# <u>Spain – Guest of Honour Frankfurter Buchmesse 2022</u>

#### **NEW TITLES**

#### Maria Barbal Tándem

#### 53<sup>rd</sup> Josep Pla Award Novel



Tándem is a story about happiness. Happiness is not necessarily a wonderful journey, nor is it so simple that someone chooses us and tell they love us, even though there are a love story with some "I love you" in this novel. The protagonists, Elena and Armand, from the moment they meet, try to get rid of everything that traps them, the painful events, the mistakes... They recover their spontaneity, and step by step they understand that you have to love yourself to have the chance to reconquer the happiness of your present. They also realize that they have the right to change, to look at the world, at others, in a different way than they have done for years. A frank way, no matter how long it takes, they have to grant themselves freedom to live fully.

**Spain:** Planeta, 2021 (176 pp.) German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### **Carlos Bardem**

El Asesino Inconformista (The unconventional murderer)



Thriller Fortunato is a contract killer. He is cultured, elegant and discrete. When he is hired to get rid of a corrupt politician, he recalls his childhood, how he felt the violence growing within him, and what he did to control and use it - according to him - for his own good and that of others. But this sentimental education is just the start of a journey that will take him to the darkest and most violent corners of our society and force him to reconsider his own role in it. Across the decades, his odyssey will take him all over the world, from Madrid to New York, Zanzibar, Baghdad, Stockholm and Morocco. And this is also the story of a murderer in love, a picture of a relationship. Will he be prepared to sacrifice the love of his life to pursue his ideals to their conclusion? Will this be his last assignment?

**Spain:** Plaza y Janés – Penguin Random House, 2021 (380 pp.) Other works: Mongo Blanco, Plaza y Janés, 2019 (624 pp.) German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

#### Paz Castellò

#### Ninguna de nosotras tendrá compasión (None of us will have Mercy)



Camila and Nora are two very different women. But they have something in common: they have been used by men and are now unafraid to confront them. Camila is the type of woman who is unaware of her power until she tests herself. Her life changes when she decides to leave her husband and receives a favorable divorce agreement. While trying to find out her ex-fiance's hidden intentions, she will meet Nora, a young student who will turn her world upside down and who has kept a terrible secret for years. Revenge leads Nora to Alicante where she meets Camila. And they will have a very special bond.

Spain: Penguin Random House, 2021 (353 pp.) German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### Fernando Costilla

#### **Eliminados** (Eliminated)

Javi, Rocío, Charli and Toño have been friends since childhood, and there is a date they never miss: the Soccer World Cup. No matter the time: whether at school, high school, college, work etc. Every four years they meet again with the hope of being, at last, world champions. Although with the passage of time they grow apart, the promise of watching the games together remains unbreakable, basically as an excuse to meet again; and a ruse by Fernando Costilla to spin a story, both traditional and passionate, that begins in 1978 and culminates in the celebrations for Spain's victory in the 2010 World Cup in South Africa.

Spain: Alianza Editorial, 2021 (440 pp.)

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# Thriller

#### Novel

#### Anna Crusafont El ball dels estudiants (The student's ball)

Novel



On the fiftieth anniversary of the dance that marked their lives, four friends, now reunited again, will revive the past that they lived together.

The students' ball traces the life of four friends: Salut, Clara, Angela and Rosa and a momentous moment, the dance of 12 May 1956, a date that should mark them forever. Time has passed and, despite the promise to meet again, they are no longer the girls of that year 1956, they have grown up and become different people, often with lives that alienate them from those that had been years ago.

Catalan: Enciclopèdia (Univers), 2021 (293 pp.)

German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### **Angeles Doñate and Francesc Miralles**

Un té para curar el alma (A tea to heal the soul)



On his way to scatter his late brother's ashes, Tony meets Kosei San, an old Japanese man living in a rustic, solitary cabin by the edge of a cliff. This scene of wild beauty in the Rocky Mountains is a site chosen by many suicides to plunge to death. Even though he is growing blind, the old man can spot them from afar.

When he sees anyone walking toward the edge of the abyss without guide or camera, he takes off running. He begs them to first share a pot of tea in his cabin and to tell him their story before departing. At the end of each personal account, Kosei San reveals the song of the abyss, which whispers a powerful message about going on.

Spain: Paidós Ibérica, Planeta, 2021 (207pp); Germany: Diederichs Verlag (Randomhouse); Romania: Humanitas

German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### Eduardo & Carlota Estivill

El método Tokei (The Tokei Method)

Non Fiction



Chronobiology for happiness. Adapt your routines for a healthier life.

Nowadays, we live in tune with time, but we have become disconnected from its original cadence and no longer pay attention to our internal clocks, which are responsible for the appetite, sleep, energy or fatigue we feel throughout the day, resulting in cardiovascular problems, metabolic diseases such as diabetes or obesity, psychological disorders and, in the most serious cases, a higher incidence of certain types of cancer.

Based on chronobiology, this method developed by doctors Eduard and Carla Estivill is a fully-fledged training to learn to listen to our body and reconnect with its rhythms. Thanks to their simple and practical advice, available to everyone, we will be able to synchronise our

tokei or inner clock to enjoy a life full of optimism and health. Spain: Plaza y Janés (Penguin Random House),

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#### Héctor García

#### *La era de la eternidad* (*The Era of Eternity*)



The life of Nathan, a lonely watch designer, takes a mysterious turn after finding an old photo with Mia, his platonic teenage love. While he tries to get in touch with her again, he gets a job offer from Kyoto, where his former classmate is supposed to have settled. Accompanied by the enigmatic Reiko, he meets Masa, a businessman in charge of the most faithful virtual reality ever created. Kyotho Mythos perfectly reproduces the old Japanese capital of the 12th century, and Nathan's mission will be to enter it, where Mia awaits him, to build from within the Clock Tower, which will set in motion a world that will open the doors to a new era for humanity.

**Spain:** Minotauro, to be published 2021 (239 pp.)

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Novel

#### Novel

#### SvH Literarische Agentur

#### Berna González Harbour El pozo (The hole)

Crime



Greta Cadaqués, a television reporter, is sent to cover the case of a girl who has fallen into a well on the outskirts of Madrid. While she does not stop thinking about a trial that she has to attend as a popular jury, her cameraman, Juan Quatremer, and her boss urge her to bring to light all the details of the case, which the entire country is following. But while Juan tries to cover the event in the most rigorous way possible, her boss will coerce her to get the most shocking exclusives, even if that means giving false information. Greta must face a personal and professional crusade that will lead her to question the limits of her work.

Spain: Destino, 2021 (240 pp.)

**Other Works:** Verano en rojo, Spain: Serie Negra, RBA, 2012; Margen de error, Spain: Serie Negra, RBA, 2014; Los ciervos llegan sin avisar, Spain: Serie Negra, RBA, 2015.Las lágrimas de Claire Jones, Spain: Destino, 2017; El Sueño de la Razón, Spain: Destino 2019 (416pp)

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#### Berta Jardí

#### Novel



The novel is a great walk through the current Barcelona, a walk from the perspective of its main character a typical bourgeois of Eixample, a lady who reflects on her surrounding, her reality and on the city, which used to be hers and is increasingly unknown. She walks and reflects on her personal relations, the siege of tourist and her relationship with her children. She will also remember her husband, deceased some years ago. A lady who is extinguishing. The clash between the past and the present through a very special perspective.

A novel with Barcelona as the background and character, from the bourgeois Eixample to the more popular areas. A portrait of Barcelona in the past and a reflection on Barcelona today.

**Spain (Catalan):** Univers. Enciclopèdia Catalana, 2021 (100 pp.)

German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### Juan Ramón Lucas

#### Agua de Luna (Moonwater)

#### Novel

Historical Fiction



Greta, an aspiring actress, unwittingly becomes involved in a terrible secret that completely destroys her life and threatens her family. When she disappears, her father – Julio Noriega – sets off on a journey that parallels her own, one that will take both of them to a borderland between good and evil, truth and lies. A world that is as close as it is dangerous and unknown, a place where pain and hope are intertwined. A back-to-front world, full of angels and demons. Julio will uncover the secret even if that means putting his trust in murderers. Even if he has to defy the quiet man.

**Spain:** Espasa, 2021 (382 pp.)

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#### José Antonio Lucero La vida en un minuto (Life in just a minute)

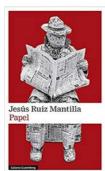
# JOSÉ ANTONIO LUCERO LA VIDA EN UN MINUTO

Madrid, Christmas of 1943. Daniel Baldomero lives with his dog Cipión under the roof of a war ruin, amidst cheap wine and the yellowish pages of some old book. In the other Madrid, the one with the Serrano's shop windows and the tertulia cafés, Julia is a young woman from a good birth who, after starting to study at the university, has started to move away from that future that her family had predetermined for her. The lives of both of them will be turned upside down on New Year's Eve. While he must leave the city in a hurry, escaping from a terrible past that keeps chasing him wherever he goes, she decides to flee from that life that keeps her subject to Madrid's high society. Their destinies will be linked in a long train journey, heading for the northwest of the country, which will change their lives forever.

**Spain:** Ediciones B, 2021 (186 pp.)

# Jesús Ruiz Mantilla

**Papel** (Paper)



**Novel** Benjamín Sarabia is a veteran newshound who can't imagine his life without starting the day by nipping down to the newsstand on the corner to buy his paper. Luz Perea is a millennial journalist who gets up every morning with his phone in his hand to scroll through the latest stories. The two men are symbols of different worlds – the printed press and the digital media – both beset by financial difficulties, besieged by the political and economic interests that threaten their independence and subject them to censorship and selfcensorship.

Papel is an in-depth exploration of the challenges and choices faced by journalism in the 21st century. A choral novel, full of action, which tells from the inside the story of a newspaper and the people who work there, trying to find their place in a world in which they are caught between despondency and the noblest aspirations of their profession.

Spain: Galaxia Gutenberg, 2021 (344 pp.)
Other works: *El encuentro*, Galaxia Gutenerg, 2020 (96 pp.)
German and Dutch translation rights. All other works DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

## Men Marías

#### La última paloma (The last dove)

#### Thriller

Novel

Herralde Prize 2020



In front of the Rota naval base, behind the police cordon, a group of neighbors claims for justice: the body of the young Diana Buffet lies savagely mutilated and with huge wings sewn on her back. Neither the cameras nor the surveillance helicopter at the base have captured a single image that could serve the investigation; something incomprehensible.

Sergeant Patria Santiago knows that the murderer is going to kill again, but nobody believes her, not even Corporal Sacha Santos -who would like to be something more than her partner, because like the rest of Rota thinks, Patria has lived with pain too long to be trusted.

A single clue, the investigation that Diana was doing on the base, and her connection with the disappearance of a young woman sixty years ago, when the Americans arrived in Rota, seem to be the only strings to be pulled.

Spain: Planeta, 2021 (430 pp.), Catalan: Enciclopèdia Catalana German and Dutch translation rights. All othe rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

# Luisgé Martín

LUISGÉ MARTÍN

Cien noches (A hundred nights)



Approximately half of us confess to being sexually unfaithful to our partners. But are the other half telling the truth or are they lying? There is only one way to find out: use private detectives or electronic surveillance to observe their lives. This novel proposes an anthropological experiment: to monitor six thousand people without their consent, so that we finally have reliable data about sexual behaviour in our societies. Irene, the novel's protagonist, is searching for the secrets of the human soul in our sexuality. She travels from Madrid to Chicago to study psychology, and there, far from her family, she embarks upon a scientific analysis of the men she meets and the men she sleeps with. Her cold investigator's gaze changes, however, when she falls in love with an Argentinian, Claudio,

who has a painful secret and whose family has a dark past linked to his country's history.

Spain: Editorial Anagrama, 2021 (264 pp.); Italy: Feltrinelli

#### Borja Ortíz de Gondra

Nunca serás un verdadero Gondra (You'll never be a true Gondra)

Borja works as a translator for an international organization in New York, where he lives with his partner, John. One night, he receives a phone call from his cousin, who informs him that his brother has just died and that the cousin has something to give him. Many years earlier, in the 1990s, Borja left the Basque Country and cut his ties with a family and a land that were poisoned by hatred and incomprehension. In the United States he became a different person, someone who had torn up his roots and buried his past in order to embrace a present in which he could live, freely, in another language. But one phone call can be enough to demolish the highest wall. Now, this ill-fated son of a family that has fallen on hard times finds he is the sole heir of the dilapidated mansion that looks out over the sea from its vantage point at the top of the town of Algorta. Only he can open the door and decide what to do with so many years of pain and silence. But healing the wounds is

not easy and writing a book about the past may only serve to make them deeper. Spain: Literatura Random House, 2021 (432 pp.) German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

# Diana Pardo

DIANA PARDO

Abril descubre el mar y los helados de fresa (Abril discovers the Sea and Strawberry Ice-cream) Abril lives a dream life. Her son Alex is a happy and cheerful boy, she has the two best friends she could ask for and she already counts twenty years of happy marriage with his husband Pedro. But suddenly life takes a turn when Pedro announces that he has accepted a position in Miami and he'll be moving there with the new girl he's met. Without looking back, he abandons his wife and his son and takes off.

> Abril needs to find a way to remain strong and keep going. Then she meets Oscar, a young physical trainer of twenty-seven years, and he teaches her how to live, be young, and love herself. But what will happen when Pedro realizes he has made a mistake and wants to go back to her?

**Spain:** Urano, 2021 (201 pp.) German and Dutch translation rights. All othe rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### Cristina Redondo Alonso

La furia del Kolibri (The Fury of the Kolibri)

In 1944, a young air mechanic flees Berlin, taking with him what remains of a Nazi helicopter: the Kolibri. Hans will cross occupied Europe to reach Madrid, where he buries the helicopter parts in the back garden of his new home. Many years later, the ageing German is aware that his days are numbered. Eager to redeem himself, he tells his children the truth about what happened in wartime Berlin... and about the Kolibri that is buried beneath the soil. From his deathbed, Hans relives the key events of his life: his fascination with powered flight, his work as a helicopter mechanic, Hitler's rise to power and the suspicion that, perhaps, none of what happened could have been avoided. Spain: Tres Hermanas, 2021 (310 pp.)

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#### Daniel Remón Literatura

Seis Barral

Daniel Remón Literatura

One night, Teo, a three-year-old boy, asks his Uncle Daniel to tell him a story. But not just any old story. This one must include a boy called Teo, a red car, a good witch and a bad one, a suitcase... and lots of money! Combining Madrid under lockdown with elements drawn from classical children's stories, the narrator invites his nephew to accompany him on a journey that will take them to London, a lost island in the Philippines and a deserted village in the north of Spain. A puzzle in which the characters pursue their dreams as they flee from a monster whose name must never be mentioned.

**Spain:** Seix Barral, 2021 (224 pp.)

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#### Novel



Novel

comercial fiction

Novel

#### Marta Robles Pasiones carnales, Los amores de los reyes que cambiaron la Historia de España

(Carnal Passions, The royal love affair that changed the history of Spain)

#### Non-Fiction



The secret history of Spain is full of intriguing episodes, charged with carnal passion, which dramatically altered the course of events despite never being officially acknowledged. Marta Robles has combed the history of Spain in search of affairs of the heart or sexual, of the country's kings and queens, its rulers, and the rich and powerful: from Roderick, the last King of the Visigoths, to the hapless Alfonso XIII, who abdicated in 1931, with a cast featuring offsprings of the houses of Asturias, Burgundy, Trastamara, Hapsburg and Bourbon. The result shows that, far from the puritanism of the official histories, the country's rulers not only fought and governed but also enjoyed far more than their fair share of the carnal pleasures.

Spain: Espasa/Planeta, 2021 (400 pp.)

German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

#### Irene Rodríguez Aseijas El chico del cartón leche

#### Novel

Crime



The book retells the case of Etan Patz, whose disappearance made headlines in the United States in 1979. Etan, who was only seven years old, disappeared in the Soho neighborhood where he lived with his parents and his brother, when he went to the bus to go to school. It was the first day he did it alone, and he did not return. His disappearance had such an impact on American society at the time that Etan's face even appeared on milk cartons to help find him. He became a myth for missing children all over the world. The author mixes reality and fiction by explaining real cases from different places and times. With a journalistic voice she mixes real cases that are not closed with the plot of the book. **Spain:** Literaturas Com Libros, 2020 (210 pp.)

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#### Susanna Rodríguez Lezaun

**Bajo la piel** (Under the skin)



Marcela Pieldelobo is not easy to deal with. Born in Biescas, a small village in the Aragonese Pyrenees, she has been an inspector for the National Police Force in Pamplona for the past decade. A woman who is excessive in her habits and affections. She is convinced that orders are open to interpretation, that there are things that you need to keep to yourself and that closed doors can be unlocked if you know how to open them. Even if you do not have a court order. Now the past is knocking furiously at her door, but Marcela has more urgent things to attend to, such as the case of a baby abandoned in a lonely car park and a damaged rental car with no trace of the driver, but with blood stains. When the clues lead to a well-known company owned by one of the most traditional and influential local families, her superiors decide to take her away from the case... But Marcela, true to her principles and her instinct, insists on going further,

even at the cost of her own life.

Spain: Harper Collins Ibérica, 2021 (426 pp.)

# Paloma Sainz

#### Mindfulness para niños (Mindfulness for children)

#### Plana Sian Var de Ny **Status** <u>Jana</u> <u>Jana</u> <u>Jana</u> De over en løre en kere er en se en en en en **Jana Jana Jana**

Would you like to have a shelter for rainy days? A place where a light would surround you at your arrival? A place where you would feel connected as if rays came out of your heart? *Mindfulness para niños* is conceived for both parents and children to approach meditation and practice it every day. Through very simple exercises and daily practice we learn to connect with our breathing and body, to practice full attention and to distance ourselves from our thoughts and emotions. Therefore, with a clear mind and an open heart our capacity for empathy, compassion and concentration will improve and we'll be able to see things more clearly and make better choices for a more authentic life.

Spain: Espasa – Grupo Planeta 2021 (224 pp.)

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#### Nobuo Suzuki *Ganbatte*

#### Non Fiction

Non Fiction



Ganbatte is the japanese philosophy of self-effort and connection to what one wants. The change you need in life is already in you, but you need to reach out to it yourself; find the path that will open your mind to be conscious about what you want. In Japan, right before an exam, students don't wish good luck to one another. They say Ganbatte! because getting where you want to be has nothing to do with luck. It's about the energy and the effort you devote to something that will help you reach your objectives.

This is not a regular new book, this is the brand-new concept that will take the world by surprise. It is something fresh and new that is perfect for the times we are living.

Spain: Ediciones Obelisco, 2021 (128 pp.), English: Tuttle Publishing, Brazil: Editora Sextante, Netherlands: J.M. Meulenhoff Boekerij, Greece: Patakis, Portugal: Porto, Bulgaria: Together Academy, Slovenia: Torden, Czech: Torden, India: Manjul Publishing House

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#### Míriam Tirado *Rabietas* (Tantrums)

#### Non Fiction More than 75.000 Copies sold!



All children have them and all parents must deal with them. They are the famous tantrums, capable of upsetting even the most conscientious and respectful adult. Temper tantrums often bring out our worst side, and in those cases, sadness and a sense of failure are inevitable.

You may find this hard to believe, but tantrums offer a golden opportunity to learn and grow together. Miriam Tirado accompanies you in this process of learning, so that you can educate the little ones from another place, more serene, considerate and free. **Spain:** Urano, 2020 (251 pp.)

### **MORE TITLES**

# LITERARY FICTION

#### Carlos Bardem Mongo Blanco



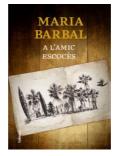
Following his father's death, Pedro Blanco leaves Málaga and goes to sea in search of a better future. Both cunning and determined, he gradually makes his way in the world and becomes Mongo Blanco, one of the greatest slave traffickers of the 19th century. But when he is betrayed by somebody close to him, his fall into disgrace begins. He recounts his story to the doctor in the asylum to which he has been confined, little suspecting that his story has not yet finished and that a figure from his past has returned to collect an outstanding debt. In his final years, Mongo Blanco will have the opportunity to redeem himself or finally fall victim to his own excesses. **Spain:** Plaza y Janés (Penguin Random House), 2019 (624 pp.)

Audiovisual rights: Optioned to KUBIK (Sánchez-Cabezudo brothers) for TV series or movie.

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#### Maria Barbal

#### Al'amicescocès (Tomy Scottish friend)



To My Scottish Friend is a story about friendship, love, war, memory, and regret. All of these themes come to bear on the life of Benet, whose quiet sensitivity to the world around him and struggle to work out what he wants in life as the years wear on make him an endearing, relatable protagonist. We follow Benet from the cradle to the battlefield and beyond, watching him grow and navigate the various hurdles of both war and peacetime. To My Scottish Friend is written with such tenderness and charm that, by the end of the novel, we cannot help but feel as close to Benet as if we had known him all our lives.

Spain: Catalan: Columna Edicions, Castellano: Destino 2019 (223pp)

#### English and German reading proof available

#### En la piel del otro (In the other's skin)



The story follows two young people's lives from early 1971 to the present: Mireia Ferrer lives in a violent marriage from which she has to flee. Ramona Marquès, pregnant, is left by a revolutionary. But she won't settle for the fate that awaits a single mother. She decides to falsify her mother's history and creates a record in the file of the association, identifying her as a deportee. Thus, she builds a whole life based on a lie. **Spain**: Planeta (Spanish and Catalan), 2014 (285 pp.)

**Other works:** *Pedra de tartera*, translated into more than 13 languages, Spain: Grup 62 (Spanish and Catalan), Germany: Diana, 2007 (more than 100.000 copies sold), Netherlands: A. W. Bruna Uitgevers, Sweden: Nilsson literary, Poland: Wydawnictwo Marginesy, Turkey: Odem Yayincilik, Slovenia: Studentska Zalozba, France: Tinta Blava, Macedonia: Antolog, Israel: Rimonim, Italy: Marco & Marcos, UK: Peirene Press, Serbia: Arhipelag, Hungary: Harmattan; *Emma*, Germany: Transit, 2009; *Càmfora*, Germany: Transit, 2011; *Cada dia penso en tu*, Spain: Columna (Catalan); *La pressa del temps*, Spain: Columna (Catalan)

# Alba Carballal Tres maneras de inducir un coma (Three ways to induce a coma)

### Spanish Debut!



Contemporary underground Madrid provides the setting for Alba Carballal's first novel, which draws on the influences of Pedro Almodóvar, John Kennedy Toole and Eduardo Mendoza to present a burlesque farce with touches of black comedy. When Federico receives a mysterious phone call at the local swimming pool from someone offering him an unusual job, our middle-aged protagonist unwittingly finds himself at the center of a detective story. With no prospects to speak of and forced by circumstances to become a paid snoop, he soon becomes embroiled in a murky plot in which nothing is quite what it seems. **Spain:** Seix Barral, 2019 (288 pp.)

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#### Phil Camino

#### La memoria de los vivos (The memory of the living)



The characters of this novel are representatives of the Belle Époque that arrived in Mexico despite the country's struggle for independence and the Civil War. While these struggles defined their future, they were able to amass enormous fortunes and travel to Ireland, Santander, London, Paris or New York. In accordance with Cicero: «The lives of the death is deposited in the memory of the living», the author has weaved this story extracting narrative material from letters photographs and stories listened from one generation to the other giving a literary form to the saga of the Myagh-Trápaga.

Spain: Galaxia Gutenberg 2019 (216pp)

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#### María Codés

#### Los Intactos (Those Intact) Winner 25th Edition of the Juan March Cencillo Prize



Two women wanting to escape from their bad memories travel to a house by a lake, isolated from the rest of the world. There, they will cohabit with a mysterious man, who is supposedly in charge of the patients. The characters will avoid talking about themselves, their lives and experiences, and even avoid their own names. The protagonist must restore a picture that represents death, where she will find parallelisms with her life, and will spend her days walking in the woods, remembering small details of the "incident", while she suffers hallucinations caused by her trauma.

**Spain:** Pre-Textos, 2017 (188 pp.)

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# Patricia Esteban Erlés

#### Manderley en venta y otros cuentos (Manderley for sale and other stories)



Ten short stories in which home, the life inside the house, have a prominent role in the narrative. *Manderley en venta y otros cuentos* opens the door to obsessions with the domestic space, the strangeness of the routine, the gothic, ghostly and black game of the unusual, the restlessness of normality. An indispensable book to access to one of the most unique worlds of current literature. **English chapter available** 

Spain: Editorial Páginas de Espuma, 2019 (120 pp.)

**Other Works:** Abierto para fantoches (Open for puppets; 2008), Azul ruso (Russian blue; 2010), Casa de Muñecas (Doll's house; 2012), Las madres negras (2017)

#### **Daniel Jiménez** *La vida privada de los héroes* (The private life if heroes)

#### Choral Novel



A scriptwriter who follows the example of his older brother and travels to India with his girlfriend to pursue a dream; a group of friends who organize a dinner party in a house with a garden to celebrate the fact that they have nothing to celebrate; a woman who returns from a long stay in a Swiss village convinced she has turned into another person; a photographer who leaves Spain to become somebody else; a waiter who works in a restaurant with a Filipino who says he knows Bolaño; a doctor who, just weeks before she is due to get married, discovers she is unable to become pregnant; a woman who went to Chiapas when she was young and, ten years later, is visited by two Mexicans; an actor who no longer acts; a writer who doesn't write; an estate agent who rides her bicycle through the streets of Madrid, where she comes across an old boyfriend and tells him about her life – they part, she continues on her way and he returns home to "the only place in the world where he feels safe from everything and

everyone".

Spain: Galaxia Gutenberg, 2020 (184 pp.); Cinema rights: Caballo Films (Rodrigo Sorogoyen) German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

#### Lorenzo Luengo ElDios de nuestro siglo (Godofourage)



Having got through the first decade following 9/11, and five years after the collapse of the Lehman Brothers, Daniella Mendes, a detective for thirty-three years, takes on the search for three children – Jon Rosario, Dave Mulkern and Latrena Dersimonian – who have disappeared during a scorching hot summer in a city between Texas and New Mexico. It is a particularly quiet city set in the apparently ideal surroundings of rolling hills where the upper class families can live without seeing the racial tensions which have begun to undermine the suburbs. During long sleepless nights, suffering from the worst heatwave of the century 'and the typical ails of all pregnant women', Daniella discovers Jon and Dave's obsession for scientific conjecture, the comics of a demented genius who

lives in a caravan in the desert, and the secret life of Latrena in the dark side of the internet. What starts as just another case becomes an interior journey, which transforms Daniellas vision of the universe, and throws her into an urgent search to recover that solid foundation we consider the 'real'. **Spain:** Seix Barral, 2017 (448 pp.)

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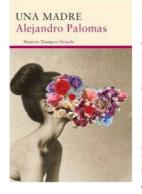
## Jesús Ruiz Mantilla

#### El encuentro (The meeting)



At the start of the 17th century, two countries strode the world stage: Spain and England. After decades of conflict, their new rulers – Philip III and James I – agreed to sign a treaty that would end their long-running conflict over territory and for control of the seas. In the spring of 1605, an English delegation of more than 700 people travelled to Valladolid, the Spanish capital at the time, to sign the peace agreement. Among those designated for inclusion in the entourage was William Shakespeare, although we don't know if he actually made the trip. Meanwhile, Miguel de Cervantes had recently moved to Valladolid with his wife, his daughter and his sisters. Don Quixote had just been published, and Cervantes was finally beginning to enjoy real success. Did somebody introduce the two writers to each other? And what happened if they did? **Spain:** Galaxia Gutenberg, 2020 (96 pp.)

# Alejandro Palomas Una madre (A mother)



In a few hours it will be midnight. At last, after several failed attempts, now that she is 65, Amalia has succeeded to have her dream fulfilled: the whole family has gathered to celebrate Christmas Eve. **Una madre** (A Mother) tells the story of a dinner, and of the seven attendants who are bound to share the beginning of a new life none of them are envisioning. With her sense of humor and determination, Amalia weaves around the table a net of invisible threads meant to unite and protect her three sons, her daughter in law and her brother. She mends the silences of ones, and channels the present and future of others. She knows, as everyone senses, that this is going to be a long night: full of secrets and lies, plenty of laughter and crossed fire, of confessions made by offspring who are late — though in time —, and words held for too long which will finally explode to enlighten the path that is left to run. She knows this it the time to take

action, and she is not willing to let anything get on her way.

A neon sign shooting messages from a terrace next to the harbor; a chair where no one has seated for years; a son who, for Amalia, is life itself; a city of purple skies which conspires to bring back a light that seemed to be long gone... *Una madre* is not just the portrait of a woman who decided to take the hardest path at a certain time, even though she has been rewarded with the power to guard her children like she never expected she would need to; this is also an intimation of what the human race is capable of proving to itself when its best side comes to surface.

Spain: Siruela/Group 62, 2014 (248pp); UK: Pearson, Italy: Neri Pozza, Brazil: Casa da Palavra, Portugal: Presenca, France: Le Cherche-Midi, Poland: Wydawnicza Foksal, Bulgaria: Smart Books, Greece: Opera Books, Serbia: Kosmos, Iceland: Drapa; Film rights sold: Morena Films

#### Other works:

English Sample, French and Italian edition available

*Agua cerrada (Locked Water),* Spain: Booket 2019, Siruela 2012; Un amor (A love), Spain: Ediciones Destino, 2018 (464 pp.), Un perro (A Dog), Spain: Destino (Spanish), 2016 (300 pp.), Grup 62 (Catalan), France: Le Cherche-Midi; El alma del mundo, Spain: Espasa, 2011 (304 pp.); Italy: Neri Pozza; El secreto de los Hoffmann, Spain: Debolsillo, 2009 (272 pp.), Germany: Berlin Verlag, Netherlands: Signature; Tanta vida, Spain: Martinez Roca, 2007 (368 pp.), Germany: Berlin Verlag, Netherlands: Signature; Italy: Neri Pozza; Portugal: Record; Serbia: Mlandinska Knijga Beograd; Croatia: Znanje; El tiempo que nos une, Spain: Suma de Letras (576 pp.), Columna (Catalán), 2011; Serbia: Mlandinska Knijga Beograd

#### Ernesto Pérez Zúñiga

#### Escarcha (Frost)



Part of the rich European tradition of the Bildungsroman, *Escarcha* is a unique novel which will resonate with readers. It portrays Spain at the turn of the millennium as seen through the eyes of Monte, a sensitive adolescent who gradually loses his way as he is exposed to life's many challenges: family, cruel teachers, religion, emotional relationships, friendship... and the vicissitudes of History.

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Spain: Galaxia Gutemberg, 2018 (512 pp.)

#### **Nocantaremos en tierras de extraños** (Wewon't singin a strange land)



In Autumn 1944, two survivors without any sense of homeland meet each other at the Toulouse Varsovia Hospital in France. Both have lost it all thus have nothing left to lose. Obsessed with Western characters, Manuel Juanmaría dreams about a woman who remained in Spain. Ramón Montenegro, head-sergeant of the "Nueve", which liberated Paris, makes him an odd proposition: "Now that we've lost a country, why don't we save a person."

This is how the impressive adventure of two unforgettable characters in search of a woman in enemy territory starts off. Everything that was familiar has turned foreign. Both travelers will have to violently face up to multiple situations and to other

memorable characters that will also remain in the reader's mind.

Spain: Galaxia Gutemberg, 2016 (300 pp.)

#### Other works:

La fuga del maestro Tartini (The flight of Master Tartini, 2013); El juego del mono (The monkey's game, 2011); El segundo círculo (The second circle, 2007); Santo diablo (Holy devil, 2004)

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#### Ramón Pernas

#### Ellibro de los adioses (The book of goodbyes)



Leonardo del Río is a famous writer. Increasingly melancholic as he approaches the end of his life, he is commissioned to write a novel, the book which may very well be his last. However, when he sits down and confronts the blank page, he is gripped by a sense of vertigo, one that goes beyond his normal indecision, as he faces up to the challenge of a memory full of light and shadow, and hidden pages.

His only human contact is with Amanda, who is supposed to be writing his biography but who in reality helps him with his daily routines, and with Ricardo, a journalist in his 60s, who

is fascinated by Leonardo's "old master" aura, and visits him without fail every Thursday.

**Spain:** Espasa, 2019 (259pp.)

Other Works: El libro de Jonás, Espasa, 2017; Hotel Paradiso, Planeta 2015, Paso a dos (Dance for two), Brumario, Booket, 2007; Del viento y la memoria (Of wind and memory), En la luz inmóvil (In the still light), Espasa, 2006; Pabellón Azul, Espasa, 1998.

**Spanish Debut!** 

#### Marta del Riego Anta Pájaro del Noroeste (Bird of the northwest)

#### Rural Noir



Icia is about to turn forty, and can't have children. When she loses her job, she returns to the village of her birth to rescue the family vineyard: the fertility of the vines will make up for her own infertility. But nothing is easy in this wild land: not the landscape, or the people who live there, or even the reception she gets from her own mother, a strange and difficult woman. Icia sets off on an internal journey that will force her to confront the dark drama of her family just as she becomes embroiled in a violent sexual relationship with a local winemaker. In this search for erotic intensity and buried cruelty, she comes dangerously

close to death before finally finding redemption. **Spain:** AdN. Anaya/Hachette, 2020 **German and Dutch translation rights.** All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

#### Eduardo de los Santos

#### Yas



Yas is the title of the perfect song. It is the nickname of Tania, the shy, young trumpeter and singer whom almost all of the characters in this book seem eager to track down. And it is a simplified spelling of jazz. Yas is a word with just three letters but many meanings. This debut novel recounts the sleepless night of Manu, a young bookseller and journalist who wanders across a deserted early morning Madrid, seeking out or evoking everyone associated with a lost love, while his current partner, Irene, wakes up alone in an empty house. The book echoes with music, with footsteps in the darkness, with readings that pulse behind this text of breathtakingly unexpected maturity. And there is also the sound of doors opening and closing, in nightclubs or in distant houses, where Yas or jazz might be hiding.

Spain: Alfaguara, 2020 (304 pp.) German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

#### Juan Tallón *Rewind*



One Friday in May, on what is shaping up to be a perfect day, there is a strange explosion in a building in Lyon. One of the flats in the now ruined building was occupied by a group of students from various countries who were having a party. Paul, student of Fine Art; Emma, tormented by the tortuous history of her Spanish family; Luca, fascinated both with mathematics and with the cyclist, Marco Pantani; and Ilka, a student who left Berlin with nothing more than a guitar on her back: these are the tenants of a house that was a popular meeting place for the city's students. In the neighbouring flat, also hit by the explosion, lives a quiet Moroccan family, whose members are apparently wellintegrated into French life. The novel explores events from various points of view.

Through five narrators – victims and witnesses – we discover what happened that Friday night and the consequences that unfolded over the next three years, until their accounts have covered every hidden aspect of the explosion.

Spain: Anagrama, 2020 (216 pp.)

Other works: Salvaje Oeste, Espasa 2018

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#### José C. Vales *Cabaret Biarritz*

#### NADAL AWARD 2015



In the summer of 1925, the residents of Biarritz were shocked by a tragic event. The body of a young girl appeared dangling with a foot caught in one of the iron rings used for securing boats in the port. In 1938, the young, passionate writer Georges Miet receives what would turn out to be the most important assignment of his career. His editor asks him to write a 'serious' novel about what had taken place in Biarritz almost fifteen years earlier. Miet does not hesitate to travel to the vibrant, coastal city to speak to everyone who could have been linked to the event and comes upon people from all rungs of the social ladder; ranging from domestic employees to distinguished, high-society ladies, as well as reporters, two gendarmes, a photographer, artists, performers, a judge and even a nun.

Spain: Destino - Grupo Planeta, 2015 (456 pp.), Italy: Neri Pozza, Romania: Editura Trei, France: Denöel – Gallimard

Other works: *Celeste 65*, Destino 2017, *El Pensionado de Neuwelke, (The Neuwelke boarding School;* Planeta 2013), German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

# **GENERAL FICTION**

#### Ana Alcolea

#### El brindis de Margarita (A toast for Margarita)

# Hebindis de ita Ana Alcolea Ingener

Margarita is a successful writer with the nerve wrecking task of emptying the house where she grew up. She is the last member of her family and is left alone to do so. Her parents, now both gone, belonged to a different time, so did her grandmother, but they all shared their lives in that very same apartment she is now set to empty of all objects, memories and history. It all happens as the dictator Francisco Franco is removed from his burial place and the whole of Spain is shaken by history. Her thoughts travel back in time to a time where the dictatorship was very much alive, and her country was at the verge of collapse. **Spain:** Harper Collins, 2020 (300 pp.)

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#### Paloma Bravo

#### Las incorrectas (Rude women)



Although Eva, Cristina, Candela and Inma have nothing in common, they meet at the club where their sons play football. There, despite being immersed in their own life crises, they will discover that friendship is strong enough to overcome any challenge. Lively, caring, crazy, rebellious, honest and combative, they support each other as only friends can, helping one another with their complicated situations: a psychopathic daughter, a furious blogger, a narcissistic sister, a wonderful ex-boyfriend – and another who's in jail – a film that will change their lives... And a way of tackling problems that sets them apart – with irrepressible humour and a fighting spirit.

**Spain:** Espasa, 2019 (352 pp.)

Other works: Solos Ediciones Alfabia 2015, En la piel de Mica Plaza & janés 2013

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#### Rocío Carmona

Lo que sucedió cuando me rompiste el corazón (What happened when you broke my Heart)

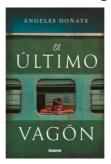


Mia has just broken up with Alex and now faces Barcelona's summer with a broken heart. And to add up, she's also fired from her job, which doesn't help with the situation at all. Little by little, Mia embarks on a journey that allows her to discover a new world around her.

As she travels through different emotional states, she lives magical moments with endearing and amusing people, very real characters with something in common: broken hearts that keep beating in spite of everything, that keep dreaming about the future to come.

Spain: Duomo, 2018 (288 pp.), Audio: Audible

# Ángeles Doñate El Último Vagón (The Last Carriage)



Ikal is 11 years old, the son of a railway worker and dreams of becoming a teacher. He admires Chico, counts the trains that pass by with Tuerto, dreams of Valeria, a peasant woman, and lives a thousand adventures with Quetzal, his dog. They are all Don Ernesto's students, in the Malinalli Teneplat school-wagon, during the course in which all of their lives will take a turn. Among fields of fruit trees and old wagons, thirty students will rediscover life thanks to the passion of a teacher who has united his fate with that of his students.

Years later Don Ernesto, old and almost blind, must retire. He asks for a replacement, but some politicians consider school-wagons to be old-fashioned and useless. Useless?

Hugo Valenzuela, a brilliant inspector of the Secretariat of Education, is not so convinced and decides to pull the thread. He'll rediscover his past, risk his future, and discover that there are traces that cannot be erased. Like those of the first love or those of a teacher who, through curiosity and affection, opens the windows to the world.

Spain: Ediciones Urano - Umbriel, 2019 (192 pp.), Germany: Thiele Verlag, Italy: Giangiacomo Feltrinelli Editore, Turkey: (Kutu Yayinlari)

#### Other Works:

El Alma de la Radio, Umbriel, 2017, Germany Thiele Verlag, Italy: Feltrinelli,

*El invierno que tomamos cartas en el asunto,* Ediciones B, 2015,Germany: Thiele Verlag, Italy: Feltrinelli Portuguese: Editora Objectiva, Poland: Prószynski Media, Greece: Klidarithmos Publications France: Éditions Kero, Chinese: Delight Prees, simple Chinese: Horizon Media, Dutch: Ambo Anthos Uitgevers Bulgarian: Hermes Books.

#### Christian Escribà & Sílvia Tarragó Castrillón

El Obradorde los Prodigios (The bakery of delights)

# Escribà is one of the most famous pastry shops in the world, and this is its history: two parallel plots that will cross in the fantastic world of baking.



Alba was born in Barcelona a Christmas in 1926. Thanks to her mother and grandmother, she will develop kitchen skills and a passion for the bakery. Time ago, Mateu Serra was born in a little town in Lleida, with no heir but his entrepreneurship and bravery. Despite the time gap and their different backgrounds, their paths will cross when Alba starts working at the Serra's Bakery, the first seed of the Escribà's Bakery. The journey will not be easy: it is a time of Post-war prohibitions and being a girl makes it more difficult. But Alba is inspired by the baker who, without resources and education, arrived at Barcelona after a long journey and set up his own bakery in the city. Alba will not give up: everything revolves around the bakery until she finally gets a job at the Escriba's Bakery. Alba will become a testimony of this time in which Escribà will revolutionize the world of confectionery and chocolate.

Spain: Castellano: Espasa Calpe, Catalan: Columna Edicions 2019 ( 304pp), German: Heyne Verlag, Romanian: Humanitas

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#### Yolanda Guerrero *Mariela*



María Veruela, known to everyone as Mariela, is a nurse during the waves of the Spanish flu epidemic that swept across the globe in 1918 and 1919. The old world is undergoing a radical transformation, and women are at the forefront of this change. Mariela meets nurses, writers, politicians, a cast of historical figures, who are reimagined in a series of fictional episodes. Friends who reach out to her when she falls and who help her understand that all women can give birth not only to children but to ideas.

This epic story is narrated by Mariela's great-granddaughter, Beatriz Gil Bona, a historian who knows that, if she is to truly discover herself, she must also find out about the women who went before her, in the knowledge that her great-grandmother's journey

represents half of humanity, and that the story of Mariela is also the story of those terrible days that transformed the world.

Spanish: Ediciones B. Penguin Random House, 2019 (672pp)
Audiovisual rights: For series optioned by KUBIK
Other Works: *El huracán y la mariposa*, Catedral 2017
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Cristina López Barrio

Rompete corazón (Break, my heart)



Blanca Oliveira will soon regret having returned to her family's farmhouse on Mount Abantos, where twelve years ago her daughter Alba disappeared without trace. A few months after moving there with Ricardo, whom she has recently married, and the two remaining daughters from her first marriage, another of the girls disappears. History repeats itself: the age of the girls, the police inspector in charge of solving the case, the only clue (a red ribbon found in the garden), the death of a horse, the fairytale linked to the family history, which weighs on each of its members like a curse. **Spain:** Planeta, 2019 (304 pp.)

Other Works: Niebla en Tánger (Fogin Tánger)More than 75.000 copies sold!Spain: Planeta, 2017 (320 pp.), Italy: DeA Planeta Libri, Netherlands: Wereldbibliotheek, Poland: CzarnaOwca

#### Nando López Hasta nunca, Peter Pan (See you never, Peter Pan)



David has reached that moment in his life when all he has are doubts: he doesn't know if what he does is really satisfying, he's not on the same wavelength as his girlfriend, and he doesn't feel particularly comfortable around his friends, either. The typical problems of any adolescent. With the minor detail that he is forty-two years old, not fifteen. When his sister, Bea, asks him to take care of his nephew, Unai, for a few weeks, he is convinced it's a terrible idea. And not just because he doesn't know this young person with all his secrets. Or because he hates sharing his space, his Central Perk mugs and and his VHS tapes from the 1990s. But because, after years of working in the cinema with almost no recognition and even less success, he is finally about to

participate in a major project and on the verge, or so he claims, of making a movie of his own. **Spain:** Espasa, 2020

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#### Laura Mas

La maestro de Sócrates (Socrates' Teacher)

#### Historical Fiction



Socrates' teacher centers on the figure of a brave woman ahead of her time whose ideas are the origin of the concept of platonic love. At The Banquet of Plato, Socrates revealed to the rest of the attendants: "All that I know of love is what I learned from her." In a time where women were silenced, the unlikely relationship between a young Sócrates and Diotima will shape the way Western civilization will forever think about love. **Spain:** Espasa, 2020 (320 pp.)

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#### Francesc Miralles *La Biblioteca de la Luna* (The Library of the Moon)



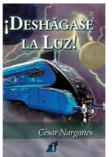
The future of mankind is no longer on Earth. It lies on the Moon, along with the last library in existence. Decades ago, after the signature of the Global Ecology Pact, which prohibited the use of paper and wood, Verne has only known digital books, apart from a few examples in a museum. He is in love with Moira, although she works in the first hotel complex on the Moon, making their love impossible. However, he misses her so, that he applies for a job. He doesn't get the position at first, and when he's already going back home, he suddenly gets a call. However, when he gets a call to work in the first lunar colony, he accepts immediately. But when he lands there, nothing is as he expected.

There has been a disappearance, Moira's current partner, and the disappearance revolves around a special room: a hidden library in the moon, the last one in existence, and it is a world away. **Spain:** Espasa, 2019 (264pp.); **Romania:** Humanitas

Other works: Amor en minúscula Spain: Catalán: La Galera, Spanish ediciones B/SUMA, translated into more than 20 languages! Wabi sabi, Un corazón lleno de estrellas (with Àlex Rovira), La última respuesta (with Àlex Rovira), Ikigai (sold to over 50 languages!), El método Ikigai, Ikigai for young readers Shinrin Yoku, Ichgo Ichie (with Héctor García).

### César Narganes ¡Deshágase la luz! (Switch off the light)

# Fantasy /Science Fiction /Humor



A blue painted steam train Garter appears floating in the Space approaching Earth. It's the first contact with an extraterrestrial and there are seven million troubled persons trying to understand what happens.

Valeria a local journalist and her ex - boyfriend Enrique will accompany the traveler during his visit on Earth, ignoring the dark interests and Machiavellian conspirations that are created around them.

Spain: Niña Loba editorial, 2019 (201 pp.)

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#### David Olivas El vuelo de la Mariposa (The flight of the butterfly)

#### Spanish Debut

Novel

# DAVID OLIVAS EL VUELO DE LA MARIPOSA

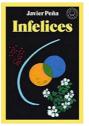
After her one true love dies, Julia believes that her life is also over. But her journey has only just begun. Broken by grief, she returns to her family village, close to the sea, hoping to heal her wounds in the company of her loved ones. There, she discovers the correspondence between her grandparents, Miguel and Candela, separated years ago when he was forced to emigrate to Germany, where he died unexpectedly. Now that her grandmother is ill, Julia decides to follow the clues in the letters to uncover the truth about her grandfather's death. But she will discover something far more surprising, a secret capable of transforming her life and finally opening a door to hope.

**Spain:** Plaza & Janés, 2020 (400 pp.)

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# Javier Peña

Infelices (Unhappy)



A political advisor tired of lying for a Government he does not believe in; a girl in her twenties fighting against cancer with sex and alcohol; a journalist obsessed with the most bizarre crimes; a television reporter that shares her time between her exceptionally gifted daughter and a murder suspect; a writer who barely makes ends meet revealing the embarrassing secrets of his friends. Apparently, there are few links between the main characters when the novel begins. Chapter by chapter, the cobweb that has trapped them for 20 years gets unveiled. The novel is built as a 54 piece jigsaw puzzle. Each piece –

shaped as a little chapter of three to five pages– gives the reader a clue to fulfill the complete picture of unhappiness. Only when the reader has put together all the 54 pieces, he or she will understand the whole story of the five characters: their childhood background, their difficult relationship with their parents, their discovery of sex, the hard labour market in the last decade, the disease, the fear of death... Only in the end they will understand that the thread which joins them is unbreakable. It is the thread knitted by unhappiness. **Spain:** Blackie Books, 2019 (288 pp.)

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#### Berta Pichel *Cicatrices de charol* (Patent Scars)



Nía is an 18-year-old girl who lives with her very conservative mother and the youngest of her siblings in the capital city of El Bierzo. Her dream is to be an actress and she continues to train in a self-taught way, although all this is truncated the day she meets Valeriano, an activist of the UGT (a Spanish workers' trade union) in a Spain that is very dissatisfied with Azaña's reforms. Their relationship flourishes in a fortuitous and full of passionate romance that culminates with the pregnancy of Nía, and with the flight of Valeriano to Madrid, where the movement needs him. Nía must teach herself to continue with her life to take care of her daughter, and on the way, she will have to face the tense relations with her mother and the prejudices of a country that is doomed to war.

**Spain:** Ediciones B – Grupo Random House, 2018 (383 pp.) **German and Dutch translation rights.**All other rights Sandra Bruna agencia literaria.

#### Arantza Portabales

#### **Deje su mensaje después de la señal** (Leave your message after the tone)



A divorce lawyer is abandoned by her husband. A deathly ill woman that needs to say farewell to her son, who works as a volunteer in Africa. A young girl from a good family, that can't withstand the pressure of her imminent wedding. A Galician woman who works at a brothel in Madrid.

Spain: Lumen 2018, Germany btb (Randomhouse), Italy: Solferino, Israel: Keter Books

Other works: Belleza roja (thriller) Lumen 2019,

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#### Gabri Ródenas

La abuela que cruzó el mundo en una bicicleta (The old lady who crossed the world on a bicycle) Maru,



a 90 years old woman, leads a normal, simple life in Oaxaca, México. She never learned to read, but is full of knowledge. When she discovers that her grandson, whom she has never met, lives in Veracruz, she decides to ride on her bike -her sole possession in the world- and start a journey to meet him.

Spain: Urano, 2018 (160 pp.), Germany: Thiele Verlag, Japan: Shogakukan INC, Greece: Dioptra, Bulgaria: Bard Publishing, Portugal: Presença, Italy: Vallardi, Lithuania: Alma Littera, France: Michael L.

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#### Jesús Sánchez Adalid



#### El mozárabe (The mozarab)

A novel with a different perspective about the medieval Europe. Over and above the tensions between western Christianity and Islam, it shows the effort of intelligent men, full of sanity, who seek true peace and dialog in a world that is coming closer with uncertainty and fear to the year 1000.**Spain:** Reedition: Harper Collins (new edition) 2017 (672 pp.)

#### Los Baños del pozo azul (The baths of the blue well)

The Catalan earl Armegol, also called "the Cordovan" was a historical character from the 11th century, who was captured by the caliphate's troops. He lived in the Muslim city for five years, until he was rescued. Sánchez Adalid recreates the wars for the Reconquest, the difficult but productive coexistence between the three cultures (Jewish, Christian and Muslim), the spying between the kingdoms and a beautiful love story.



Spain: Harper Collins, 2018 (720pp.)

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#### Paloma Sánchez-Garnica

#### La sospecha de Sofía (Sofía's suspicion)

#### More than 50.000 copies sold!

Fernando Lara Award 2016



The mundane lives of Daniel and his wife Sofía change radically when Daniel receives an anonymous letter informing him that Sagrario is not his real mother, and telling him that he must fly to Paris that very night if he wants to know the truth about his origins. Some questions have to be answered. But family secrets can be the most terrifying of all.

And the discovery of an unknown twin brother, one who has decided to steal Daniel's identity and supplant him in his marriage, inevitably unleashes a succession of terrible events... and unexpected encounters. For someone trapped in East Berlin, is anything fair game in the search for freedom? Will Sofía realize what's going on? Or perhaps she has her own reasons for accepting the new situation?

Spain: Planeta, 2019 (pp,); Italy: Sperling & Kupfer; Audiovisual Rights: Fade Producciones

#### La Sonata del silencio



A moving story about love, friendship and betrayal: Marta Ribas has a promising future as a pianist when she meets Antonio. She renounces her dreams to start a family.

When Antonio falls ill, she is obliged to work to sustain the family and finds herself exposed to the gossip of the neighbourhood and the indignation of her husband who feels humiliated. But unexpectedly, Marta gets the chance to assure her and her daughter's survival and find her place in the world.

La sonata del silencio is a novel about passion, jealousy and dreams. It is the story of postwar Spain, the Spain of the chestnut sellers and coal merchants, of the legendary cocktail bar Chicote and nylon tights – like a building where fortune and poorness, triumph and failure are only separated by a thin wall.

Spain: Planeta 2014 (892pp), Italy Piemme, TV series

#### *Mi recuerdo es más fuerte que tu olvido* (Remembrance)



Independent, with a brilliant career as a judge respected by everyone that surrounded her... Carlota had it all to be happy. However she always missed out on one Christmas. When she turned twelve and her mother revealed to her the terrible secret she had been keeping all those years, Carlota knew that nothing would ever be the same again. The word "bastard" sticks to her as a stigma. The word "family" will never have the same meaning again. Decades later, a phone call from her dying father will leave her torn between the craving desire of discovering it all and the instinctive impulse of running away and staying clear of her family's harrowing truths.

Spain: Planeta, 2016 (480 pp.), English: Amazon Crossing, Italy: Piemme

#### Natalia Sanmartin Fenollera

Un cuento de Navidad para Le Barroux (A Christmas tale for Le Barroux)

Story



A Christmas Tale for Le Barroux tells the story of a boy who loses his mother and begins to tirelessly ask God if what his mother told him about Bethlehem, Heaven and Eternity is true. Day after day, for three long years, he asks for a sign. Until the third Christmas arrives.

Spain: Editorial Planeta, 2020 (72 pp.); Slovenia: Druzina

#### Eldespertarde la señorita Prim (The awakening of Miss Prim)



Drawn by an attractive newspaper advert, Miss Prim, a refined, independent and "extremely accomplished" woman, arrives in San Ireneo de Arnois, a delightful little village where nothing turns out to be what it seems. Despite the fact that at first, the surprising lifestyle of the townspeople awakens amazement, perplexity and even disdain in her, their peculiar and unconventional ways gradually put her view of the world to the test, challenging her innermost notions and fears as well as her deepest convictions.

Spain: Planeta, 2014 (352 pp.), USA & Canada: Atria Books (Simon & Schuster Group),

**Great Britain:** Abacus (Little Brown), **Italy:** Mondadori, **Germany:** Thiele Verlag, **France:** Les Editions Grasset & Fasquelle, **Poland:** Amber, **Czech Republic:** Host Vydavatelstvi, **Brazil:** Quadrante de Sociedade de Publicações Culturais, **Lithuania:** VšĮ, Tikroji moneta, **Slovenia:** Druzina, **Croatia:** Verbum, **Portugal:** Porto Editora, **Turkey:** Epsilon

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#### Silvia Tarragó

*La doctora* (*The doctoress*)



#### Historical Women's Fiction

In the Spain of the 1950s, a first generation of women began to practice medicine. They were the pioneers in a territory still treasured by men and in which, for many, they were intruders. Inspired by the actual testimonies of female doctors of the time, this novel shows us their battle to overcome the prejudices of patients and colleagues, while immersing us in a plot full of emotion and mystery.

The intertwined lives of the protagonists: Paloma, Almudena, Pilar and Victoria make up a moving story: it was not easy to practice the profession they loved in a society that always put them below their male colleagues, relegating them to the role of nurses. While Paloma, a young woman recently graduated in Medicine, falls dangerously in love with the medical director of the hospital where she enters to work, Almudena discovers a strange legend about the sanatorium, which will lead her to think that Victoria and Pilar are hiding something.

**Spain:** Ediciones B, 2020 (360 pp.)

#### Other Works:

#### **El Tiempo de la luz** (Time of Light)



Ever since their inauguration in 1940 as the first subterranean galleries in Europe, the luxurious Avenue of Light has been a mirror for the changes in the Barcelona of the post war.

Julia, a young maid that just got to the city will be a witness to the evolution of the gallery throughout time and of some of the traders.

Spain: Columna Edicions (Catalan), Urano (Spanish), 2016 (256pp)

#### Marta Quintin El color de la luz (The Color of Light)



Blanca Luz Miranda is a successful business woman. Her life goal: to build up an enormous fortune to collect art. In New York, in an auction of one of the most disturbing paintings by Martín Pendragón, this now enigmatic eyes old lady, will have her dream fulfilled. In the same room there is a journalist who is watching her, being aware that that millionaire payment hides a secret and she will do everything on her hands to find it out. What she does not know is Blanca Luz will be one the to write her own story.

A novel full of nuances, frictions, secrets which reveals there is always a secret behind every work of art that cannot be hidden.

**Spain:** Penguin, 2018 (216 pp.)

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# Marta Vives

**Una mujer con la cuna fracturada** (A woman with a broken cradle)

#### Novel



Isabela is the protagonist of Marta Vives' debut novel. The author has built an intimate portrait of a young woman who travels through the houses and spaces where she has grown up in order to investigate her emotional heritage. Through the legacy of a collection of modernist wine glasses, which have passed through the hands of several generations, Isabela discovers that the vulnerability and strength of these crystal goblets closely resembles her own personality. As if the cracks of the past were part of her present and no longer necessarily cracks.

*A woman with a fractured cradle* is a novel that tells the story of Isabela through the beauty of its images and the subtlety of dialogues faithful to a reality that will be very close to us. **Spain:** Editorial Tres Hermanas, 2020 (144 pp.)

# **THRILLER & CRIME**

### Paz Castelló

La Llave 104 (The Key 104)



**An amazing thriller book about corruption in politics,** written by the unmistakable stamp of Paz Castelló. *La Llave 104* is the new book by the winner of the *Galardón del Mediterráneo 2018*, that in addition, was chosen winner by the own readers.

A lucid portrait of the crisis and a cry against corruption in the midst of the drama of two women whose lives are randomly interlaced. Virgina Reyes is a young and attractive woman, with a disproportionate ambition, and willing to do anything in order to run away from her past. One day she shows up in Beniaverd, a village marked by corruption, and the world of politics open its doors for her. Virgina soon discovers that ambition is a difficult feeling to deal with, especially in politics, where plans never turn out exactly

as one hopes. The answers to all the questions are out of the woods behind the locks that the key 104 opens... Or maybe not.

**Spain:** Umbriel, 2019 (352 pp.)

**Other Works:** Dieciocho meses y un día (Eighteen months and a day) Spain: Umbriel, Urano, 2018 (293 pp.). Winner of the Galardón del Mediterráneo 2018.

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#### **Carme Chaparro** *La química del odio* (*The chemistry of hate*)

More than 40.000 copies sold



What would you do if you survived the toughest test of your life, only to find that fate is pushing you to the limit once again? There is no rest for Chief Inspector Ana Arén. After solving the case that almost destroyed her, she faces another difficult challenge: the murder of one of the most famous women in Spain.

Constantly questioned by her superior, leading a team whose trust she is yet to win, and with a media spotlight shining on the investigation, Ana is once again confronted by an apparently unsolvable crime in which both time and the past appear to be conspiring against her.

Spain: Espasa, 2018, Italy: Sem Edizioni

#### Nosoyunmonstruo

(I'm not a monster)

#### Primavera Fiction Prize 2017



If there is something worse than a nightmare it is a recurring nightmare. And in our worst nightmares few produce as much distress as a child disappearing without trace. This is exactly what happens at the outset of this novel: in a mall, in the hustle and bustle of an afternoon out shopping, a predator stealthily chooses the victim he is about to snatch. Carme Chaparra in *I'm Not a Monster* pushes both her characters and her readers to the limit. Neither them nor you will come out unscathed.

Spain: S.L.U Espasa Libros, 2017 (336 pp.); Portugal, Planeta Manuscrito; Italy: Sem Edizioni; Poland: Muza; English Worldwide: Amazon Crossing; Turkey: Epsilon, France: Plon; Audiovisual rights: Mediaset.

# Manuel Gago Ángel Negro (The black angel)



In the early 80s, Nicolás Bren, retired captain of the Merchant Marine, receives a strange commission from the neighbors of a mountain parish of the Costa da Morte, in Spain: recover the stolen figure of a Santa Mariña from which they are very devout and that was preserved for centuries in an ancient and dilapidated monastery. Read more the investigation undertaken by the captain, together with the neighbors of the parish, will lead them through the framework of a corrupt system and discover the incredible links of religious stature with one of the decisive moments in the history of Europe. With this thrilling novel Manuel Gago immerses himself in the deep roots of popular culture, where nothing is as it seems.

Galicia: Xerais, 2018 (544 pp.); Spain: Grupo Malpaso

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#### Berna González Harbour El Sueño de la Razón (The Dream of Reason)

#### crime



Commissioner Ruiz returns to Madrid to prepare her defence. She has been suspended from the force. The city's local holiday is in full swing and the banks of the Manzanares River are thronged with people. But the appearance of a series of animal corpses following a fixed pattern is the first sign of a problem that will soon leave another lethal mark: what appears to be the ritual murder of a young art student at one of the dams that controls the flow of the river. And it won't be the only one.

Spain: Destino, 2019 (416 pp.), Germany: Pendragon Verlag

#### WHO IS COMMISSIONER MARÍA RUIZ?

María Ruiz is one of the few women inspectors in the National Police and also one of the youngest. Tough, solitary, concentrated on the task in hand, incapable of wasting time and distanced from the social life of her male colleagues, she has honed her skills on two complicated and dangerous cases in *Verano Rojo* (*Red Summer*) and *Margen de error* (*Margin of error*). Sought after by the press for her successes and much loved by her colleagues, she lives distanced from the echoes of her work.

Her men fear her, but they also love her, because they know she is exactly as she appears: loyal, fulfilling her duty and a person who would fight to the death to save the victim. She knows how to give orders but will also get her hands dirty when the going gets tough.

#### Other works:



#### Verano en rojo (Red Summer)

Madrid, summer 2010, during the Football world championship. While everybody is concentrated in the advances of the Spanish team in South Africa, detective superintendent María Ruiz has to face an awful crime. A young man has been killed without visible identity, without a trace, without reason

Spain: Serie Negra, RBA, 2012 (351 pp.)



#### Margen de error (Margin of error)

After being wounded almost deadly at the end of the first novel, Inspector María Ruiz, a stubborn young woman, returns for her second case. This time, she investigates the death of a man under rare circumstances in Madrid's Retiro Park. Spain: Serie Negra, RBA, 2014 (320 pp.)



#### Las lágrimas de Claire Jones (The Tears of Claire Jones)

Inspector María Ruiz finds herself banished to one of the most dismal Spanish provinces for a criminal investigator. En Soria the last case she knew of was in 1954. It was the unresolved case of Nieves Buscapié, who allegedly murdered her husband by marinating tenderloin steaks in rat poison, although no trace of him was ever found. The only certainty being if he were alive he would now be 101 years old.

**Spain:** Destino, 2017 (352 pp.)

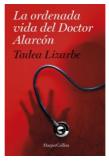
Los ciervos llegan sin avisar, Spain: Serie Negra, RBA, 2015

## Tadea Lizarbe Marionetas sin hilos (Wireless puppets)



Bruna and Ada, the one future deputy inspector of the San Sebastian police, and the other court stenographer, have more things in common than they suppose. The Indiscreet and the Old Known, repressed impulses, a dark side and hidden for years that emerges if the appropriate springs are touched ... and that can be used for good or for evil. Like them, you are also a puppet who moves the threads of this story, where the desires and desires can transform a person and take them to their blackest side. Ada and Bruna want to know who and what ties their wrists. **Spain:** Harper Collins, 2019 (304 pp.)

#### La vida ordenada del doctor Alarcón (The well-organized life of Dr. Alarcón)



Doctor Alarcón is general practitioner. He has very high IQ and difficulties with his social relations, which he thinks he does not need. He plans his life meticulously and there is no space for surprises or friendships.

But than his order is disrupted: People around him die in strange circumstances and in spite of his rationality he sees himself not only dragged into the dark and mad side of the situation, but also to the necessity to establish relations with others. **Spain:** Harper Collins, 2018

Other works: Marionetas sin hilos Harper Collins 2019

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# Guillem Morales Spanish Debut!

El accidente de Lauren Marsh (Lauren Marsh's accident)



Lauren Marsh goes out for her daily run, and falls into a poorly signposted hole that is the result of the roadworks on the "Century Europa" estate, where she lives. Fortunately, her injury is not life-threatening, but Cédric, the insurance inspector in charge of the investigation, discovers signs that the mishap may not have been entirely accidental. From that moment on, both will find themselves caught up in a mystery, where nothing is quite what it seems: bloody events, residents with closely guarded secrets, and a hidden truth from which it is impossible to escape unharmed. The accidents at "Century Europa" have only just begun. Leaving home can be a deadly mistake.

Spain: Plaza & Janés, 2020 (320 pp.)German and Dutch translation rights. All other rights DOS PASSOS agencia literaria.

#### Arantza Portabales Belleza roja (Red beauty)

Thriller

Thriller



The night of San Juan, Xiana Alén, a fifteen-year-old girl appears dead at home lying in a pool of blood. From the beginning Inspector Santi Abad and the official Ana Barroso face the resolution of this crime, with a single conviction: only one of those six persons, who spent that night in the house may have committed the murder. **Spain:** Lumen 2019

Other Works: Deje su mensaje después de oir la señal, Spain: (Galicia) Galaxia, Lumen (Spanish) 2017, Italy: Solferino, Israel: Keter Books, Germany: Btb.

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#### Susana Rodríguez Lezaun



Una bala con mi nombre (A bullet with my name on it)

Zoe Bennett has an anodyne, routine life. In her forties, she is a serious, lonely woman with a sad past, who takes refuge in her work as a restaurateur at the prestigious Boston Museum of Fine Arts. In a boring party to get donations, she meets Noah, a very young and attractive waiter with whom, almost without realizing it, she starts a crazy and torrid relationship.

Spain: Harper Collins Ibérica, 2019 (296 pp.); Portugal: Harper Collins

Other works:



#### Sin retorno (Without return)

Desperate Irene only has one option: her life or that of her abusive husband Marcos. Soon, police investigates his death by fire that seems to be an accident. Then, Irene falls in love with Inspector Vázquez who deals with her case.

Spain: Debolsillo, 2016 (480 pp.); Italy: Elliot Edizioni



#### **Deudas del frío** (The Debts of the cold)

A bank president is murdered. He wanted to meet his alcoholic homeless brother. Inspector Vázquez takes on the case that seems to have its roots in the depths of the corrupt Spanish society.

Spain: Debolsillo, 2017 (496 pp.)



#### Te veré esta noche (I'll see you tonight)

Irene is in a relationship with Inspector Vázquez and must continue to kill all those endangering her new life. Her main mistake was to believe that she could leave her past behind.

Spain: Debolsillo, 2018 (412 pp.)

#### Malenka Ramos La princesa de mármol y cristal (The princess of marble and glass)

#### Horror



Samuel Ross is a writer and a psychiatrist known for his studies of criminal behavior. After a night of drunkenness, he's the witness of the death of Arturo Coelho, partner of the businessman Markus Pastrana, investigated for embezzlement of funds, arms trafficking and the missing of several young women. He remembers it all like a dream, bits and pieces in his brain without any order until a week later he receives a letter: Salomé, the young woman who took the life of that man, describes every minute of that terrible night and asks for his help. The same night Salomé shows up at Samuel's home to tell him her story and confess the reasons that lead her to all that madness. **Spain:** Urano, 2019 (219 pp.)

Other Works: *El que susurra,* Spain: Ediciones B, 2018 (488 pp.), Russia: EKSMO; *Lo que habita dentro,* Ediciones B, 2017 (552 pp.)

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#### Marta Robles

La chica a la que no supiste amar (The girl you didn't know how to love)

#### Thriller



Tony Roures is a hard-bitten but sentimental former war reporter who turned detective. One day he receives an unexpected visit from his old comrade, Alberto Llorens, who Tony thought was happily married to a rich businesswoman from Castellón, on Spain's eastern coast. It turns out that Alberto's marriage is in trouble and for some time he has been a regular at the most famous strip club in town. At the club he met Blessing, a young Nigerian sold into prostitution by a trafficking network, who were forcing her to repay her travel costs and to whom she was also bound by a voodoo ritual. After a botched breast cancer operation she became "spoiled goods" and was murdered. That is when

Llorens starts to receive threats and, fearing for his life, seeks out Roures. The detective launches a dangerous investigation that will uncover a criminal trafficking network of particular cruelty. **Spain:** Espasa, 2020 (336 pp.)

Other works: Luisa y los espejos (2013); A menos de cinco centímetros (2017); La mala suerte (2019)

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#### Roberto Santiago

Ana



Ana Tramel: With A for attorney. With A for addicted to alcohol, pills and sex. And with A for anaesthetized (to emotions, adjectives, and sycophants). In this story absolutely everything revolves around her, the protagonist, narrator and dynamo of the plot. In her forties, she's about to experience a journey to the dark side of the gambling world, and to come up against an international corporation that deals in thousands of millions and has hundreds of lawyers on their payroll. Said with the utmost humility: from this moment on, we are all Ana Tramel.

Spain: Planeta, 2017 (864 pp.), Italy: Rizzoli, France: Editions du Seuil, Poland: Muza, Czech Republic: Hos Vydavatelstvi, S.R.O, Greece: Patakis

Audiovisual rights: to be made a TV series in cooperation with ZDF

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#### Legal Thriller

#### Jordi Solé El tigre y la duquesa (The tiger and the duchess)

#### Thriller



The body of a young woman who died with a smile on her lips appears in a square in the Gothic quarter of Barcelona. Agent Elsa Giralt, questioned since her partner became quadriplegic in a gunfight, will have to solve it if she doesn't want her career, and perhaps her life, to go down the drain. But what appears to be another crime will become something much more important and convoluted when Dragan Jelusic, the most wanted member of the most audacious jewellery-thieving gang on the planet, the Pink Panthers, enters the scene.

Catalan: Columna, Grupo Planeta, 2020 (301 pp.), Spain: Harper Collins

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## Xabier Quiroga El Cabo del Mundo (Tha cape of the world)

#### historical thriller



LA CASA

DEL NAZI Xabier Quiroga What would you do if you had no life left? This is the question that Carlos Pereiro, the protagonist of this story, is about to answer when his doctor tells him that he has a few months to die. Thus begins a search focused on two themes of the past: the woman he always loved and his father's dark past, which will take him to the sinister murders of the Dawn Brigades in Spain during the toughest years of Franco's repression. Starting from a thorough historical investigation, uniting reality and fiction, treasuring an enormous narrative talent and an enveloping prose, Xabier Quiroga signs a memorable novel that takes us to a suggestive literary space in the secret Galicia in Spain where memory and

identity are confused. **Galicia:** Xerais, 2018 (448 pp.); **Spain:** Ediciones B – Grupo Random House

#### La Casa del Nazi (Nazi House)

#### historical thriller

A manuscript that reveals a Nazi past in Spain. A novel with historical intrigue and black dyes of controversial and universal theme: Did Hitler confine himself in Spain to escape a lost war?

"About ten months ago I received a letter from his homeland. It came from a university student who had decided to track the presence in Galicia of Adolf Hitler and other Nazis after the defeat of World War II. Tuning further, he intended to prove his presence or his transit there before finally settling in South America. Without further information that would allow me to identify that the letter V and the electronic address used, apparently on request or as research work for a professor of a faculty

that did notspecify, requested my collaboration". **Galicia:** Xerais, 2017 (632pp.); **Spain:** Ediciones B – Grupo Random House

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#### Lea Vélez La Sonrisa de los Pájaros (The Smile of Birds)

#### intimate thriller



Alma, a 34-year-old journalist and writer, returns to Paraíso 20 years after a tragic accident changed the course of her life. The loss of her family coincided with "the case of the black kite", the terrible murder of a mother and her two children in the beautiful woods of the mountainous Paraíso region. For years, the media and the country as a whole were obsessed with the affair, and the courts finally sentenced somebody for the crime: a man who, despite the beliefs of all those closest to events, could well be innocent. Driven by a strange parallel with her own childhood tragedy, Alma decides to investigate what happened. The search for truth brings Alma into contact with Javier, a

biology teacher with whom she was once in love. He will teach her the language of the birds, a passion for nature, the essence of a life of freedom. While she is preparing a book about the case, Alma reflects on reality and fiction, innocence and guilt, memory and invention, discovering the truth about her past and something that she never hoped to find: the true meaning of love.

Spain: Destino, 2019 (432 pp.)

**Other works:** La cirujana de Palma, Ediciones B, 2014, El jardin de la memoria, Galaxia Gutemberg 2014, Nuestra casa en el árbol, Destino 2017