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He is "The writer of Montseny". Despite considering himself a mere learner in this vocation, he has won an award for his second novel "The nature of fire", in Castelldefels' book competition. A finalist with various short stories based in Barcelona, he is a self-taught writer with a mastery for developing the finer details of psychological intrigue.



The Nature of Fire

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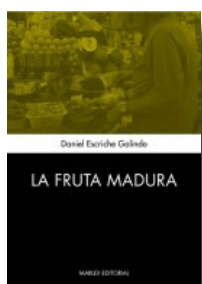
Number of pages: 130

Available formats: Ebook (Epub) and Paper (Marlex)

Genre: Crime, psychological thriller

Plot: Victor is a meticulous and solitary professional photographer, who while on police work, finds himself caught up in a corruption ring involving the Russian mafia in Barcelona. The author creates a unique personality that speaks out to you and the ending is unpredictable.

Comments: The author speaks in the first person to create a personality who holds our attention and who draws us, along with him, into a thrilling adventure with an extraordinary outcome. It is addictive and leaves the reader wanting to know more about the main character.



Ripe Fruit

ISBN: 9788494048609

Number of pages: 274

Available platforms: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Historic Romance

Plot: Three youngsters from diverse backgrounds meet in Barcelona for varying reasons and discover a love story in the background of the Spanish Civil war which was languishing in a small stall in the Gracia Market, the focal point of this plot.

Comments: When you begin to read this, you cannot stop. Gentle Barcelona-based story, romantic yet relevant today.

Carlos Edo Marzal

1960, Barcelona. A graphic designer, well known in Spain, decided to focus on his aim since reading his first book: to write. This is an author who dedicates himself fully in each of his works to his readers, using a structured creative process which enables him to create complicated plots and develop real depth of character.



Being with Izan

ISBN: 978-84-941908-5-8

Number of pages: 91

Available formats: Ebook (Epub) and Paper (Marlex)

Genre: Science Fiction

Plot: The year is 2058. Millions of unemployed. The decay of unemployment is hereditary dragging down generation after generation. The city of Barcelona is a remote shadow of what it was in its heyday.

Izan, just 18, with no family, is one of those people with no work prospects. As long as he holds onto some values (long faded) he will keep up the fight against giving in to the monotonous routine of the unemployed person.

Comment: A story which draws the reader into a decaying and troubling world with characters who raise psychological questions, albeit infused with a clear optimism and positivity.



All that I know

ISBN: 9788494458392

Number of pages: 308

Available formats: Paper (Marlex)

Genre: Crime, psychological thriller

Plot: A fresh story based on the supposed suicide of an old lady and the legend of a lost Picasso painting. Topical and dynamic, this novel takes place in the suburb of Horta in Barcelona.

Comments: This is a story of anti-heroes who solve a crime while reinventing themselves, all this in a city like Barcelona and a suburb like Horta, mingling the plot with a real legend about Picasso's mysterious painting. It's an easy read and entertains readers, who are led to an unexpected dual outcome.

Miguel Ángel Azpitia

The author was born in Cordoba, Argentina, to a humble family. His life is far from common: in 1971 he was accused of being a communist terrorist and imprisoned. During this time he found his vocation, writing, putting to paper stories that he had thought up many years before. When he arrived in Spain, he worked on restoring bells, a rather unusual job which led him to travel throughout the country. He currently lives in Malaga, with his muse Antonia and dedicates his time to writing.



The Sebastianas

ISBN: 9788494048623

Number of pages: 80

Available formats: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Social Comedy, lesbian, adult

Plot: After retiring, two women decide to leave the city, Barcelona, where they have lived all their lives and return to the Castilian village where they were born. Their fortuitous meeting makes them lose their fictitious social inhibitions and rediscover themselves as independent women. They try to survive in an intolerant, macho society where they discover their sexuality in a sincere, transparent and humorous way.

Comment: This is a short easy to read story which leaves you thinking. It deals with the theme of sexuality at an age when we are not used to talking about and its done in a witty and informal way. It also contrasts the clash between city and rural life which are still very distinct from one another.



Life and Death of an immigrant

ISBN: 978-84-941908-8-9

Number of pages: 355

Available formats: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Historic Fiction, epic, Argentina

Plot: Francisco Ramís is a happy child who lives in Mallorca in a family of rural workers. Their financial situation at the beginning of the 20th century forced thousands of people to seek their fortune in "las Americas". This is how our main character starts his journey towards Argentina where he has to learn to survive and work as an adult male. The animal instincts of his pet, a dog called ,Puñetera, guide him from a distance and give him the common sense which allowed him to overcome adversity in the past.

Comment: Miguel Ángel uses rich, nuanced language to outline the characters surrounding the main protagonist in this marvellous story with a light Dickensian touch. An epic , historical novel, one of personal transcendence.

Felip Ródenas

Entrepreneur in the field of communications, sportsman and president of the Club de Tennis de la Salut in Barcelona.



At the look-out of Dreams

ISBN: 9788494458385

Number of pages: 576

Available formats: Paper (Marlex)

Genre: Biographic novel / historic novel/romantic

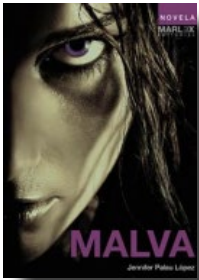
Plot: There is a dual plot in this work. One is the life of Carmen, an immigrant worker from Andalusia who works as cleaner and goes through adventures and mishaps to keep her children going. The other plot is the narrative biography of Manuel Orantes, renowned tennis player who finds himself caught up in this uncertain and difficult period.

This story was written thanks to real accounts from the world of tennis and extensive documentary research.

Comment: A sensual and addictive plot, based in Barcelona in the 1950's. Immigration created ghettos and poor districts from where some children, thanks to tennis, found an opportunity in life.

Jennifer Palau López

A young writer, a precocious novelist, born in 1993 in Barcelona, writes as a way of developing parallel realities. Her pace of writing is dynamic, she succeeds in finding new ways to tell stories and convey the feelings of the protagonists.



Mallow

ISBN: 978-84-942345-4-5

Number of pages: 240

Available formats: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Adventure Fiction/(Suggestion) Young Adult

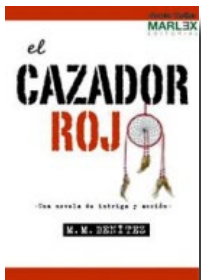
Plot: The human race tries to survive an invasion of another race with superior physical powers. The human beings' government invents a vaccine to avoid mixing the 2 races. A love story between two youngsters opens the way to mix races thus ensuring the survival of both species on the planet.

Comment: Dynamic and vibrant novel. Fast moving descriptions and changes of narrator, always in the first person.

Maria Martínez Benitez

Martinez Benitez was born in Barcelona in 1985.

In 2006 she co-authored the book "Practical travel guide: rights and obligations of tourists". Later on, she began her first novel, "The Red Hunter" which started as a process of self-therapy and ended up as two year project.



The Red Hunter

ISBN: 978-84-940486-6-1

Number of pages: 255

Available formats: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Romantic Thriller, detective

Plot: Ana juggles normal life with her strange illness, with the legacy of certain family dramas and her obsession for a past unrequited love. Her pervading interest in parapsychology and the appearance of new people in her life lead her into an adventure of love and crime. After this intense journey, Ana ends up finding more answers to the questions she would not have been capable of imagining, answers which not only affect her life, but which, upon revealing themselves shake up the world.

Comment: What can one say of a novel in which there is love, dance, supernatural powers, journeys, horrible murders - and an extraordinary ending... You have to read it!

Jordi Márquez López

Márquez López was born in 1983, in Barcelona. He works as an aviation engineer at El Prat Airport. Despite being an ingenious writer with an innate eye for writing, he says,

“I don’t know what made me write. I had never written a book till now and I never studied anything related to it. In fact I failed my Spanish/castellano in my final year of school.”



The man who didn't understand Newton

ISBN: 978-84-944583-0-9

Number of pages: 240

Available formats: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Adventure Fiction

Plot: Cédric Cirdèc is an extraordinary character, who suffers from a peculiar, strange “physical attribute” : he grows up thinking that he is the only one with this problem, until he finds a group in Paris which brings together more people with the same problem. The story begins with the birth of the main character and revolves around his growth as a person and the incredible adventures he has to go through in his attempt to reach the normality which the world denies him.

Comment: A marvellous story with kafkaesque touches, starting from an abstract and impossible story which succeeds in touching the reader with the humanity of this account, helping us to understand our own defects and the difficulties in life, which we all have in varying measures. A small great novel by a young writer with innate narrative talent.

Lucía Ros

The author is a young journalist born in Cartagena, Murcia, in 1992. She was attracted to writing from an early age and at age 15 began to write a diary which would serve as a starter for her first novel "Meetings under the skin".



Meetings Under the Skin

ISBN: 978-84-944583-2-3

Number of pages: 450

Available formats: Ebook (Epub, Google Store)

Genre: Romantic Fiction, young readers

Plot: Marisa, a young independent woman, lives alone in Madrid and is looking for work and why not a relationship which would bring some romance into her life. But she suddenly falls in love and this will put her in danger for the rest of her life.

Comment: Living without a guidebook: this is what the main character of this book, Marisa faces. Marisa is a heroine like almost all young women of her time. The writer illustrates with a topical and quick style that a small lie or insecurity can be like a terminal cancer for a relationship.

Paco Piquer Vento

A mature professional writer, he was born in Valencia in 1945. He has been published various times and has won notable awards. He has compiled various short stories in his books "Stories of the lost gaze", "Stories to rock sleepless sisters-in-laws to sleep", and "Oniria", having been runner up in various awards in this field and starring in many anthologies. He won first prize in the "Dreams" competition and has been one of the winners of the 1st Digi-Book stories Award. His best known work to-date is the novel "The Case of the Smiling Corpse" (King Lear 2007), with which he he won the "Francisco García Pavón" Narrative Award, which has been a sales success, whose rights to cinema adaptation he has sold to Concept Productions.

His novel "Nothing is true ... (Nor is it Lies)" won the "Ciudad de Noega" short story Award, granted by Oviedo University (September 2011).



The Case of the Smiling Corpse

ISBN: 9788493553180

Number of pages: 176

Available formats: Ebook(Epub), Paper (King Lear Editorial)

Genre: Crime, detective and adventure.

Rights: In paper, Spain, Rey Lear Editorial. In Ebook, Spain, Marlex Editorial.

Plot: Prudencio Lavandeira, a forty-something year old ex policeman, working as a private detective , who lives with his old mother, is investigating the appearance in Barcelona of a shoeless corpse in the fridge of a Japanese restaurant. The first mystery is the huge smile on the dead person's face. With the help of the catalan cook Niruhito Maremoto, Lavandeira tries to lead the police in a thrilling case reminiscent of the best detective stories of Eduardo Mendoza and where nothing is what it seems.

Comment: Humour, intrigue, absurd and thrilling situations, all this in a unique setting – the city of Barcelona, made this easy and speedy read the best novel of the 10th Francisco García Pavón narrative award in 2007.





Ghost Tango

ISBN: 9788494234576

Number of pages: 260

Available formats: Ebook (Epub)

Genre: Romantic Thriller

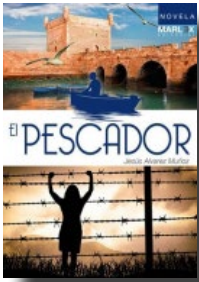
Booktrailer: (Spanish version) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEJVhoQNKbY>

Plot: A fantastic thriller intertwined with four stories of love and rejection, both mature and current. With the financial crisis and property bubble as background, the author weaves this work with a poetic rhythm which is thrilling at an emotional level.

Comment: This is heartbreaking from the beginning. The author describes emotions, feelings including the mistake of indecision, with masterly precision. The result is both topical and credible.

Jesús Álvarez Muñoz

Born Oviedo, 1963, degree in Spanish Philology. Winner of the 3rd Novel Competition in Castelldefels in 2015, and his work reflects his unique personality and life experiences.



The Fisherman

ISBN: 978-84-944583-4-7

Number of pages: 150

Available formats: Ebook (Epub, Google Store and Amazon)

Genre: Crime, detective and adventure

Booktrailer: (Spanish version) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJg_4ps7NIg

Plot: The novel has two parts and protagonists: First Pedro, an astute sailor boy who finds himself seduced by the money from the world of drugs. He will carry shipments of hashish as far as Geneva and Rotterdam, until one of his best friends reports him and he is sent to prison.

Then comes the story of Felix, prison official in his first job as a prison warden and through his eyes we see the world of prison life where he will be seduced by a transvestite and will throw away his life for an insane passion which he confuses with love.

Both parts are united skilfully in the ending of the story, captivating the reader and giving an unusual touch to the plot.

Comment: We could classify this as social realism of 1990's Spain. We are immersed in a world of drug dealing, done with such stylistic beauty that the reader feels part of it. Fantastic! There are scenes that are both disturbing but very well conveyed. Pace, adventure, and a vibrant ending.

Rosario Fernández Zúñiga

Born in Barcelona. Currently secondary school Spanish language and literature teacher.

Several times runner up in the Competition for Ârtemis Womens' Narrative Competition,(Dones Ar-temis) besides reaching the final of Short stories " Care for your skin 365 days a year", the World of the Spirit (Paraula de Espiriu) and the Vivelibro short story competition . She also won second place in the 3rd Castelldefels Novels Competition.



Golden Wedding

ISBN: 978-84-944583-5-4

Number of pages: 150

Available formats: Ebook (Epub, Google Books and Kindle)

Genre: Crime, detective and adventure

Plot: Rocío is a qualified women from the provinces, who decides to go to work in Madrid. From a young age she has had romances with men in her pursuit of entertainment and to control her own destiny. Until she meets Victor, the manager of the insurance company she works for, who will draw Rocío into a web of living a life together, where nothing is what it seems.

Comment: Masterly novel, well set in 1970's Spain, with the pace of crime novel, yet where no crime is necessary, where the facts of life rain down upon the protagonists and grab the reader's attention with the discovery of the manipulatory techniques that some people use and that the deceiver is in fact the deceived. Brilliant!