

Adult Titles spring 2025

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Neighbourhood Girls

(Les noies de Sants)

2024 | 502 p Rights sold:

Catalan: Columna Edicions - 4 ed

Spanish: Espasa - 2 ed



Tània Juste

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

(Complete profile of the author here)

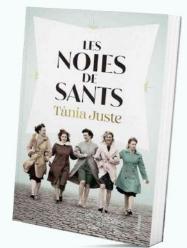
family, five daughters and a country in turmoil: dreams and love in turbulent times.

Five girls will become everyday heroines.

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

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





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

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

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

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

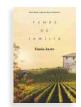






Spanish: Maeva

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

Ten Days with Mrs. Dalloway

Deu dies amb la senyora Dalloway

2025 | 296 p Rights sold

Catalan: Edicions 62

#BreakingTaboos

#Journey

#Changes

#LifeChoices

2025, 100 Years of





Mrs Dalloway

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

A novel on accepting what life brings to chose the life you want.

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

Other titles by the author:





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 scapes 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.



Sandra Freijomil

Sandra Freijomil has a

degree in Philosophy from

and she has also studied Narrative and Novel at the

She published her first.

palabras in 2019 and her

second novel. Les mares no

abandonen (Univers 2021). was awarded 2020 Pollença

Narrative Prize. El jugador

the experiential account of

a mother facing her son's

her last novel, a story that

everyday life of a woman that suddenly explodes into a

thousand bites.

immerses the reader in the

Deu dies amb la senyora Dalloway, (Edicions 62) is

dislèctic (La Campana) is

novel La forma de las

Barcelonès.

dyslexia.

the Universitat de Barcelona

writing school in the Ateneu

An Ordinary Woman Returns Home

(Una dona qualsevol torna a casa)

2025 | 256 p Rights sold:

Catalan: Columna **Spanish:** Alrevés

#ClassicNoir

#FemaleAssassins

#Sharp







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:









(Complete profile of the author here)

Jo Alexander

(Barcelona) published

Extrañas creatividades

(Mondadori), at the

age of twenty, which

opened the doors to

her writing scripts and

television reports. Her

short stories within

Germanes Quintana

preceded her second

the collective Les

novel. L'hivernacle

After a few years

(Quaderns Crema).

dedicated exclusively

to the written press,

she published her third

book of fiction. Palas v

Héctor (Acantilado). Una dona qualsevol torna

a casa (Columna and

Alrevés) is her fourth

solo book.

Jo Alexander

her first novel.



The Barbies' Clan

(O clan das barbies) 2024 | 244 p



Antía Yáñez

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

(Complete profile of the author here)

Rights sold:

Galician: Xerais Spanish: Contraluz Catalan: Contraluz

#FemaleRage #Tarantinoish #Revenge #Sisterhood





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



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.

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

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.

Tarantino's rage meets Almodóvar's women

In the author's words:

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

More By **Antia Yáñez**

Do Not Think of A Pink Elephant

(Non penses nun elefante rosa) 2022 | 424 p

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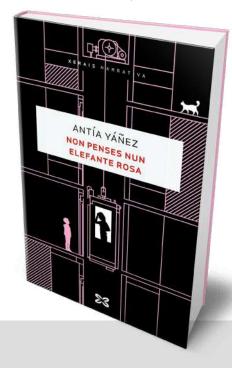
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Catalan

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 tenyear-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."

English sample available

EL PROGRESO

"A WITTY NOVEL AGAINST MENTAL HEALTH STEREOTYPES." TODOLITERATURALES

"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?

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(Maic) 2025 | 88 p

Rights sold:

Tina Vallès

Writer, translator and

proofreader. Coeditor

of the digital magazine

for short stories Paper de

Vidre. Founding member

of APTIC, a professional

association of transla-

tors and interpreters

in Catalunya. She is a

stories for children.

author here)

powerful literary voice

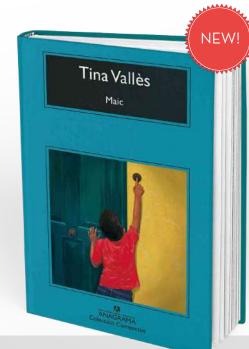
who publishes books for

(Complete profile of the

adults and she also writes

Catalan: Anagrama

/ritten with the usual sensitivity and masterful



Spanish: Anagrama

#Fable #GrowingUp #Absences

hand of the author of The Memory of the Tree, sold to 20 languages.

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

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

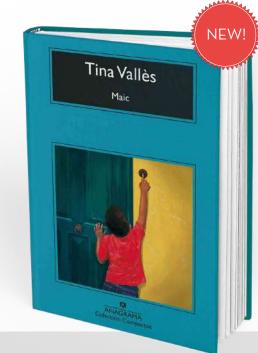
The main protagonist that captivate the reader from the start. And the story moves thanks also to how the chapters have been structured and how the rest of the characters enter the scene.

Praises:

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

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



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

More By **TinaVallès**

The Memory of the Tree

(La memòria de l'arbre) 2017 | 218 p

- #Contemporary #Literary
- #Grandfather&Grandson
- #Longseller

Rights sold:

Catalan: Anagrama,

9 ed

Spanish: Anagrama

2 ed

Turkish: Can Cocuk,

1⊿ ed

French: Philippe Rey Galician: Kalandraka **Italian**: Solferino Portuguese: Dom

Quixote

Arabic: Arab Scientific

Publishers

German: Diederichs Lithuanian: Alma

Littera

Portuguese/Brazil:

Leva Brazil

Slovenian: 7alozba 7ala

Russian: Eksmo Czech: Bourdon Korean: Pink Whale Serbian: Vulkan

Azerbaijani: Gadim

Gada

Greek World Books

Audio: Saga



Lithuanian













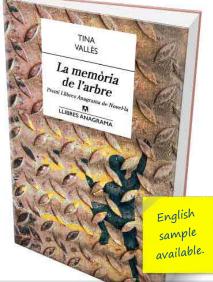








Greek





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

"A NOVEL FULL OF POETRY IN WHICH VALLES PUTS HERSELF IN THE SHOES OF A CHILD TO SPEAK TO US. WITH MODESTY AND ACCURACY, ABOUT MEMORY AND FAMILY TIFS."

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

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

44 THE JURY SAID: A little upmarket gem.

Anagrama jury



Azerbaijani

ON LA MEMÒRIA DE L'ARBRE



Anagrama, 2017 | 218p Catalan: **9 ed** Spanish: **2 ed**

Rights sold: 19 languages

French: Philippe Rey Galician: Kalandraka Italian: Solferino

Portuguese: Dom Quixote Spanish: Anagrama

Turkish: Can Çocuk, 14 ed Arabic: Arab Scientific

Publishers

German: Diederichs, Penguin Random House **Lithuanian**: Alma Littera **Portuguese/Brazil**: Leya Brazil

Slovenian: Zalozba Zala

Russian: Eksmo Czech: Bourdon Serbian: Vulkan

Azerbaijani: Gadim Gada

Greek: World Books

Audio: Saga

PRAISES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Arα – «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)

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 genine 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.









Voices of Death (Veus de mort als encants vells)

2024 | 352 p

Rights Sold

Catalan: Comanegra Spanish: Comanegra

Santa Eulàlia Award to Fiction on Barcelona

#ThrillerOnBook

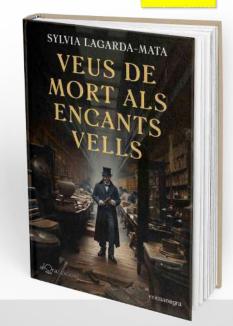
#BooksellersKiller

#MemorableCharacter

#BetweenNoir&Historical

#SocialFresco

Full Spanish translation available



homage to E. Allan Poe: after having solved the crimes of the Morgue, detective Dupin flees Paris due to personal matters and ends up in Barcelona where he is immersed in the case of the killer of books.

__ 1836 the Gazzete des Tribunaux of Paris published the first news about the case and a young Gustave Flaubert made it the plot of Bibliomania, one of his early stories.

The case of the "murderous bookseller of Barcelona".

April 6, 1840. After having solved some of the most famous crimes in Europe, the famous detective Auguste Dupin arrives in Barcelona to investigate a case that directly involves him and that is related to the main passion of his life: books.

A dead bookseller has been found, they say they killed him to steal a particular book from him, and the title sets off all the investigator's alarms. To kill for a book? Today it seems impossible, but one of the most famous murderers in the history of Barcelona killed for books.

Here's the story of Barcelona's first serial killer. The country's first "media" crime. And the great adventure of a memorable character. Auguste Dupin faces the case of his life in a city that boils with bullies, petty thieves and booksellers who seem to have been taken out of a film noir.

A tribute to Edgar Allan Poe through a serial killer of booksellers in 19th century Barcelona.

"The book follows the trail of a serial killer bookseller, a 'fake news' 'avant la lettre', which a century later would captivate authors such as Flaubert."

El Periódico

"The novel evokes the Victorian atmosphere of terror of the times of Jack the Ripper, in those gloomy London and Paris so attached to our imagination."

Núvol

"An mystery novel starring the first detective in history, Auguste Dupin, devised by Edgar Allan Poe."

Ara Llegim

"A mix of the first detective in literature, created by E. Allan Poe, Barcelona's first serial killer, one of the first fake in Barcelona's chronicle and a literary city par excellence like Barcelona."

Vilaweh

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

The

Author

Sylvia Lagarda-Mata

Sylvia Lagarda-Mata has

a degree in Information

Sciences and a master's

started writing about the

degree in Audiovisual

Communication. She

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

to place herself among

country.

the best narrators in the



Albert Villaró

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

(Complete profile of the author here)

Keep My Cows

(Obaga) 2018 | 142 p

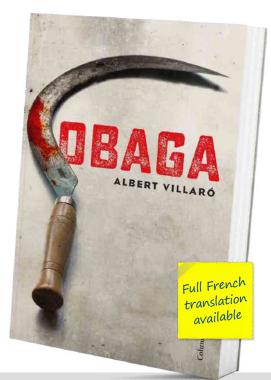
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Catalan: Columna Edicions

Spanish: Destino **Greek:** Lemvos **Audio:** Saga

#Parody#RuralThriller

#ContemporaryClassic



A LONG-SELLER THAT HAS BECOME A CLASSIC!

A RESOUNDING SUCCESS WHEN PUBLISHED, WITH EXCELLENT REVIEWS AND SALES.

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.



Spanish

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

Ara Llegim

Biography of Fire (Biografia del foc)

2023 | 224 p

Rights Sold

Catalan: Proa

Spanish: Libros del Asteroide

#VividVoice

#OnUncertainty

#MasterSkills

Biografía del fuego

Spanish

#PerfectRoundBook

Carlota Gurt

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





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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

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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

More By **Carlota Gurt**

Alone

2021 | 380 p | **2 ed**

Rights sold: **Catalan:** Proa

Spanish: Libros del Asteroide (preempt)

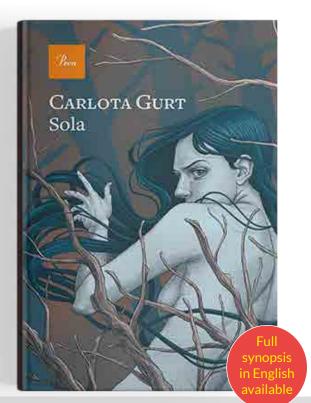
English (UK): Europa Editions UK

Italian: Round Robin

Audio: Saga

#UniqueVoice

#NatureWoman #OrganicLanguage









Spanish

Mei, a forty-two-year-old woman immersed in an apathetic marriage and who has just been fired from her job, decides to take refuge in the house where she grew up, a small farmhouse in the middle of the forest. There she will face her past, an inopportune present and a drifting future.

This is the chronicle of a rebellion, the story of unrepentant loneliness told in an intriguing 185-day countdown. What is loneliness? An objective reality or a state of mind, a blessing or a condemnation?

Gurt's shocking first novel is written in a vivid and highly visual prose that shakes the reader like a force of nature.

BEAUTY. INSTENSITY. TRUTH. PSYCHOLOGICAL INTRIGUE.

- A 185-DAY COUNTDOWN AND THE DISTURBING PATH TO REACH "THAT DAY"
- A CHRONICLE OF A REBELLION WRITTEN IN THE AUTHOR'S VIVID AND IMAGE-FILLED PROSE.

UNFORGETTABLE DÉBUT. AN INTOXICATING STORY OF COLLAPSE AND SURVIVAL - THE BOOKSELLER



- An impetuous and talented literary work.
- o Gurt made her appearance in the literary scenario not knocking at the door but knocking it down.
- o Compared to Mercè Rodoreda, Pere Calders, Dino Buzzati and "The Shinning."

More On Alone -- →

ON SOLA



Proa, 2021 | 380p | 2 ed Rights sold: Spanish: Libros del Asteroide (preempt) English (UK): Europa Editions UK

Italian: Round Robin

It's long since Catalan literature had seen such an impressive debut.

FIRST-RATE PSYCHOLOGICAL GAME | MASTERPIECE |
HIGH STANDARDS | LITERARY QUALITY | WELL-BALANCED | EXPECTATION | CONSISTENT WRITING |
GLITTERING LANGUAGE | POIGNANT STORY | CONCERN & DISCOMFORT | TOUR DE FORCE | TOTEMIC
PROTAGONIST | MYSTERY | VIGOROUS STYLE |
GREAT FRAGILITY | FREEDOM | OWN IDENTITY |
SEXUALITY | TENSION | EXPECTATION | SENSITIVITY
USE OF WORDS | ENERGETIC LANGUAGE | METAPHOR
| SPIRAL | RELENTLESS COUNTDOWN | NATURE &
MOUNTAINS | ANIMALITY | PASSIONATE NARRATIVE
VOICE | GRABBING STYLE | SELF-DESTRUCTION &
RECOMPOSITION | NARRATIVE CHALLENGE | ABYSS

Sola Praises

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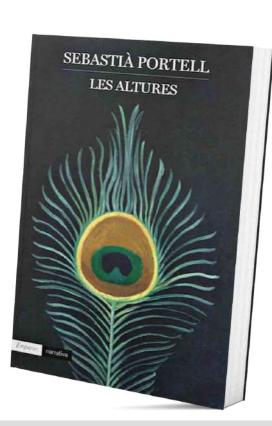
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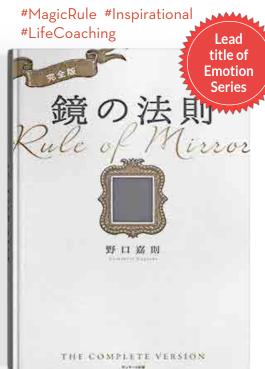
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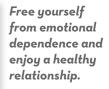
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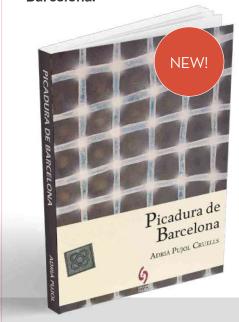
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The RATIONALIST BIOHUMANISM

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Salvador Macip, researcher and writer, has a doctorate in

Medicine from the

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

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The Author

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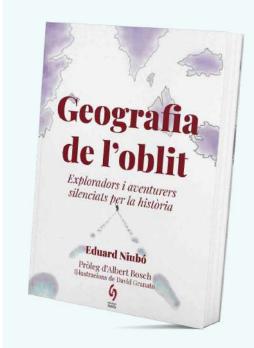
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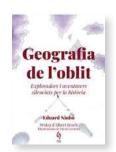




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Eduard Niubó Prat has travelled widely and has been to many of the countries which appear in his first book, The Geography of Oblivion. Places like Alaska, Canada, Iceland and Svalbard have made it possible for him to get know the Arctic well. He is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

More On The Geography of Oblivion



THE GEOGRAPHY OF OBLIVION

Edicions Sidillà. 2022 386 p

KEY POINTS

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

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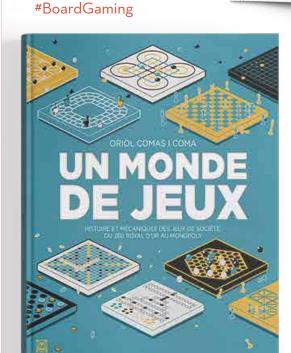
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A World of Games is an agile and didactic review of all the most popular and greatest games. From the royal game Ur to Monopoly. From chess to Cluedo, from Ladies to One, from to Go and Scrabble... Surely one or the other sounds familiar to you. And even more, you've probably played it at least once in your life! However, do we really know where they come from? And above all, do we know the exact rules to follow?

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(Complete profile of the author here)



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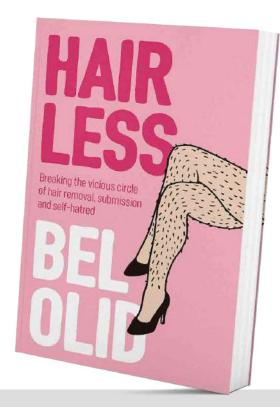


Bel Olid

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

(Complete profile of the author here)

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

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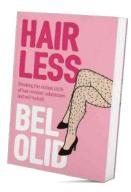
WITH DATA IN HAND. WE DISCOVER THAT THE CHOICE IS NOT FREE AND THAT SHOWING OR NOT SHOWING BODY HAIR IS NOT A SIMPLE HARMLESS OPTION.

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See both in the following page









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Borders

Those Lines Someone Has Drawn On A Map

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Vicent Partal

Journalist and director of Vilaweb, the most impor-

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in several media ande has

been a correspondent in

countries in conflict from

where he has lived crucial

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the fall of the Wall to the

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for which he has received

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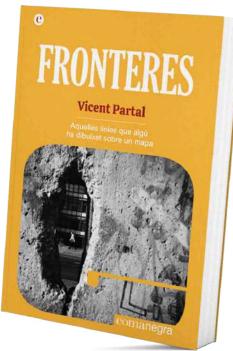
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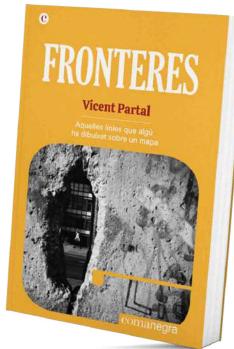
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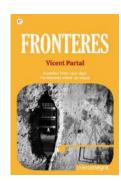
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- 1. The whole book is a narrative non fiction that can be published as it is.
- 2. However, Foreword & Epilogue can be published together as a very short approach to the borders question.
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More On Borders - - -

ON BORDERS. THOSE LINES SOMEONE HAS DRAWN ON A MAP



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