

meet the author.

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1 . WHAT IS YOUR KRYPTONITE FOR WRITING?

A nice walk, a coffee or reading a passage from a book you admire.

2 . IF YOU COULD SAY SOMETHING TO YOUR YOUNGER WRITING SELF, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Don't let those intruders or censors who manhandle your imagination sit by your side.

3 . WHAT DID YOU DO WITH YOUR FIRST ADVANCE?

It took me a long time to get an advance... but with the first important literary prize I invited my gang to lunch.

4 . AS A WRITER, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE AS A MASCOT/AVATAR/SPIRIT ANIMAL?

No idea

5 . HOW DO YOU CHOOSE THE NAMES OF YOUR CHARACTERS?

It's not a banal thing... either they remind me of someone or it's a way of winking at someone.

6 . WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CHILDHOOD BOOK?

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

7 . HOW MANY BOOKS HAVE YOU WRITTEN AND WHICH IS YOUR FAVOURITE ONE?

Some forty-odd of which I think three have marked a milestone in modern Basque children's literature: Txan fantasma (1984) Iholdi (1996) "A Crocodile under the Bed" (2003)

8 . IF YOU COULD SPEND A DAY WITH ANOTHER POPULAR AUTHOR, WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Elena Ferrante

9 . HOW DO YOU CELEBRATE WHEN YOU FINISH YOUR BOOK?

I continue to live a normal life but with a small, singing joy in my heart.