

**READING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME
FOR BOYS, GIRLS AND ADOLESCENTS WITH DEAFNESS-FIAPAS 2025¹**

**TRAVEL BOOK COMPETITION
AUTHOR SUMMARY**

Fernando de Rojas

(Salamanca 1470 - Toledo 1541)

Author of *La Celestina*, a renowned work in Spanish literature.

There is little information available about his biography, but it is believed that he came from a wealthy family and studied law at the University of Salamanca, also engaging in courses at the Faculty of Arts, which were part of the academic curriculum of the time. He eventually practiced law and became mayor of Talavera de la Reina.

He married Leonor Álvarez, with whom he had several children. His eldest son, Francisco de Rojas, inherited his entire library.

He is not known to have written any other book, although *La Celestina*, the *Tragicomedy of Calisto and Melibea*, stands as a key work in the history of Spanish literature and the most important making the transition from the Middle Ages to the Renaissance.

The work is written as a play and, in *Letter From the Author to a Friend*, written before the work's publication, Fernando de Rojas stated that, whilst a student at Salamanca, he discovered a manuscript that he decided to complete it during his holidays.

It is widely accepted that this masterpiece, *La Celestina*, likely has dual authorship: an unknown author responsible for the initial part, and the remainder to Fernando de Rojas.

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