

**READING PROMOTION PROGRAMME FOR  
DEAF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS-FIAPAS 2024<sup>2</sup>**

**TRAVELLING BOOK COMPETITION  
AUTHOR PROFILE**

**Almudena Grandes**

(Madrid 1960 - 2021)

A leading author of contemporary Spanish literature and columnist.

She studied Geography and History at the Complutense University of Madrid, and started work in the publishing sector as an editor and proofreader, and was a regular contributor to the press and a talk-show guest on radio programmes.

Her first novel, "Las edades de Lulú" (1989), was a great critical success and was translated into more than 20 languages. It was adapted for cinema in 1990 by the director Bigas Luna. Her next novel, "Malena tiene nombre de tango" (1994), was also adapted for cinema by Gerardo Herrero. Most of her works are set in the late 20th century, showing everyday life in Spain at the turn of the century, and in the Spanish Civil War.

In 2008, she won the José Manuel Lara Prize and the Madrid Booksellers' Guild Award for her work "El corazón helado" (2007). In 1997, she was the first woman to receive the Rossone d'Oro prize, and in October 2018 she won the National Prize for Narrative.

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