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### Romeos and Julietos

**Fandom**, | March 2026 | 328 pages

**Material available:** Spanish manuscript

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#### Romeos and Julietos: A Queer Reimagining — this time, love gets the ending it deserves

**Salem Caplan** has done everything right—perfect grades, star athlete, model son—but nothing fixes the fallout after his sister chose love with their family’s biggest rivals, the Montgomerys. Determined to finally earn his parents’ approval, Salem sets his sights on becoming student council president.

There’s just one problem: his opponent is **Beckett Montgomery**—his lifelong rival, next-door neighbour, and the last person he wants to lose to. Worse, Beckett is best friends with Cruz, the boy Salem is secretly in love with.

As the campaign heats up, rivalry turns personal, and Salem starts to realize winning might cost more than losing ever could.

**Key words:** family rivalry complicates relationships, enemies to lovers

#### By the same author:



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## Three Ways to Say 'I Love You'

TBR, 2025 | 480 pages

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**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.**

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

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

## Never Say Never

**DNX**, 2025 | 480 pages

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**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...**

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

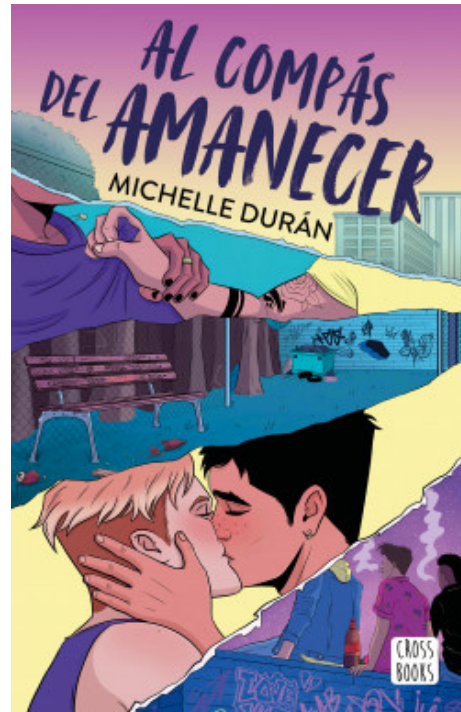
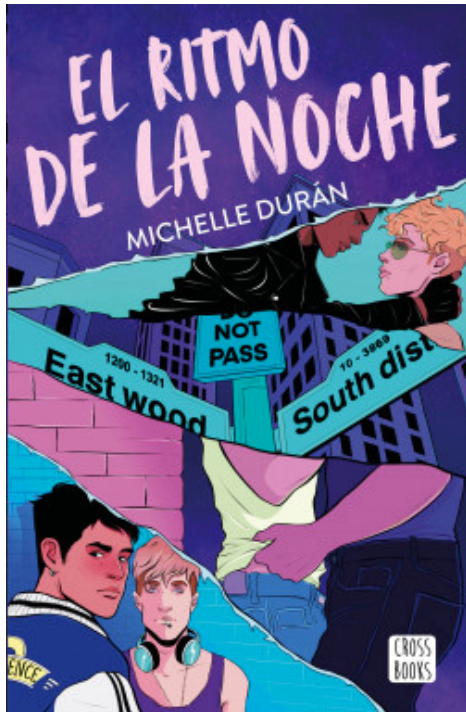
FINALLY! Also, #BookBoyfriend alert! It was an instant crush for me

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

**World rights available**

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

In the city of Operetta, two worlds collide every night: the rough kids from the backstreets, and the privileged elite from East Wood.

**Mark Clark**, second in command from the first group, has never cared for love or luxury—until he meets **Lee Parker**, the golden boy of East Wood and son of one of Operetta’s most powerful families. Across town, Mark’s closest ally **Iván Shevchenko** finds himself drawn to **Alex Peterson**, Lee’s best friend and the leader of the rich kids. When desire crosses enemy lines, the fragile peace between the neighbourhoods is shattered. What begins as reckless attraction spirals into a full-blown social war that threatens to consume them all.

With a sensual, high-voltage energy, this two-part saga explores toxic masculinity, social class divides, and the dangerous thrill of losing control.

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

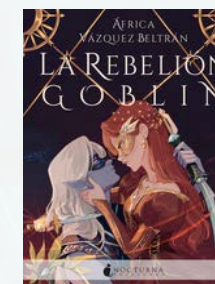




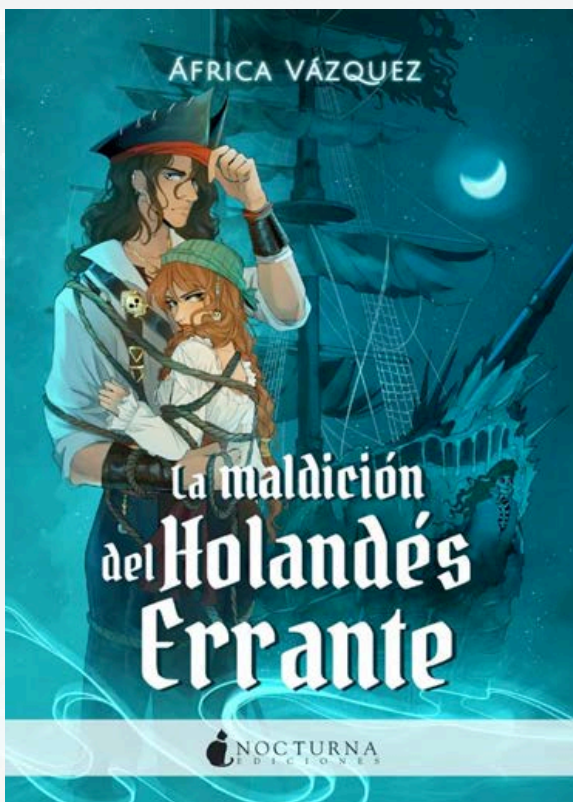
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By the same author:



*Goblin Rebellion*  
Nocturna, 2024



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

## The Curse of the Flying Dutchman

Nocturna, 2025 | 288 pages

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

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### On board of a phantom ship, even cursed pirates can fall in love

Every seven years, the ghostly *Flying Dutchman* docks on the northern coast of Spain, and its cursed captain, van der Decken, claims a young woman who is never seen again.

When her sister is chosen, young fisherwoman Ana bravely intervenes—and becomes the ship's captive herself. Aboard the phantom warship, she faces a crew condemned to relive their bloodiest battles, and a captain who is a twisted King Midas whose touch brings only decay.

From the storm-swept shores of northern Spain, to the crumbling ruins of a castle on the Isle of Man, to the shimmering Caribbean waters, Ana and van der Decken will chart a dangerous course toward redemption. And when the *Flying Dutchman* brings her back to shore, the choice will be hers alone: to break the curse—or let the curse last forever.

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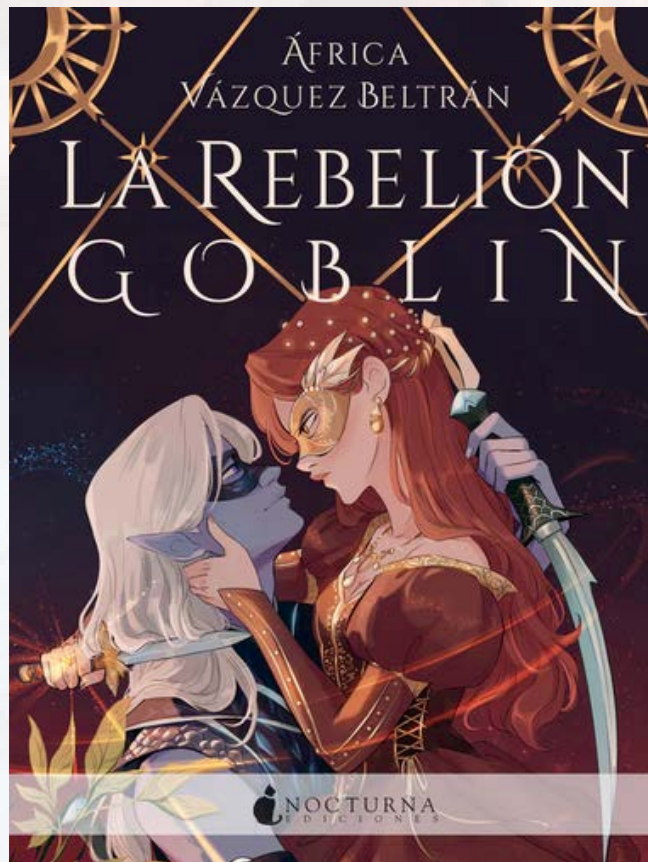
## Middle Grade Novels by África Vázquez:



*The Abyss of the Dragon*  
Loqueleo, 2025



*The Lead Conspiracy*  
Algar, 2025



## The Goblin Rebellion

Nocturna, 2023 | 392 pages

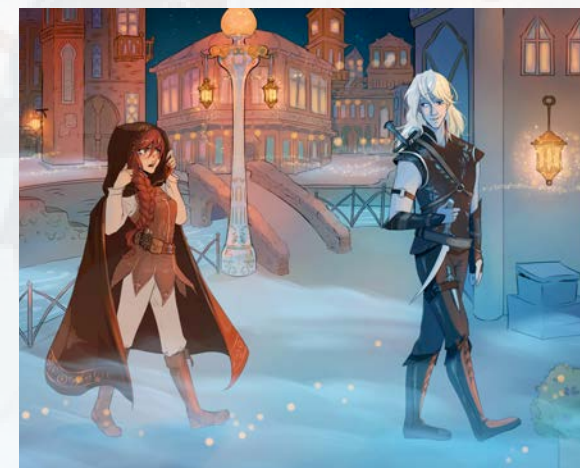
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**A gripping standalone dark fantasy of betrayal, sorcery, and enemies too tempting to resist**

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.**



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

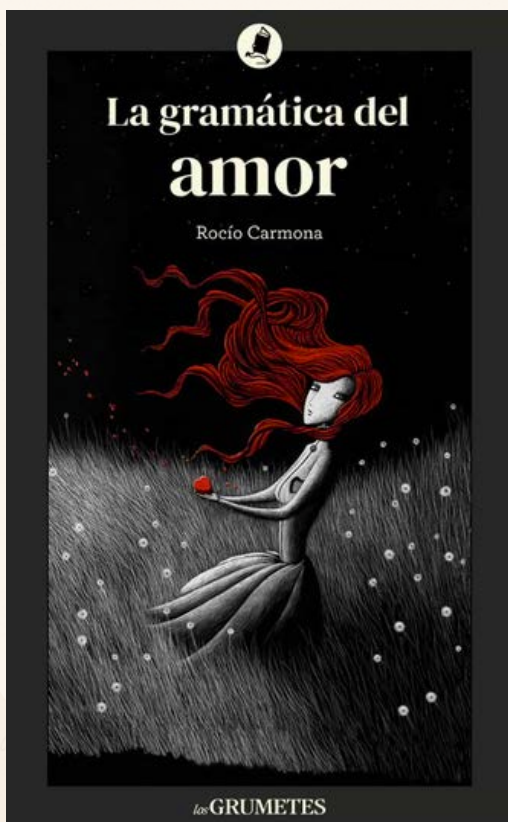


Over  
25,000  
copies  
sold



## 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*.



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

## 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. He's the strictest teacher in the school, but offers to teach Irene **the "grammar of love" through seven great novels of the genre, from Goethe and Jane Austen to García Márquez and Murakami.**

Through long afternoons in the school's library, Irene gradually falls in love with literature, and perhaps with her teacher as well, drawn in by the notes written on the margin of the books she reads. Interestingly, it doesn't occur to her that the notes could belong to someone else... **No novel could prepare her for the plot twist that awaits!**

"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.*"

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



## LAIA SOLER

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## The Spell of Your Name

TBR, 2025 | 560 pages

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

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The **#witchtok**  
hashtag on



has over 8.4 M videos!

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

**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.

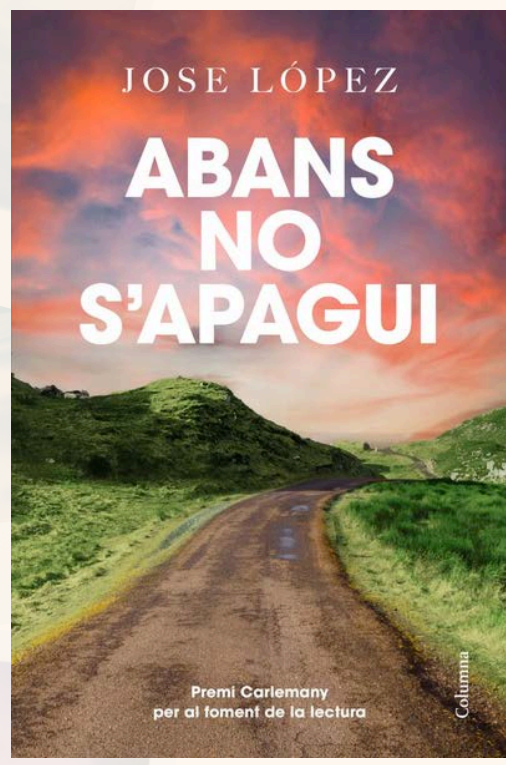
Although it seems crazy to Tanit, she wants to prove to herself that she can be adventurous and open herself to the unexpected but she didn't think that this would include discovering that Evanora is a witch, nor that she will teach her to awaken and master her inner magic. And in the meantime her heart 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.



## Paint the Sky Red

**Columna**, 2025 | 500 pages

Ramon Llull translation grants available

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

“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.”

### 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 travelers who, like him, *experience* the world instead of just *living in it*.

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.**

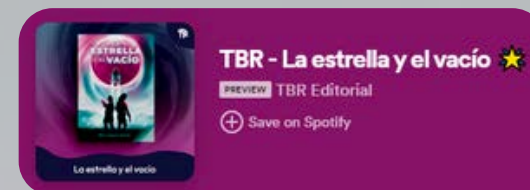


**Key words:** roadtrip, millennial voice, search for meaning



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## The Star and the Void

TBR (SM), 2023 | 416 pages

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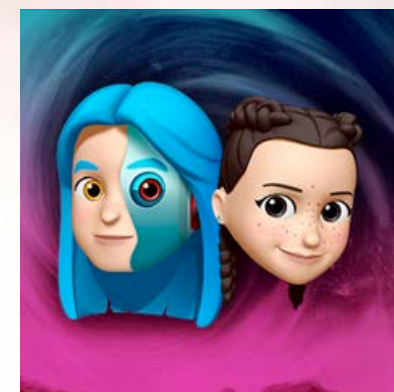
**The hope of victory is always better than the certainty of defeat.**

África Vazquez 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?**

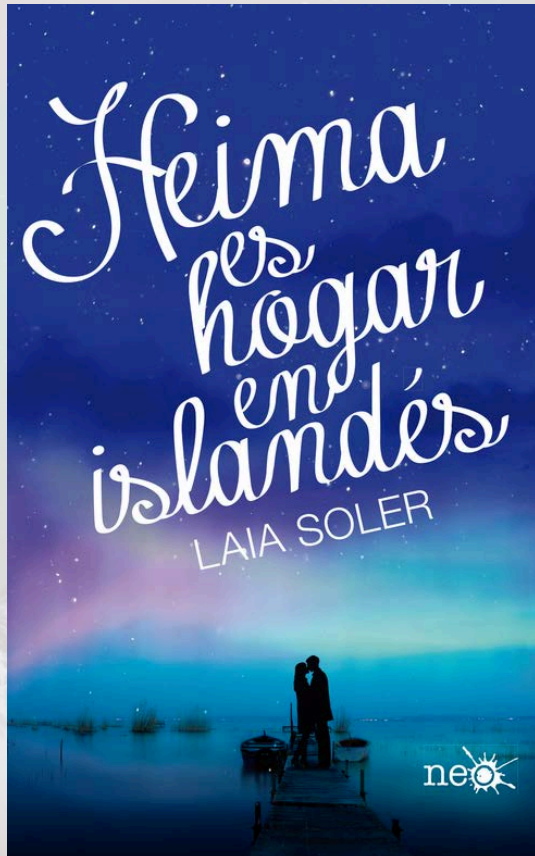
Key words: sci-fi, romance, dystopia, space adventures, found family





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## Heima is 'home' in Icelandic

Neo, 2014 | 356 pages

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**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*

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