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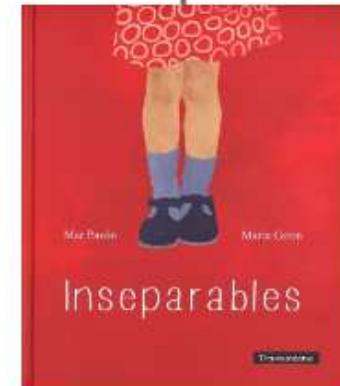
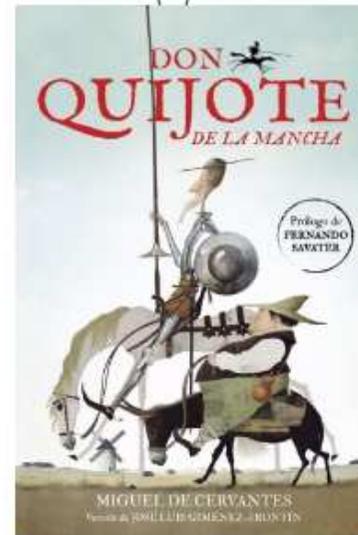
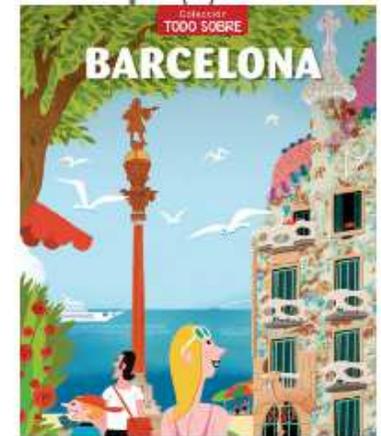
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**EUROTOOLBOX**

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**SPANISH  
BOOKS**

# EUROTOOLBOX SPANISH SELECTION

The Instituto Cervantes was created in Spain in 1991 to promote the Spanish languages and cultures of Spanish speaking countries. Our head office is in Madrid and Alcalá de Henares (Madrid), which is the birth place of the writer Miguel de Cervantes.

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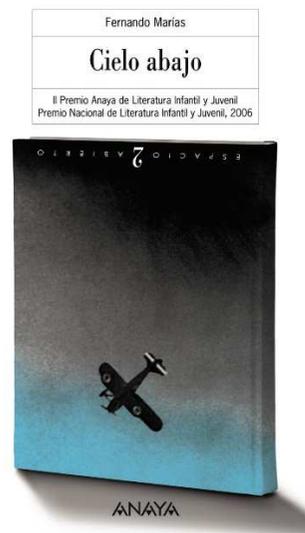
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## 12. Cielo abajo

*\*From 15 years*



Title: *Cielo abajo*

Author: *Fernando Marias*

Publishing House: *Anaya \**

Year: *2005*

\* Number of pages: *209 \**

Format: *23 x 19.5 cm*

ISBN: *978-84-667-4568-8*

### *Síntesis*

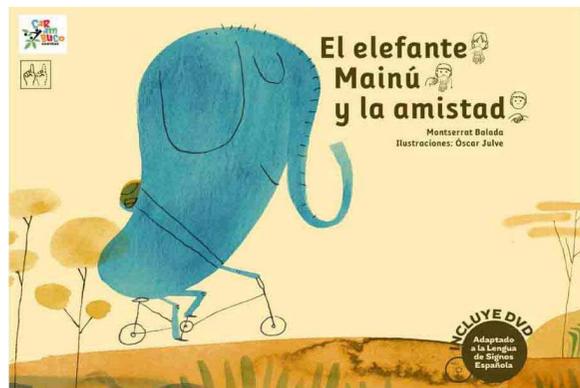
*A plane loaded with bombs approaches Palacio Real in Madrid. It is driven by one of the best pilots in the world; his task is to kill the king of Spain. The pilot, releasing the deadly cargo, symbolically shouts "Down with the monarchy! Long life to the Spanish republic!". Although he knows that no one will hear him apart from his faithful co-pilot. When he is about to reach his target, the plane starts to fall.*

### *About the author*

*Fernando Marias (Bilbao, 1958) is a novelist, screenwriter and editor. He studied filming in Madrid and began writing scripts for television. The book "The End of a Mystery" (1990) won the City of Barbastro Prize, in 2001 the Nadal Prize, the National Ateneo Prize of Seville in 2005, the Dulce Chacon Narrative prize in 2005, The National Children's Literature in 2006 for "Sky down" and in 2010 the Spring Award.*

# 1. El elefante Mainú y la amistad

\* For 3 & up



Title: *El elefante Mainú y la amistad*

Author: Montserrat Balada

Publishing House: Carambuco \*

Year: 2014 \*

Number of pages: 20 + 1 DVD

Format: 21 x 28 cm

**Synopsis:** Mainú the elephant has heard about friendship and was very curious to know what it is like, so he went out to look for it. Along the way, Mainú found a zebra, a penguin, a turtle, a monkey ... But will he succeed in finding the long-awaited friendship?

A funny, tender and very wild tale to learn to appreciate the friends who accompany us throughout our lives.

## About the author

Montserrat Balada was born in Barcelona in 1963. She is a traveller, writer and entrepreneur and has always been drawn to anything related to imaginative literature. She has published five children's books to date.

# 10. Barcelona

\*For 13 & up



Title: *Barcelona*

Authors: Jaume Vidal (text), Pep Brocal (art)

Publishing House:

Norma \* Year: 2014 \*

Number of pages: 80

Format: 24 x 19.6 cm

ISBN: 978-84-679-1582-2

## Synopsis

This is not a travel guide, neither a picture book, nor a collection of anecdotes. However, it has a bit of everything and one goal: to become a cherished memory for all visitors and lovers of the city of Barcelona, regardless of their age.

## About the collection

“TODO SOBRE” is a collection of illustrated guides that show the reader the history, hidden places, important buildings, means of transportation, monuments, works of art, notable people, traditions and secrets of European cities.

## 11. El insólito viaje de una gota de lluvia

\*For 14 & up



Title: *El insólito viaje de una gota de lluvia*

Author: María Villalón

Publishing House: Destino \*

Year: 2015 \* Number of pages:  
304 + 1 CD \* Format: 22.5 x 14.5  
cm

ISBN: 978-84-08-13555-5

**Synopsis:** Atena has been composing her own songs since she was a child, but she would never show her music until her friends encouraged her to take part in a young talents competition. To her surprise, the competition allows her career as a singer to take off. However, not everything will be easy for Atena: she has to leave behind Ele, a new boy at high school she has fallen in love with, her friends, her family and Noria, the town where she has always lived in. Is it worth forgetting your world to achieve your dream?

### About the autor

With a Degree in Hispanic Philology, María Villalón was 18 years old when she won the first edition of the Spanish X Factor. As a result, she recorded two albums with Sony. After which, she began her solo experience and recorded "Historias de una cantante".

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2. *Inseparables* - PAVÓN, Mar. Girona: Tramuntana, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-943046-0-6. (€11,88).
3. *Amelia Earhart* - SÁNCHEZ VEGARA, M<sup>a</sup> Isabel. Barcelona: Alba, 2016. ISBN: 978-84-9065-172-8. (15,20€).
4. *El viaje de Max Pelo→Flecha* - VILA, Francesc. Barcelona: Comanegra, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-16605-05-7. (€16).
5. *Rita y el astronauta* - AMAGO, Antonio. Zaragoza: Sieteleguas, 2011. ISBN: 978-84-15155-01-0. (€7).
6. *La vuelta al mundo de la hormiga Miga* - TEIXIDOR, Emili. Madrid: SM, 2013. ISBN: 978-84-672-3429-9. (€7,51).
7. *Marco Polo no fue solo* - LOZANO, Pilar. Madrid: Bruño, 2014. ISBN: 978-84-216-9870-9. (€11,88).

### Books for teenagers

8. *Don Quijote de la Mancha* - FRONTÍN, José Luis. Barcelona: Alfaguara, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-204-8115-9. (€12,95).
9. *El retrato de Carlota* - ALCOLEA, Ana. Madrid: Anaya, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-667-2727-3. (€8,55).
10. *Barcelona* - VIDAL, Jaume. Barcelona: Norma, 2014. ISBN: 978-84-679-1582-2. (€15).
11. *El insólito viaje de una gota de lluvia* (+ CD) - VILLALÓN, María. Barcelona: Planeta, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-08-13555-5. (€17,05).
12. *Cielo abajo* - MARIAS, Fernando. Madrid: Anaya, 2005. ISBN: 978-84-667-4568-8. (€9,90).

### 3. Amelia Earhart

*\*For 4 & up*



Title: *Amelia Earhart*  
Author: Isabel Sánchez Vergara  
Publishing House: Alba  
\* Year: 2016 \*  
Number of pages: 26 \*  
Format: 24 x 20 cm  
ISBN: 978-84-9065-172-8

#### *Synopsis*

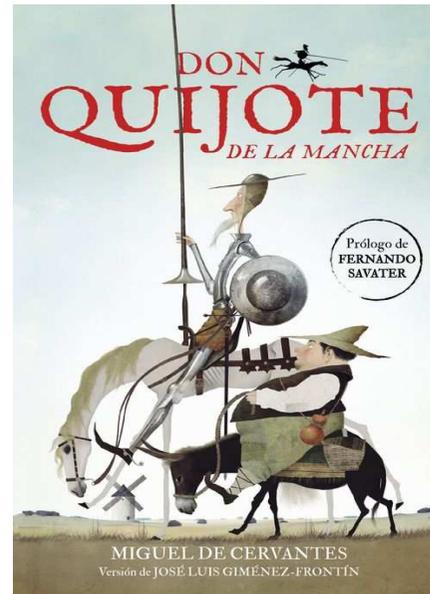
*"If you want to do something, do it" with this simple slogan Amelia Earhart was able to fulfill her dream. The colourful illustrations bring us the views that Amelia could enjoy from the heights and allow us to travel to the exotic landscapes that she discovered in some of her trips.*

#### *About the character*

*Amelia Mary Earhart was an American aviation pioneer and writer. Earhart was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean. She set many other records, wrote best-selling books about her flying experiences and was instrumental in the formation of The Ninety-Nines, an organization for female pilots. She was also a member of the National Woman's Party, and an early supporter of the Equal Rights Amendment. During an attempt to make a circumnavigation flight of the globe in 1937, Earhart disappeared over the central Pacific Ocean. Fascination with her life, career and disappearance continues to this day.*

### 8. Don Quijote de la Mancha

*\*For 12 & up*



Title: *Don Quijote de la Mancha*  
Author: José Luis Giménez-Fontín (de la obra de Cervantes)  
Publishing House: Alfaguara \* Year: 2015 \*  
Number of pages: 213 \*  
Format: 22.2 x 14.6 cm  
ISBN: 978-84-204-8115-9

***Synopsis:** Alonso Quijano, known as Don Quixote, lost his mind by reading too many chivalry books. He, then, disguised himself as a knight, rode his horse Rocinante and, accompanied by his inseparable squire Sancho Panza, went out to fight evil.*

#### *About the author*

*Miguel de Cervantes (1547-1616) was a Spanish writer who is widely regarded as the greatest writer in the Spanish language. His major work, *Don Quixote*, is considered to be the first modern novel, a classic of Western literature, and is regarded amongst the best works of fiction ever written. His influence on the Spanish language has been so great that the language is often called *la lengua de Cervantes*.*

## 9. El retrato de Carlota

*\*For 13 & up*



*Title: **El retrato de Carlota***  
*Author: Ana Alcolea*  
*Publishing House: Anaya*  
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*Year: 2003 \**  
*Number of pages: 184*  
*Format: 22.5 x 13 cm*  
*ISBN: 978-84-667-2727-3*

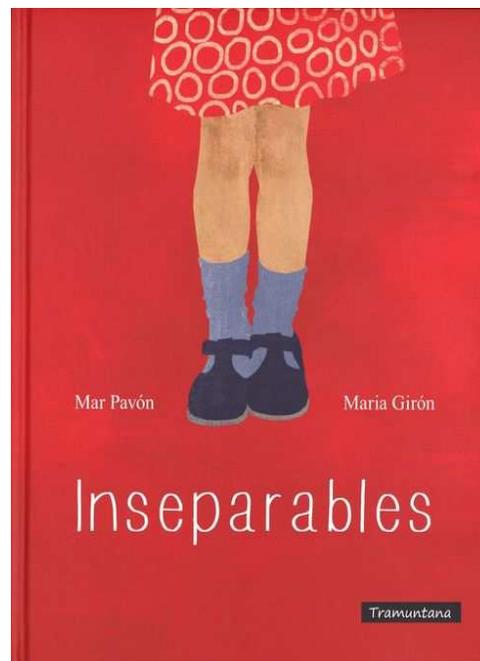
**Synopsis:** *Carlota is spending her holidays in Venice with her aunt Ángela, a novelist living in an old mansion on the banks of a channel. It is there where the girl faces the mystery of her great-grandmother's death, that disappeared in strange circumstances and whose name also was Carlota. The adventures she will live, alongside Venice's magic, will result in an unforgettable experience.*

### **About the autor**

*Born in Zaragoza in 1962, Ana Alcolea holds a degree in Hispanic Studies and a Diploma in English Philology. She is working as a high school teacher since 1986. She likes travelling and always carries a notebook where she writes down ideas that later will appear in her novels. She specializes in children and teenager books. She often does lectures in schools and high schools, and publishes didactic articles about theatre, language and literature.*

## 2. Inseparables

*\*For 4 & up*



*Title: **Inseparables***  
*Author: Mar Pavón*  
*Publishing House: Tramuntana \**  
*Year: 2015*  
*\**  
*Number of pages: 40 \**  
*Format: 27.5 x 22.5 cm*  
*ISBN: 978-84-943046-0-6*

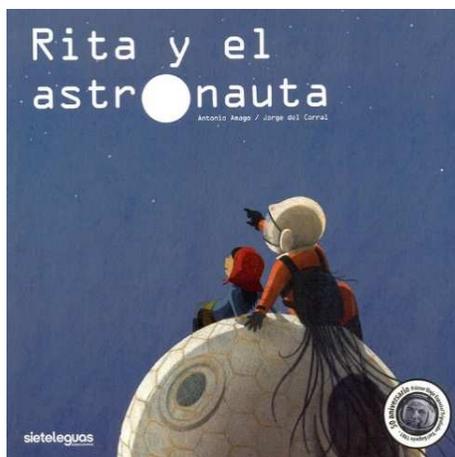
### **Synopsis:**

*They were always together until one day something terrible happened. A first person novel that has a shoe as the main character; this original story allows us to take part in an uncertain and traumatic journey, that ends in the most unexpected way.*

**About the author:** *Mar Pavon was born in Manresa in 1968. She is a prolific author of children's books, which have been translated into several languages, including English, French, Portuguese and Korean. In 2011 and 2012 she was honored with four prestigious awards in the United States, two of which were granted by the International Latino Book Awards.*

## 5. Rita y el astronauta

*\*For 6 & up*



*Title: Rita y el astronauta*

*Author: Antonio Amago / Jorge del Corral*  
*Publishing House: Sieteleguas \* Year: 2011 \**  
*Number of pages: 38 \**  
*Format: 20 x 20 cm*  
*ISBN: 978-84-15155-01-0*

### *About the book*

*A tale based on a real event: the first manned trip into space made by the Russian Yuri Gagarin on board of the Vostok I spacecraft in 1961.*

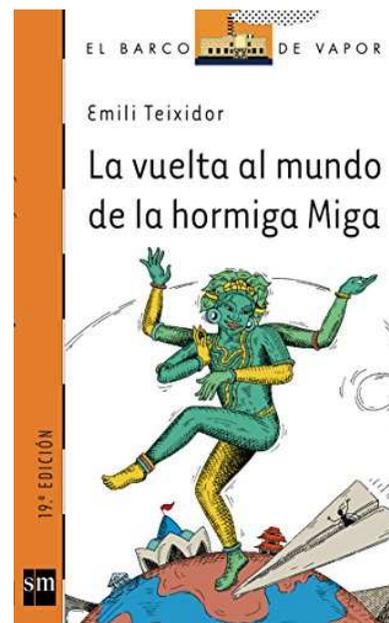
*With graphics, diagrams and explanations of how this trip was possible.*

### *Synopsis*

*The book tells the story of how the astronaut fell in a remote location near the Volga river as he was returning from space. Anna and her mother Rita were the first and the only people who saw that historic event.*

## 6. La vuelta al mundo de la hormiga Miga

*\*For 8 years & up*



*Title: La vuelta al mundo de la hormiga Miga (+ map)*

*Author: Emili Teixidor*  
*Publishing House: SM \**  
*Year: 2013 \**  
*Number of pages: 110*  
*Format: 19 x 12 cm*  
*ISBN: 978-84-672-3429-9*

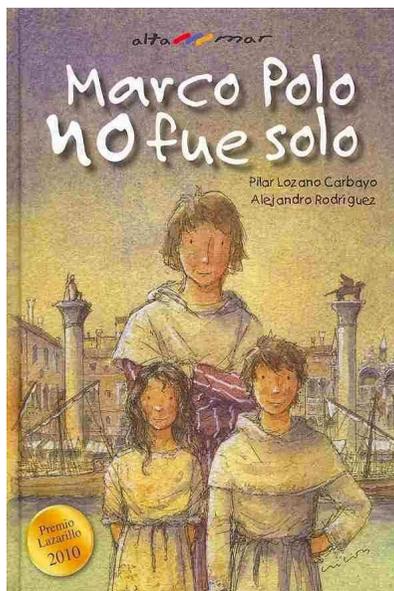
*Synopsis: Miga the ant has the opportunity to go around the world, and in his diary describes all the wonders being discovered: from the mummies of Egypt to the secrets hidden beneath the thick London fog. A luxury trip where you can mark Miga's itinerary on the*

### *About the author*

*Emili Teixidor i Viladecàs (22 December 1933 - 19 June 2012) was a Catalan writer, journalist and pedagogue. His most notable works include "Bird of fire" or "Black bread", the book that inspired the movie of the same title.*

## 7. Marco Polo no fue solo

*\*For 10 years & up*



**Title:** *Marco Polo no fue solo*

**Author:** Pilar Lozano

**Publishing House:** Bruño \*

**Year:** 2014 \*

**Number of pages:** 158 \*

**Format:** 21,5 x 16 cm

**ISBN:** 978-84-216-9870-9

**Synopsis:** 1269, Venice. Marco Polo starts its journey to the East. In a world without video games, films, television or Internet, the great traveller lit the flame of fantasy and imagination in many generations of children who were amazed reading the "Book of Marvels".

### *About the author*

*Pilar Lozano Carbayo* (Benavente, Zamora, 1953) is a Spanish writer of children's books and a journalist. Her books have been translated into several languages and has been awarded by the Barco de Vapor Award, Ebede Prize for Children's Literature, Lazarillo Prize (co-authored with Alejandro Rodríguez) and Apel·les Mestres illustration prize (coauthor with Francesc Rovira).

## 4. El viaje de Max Pelo→Flecha

*\*For 5 & up*



**Title:** *El viaje de Max Pelo→Flecha*

**Author:** Francesc Vila

**Publishing House:** Comanegra \*

**Year:** 2015 \*

**Number of pages:** 25

**Format:** 24 x 30 cm

**ISBN:** 978-84-16605-05-7

**Synopsis:** Max wants to know where the moon sleeps when he cannot see the stars. Tonight, an instinct he had never felt takes him to look for unexplored lands. He will meet new friends that will help him and will have to listen carefully. In this adventure, Max will ask many questions, will receive surprising answers and, while chasing the moon, will find a treasure hidden inside himself.

### *About the autor*

*Francesc Vila* is a journalist, expert in corporate communications, web projects and social networking. Originally from Valencia, but currently living in Barcelona -a city that he is passionate about- where he studies and works in the fields of corporate communications and the creation of digital content on the Internet.

"El viaje de Max Pelo Flecha " is his first book, published with Jaume Marco as the illustrator.