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## Montserrat Roig



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(Nou diccionari 62 de la literatura catalana)

Montserrat Roig (Barcelona, 1946 - 1991) began to be respected as a writer at a very early age, as a result of the publication of her first novel, *Molta roba i poc sabó* (A Lot of Washing and Not Much Soap). Her next novels confirmed and intensified this prestige. An Arts graduate, in Philosophy and Arts, Montserrat Roig showed that she was also a magnificent author in the prose of ideas, both historical and journalistic. She worked with various periodical publications and also television. Various major prizes, such as the Victor Català Award (1971), the Saint George's Award (1976) and the Serra d'Or Critics Award (1977) represent important milestones in a brilliant career as a fiction writer and essayist, cut short in 1991 by her premature death.

Barcelona, 1946-1991. Fiction writer and journalist. Daughter of the writer Tomàs Roig i Llop, she had an Arts Degree (1968) and was a Reader in Spanish at the University of Bristol (1972 - 1973). Roig is one of the most representative names of the group of authors who began their literary careers at the end of the 1960s. A successful writer, committed to Catalan culture and feminism, she first became known with *Molta roba i poc sabó... i tan neta que la volen* (A Lot of Washing and Not Much Soap ? and As Clean As They Want), winner of the 1970 Víctor Català Prize, which meant as early as 1971 that she was already part of the group of writers known as *La generació literària dels 70* (The Literary Generation of the 70s) and studied in the book by Oriol Pi de Cabanyes and Guillem-Jordi Graells.

This first collection of short stories inaugurated a cycle that was to be continued with three novels: *Ramona, adéu* (1972), *El temps de les cireres* (published in 1977 and winner of the 1976 Sant Jordi Prize) and *L'hora violeta* (The Violet Hour - 1980). These four works, which are intertextually related by their main characters (the members of three generations of the Ventura-Claret and Miralpeix families), offer a literary version of the history of the petit-bourgeoisie of the Barcelona neighbourhood of the Eixample, from the end of the nineteenth century through to the 1970s, with particular focus on the closing years of the Franco regime. Indebted to the tradition of the Catalan novel (and especially [Narcís Oller](#) and [Mercè Rodoreda](#)), Roig's works are constructed from the standpoint of her leading characters, the women who lived through these years and who therefore offer a version that is marked by their sexual condition, often by means of their own writings (from letters through to a novel). Hence, prominent themes are relations among women, the social roles allocated to women, female sexuality, the problem of articulating their subjectivity, the role of writing in women's self-expression, power relations between the sexes, etc..

*L'òpera quotidiana* (The Everyday Opera - 1982), which still had one of the Miralpeix women as its main character -at least partially- but now with leanings towards new literary interests or other spheres that, in the previous book, had only had a relative presence (music, for example), signalled a transition to other thematic and formal areas, and a new stage in Roig's fiction. The novel *La veu melódica* (The Melodious Voice - 1987) and the stories of *El cant de la joventut* (1989) in which most critics highlighted the literary maturity Roig had achieved, were to be the only two examples of this shift because of her premature death, which came as a great blow to the world of Catalan letters.

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Montserrat Roig translated and also wrote some plays and essays, while working in other genres as well. Among these latter works are the monologue *Reivindicació de la senyora Clito Mestres* (The Vindication of senyora Clito Mestres -premiered in the Romea Theatre on 10 June 1991), her meditations in *Digues que m'estimes encara que sigui mentida* (Say You Love Me Even If It's a Lie - 1991), and *L'autèntica història de Catalunya* (The Real History of Catalonia -illustrated by the artist Cesc). She began to work as a professional journalist at an early age in different areas of the media including *Tele-exprés*, *Destino*, *Triunfo*, *Cambio 16*, *Serra d'Or*, *Avui*, etc., while also writing literary texts for the reviews *Lletra de canvi* and *Els Marges*, among others.

At the same time, and in direct relation with her journalistic activity and her left-wing, feminist and Catalan-nationalist political activities, she published *Los hechiceros de la palabra* (Wizards of the Word - 1975), *Rafael Vidiella o l'aventura de la revolució* (Rafael Vidiella or the Adventure of the Revolution - 1977), *Els catalans als camps nazis* (1977), winner of the *Serra d'Or* Critics' Prize, *¿Tiempo de mujer?* (Time of the Woman? - 1980), *Mujeres en busca de un nuevo humanismo* (Women in Search of a New Humanism - 1981), *L'agulla daurada* (The Golden Spire - 1985), et cetera.

Her journalistic and television writings in *Personatges* (Personalities) and *Retrats paral·lels* (Parallel Portraits) of the 1970s and the collections of articles *Melindros* (Dippings - 1990) and *Un pensament de sal, un pessic de pebre. Dietari obert 1990-1991* (A Sprinkle of Salt, a Pinch of Pepper. Open Diary 1990 - 1991 -which appeared posthumously in 1992), along with a number of prologues and introductions in Spanish (for example *Mujeres para la historia* (Women for History) by A. Rodrigo, and *El derecho a la contracepció* (The Right of Contraception) by E. Castells) complete an *oeuvre* that has gone into many re-editions and has been translated into several languages (including English, French, German, Portuguese, Hungarian, Italian and Spanish).

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## A selection of texts

### Text



**WEB: An Appeal for Sisterhood**

A Comparison of Toni Morrison's *Sula* and Montserrat Roig's *L'hora violeta*.

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/euros/newreadings/volume7/diezm.html>



**WEB: Montserrat Roig**

Prose fragments in Catalan, English and German.

[http://www.escriptors.cat/autors/roigm/pagina.php?id\\_sec=1846](http://www.escriptors.cat/autors/roigm/pagina.php?id_sec=1846)



**WEB: In German**

German text about *Els Catalans als Camps Nazis* in the magazine *Parapluie*.

<http://parapluie.de/archiv/unkultur/katalanen/index.html>



**WEB: Un fragment de *Digues que m'estimes encara que sigui mentida***

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A Visat. Inclou també fragments d'altres obres de l'autora traduïts a diversos idiomes.  
<http://www.visat.cat/traduccions-literatura-catalana/cat/fragments/205/11/0/0/0/montserrat-roig.html>



**PDF: "Mare, no entenc els salmons"**

Relat de M. Roig al núm. 16 de la revista *Els Marges* (maig de 1979).  
<http://www.raco.cat/index.php/Marges/article/view/103891/157936>



**PDF: "Amor i cendres"**

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**WEB: "Mort a Ravensbruck"**

Un poema de l'autora al web *Viu la poesia*.  
[http://www.viulapoesia.com/pagina\\_2.php?itinerari=9&tipus=1&subtipus=2&idpoema=308](http://www.viulapoesia.com/pagina_2.php?itinerari=9&tipus=1&subtipus=2&idpoema=308)



**WEB: Roig a EPdLP**

Fragment de *L'agulla daurada* a El Poder de la Palabra.  
<http://www.epdlp.com/texto.php?id2=1237>



**WEB: Montserrat Roig a Google Books**

<http://www.google.es/search?q=inauthor%3A%22montserrat+roig%22&btnG=Cerca+llibres&tbm=bks&tbo=1&hl=ca>



**WEB: Montserrat Roig a WorldCat**

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## Comments on the author

### Criticism



**WEB: Montserrat Roig a l'AELC**

Biografia i bibliografia.  
<http://www.escriptors.com/autors/roigm/>



**WEB: L'autora al Corpus Literari Ciutat de Barcelona**

Biografia, enllaços i transcripció d'articles sobre Roig.  
[http://www.ducros.biz/corpus/index.php?command=show\\_news&news\\_id=2459](http://www.ducros.biz/corpus/index.php?command=show_news&news_id=2459)



**WEB: Montserrat Roig a Visat**

La revista digital de literatura i traducció del PEN Català. Inclou biografia, comentaris sobre l'obra, bibliografia i una selecció de textos traduïts.  
<http://www.visat.cat/traduccions-literatura-catalana/cat/autor/11/0/0/montserrat-roig.html>



**PDF: "Montserrat Roig: entre la novel·la i el periodisme"**

Lluïsa Julià repassa les obres més importants de l'autora i les seves aportacions a la novel·la, al

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**PDF: "El cicle narratiu dels anys 70"**

Neus Real aporta una interpretació de les obres de Montserrat Roig escrites a la dècada dels setanta, adoptant el protagonisme actiu de les dones com a fil conductor i amb la memòria com a articuladora de la seva obra literària. A

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Text de Julia Krüger (en alemany) sobre *Els catalans als camps nazis*.

<http://paraplui.de/archiv/unkultur/katalanen/index.html>



**WEB: Google Books: la voz testimonial en Montserrat Roig**

Estudi cultural dels textos de l'autora per Christina Dupláa l'any 1996.

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**WEB: Montserrat Roig a escritoras.com**

Biografia, bibliografia i notícies relacionades.

<http://www.escritoras.com/escritoras/escritora.php?i=62>



**WEB: Montserrat Roig i Joaquim Amat-Piniella**

Els dos escriptors van mantenir una estreta amistat els darrers anys abans de la mort del manresà.

<http://www.guiamanresa.com/amat/>



**WEB: Le Chant de la jeunesse**

Pàgina en francès amb una petita ressenya biogràfica, comentaris sobre la seva obra *El cant de la joventut* i links a altres pàgines sobre l'autora.

<http://www.editions-verdier.fr/espagne/auteurs/roig.htm>



**WEB: Montserrat Roig on the Lletra website in Catalan**

Including more resources and reading suggestions.

<http://www.uoc.edu/lletra/noms/mroig/index.html>

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Biography, work, links and transcription of articles on this author.  
[http://www.ducros.biz/corpus/index.php?command=show\\_news&news\\_id=2459](http://www.ducros.biz/corpus/index.php?command=show_news&news_id=2459)



**WEB: Montserrat Roig at ?escritoras.com?**

Biography, bibliography and related news at this website on women writers.  
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**WEB: Montserrat Roig and Joaquim Amat-Piniella**

Montserrat Roig and the Manresa writer Joaquin Amat-Piniella were close friends in the last years before the latter's death.  
<http://www.guiamanresa.com/amat/>



**WEB: Le Chant de la jeunesse**

Page in French with a brief biographical review and comments on Montserrat Roig's work *El cant de la joventut* (Song of Youth), offering links to other pages about the author.  
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## Miscellaneous



**WEB: La blogosfera homenatja Montserrat Roig**

Amb motiu del 20è aniversari de la seva mort. Notícia a Vilaweb (10/11/2011).  
<http://www.vilaweb.cat/noticia/3948564/20111110/blocs-homenatgen-montserrat-roig.html>



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**WEB: Diari ocasional**

Recull d'entrades multimèdia al blog "Diari Ocasional" sobre l'autora, la seva obra i el seu context històric.  
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Molt bon dossier de treball virtual de la XTEC sobre Roig i la novel·la *El temps de les cireres*.  
[http://www.xtec.es/recursos/curricul/llengua/roig\\_tre/](http://www.xtec.es/recursos/curricul/llengua/roig_tre/)



**WEB: Digital Discussion of Montserrat Roig**

A very good dossier for online work on Roig and her novel *El temps de les cireres* (The Time of the Cherries), offered by the series "Teledebat" of XTEC (Telematic Educational Network of Catalonia).  
[http://www.xtec.es/recursos/curricul/llengua/roig\\_tre/](http://www.xtec.es/recursos/curricul/llengua/roig_tre/)



**WEB: About Montserrat Roig, in video**

Isabel Clara Simó talks about Montserrat Roig (in Catalan).  
<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=HzSVR4tUVVA>

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### Biography



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**WEB: Fitxa al "Qui és qui a les lletres catalanes"**

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**WEB: A la Viquipèdia**

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<http://www.tv3.cat/noms/roig/home.htm>



**VIDEO: Montserrat Roig a Retalls**

Perfil biogràfic de l'escriptora al programa *Retalls* del Canal 33.  
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**WEB: The author in the Who's Who of Catalan Literature**

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Biographical profile on this writer in the programme *Retalls* [Clippings] on Canal 33.

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<http://www.llibres.cat/ca/detall-autor/roig-i-fransitorra-montserrat>



**WEB: Articles de l'autora (Traces)**

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**WEB: Articles sobre l'autora (Traces)**

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Elaborada per Pep Paré i Enric Martín.

<http://llenguacat.wikispaces.com/file/view/guia+de+lectura+ramona+ad%C3%A9u.pdf/193509710/guia%20de%20lectura%20ramona%20ad%C3%A9u.pdf>



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**WEB: Proposta de lectura sobre *Ramona, adéu***

Recursos de lectura per als estudiants d'ESO al web de l'edu365.

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