



**Reading for all: illustration albums for children with autism who collaborate in their creation**

**LOCATION:** Antequera (Málaga)

**DURATION:** 1'35"

**SUMMARY:** Illustration albums for children with autism. It is one of the projects of the Sallybooks publishing company, based in Antequera (Málaga). They have already published their first book aimed at children with this condition: 'El Astronauta' ('The Astronaut'). They count on the advice of psychologists and pedagogues who are specialized in offering assistance to these children.

**VTR:**

Illustration albums aimed at children with special needs, such as children with autism. This is one of the projects of the Sallybooks publishing company, based in Málaga. Their first book is called 'The Astronaut', by Carlos Comendador.

**MANUEL GUTIÉRREZ**  
**Sallybooks**

*"There are three main ideas: double page spread illustrations and text to support them. The text doesn't contain metaphors or any meanings beyond the text, and pictograms give support to both the illustrations and the text."*

This publishing company decided to look for advice before launching this book and contacted psychologists from the SIDI team, specialized in offering assistance to children with these special needs.

**PEDRO LOZANO**  
**Psychologist**

*"A commitment that combines the desire of the artist to assert his art with the child's capacity to understand."*

Illustrator Iru Expósito is working on the next book within this project. In this case, readers will have a more active role.

**MANUEL GUTIÉRREZ**  
**Sallybooks**

*"We will try to make children with autism participate in the creation of the book, that's why we are going to create small worksheets where they can choose among different types of actions."*

**PEDRO LOZANO**  
**Psychologist**

*"It needs to be very simple and direct. People with autism mostly process reality through visual stimuli."*

**IRU EXPÓSITO**  
**Illustrator**

*"Working with spot colours, not using too many lines, not sending confusing messages such as metaphors, objects that talk... All those messages are too confusing."*

The final goal of this publishing company is to promote reading among this public with these illustration albums.

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