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Who I Am and Why I Write

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So let's start with the philosophical question of who I am. I am me and my circumstance. You are too, I know, but now, I'm told, I have to talk about me. The truth is that, in this life,

I could have been anything but a writer or, better said, novelist, because I don't regard myself as a writer.

I didn't see this coming, I mean being a novelist. I wanted to be a waiter. I think I could have been an excellent waiter. I like chatting, joking and, when necessary, I'm obliging enough. In fact I've spent, and I spend more time leaning on bars in coffee shops than I do in my office. That's why I'm a novelist and not a writer. Writers do everything and novelists only do novels. Less work, more free time.

This means that I'm a fortuitous circumstance, which is all very fine, because I don't plan anything. Now, maybe I've always had what they call a novelist's gifts. Let me explain myself: at home I was the one who, by the fireplace on long winter nights, or under the porch some spring nights, took it upon myself to entertain my family, including the sheep. I was a pain in the neck, to tell the truth. There were days when everyone got the hell out of there, running away from me. I cheated too. Sometimes I plagiarised fragments of Jules Verne's stories, touched them up a bit and told them with incredible pomposity. Luckily, reading didn't have a prominent place in my family and nobody picked up on my creative cunning. At home, they only knew about Blasco Ibáñez from photos cut out from the *Mercantil Valencià*.

It's true that I'm a novelist and it's probably because I wouldn't know how to do anything else. I don't have a profession (and don't want to). Being a waiter is the only job I might have done with a bit of professionalism, but I'm not frustrated. In some ways I am a waiter: I talk like mad - in the form of a book - and I'm obliging. I mean I deliver the manuscript more or less on the date the publisher puts in the contract (and I also charge for consumption). I'm a waiter and maybe that's why I write.

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WEB: Només socis

Ferran Torrent llegeix les primeres pàgines d'aquesta novel·la dins la sèrie "Escriptors TV" de Vilaweb TV.

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Criticism



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Including more resources.

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WEB: Catalan Literature and Cinema

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Includes biography, works, prizes, interviews, critical references and fragments from some of his works.

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