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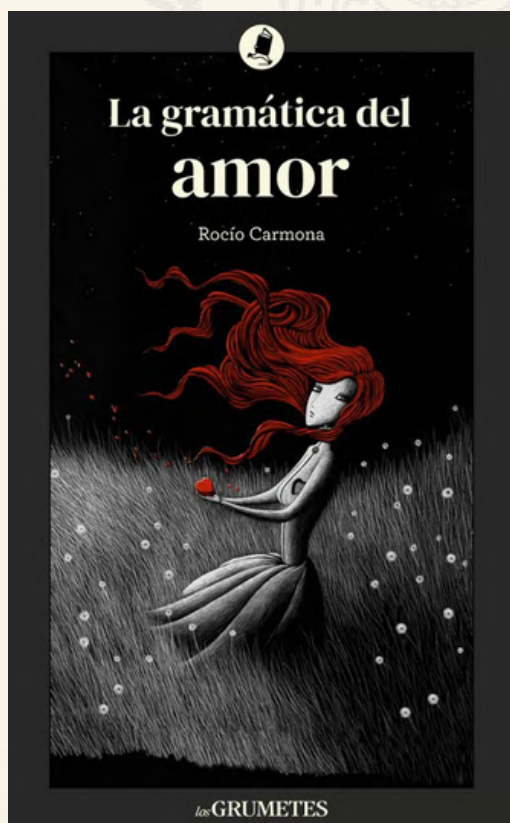


## ROCÍO CARMONA

**Rocío Carmona** (Barcelona, 1974) has a a journalist and editor at Diana (Grupo Planeta), specializing in self-knowledge and spirituality. She also writes for La Vanguardia on topics related to the human spirit. As a novelist, her works include *The Grammar of Love* (translated into seven languages), *Hannah's Heart*, *Robinson Girl* (Jaén Prize, 2013), and *What Happened When You Broke My Heart*.

Over  
25,000  
copies  
sold

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## The Grammar of Love

La Galera, 2011  
296 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript,  
English sample

**Rights sold:** **Brazil** (Rocco), **China/complex**  
(Azoth Books), **Catalan** (La Galera),  
**China/simplified** (Huangshan Publishing),  
**Spanish** (Océano), **Italy** (Fanucci)

**A boarding school, literature as a compass,  
and a love story born in the margins of a book.**

Following her parents' divorce, Irene is sent to a cliffside boarding school in the south of England.

There she will experience her first disappointment in love with great pain, while at the same time gaining an unexpected mentor: Peter Hugues, the strictest teacher in the school, offers to teach her the "grammar of love" through seven great novels of the genre, from Goethe and Jane Austen to García Márquez and Murakami.

Irene will gradually fall in love with her teacher, while another mysterious suitor secretly aspires to her heart.

"The Grammar of Love invites us to  
**(re)discover great novels of universal  
literature**, as well as to try to understand  
**the mechanisms of the heart** and  
feelings."

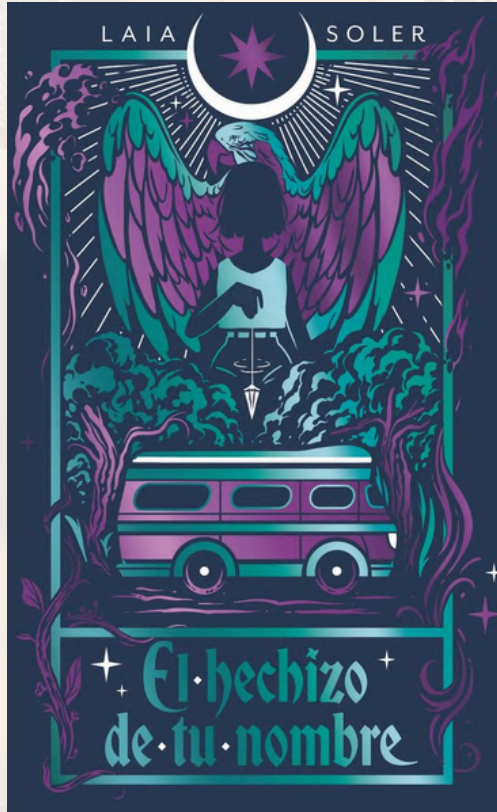
**Key words:** boarding school, unexpected love, universal literature

**"You'll feel a double satisfaction:  
having enjoyed a good novel  
and having learned."**



## LAIA SOLER

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**Key words:** 90s, sisterhood, pop witchcraft, roadtrip, romance, found family, mystery

## The Spell of Your Name

TBR, 2025 | 560 pages

**Material available:**  
Spanish manuscript,  
English sample

**World rights available**

The #witchtok  
hashtag on



has over 8.4 M videos!

**Sorority, spells and sparks – A story that takes us back to the magical turn of the century.**

Tanit can't believe that her dream trip with her best friend has ended with a broken friendship and totally lost in Vienna. She doesn't know what to do... Until she meets Evanora, a strange girl who, after reading her Tarot cards, invites her on her trip touring Europe by motorhome, with her parrot Cuarzo and another boy, Ariel.

Although it seems crazy to Tanit, she wants to prove to herself that she can be adventurous and open herself to the unexpected but she didn't think that this would include discovering that Evanora is a witch, nor that she will teach her to awaken and master her inner magic. And in the meantime her heart starts to feel things for Ariel... **What other secrets are hiding her fellow travelers, especially Evanora?**

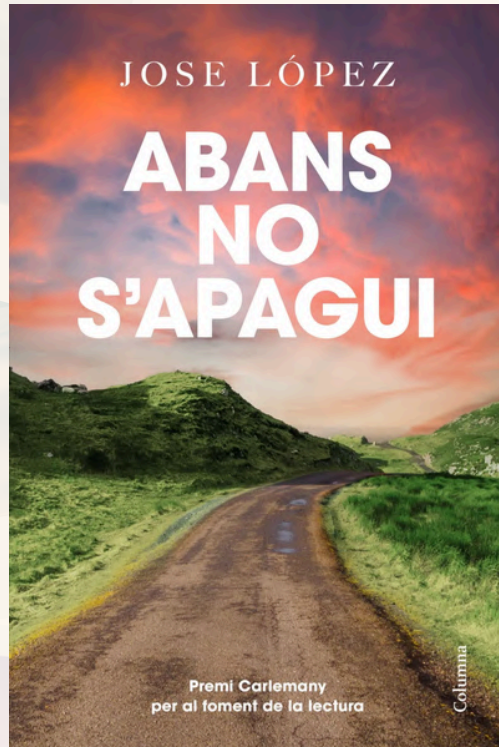
**A camper roadtrip during the Summer of '99  
without roaming but full of love, mystery and spells**





## JOSE LÓPEZ

**Jose López** (Sabadell, 1988) holds a degree in Philosophy and has worked in hostels as an au pair, and in Publishing as an editor, and as a translator. He is also the author of several picture books. He is passionate about music, travelling and literature, his books reflect an interest in culture, the search for identity and the discovery of the world.



**Key words:** roadtrip, millennial voice, search for meaning

## Paint the Sky Red

**Columna**, 2025 | 500 pages

Ramon Llull translation grants available

**Winner of the 2024 Carlemany Prize  
for the Promotion of Reading**

### SYNOPSIS

**Award-winning *Paint the Sky Red* is a powerful story about chasing meaning and living fiercely.**

After the unexpected death of a classmate, Daniel, about to graduate from university, is plunged into a personal and existential crisis. But one thing is clear to him: he does not want his final thesis (or his life) to be reduced to investigating other people's ideas from some dark office. Thus, his research work becomes a fieldwork that will take him across Europe to interview travellers who, like him, have wanted to go out, listen and touch the world with their own hands.

Hostels, night trains, love stories, bar fights, concerts, conversations with strangers, sleepless nights and speechless landscapes: Daniel's journey is one of transformation and answers the academic world has failed to give him. Along the way, **he will learn that life doesn't always give you beautiful sunrises and sunsets: sometimes, it's up to you to go out there and paint the sky red.**

“Yes. Or what you said about sunsets—that when the sky turns red, life feels a little lighter, like the world pauses for a moment and gives us a break from all the bad.”

“Yeah, but you can’t always catch those sunsets. The sky isn’t always painted in colors. Life isn’t always that beautiful. [...] So, what does your work teach us?”

“That sometimes, you have to go out there and paint the sky red yourself.”

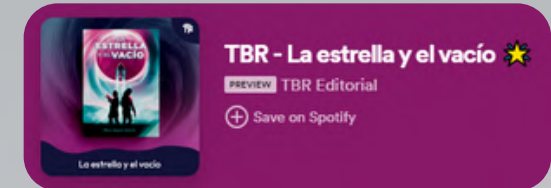






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## The Star and the Void

TBR (SM), 2023 | 416 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript,  
English sample

**World rights available**

**The hope of victory is always better  
than the certainty of defeat.**

África Vázquez delivers a round sci-fi novel: **spaceships, black holes, androids and cyborgs...** Get ready to discover the charismatic **North**, a brave, curious and bright as a supernova girl who will put her freedom and even her own life at stake to save the galaxy together with her peculiar companions: androids, hybrids... and of course the enigmatic and attractive **Captain Lance Dune**.

North dreams of a galaxy where everyone can meet their basic needs and live safely without having to pay large sums of money. That's why she joined the Storm Squad. That's why she ended up in jail. **She now has a chance to escape...if love doesn't get in her way.**

**Three months. One mission. That's all North needs to regain freedom. Are you ready to join her rebellion?**



**Key words:** sci-fi, romance, dystopia,  
space adventures, found family

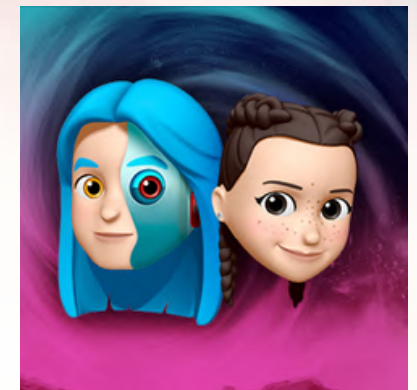
Dystopia

Including a Spotify playlist

Slow Burn

Enemies to Lovers

Star Wars vibes





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## The Curse of the Flying Dutchman

Nocturna, 2025 | 288 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript, English sample

**World rights available**

**A story of impossible love  
bewitched by a millenary curse.**

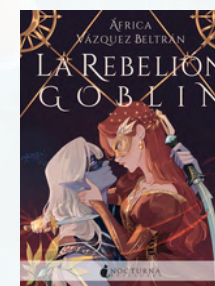
8th Century. Every seven years, the Flying Dutchman, a pirate ship, is sighted from the northern coast of Spain, with its bone hull and skeleton on the bow. Every seven years, **Captain Van der Decken returns to the mainland in search of a new woman to take aboard his cursed ship. If she refuses, her entire village dies; if she accepts, she will never be seen again.**

Willem van der Decken never grows old. The Flying Dutchman has been haunting the nightmares of the living for two centuries.

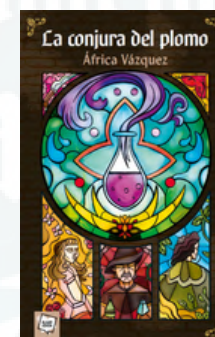
But this time an unbeatable fisherwoman is ready to stand up to the immortal pirate...

**Key words:** legendary curse, strong female protagonist, pirates, impossible love story

**By the same author:**



*Goblin Rebellion*  
Nocturna, 2024



*The Lead Conspiracy*  
Algar, 2025





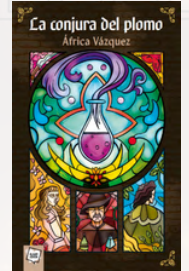
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### Middle Grade Novels by África Vázquez:



*The Abyss of the Dragon*  
Loqueleo, 2025



*The Lead Conspiracy*  
Algar, 2025

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## The Goblin Rebellion

**Nocturna**, 2023 | 392 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript, English sample

**World rights available**

**A gripping standalone dark fantasy of betrayal, sorcery, and enemies too tempting to resist**

Florianne's goblins live in a crowded Arrabal, harassed by the authorities and tormented by the Harlequins who hunt them down. Only the Merry Company dares to stand up to human domination, and this time they are going to strike the final blow: assassinate a member of the High Families before the next elections.

**But everything changes when a goblin mercenary falls into debt with a human princess. From that moment on, the paths of both become intertwined with a forbidden secret... and lethal.**



**Key words:** royalty, assassinations, magic, alliances, betrayals and enemies to lovers





## MICHELLE DURÁN

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By the same author:



*I hate you,*  
*Mackenzie Lin*  
Pato eds, 2024



*Cliché*  
Fandom, 2024



*The Rhythm of the Night*  
Crossbooks, 2023

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**Key words:** romance, Paris, Royal, queer, fake news, grumpy x sunshine

## Three Ways to Say 'I Love You'

TBR, 2025 | 480 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript, English sample

**World rights available**

**This Paris-set royal romance launched with a 6k first print-run**

**Prince Achilles** of Trasia and Princess Geneviève of France are destined for an arranged marriage. But when the prince, overwhelmed by the lack of love in his future, runs away from his royal engagement, he crosses the path of **Levi**, a journalist whose life is on the verge of collapse. Despite his initial reluctance, Levi soon discovers that the prince's presence may be the opportunity he needs to save his dying newspaper. The prince and the journalist come to a pact that will change their lives forever: in exchange for Achilles hiding out in Levi's Paris apartment, the journalist will only ask him for information. But will this deal be as easy to keep as it sounds?

In a world where duty and desire collide, they will discover that **love can arise in the most unexpected places and ways.**

*Tè'caro.* I share your path  
*Tè'smo.* I love you  
*Tè'quare.* I take care of you

LIVE

**BREAKING  
NEWS**

## RUNWAY GROOM!

'[...] Achilles Barone, caught in an affectionate attitude with a mysterious man. The streets of Paris have witnessed an allegedly romantic encounter between the **heir to the throne of Trasia** and a **stranger**. [...] Has he broken his engagement with our beloved princess or is it a huge **betrayal**?'





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Pato eds, 2024



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Fandom, 2024



*The Rythm of the Night*  
Crossbooks, 2023



## Never Say Never

**DNX**, 2025 | 480 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript, English sample

**World rights available**

**Ivory Spencer is clear about two things in life:**

**First: that she will study law at Columbia.**  
**Second: that Hunter Brooks is just her best friend and nothing more.**

With only two months left in high school, Ivory is focused on her studies and getting over her stupid ex. That's no easy task, especially when he's smiling at her like that. So when **her best friend proposes to be her fake boyfriend, Ivory accepts.** She needs help to get over her previous relationship, and dating Hunter, even if it's fake, is better than falling into the web of love all over again.

**The problem? Hunter has taken his role very seriously and turns out to be a charming fake boyfriend. And she's not made of steel...**

**Key words:** romcom, highschool, fake boyfriend

It counted **over 45.6 K views** in Wattpad before publication, just saying 🙄

I also saw it was **finalist of the Wattys Award 2023**

I told you about that, too!

Well, this one's now climbing straight to my TBR throne 🥰

FINALLY! Also, #BookBoyfriend alert! It was an instant crush for me 💕

Why did it take me so long to read this?!?

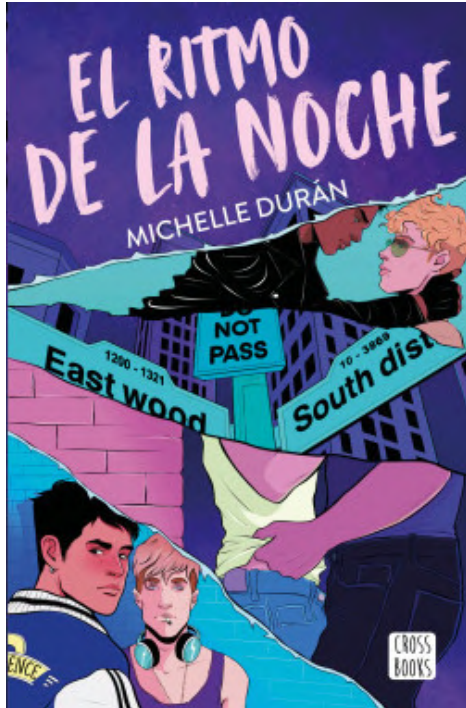




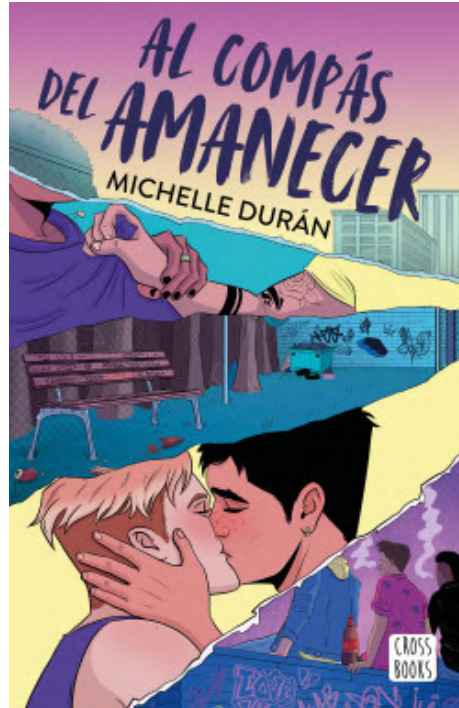
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**Key words:** queer, spicy, enemies to lovers, underground life, street gangs



## The Rhythm of the Night Duology

#01: The Rhythm of the Night

#02: The Rhythm of the Sunrise

Crossbooks/Planeta, 2023 | 370 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript, English sample

**World rights available**

*West Side Story meets Elite  
in this intense and sensual duology*

**In the city of Operetta, there is an eternal war between two gangs:** the kids from the rough part of town, and the kids from the most exclusive neighbourhood, East Wood.

Mark belongs to the first group, led by Theo. **He has never needed anyone's love or attention until he meets Lee Parker**, the son of one of the most respected families in the city. At the same time, Theo's wingman, Iván, runs into Alex Peterson, the leader of the rich kids from East Wood. And that's when Mark and Iván begin to lose their minds over two people who would never, ever, have crossed their minds as the type of guy they'd want to kiss.

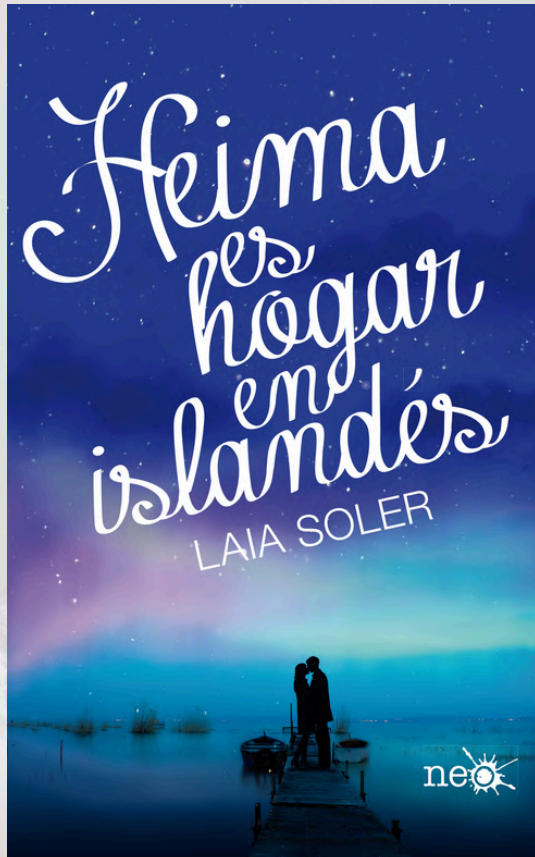
*"Very addictive.  
I couldn't stop reading."*  
**Alice Kellen**





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## Heima is 'home' in Icelandic

Neo, 2014 | 356 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript, English sample

**World rights available**

### To see life in black and white is no fun.

Laura suffers from a strange disease that prevents her from appreciating colours, but if her life is grey lately, it is not only because she suffers from achromatopsia. She has just broken up with her boyfriend, and her parents are fighting after the divorce. So she decides to get away from it all and takes the first plane out of the airport.

Her destiny takes her to **Reykjavik, Iceland**. There she meets her friendly Orri, who proposes a trip to tour the country with him and his not-so-friendly pal Guðjon. It may not be a wise idea, but Iceland doesn't offer many options for a girl who has run away from home.

**What Laura could never suspect is that the two Icelanders are hiding a secret that is impossible to believe**, even for someone like her, and that this trip will change her forever.

*A great and unforgettable YA classic by one of the best voices in Spain*

*"Impressive. Emotional. Beautiful. I cried a lot, a lot, but it was worth it.  
**One of the best reads of the year.**" – Alice Kellen, writer*

*"This is one of those occasions when a book has **pulled at your heartstrings** in such a way that you have so much to say about it that you are unable to get a word out." – Sary*

*"Bravo. **Original and different**, with a dose of magic and a hopeful ending. (...) Keep an eye on Laia because she is promising." – Víctor Heranz*





## RAQUEL VARELA

**Raquel Varela**, also known as Rei Rei on social media, is a self-taught digital illustrator based in Toledo who loves fantasy worlds and to make illustrations with magic flow. She has collaborated with publishers like Planeta Cómic, Éditions Bookmark, and 3DTotal Publishing.

## ALENA PONS

**Alena Pons** is a witch by vocation but an editor and translator by profession. She debuted in 2020 with the coming-of-age novel *Hielo y plata*, and is also the author of the popular fantasy saga *Royalty Witches* and the series *Cornelia Circus*. She has three cats, a parrot, and too many obsessions.



**Key words:** tarot, fairytales, fate

## Fairytale Tarot

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**World rights available**

A tarot deck based on iconic characters and scenes from 37 fairytales and popular myths like Peter Pan, Alice in Wonderland, The Little Mermaid, The Odyssey, The Nutcracker, King Arthur and his Knights, among others.

Including:

**78 double-sided cards** with full colour illustrations

**A user-friendly guidebook** featuring each card's explanation, briefing of the fairytale, and 5 exclusive tarot readings.



The background of the slide is decorated with a pattern of colorful, semi-transparent geometric shapes, primarily hexagons and pentagons, arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement. The colors include various shades of orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and pink. The shapes are layered, with some appearing in front of others, creating a 3D effect. The overall aesthetic is modern and vibrant.

# Bridging Middle Grade and YA





# Duna. Diary of a Summer

Text by Muriel Villanueva

Illustrations by Ferran Orta Terré

Babulinka, 2015

170 pages.

Asian territories not available

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Samples in ENG, info about the main characters, illustrations and +



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## Book 2: Dunes.

## Diary of another Summer

Babulinka, 2019. 175 pages.

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**Key words:** friendship, family, coming-of-age, transgender, grief, empathy, ecology

Nominated to Atrapallibres Award 2016

Spanish representative at the Children Bookfair in Rio de Janeiro 2016

In the Best Books of 2015 selection by IBBY Catalonia

Premi Llibreteres 2020 (Catalan Booksellers Award)

Hi. My name is Duna and this is my summer diary.

I'm here with my two sisters in our grumpy grandfather's house. Mum left us in this white and blue village facing the sea and my teacher has set as homework to write about everything that happens to me before I begin high school. I can't deny it, it looked like it was going to be the most boring summer of my life.

But now, between the daredevil gang, my grandfather's secrets, and a super interesting boy I met in the forest, it seems that things are livening up. All indications are that this is going to be a special summer – a summer of discoveries, the kind that make you grow up.



*"With beautifully written prose, Duna describes in a natural, credible and free-flowing way the first love, the first period, the first confrontation with the mother and the discovery of the fragility of adults".*

**Clijcat on the occasion of the Atrapallibres Award**



**Muriel Villanueva** has a degree in Theory of Literature and Comparative Literature, she also studied Musical Education and teaches Creative Writing and Music. She has written several novels for kids and adults, and her titles has been awarded in many occasions.

**Ferran Orta** developed his career as an illustrator between Tarragona (Escuela de Arte y Diseño) and Barcelona (Escola de la Dona). He has published many picture books and collaborated in several projects and exhibitions, both individually as part of a collective. He is linked to autoedition, zines and serigraphy.

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By the same author:



*The Lead Conspiracy*  
Algar, 2025

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## Legends of the Two Kingdoms

### #01 The Dragon's Cliff

**Loqueleo**, October 2025  
264 pages

*Ah, I see your faces. I know what you're thinking: "There goes the Bard again, talking about dragons!" Yes, so what? I speak of dragons because once, when this inn was nothing more than a moss-covered stone, when kings were still brave and young peasants walked the roads in search of fortune, those fabulous creatures roamed the skies, sowing terror. Or perhaps... perhaps that is only what they want us to believe. For the tale I shall tell you tonight, by the firelight, is not a tale of terror. It is a tale of monsters, yes; but monsters that do not always appear so. And it is also a tale of bold maidens, of kindly kings, and of the most beautiful love story you could ever imagine. Oh—silence falls. I have your attention, don't I? In that case, listen closely, for our story begins long ago, in the distant kingdom of Daeron...*



The King of Daeron has fallen ill, and there is only one way to save his life: the kingdom's finest knights and amazons must set out in search of a dragon scale. Ravenna, a humble villager, has decided to join the quest. Without fame or fortune, she must find a way to cross the unknown and feared Dragon's Cliff. Along the way, she will encounter all kinds of knights, kings, sorcerers... and dragons that will change her life forever.

**In this first volume, África Vázquez masters the worldbuilding of the Two Kingdoms, the setting of her new fantasy series.**

- **Three titles contracted** so far: independent adventures set in the same world.
- **Cultivate values** such as friendship, confidence and teamwork.
- In the same vein of *The Neverending Story* by Michael Ende.
- **Fast-paged** adventures – well researched and **well written**.



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