

'Call me Paula,' the first Spanish children's novel with a transsexual child as its protagonist

LOCATION: Seville

DURATION: 1'37"

SUMMARY: 'Call me Paula' is the first child's novel in Spain that has a transsexual girl as its protagonist. It's also the author Concepción Rodríguez's first work, who, touched by the news regarding cases of discrimination in educational centres towards 'trans' boys and girls, decided to write the novel to promote respect towards human diversity.

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The day her mother died, she stopped calling herself Pablo. The pain meant she could no longer lie to the world about her identity. That is how 'Call me Paula' starts, the first child's novel in Spain with a transsexual girl as its protagonist. The Sevillian Concepcion Rodriguez is the author.

CONCEPCIÓN RODRÍGUEZ

Writer

"So that this reality is known, is known, is accepted, is normalised as something every day. Transsexuality is simply a sign of human diversity."

She wrote the novel with this in mind. The idea came about after seeing a news story about discrimination suffered by a transsexual child in a school in Malaga.

Mar Cambrollé

Pres. Andalusian

Transsexual Association

"You're not a girl you're a boy and that is the conflict we have as trans people. It's the negation of our identity based on a way of genderise people that lacks scientific rigor."

Mar is a historic activist leader in the defence of transsexual people's rights in Andalusia. She wrote the prologue in 'Call me Paula,' an educational and fun book.

CONCEPCIÓN RODRÍGUEZ

Writer

"I put a little mystery in there so that teenagers and very young readers would find it a bit more enjoyable."

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"It's very important that kids familiarise themselves with respect to diversity, but at the same time I think that it's an obligatory book for adults."

CONCEPCIÓN RODRÍGUEZ

Writer

"Not giving anything away, it's a happy story. I wanted it to be positive."

A young novel about the adventures and misfortunes of a transsexual girl. A story about human diversity.

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