



Elena Medel at Fall for the Book Festival 2022



Spanish writer Elena Medel participates in the “Fall for Book” literary festival as part of her residency at the George Mason University.

Spanish award-winning poet and novelist Elena Medel will be sharing her view about Spanish literature, language, and poetry in two conversations with writers Rei Berroa and María Teresa León at the *Fall for the Book Festival*.

Based at George Mason University, *Fall for the Book* is an independent non-profit literary arts organization that promotes reading by sponsoring a variety of year-round events and activities, the flagship of which is the *Fall for the Book Festival* held each October. The festival offers other activities for both children and adults.

READING & CONVERSATION WITH ELENA MEDEL & REI BERROA

- On Wednesday, October 12 at 4:30 pm.
- At the Aquia Building #346, 4461 Aquia Creek Ln, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Join Professor Rei Berroa’s graduate classes, Spanish 510/685, for a reading and conversation in Spanish with award-winning poet and novelist Elena Medel.

LITERATURA ESPAÑOLA WITH ELENA MEDEL & MARÍA TERESA LEÓN

- On Thursday, October 13 at 4:30 pm.
- At the Johnson Center, 3rd Floor, Meeting Room C, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Two writers from Madrid, Elena Medel, author of *The Little Princess* and *The*

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Thu, October 13, 2022

Venue

George Mason University, 4400
University Dr, Fairfax, VA 22030

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Admission

Free

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Credits

Presented by the George Mason
University with the collaboration of the
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in Washington, D.C.



Wonders joins poet María Teresa León, author of *Cincuenta días y quinientas noches. Diario de una reina con corona* for a Spanish-language conversation about literature, language, and poetry. Medel was the first woman to ever win the Francisco Umbral Prize for her debut novel, *The Wonders*. León's poetry collection explores the loneliness and pain of confinement in Madrid during COVID.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Elena Medel (1985) is a writer and the founder and publisher of the poetry publishing house La Bella Varsovia. She was the first woman ever to win the prestigious Francisco Umbral Prize for her debut novel, *The Wonders* (2020), which was also longlisted for the Finestres Award and has been translated into more than 15 languages, becoming a literary sensation.

Medel published her prize-winning first collection of poetry, *My First Bikini*, when she was sixteen years old, and has won other prizes for her work, including the XXVI Loewe Prize for Young Writers and the Princess of Girona Foundation Award 2016 in the Arts and Literature Category, and is one of the “12 Essential Spanish-language Female Authors” according to *Publishers Weekly*. She is also the author of three essay collections on poetry and has published a children's book.