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A BACKLIST



In this catalog you will find some of the best titles published in the past years. *

We chose them either because we love them, either because they had success among readers and foreign publishers

Discover. Enjoy!

*Please note that the booklets appear as they were first published and have not been updated.

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Illustrated Book

The Neighbours from Who Knows Street

Rigths sold:

• Italian - Teoria (Grupo Rusconi)

• **Spanish** – Comanegra

• Catalan - Comanegra

32 p. | Hardcover | 24 x 32,5 cm Illustrated book

age 5+

German translation available

#Nature #Adventurous #Imagination



Beyond the original solutions of the neighbors, there are feelings of coexistence and solidarity that remind us of how we all always have the key to helping someone who needs it.

Mr. Umbrellas can not scratch his back because he has umbrellas instead of hands! But he is lucky because his neighbor from 1st floor, Mrs. Salmmin, has one thousand hands and can help him scratching. But... how does Mrs Salmmin cuts her nails when she needs to? Well, she calls Rosseti sisters, from 2nd floor, who have no legs but scissors!

A series of strambotic characters suddenly appear in the building of WhoKnows street. Each one of the neighbours that live in it, hides a terrible or hilarious problem and there is always a friendly neighbor willing to give him a hand.



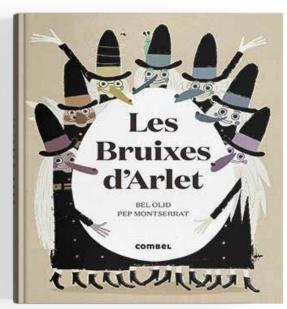
The 7 Wiches of Tleven and the Misterious Egg They Found Lying There

Bel Olid & Pep Montserrat

Rigths sold: • Catalan - Combel, 2020 • Spanish - Combel, 2020 32 p. Age: 5+



#CrazyForest #RainbowWitches #SurpriseUnicorn



Seven, they were seven, the Witches of Tleven... Until they found a mysterious egg.

What would they do? A potion? A fried egg? Or boiled with slugs?

Ah, that mysterious egg, how many possibilities!



The Duo **Bel Olid & Pep Montserrat | Bel** is an excellent writer with tonnes of imagination and easiness to connect with the youngest one**s**. **Pep** is a brilliant illustrator with hundreds of illustrated books and magazines from all over the world. Put these two together and you will get extraordinary books like this one!

More info on Pep | More info on Bel

IN THE WONDERLFUL BOX

A Journey to the Interior of Life

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Salvador Macip & Emilio Urberuaga

Rigths Sold:

- Catalan Flamboyant
- **Spanish** Flamboyant
- Korean- Beautiful People Publ.
- Simplified Chinese -Citic Press Co

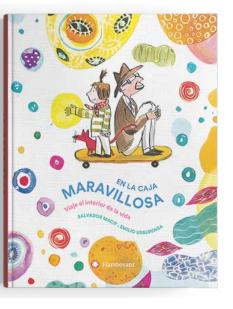
• Portuguese - Telos

60 p | Hardcover | 23 x 29 cm Illustrated book age 7+

Discover how fascinating life is through science.

Alicia is a very curious girl. She likes to understand everything, for example: How do we know if a thing is alive or not? How does a cell work? What does it keep inside?

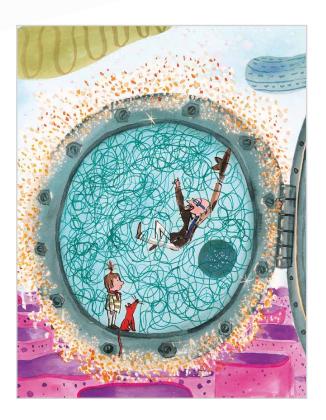
Wouldn't you like to accompany Alicia and her father inside the human body? Let yourself be fascinated by the world of cells, DNA and mitochondria. Nothing seems complicated if you go hand in hand with a good guide. #DiscoveringHumanBody#Father&Daughter#ScientistCanHelp



<u>SOME STRONG</u> POINTS:

- Includes a glossary of the main concepts
- Ideal for young curious readers willing to keep learning

• Grant available





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

BAD REPUTATION

Bel Olid & Naida Mazzenga

Rigths Sold: • **Catalan** - Combel • **Spanish** - Combel 38 p. Hardcover with flaps 21x24 cm 38 p Age 4+

#AgainstPrejudice #RereadingClassics #BeingDifferent





"Once upon a time there was a very ferocious bad wolf... -Hey, wait a minute, wait a minute."

And so begins this book... Two girls chatting and challenging the myth of the Bad Wolf, put off by folklore and fairy tales.

There are many animals that have a bad name. And the purpose of Bel Olid is to clear their reputation with facts and figures. Throughout the conversation, the reader will be able to lift the flaps and find out the truth behind wolves, sharks, spiders, horses and crocodiles.

Accompanied by the amazing illustrations of Naida Mazzenga, children realize to which extent we have a misleading image and why they are so important to us and to their habitats.

Bel Olid is an excellent and successful writer with tonnes of imagination and easiness to connect with the youngest ones. Naida Mazzenga is an imaginative and contemporanean illustrator.





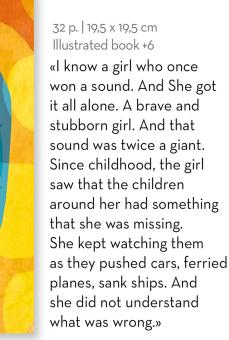
Don't be afraid of lifting the flaps! They are not as bad as they say.

RRRRR #LearningToSpeak #DifficultPhoneme #SayRRRRR #FriedEgg #Victory

TINA VALLÈS - JAUME MARCO



Catalan – Comanegra, 2018 **Spanish** – Comanegra, 2018





This story is the **conquest of an extraordinary success:** the climb of a mountain that seemed impossible to achieve: **Girl 1 - Giant 0**. But wait a moment: this story...What is missing? If you look inside, **you will definitely get it...** but who knows? Maybe you no longer need it.

Tina Vallès

& Jaume Marco | Tina is a powerful literary voice. She has received two very important awards that recognise her talent. She is mother of twins for whom she loves to write and she has already written half dozen books.

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#Cats
#Children_&_Animals
#A_Classic





El gato negro

mala bestia

y salvaje

Catalan - Comanegra, 2018
 Spanish - Comanegra, 2018
 Hardcover | 24 x 29 cm
 Illustrated book
 48 p.
 age 6+

Nica (the little girl) and Nano (the black cat), seem made for eachother. Nobody understands as well as the girl the whims of this wild black cat. They are, in fact, two free and irreducible animals, which roll with a talent that human beings envy. But (there must always be one but), Nica is growing and Nano seems to get wilder and wilder. M. Aurèlia Capmany is one of the classic women Catalan writers from the 70's. She as many of her time were significantly important for the Catalan feminism and female revolution. Now, Natalia Zaratiegu wants to pay tribute to this excellent woman with this extraordinary illustrated book.



The Book of Emotions for Girls and Boys

Gemma Lienas & Sigrid Martínez **Rigths Sold:** · Catalan - Navona, 2017 • Spanish - Ediciones B, 2017 155 p. | Hardcover | 23 x 30,5 cm

age 4+



#EmotionalIntelligence #SelfKnowledge #EmotionalEducation

A collection of original stories featuring children between 3 and 7 years old. Each of them presents a situation of conflict that must be resolved. To help them, Fairy Menta appears with the mission of accompanying them to discover by themselves the answers to their questions and the solutions to their dilemmas: Noa lies, Will doesn't accept others critiques. Eric is always late. Mark loses his temper too often...



The perfect book for parents and educators who want to work better emotional reactions with their kids.





Gemma Lienas is a writer and Catalan activist. She has written more than ninety books of fiction and non fiction. Writing for children The Tribe of Camelot), youth (Carlota's Diary) or adult (Caught in the Mirror). She has received several national awards (Ramon Llull Award) and the internationally known Honorable Mention IBBY recognition. Her works have been translated into nine languages.



"Sometimes you are very clear about how you are... until you discover that you can be in other ways."



Catalan – Savanna Books, 2019 **Spanish** – Savanna Books, 2019

14 p. | Softcover Leporello format: 22,5 x 100 cm lenght unfolded 22,5 x 14,4 cm folded Illustrated book all ages



#LGBTI+

#OnGender

#OnPrejudices



Our protagonist is a female trucker. According to her, she lives, eats and dresses with the standards expected of a truck driver: short hair, plaid shirt and jeans. One day, in a roadside bar, she meets a girl with long hair, a spotted dress and skates on her feet. Surprisingly enough that girl on skates is also a trucker and she doesn't live, eats or dresses as the standards... how can that be?



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Familial

Mar Cerdà #Families #Difference_&_Diversity #My_Family_Is_Different



The traditional models of families have changed, and with Familial any kid can build his own. 15 sheets cut in 4 that offer the possibility to combine up to 80,000 different families o familial structures: two mothers, brothers of other countries, relatives living far, grandparents living at home, twin brothers, single-parent families.



All the families of the world are in this book!

✓ 80.000 DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF A FAMILY.

AN EASY WAY TO EXPLAIN HOW MANY DIFFERENT FAMILY GROUPS MAY EXIST.

AN EMPTY SHEET TO DRAW YOUR OWN FAMILY.

Mar Cerdà | (Barcelona, 1984) is an illustrator born and established in Barcelona. She combines illustration with her work in the audiovisual field in advertising, television and video clips.

Catalan – Comanegra, 2017 **Spanish** – Comanegra, 2017

Hardcover | 26 x 16,3 cm

Coedition is possible!

Illustrated book

20 p.

age 5+

Middle Grade

JAN PLATA. A Series.

Josep Lluís Badal & Jordi Lafebre

#Adventures #Pirates #Father&Son Rights sold: La Galera: **Catalan** & **Spanish Josep Folch i Torres Prize** 260 p. average each title age 7+

IF YOU'VE EVER DREAMT OF DISCOVERING THAT YOUR FATHER IS A GENUINE PIRATE, IF YOU BELIEVE IN MERMAIDS, HIDDEN TREASURES AND EVEN MAGICAL VIOLINS, THEN...

JAN PLATA IS YOUR HERO AND THIS IS THE PERFECT SAGA FOR YOU.



IN THE FOLLOWING 6 TITLES, WE WILL READ THE ADVENTURES OF A NORMAL BOY WHO LIVES TWO OPPOSITE WORLDS: HIS MOTHER'S NOR-MALITY AND HIS FATHER'S PIRACY.

How dificult to Choose!



Josep Lluís Badal

(Barcelona 1966). Writer and teacher. In his literary work he combines children's literature with poetry. adult narrative and essay. He is known for his incredibly imagination and how his fantastic world connects with kids. An imagination extraordinarily well captured by Jordi Lafebre and his amazing drawings.

Jan Silver. The Pirates' Call



Jan Plata is a dreamy, nautical book-eating boy who lives in a shack on the beach with his mother. He knows nothing about his father, and he gets no answers to his questions. There is a golden bell in the house that has been forbidden to ring. One day, Jan breaks this rule and his life changes

forever. He will start an unexpected magical adventure with his father.

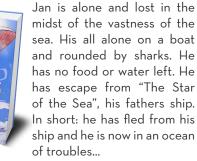
The Lords of the Sea



Jan must repeat the school year. His absence in class has made him neglected the study. And real life is like this: if you don't study, you fail. In real life there are no pirates, no powerful swords, no sea monsters, no sirens that take your heart away, no mechanical whales ... life,

dear Jan Plata, is something else!

The Serapion Broadsword



Death and Violet



Jan is back at school but he feels he is wasting his time. He knows things are happening at the sea and sirens have realized that something is not going well on the abissal waters. The sea calls again to Jan Plata.

Unicorn



Jan continues his adventures aboard his father's ship and the situation is dangerous. Jan will have to leave the security of the sea, the boat and his friends to start a difficult return path. And if he comes out alive, he knows that it will not be the same as before, but the

time for sacrifices has come.





The young Jan Plata has lived so much in such a short time that he has the feeling that life is a handful of sand that crumbles between his fingers. The end is near. But the life he has lived, the friends he has made, the family he has recovered and the love he

has met have all been worth it. Now he has to see what the future holds for him.

Narcís Monturiol and the Stones of Hell

Sebastià Roig & Toni Benages Rights sold: • **Catalan** - Males Herbes

Graphic Novel | 10+

#PioneersOfDiscovery#TheFirstSubmarine#Fantasy#AStoryToHaveFun

I will create a submarine, a fish boat that will be able to go underwater and discover new places and release us forever from the servitude of the surface. Narcís Monturiol on 1855

A story that will delight fans of characters such as *Tintin*, *Adèle Blanc-Sec or Indiana Jones*.

NARCÍS MONTURIOL I LES PEDRES DE L'INFERN

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July 1855. Narcís Monturiol, the future creator of the Ictineo submarine, has just arrived at the village of Cadaqués and finds a very crisp atmosphere: some fishermen have disappeared without leaving a trace. The people of the town blame Sabana, whom they accuse of practicing witchcraft. Monturiol will gather a small team: Congre, a simple and forced fisherman; Diri, the son of one of the disappeared; and Sabana, who wants to prove her innocence.

Meanwhile, a secret guerrilla of the British army, reinforced by the mental powers of a Hindu faquir, illegally extracts Nautilium, a prodigious mineral that by applying it to military and weapons uses, may subjugate the rest of the nations of the planet.

The Duo **Roig & Benages** work pretty well together. They have already published few books together for adults and this is the first one for younger readers. All their works have a hint of science fiction or a magic touch. Hilarious and ironic sense of humour, their stories are enjoyable and do not have other intention but amuse the reader.

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The Memory's Suitcase

Salvador Macip & Àngels Bassas Illustrations by Lluís Farré

Catalan - Cruïlla, 2019 Book with illustrations 56 p | 12 x 16 cm age 7+

#Alzheimer #ScientificLiterature #Grandparents







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Sebastian has lost his memories because he believes someone has stolen them although he cannot recall how it happened. Who could help him to find them? Jonas, his grandson, together with the eccentric Doctor Caroline Coriolana, will set out on a journey into Sebastian's brain to try to get them back...

An excellent book that explains casually but scientificly **what Alzheimer's is and what happens to our brain when it comes.** Not in vain one of the authors is a well-known doctor and scientific.



The Duo

Bassas & Macip wrote a magnific story with a **perfect balance between science and literature**. And they promise to write more!

Me, Watson and Jacqueline's Closet

• Catalan - Cruïlla, 2018 • Spanish - SM, 2019 • Slovenian - Zaloba Zala, 2020 Book with illustrations age 9+ | 120 p. VAIXELL DE VAPOR AWARD

#Against_Evicting #Neighbours_Solidarity #Thriller





Isolde. Iso for her friends, likes to read a lot and wants to study aeronautics although there's still a long way before she gets into the university. She and her family have recently moved from the Eixample neighborhood to Barceloneta and the first friend she has made is Santi, the bookseller whom she visits every friday after school. The other friend will be Watson, a boy also a bit peculiar. Together they will try to return some old photographs that Isolde found in an old book of Santi's in an envelope where someone had written: "To Carmeta". The research for this Carmeta will take Iso and Watson to discover some secrets of the neighborhood, enter to occupied houses and discover what's in the Jacqueline's closet!





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The Story of Igor McRoach



David Nel·lo

Is a writer, translator and flute player. Recently awarded with the highest prize in the Catalan literature for adults, he loves to write for young readers also. Among his many books, special mention can be made to L'Albert i els menjabrossa, Vaixell de Vapor Award; Ludwig i Frank, Josep M. Folch i Torres Award; Guguengol, Ramon Muntaner Award or Missió futur. La tribu dels Zippoli his most translated book. The Story of Igor McRoach that has received Edebé prize, is his last published book.

Rights sold: • Catalan - Edebé • Spanish - Edebé • Galician - Edebé

Book with illustrations 9+ | 150 p

#Exile #Exodus

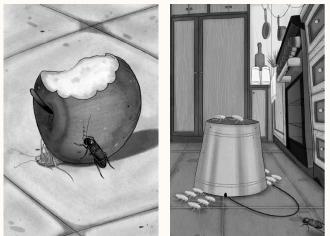


Igor McKroach and his familv are cockroaches and live happily in the house of the old Mrs. Atril. But one day she dies and everything changes. The McKroach will have to flee before the new owner fumigates the house and everyone dies. Through the city's sewers, the McKroach escapes and arrive at the Apollo hotel, where they want to live. There they find a type of cockroaches that say that the hotel is their home and that they are the ones who set the conditions and decide who can be there. Igor discovers then the difficulties of moving freely around the world and the sense of equality.

Full

English version available





I'm an Animal

A Series #Adventurous #Friendship #Science

by Llort & Macip Illustrated by Sergi Càmara





Fourth title coming soon!

The books of Arman and his pet lemur Tim are a unique mix of adventure, humour and imagination. Where else are you going to find a boy that can transform into all sorts of animals to help his friends, solve mysteries and even do his homework? If only he could control his powers...

Sóc un animal

Missió (gairebé) impossible

Catalan - Barcanova, 2015, 2016 **Spanish** - Anaya, 2015, 2016, 2017 Galician - Xerais, 2015, 2017 +8 190 p

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Carlota's Diaries

The Most Successful Female Series In The Last Ten Years

More Than 150.000 Copies Sold! **Published in 5 languages** Catalan, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Galician, Euskera

Carlota is a teenager eager to learn & survive in this world. There is not a single social, ethical or moral problem she has not faced. So far, she has written 5 diaries.

The Red Diary **#Sexuality** #Adolescence

The Orange Diary #Immigration

The Purple Diary #Women #Discrimination

The Yellow Diary **#Drugs_Effects #Teenagers**

Carlota has also a

movie !!

The Blue Diary #Gender Violence

VILE MANUEL CARRIEL







EL DIARI GROC DELA CARLOTA GEMMA LIENAS

EL DIARI BLAU DELA CARLOTA GEMMA LIENAS



Gemma Lienas | Gemma is a very well known writer, an activist and a person seriously involved with social, ethic, moral and political issues. Her books normally talk about the wicker or the social injustices. She is devotedly admired by her readers.

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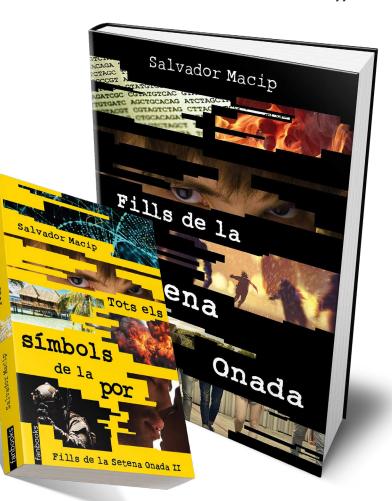
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Sons of the Seventh Wave A Series

Catalan - Fanbooks, 2018, 2019 288 p. & 336 p. | age 14+

** This is not a science fiction series but a plot with real scientific advances in biomedicine that will be implemented in the next decades.



#Black_Mirror #Could_Be_Real #Genetics #Posthumans #Synthetic_Biology

WHICH ETHICAL AND MORAL DILEMMAS WILL FACE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE?

How science will improve our lives and whether society is ready to pay the price that may come with it, the great benefits of science and the dangers attached when the proper controls are not in place?

CLONING, GENETIC MANIPULATION, HU-

MAN ENHANCEMENT, POSTHUMANS, SYN-THETIC BIOLOGY ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT MAIN CHARACTERS WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH IN **THIS PAGETURNER BOOK**!

All these subjects in a fiction story incredibly well written by one of the most well-known Catalan scientist and investigator, Salvador Macip.

Abigail and Wilbur, sixteen, are two teenagers living in Brownytown (Winconsin), in the second half of the 21st century. Their lives change suddenly when mysterious characters appear in the village, the selfcalled Guardians, who claim that Wilbur is a special being, a kid of the Second Wave, genetically modified by a secret organization called the Corporation.



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Mark Second Life

David Nel·lo

Catalan - Cruïlla (SM), 2018 140 p. age 14+ Gran Angular Award, 2018

#SCFI #SecondLife #ModernSociety



"The author also criticizes the selfishness in today's society: we do not listen to other people's dramas because we are lazy.

Humanity has frozen as much as the reader's blood when it reaches the unexpected end of this magnificent book." (Anna Carreras, Núvol)

Abel needs some time to think. He can not continue his studies after "what happened" and he does not know what exactly he should do. Journalism studies? Continue with the theater and the cinema? Since he is broke. he accpets to babysit Mark, the son of Aurora Recasens. Aurora warns Marc that her son is special, different from other children: hypersensitive and reflective for his age. Abel immediately connects with Marco, but when the kid begins to tell memories of living scenes that it is impossible for him to have lived, he begins to feel uneasy. Who is Mark, really?

Other books of the author







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

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

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



Fanbooks, 2018 168 p. Age 14+

#Crossover #Frankenstein_Myth #Being_Yourself #Scars

The first crossover novel by bestselling author Bel Olid

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











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Connoisseurs of the codes of science fiction and fantasy, the tandem Macip & Garzón know that there are three crucial ingredients:

1) raise a captivating imaginary world.

2) generate a sprawling and potentially devastating threat.

3) insert within points 1 and 2 some heroes who take a long time to know where they have gone and who transform the outer action in to inner growth. All of this, works like a precision clock in this cross-over novel.

Unexplained phenomena that make you think of the Apocalypse, popular uprisings, neo-anarchist groups, overwhelming science, mythological adventures and the universe in danger. Hardly more can be given.

We would tell you more about the plot, but it woult spoiler the reading and you wouldn't like that!

HE PRESS SAID:

AN AGILE NOVEL BUT NOT LIGHT, BUT INTENSE. Román Sanz Mouta

THE MIX OF MYSTERY, TECHNOLOGY, ART AND mathematics with visual images work very well. Want to know what Janowitz is like? Enter and look for the Pagoda.

Inés McPherson

A NOVEL THAT PERFECTLY COMBINES ADVENTURE, FANTASY, MYSTERY AND SCIENCE FICTION, IN WHICH WE FIND AN UNCONTROLLABLE PANDEMIC THAT ENDANGERS REALITY. BUT WHAT REALITY? WHERE ARE WE REALLY? SOMETIMES NOTHING IS WHAT IT SEEMS. Xexu, Llibres i punt

IT IS AN EXCELLENT STORY FOR

YOUNG READERS BUT ALSO VERY SUITABLE FOR MORE SENIOR READERS. Memòria de Peix

The Duo:

Macip & Garzón are writers. Macip is also a scientist and Garzón a journalist. But most important, they are friends and they both like SCFI to read and to write. Some years ago they discovered they could also write together without jeopardiziing their friendship and they were awarded for Black Grass. After that successful book they are now back with this Janowitz. And a 3rd part will be coming soon. **Stay tuned**!



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symbol similar to a little star used in written texts to draw the reader's attention.

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