS FOR FERRAN ADRIÀ/EL BULLI, LA CAIXA, NESTLÉ INTERNATIONAL, DKV... FROM BIG MULTINATIONAL TO SMALL COMPANIES.
- AWARDED GOLD MEDAL IN LAUS AWARDS.
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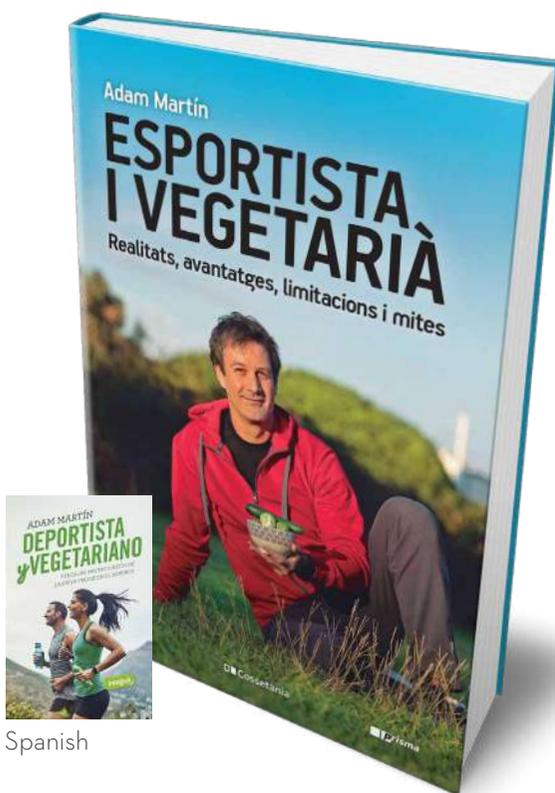
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✓ **Aren't you an athlete? Take it, it dismantles false myths.**

Nutritional strategies to improve performance, to reduce or avoid injuries, to recover faster, to increase defenses and to improve body parameters.

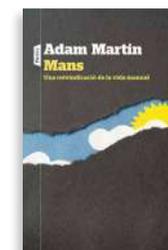
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