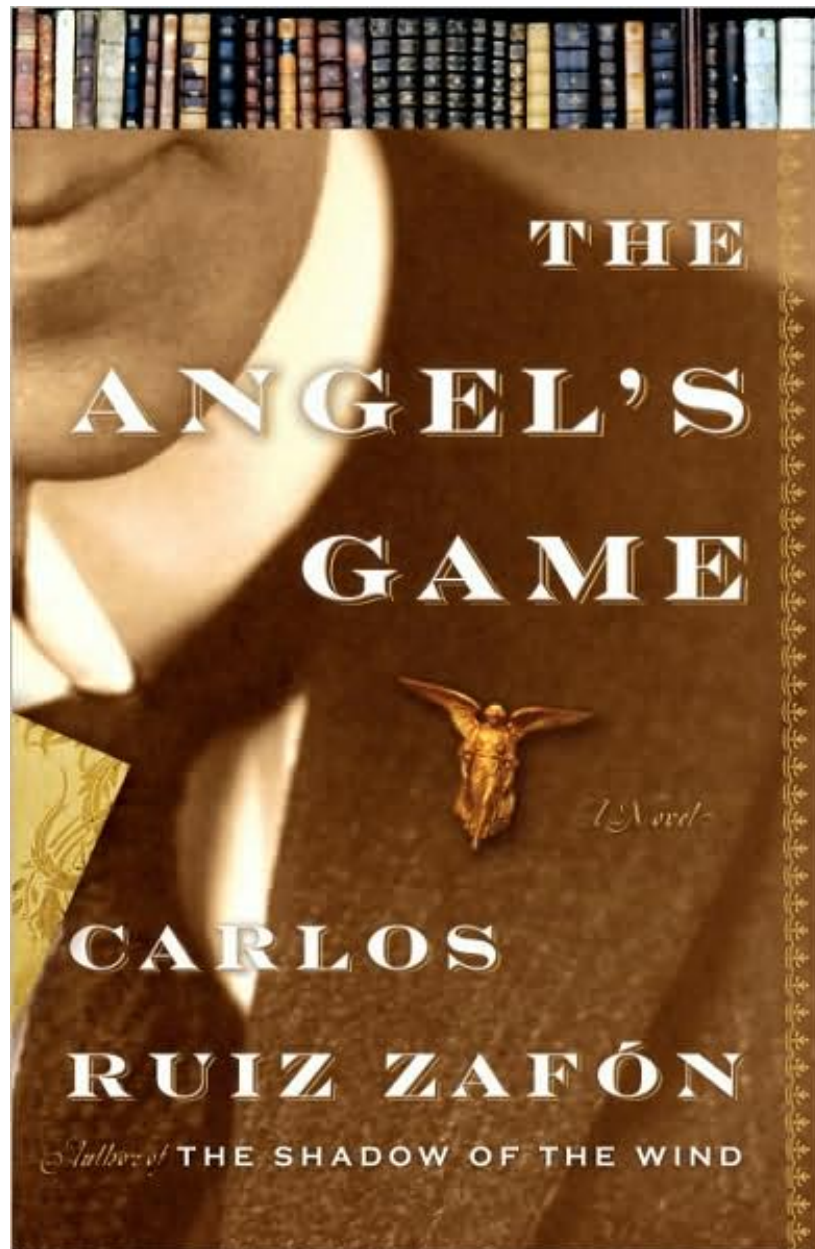


Reader's Roadmap

Helping you navigate the world of books



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Book of the Month
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Reader's Roadmaps enable readers to pursue threads of interest inspired by a book they've just read.

The Angel's Game F R934a

Fans of Zafón's *The Shadow of the Wind* and new readers alike will be delighted with this gothic semiprequel. In 1920s Barcelona, David Martin is born into poverty, but, aided by patron and friend Pedro Vidal, he rises to become a crime reporter and then a beloved pulp novelist. David's creative pace is frenetic; holed up in his dream house—a decrepit mansion with a sinister history—he produces two great novels, one for Vidal to claim as his own, and one for himself. But Vidal's book is celebrated while David's is buried, and when Vidal marries David's great love, David accepts a commission to write a story that leads him into danger. As he explores the past and his mysterious publisher, David becomes a suspect in a string of murders, and his race to uncover the truth is a delicious puzzle: is he beset by demons or a demon himself?

Carlos Ruiz Zafón

Carlos Ruiz Zafón was born in Barcelona, Spain, in 1964. The close proximity of his parents' house to Gaudí's Sagrada Familia cathedral and the years he spent at the Gothic Jesuit school of Sarría made a lasting impression on the child's imagination. Even as a 10 year-old, he wrote Gothic tales which kept his schoolmates up all night – a talent which would later help him to achieve great success. After his student days, he worked in advertising for a few years, which he finally gave up so that he could thoroughly devote himself to literature. In 1993 Ruiz Zafón received the Edebè Prize for his first novel 'El príncipe de la niebla'. Against the historical background of the time after the Spanish Civil War, the author develops a novel which borrows from fantastic literature. Sunken ships, a mysterious sculpture garden, and a lighthouse keeper who refuses to tell what he knows are only some of the challenges that the young protagonist has to face together with his sister before the novel ends in a final confrontation with evil.

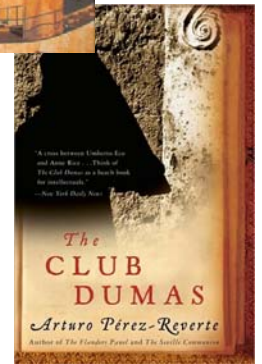
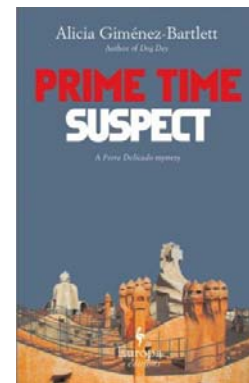


Also by Carlos Ruiz Zafón

- The Shadow of the Wind (2004)
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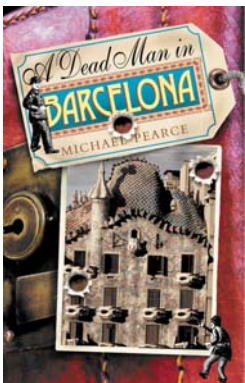
More Spanish Authors

- Everything Under the Sky by Matilde Asensi (2008)
F A816e
- The Accordionist's Son by Bernardo Atxaga (2007)
F A8873a
- For a Sack of Bones by Lluís-Anton Baulenas (2008)
F B346f
- Prime Time Suspect by Alicia Giménez Bartlett (2007)
M G491d
- Blind Sunflowers by Alberto Méndez Borra (2008)
F M538b
- The Club Dumas by Arturo Pérez-Reverte (1996)
F P4383c
- A Pretty Face by Rafael Reig (2007)
F R3612p
- The Lady in Blue by Javier Sierra (2007)
F S5722L
- A Not So Perfect Crime by Teresa Solana (2008)
M S684n



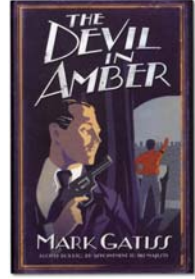
Fiction Set in Barcelona

- Wonderful World by Javier Calvo (2009)
F C169w
- Cathedral of the Sea by Ildefonso Falcones de Sierra (2008)
F F183c
- Nada by Carmen Laforet (2007)
F L167n
- Gaudí Key by Esteban Martín and Andreu Carranza (2008)
F M3797g
- A Dead Man in Barcelona by Michael Pearce (2008)
M P3592db
- A Broken Mirror by Mercè Rodoreda (2006)
F R695b
- The Best Thing That Can Happen to a Croissant by Pablo Tusset (2004)
F T965b

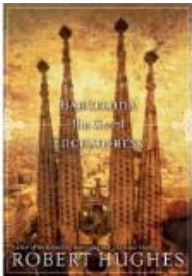


The Devil in Fiction

- Mister B. Gone by Clive Barker (2007)
F B255m
- Calling Mr. Lonely Hearts by Laura Benedict (2008)
F B463c
- The Devil's Footprints by John Burnside (2007)
F B9675d
- The Fury and the Power by John Farris (2003)
F F2463fu
- The Devil in Amber by Mark Gatiss (2007)
M G261d
- Devil May Care by Sheri McInnis (2003)
F M1524d
- The Testament of Gideon Mack by James Robertson (2006)
F R6512t



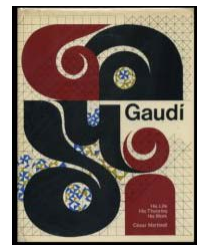
About Barcelona



- Barcelona by Robert Hughes (1992)
946.72 H894
- Barcelona the Great Enchantress by Robert Hughes (2004)
914.672 H894
- In Barcelona [DVD] (2006)
DVD 914.672 B242

Gaudí

- Gaudí: His Life, His Theories, His Work by César Martinell (1975)
720.92 G267
- Antonio Gaudí [DVD] (1984)
DVD 720.92 G267



Character's Favourite Book

- Great Expectations by Charles Dickens
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