

List of 20 young Mexican authors announced at the
28th Guadalajara International Book Fair
Presentan la selección de 20 destacados escritores
jóvenes de México en la 28 FIL de Guadalajara

***** The *México20* initiative was launched by Conaculta, the British Council and Hay Festival with the purpose of celebrating, in 2015, the year of Mexico in the United Kingdom and the UK in Mexico**

***** Guadalupe Nettel, Cristina Rivera Garza and Juan Villoro selected the list of writers whose work is to be included in an anthology in English, to be launched at the London Book Fair 2015 as part of the Mexico Market Focus**

As part of the celebration of the Year of Mexico in the UK and the UK in Mexico, Conaculta, the British Council and Hay Festivals revealed the list of authors to be included in the *México20* anthology, a celebration of the new voices of Mexican literature which will bring their work to the international publishing world.

The press conference, which took place on Friday 4 December at the 28th Guadalajara Book Festival, saw the announcement of the list of 20 writers under 40 who are to be included in the anthology, which will be published in English by Pushkin Press and will be launched as part of the Mexico Market Focus programme in April 2015.

The writers selected by the judges Guadalupe Nettel, Cristina Rivera Garza and Juan Villoro, are: Juan Pablo Anaya (Mexico City, 1980), Gerardo Arana (Querétaro, 1987-2012), Nicolás Cabral (Argentina, 1975), Verónica Gerber (Mexico City, 1981), Pergentino José (Oaxaca, 1981), Laia Jufresa (Mexico City, 1983), Luis Felipe Lomelí (Jalisco, 1975), Brenda Lozano (Mexico City, 1981), Valeria Luiselli (Mexico City, 1983), Fernanda Melchor

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(Veracruz, 1982), Emiliano Monge (Mexico City, 1978), Eduardo Montagner Anguiano (Puebla, 1975), Antonio Ortuño (Jalisco, 1976), Eduardo Rabasa (Mexico City, 1978), Antonio Ramos Revillas (Nuevo León, 1977), Eduardo Ruiz Sosa (Sinaloa, 1983), Daniel Saldaña (Mexico City, 1984), Ximena Sánchez Echenique (Mexico City, 1979), Carlos Velázquez (Coahuila, 1978) and Nadia Villafuerte (Chiapas, 1978).

There is a long list of Mexican writers with international renown, such as Octavio Paz, Juan Rulfo, Carlos Fuentes and Elena Poniatowska, and Mexico's publishing industry is one of the largest and most dynamic of the Spanish speaking world.

These 20 young authors, who are well versed in their country's literary tradition but also aware of international influences, and whose work stands out for its quality and potential, are a sample of the diverse and vibrant landscape of today's Mexican literature.

The project *México20* was inspired by Bogotá39, Beirut39 and Africa39, where 39 writers under 40 were selected to showcase new voices in different regions as a part of the celebration of the UNESCO World Book Capital in Colombia in 2007, Lebanon in 2010 and Nigeria in 2014.

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