

Tirant Lo Blanc Joanot Martorell

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First published in 1490, Tirant lo Blanc has been called "the best book in the world" by no less than Miguel de Cervantes, author of the immortal Don Quixote de la Mancha. And in our own time, Mario Vargas Llosa has said the following: "Tirant lo Blanc is a novel that nourishes that all-encompassing yearning of the great novels of all times which, like the Quixote, War and Peace, La Comédie Humaine, Moby Dick, the saga of Faulkner, seem to want to emulate the Supreme Being in the creation of a world as diverse, complex and self-sufficient as the real world, of a fiction that competes with life in its ever-increasing diversification." A spicy, brutally realistic novel of knights and ladies of medieval times, this book was written in Catalan, translated into Spanish in 1511 in an abridged form, into Italian in the 16th century, into French in the 17th century, and did not make an appearance in English until late in the 20th century. It has since then been made into a movie directed by Vicente Aranda, alternately entitled "The Maidens' Conspiracy." Among the reasons that the world outside of Spain has been somewhat late in responding to the value of this novel may be that it was originally written in Catalan, whose literature is not widely read in the original tongue. But another reason may be its overemphasis on rhetorical elements. As one scholar says, if the novelist had cut many of these elements, "his book would in that case have been reduced to approximately one-fourth of its present size, but quite probably it would now be considered a masterpiece of narration and dialogue." Such has been the aim of this translation: The story line has been slightly abridged, but the most dramatic change is that most of the rhetoric has been eliminated, leaving in the major plot line, with its brutal tournament jousts, bloody battles between the Christian forces and their enemies, its treachery, slapstick humor, ribald bedroom scenes and tender moments of love. As Cervantes puts it in the Quixote, "'Heaven help me!' shouted the curate. 'Here is Tirant lo Blanc! Hand it to me, my friend. I tell you that in it I have found a treasure of contentment and a mine of entertainment. Here is Kyrieleison of Montalbán, a valiant knight, and his brother, Tomás of Montalbán, and the knight Fonseca, and the battle that the valiant Tirant waged with the greyhound, and the witticisms of the maiden Plaerdemavida, along with the amours and deceit of the Widow Repose, and the Empress in love with the squire Hippolytus.'" Having read this novel, who could forget the characters that Martorell has brought to life? Who would not feel grief at the death of Tirant and the princess, no less united in soul than Calisto and Melibea in Spain (making their appearance a few short years later in Fernando de Rojas' masterpiece, La Celestina), than Romeo and Juliet in England, and no less tragic? And in remembering Tirant, who would not smile at the thought of him serving as a go-between for Prince Philippe and the infanta, Ricomana? Could anyone be more

delightful than the forthright Plaerdemavida (whose name translates literally as "Pleasure-of-My-Life") — surely one of the best delineated characters in any literature? Or anyone more villainous than the odious Widow Repose — a figure stamped indelibly on our minds, wearing her ridiculous red stockings and hat in the bath? If Don Quixote's Dulcinea did not exist until she took form in his (or in Cervantes') mind, or the windmill that was a giant, or the Cave of Montesinos, they have now come into existence in the mind of every reader of that novel. So may Tirant and his men, the princess, the emperor, Plaerdemavida, also come to life alongside the gentle and not so gentle folk of Cervantes, in every reader's imagination. Let us leave the reader with these final words from the pen of Cervantes about Tirant lo Blanc: "Take him home and read him, and you will see that what I have said of him is true."

New interpretations of the text and context of the 15c Catalan romance telling of Tirant's heroic exploits and adventures in love.

Alternate history is a genre of fiction that, although connected to science fiction, has its own rich history and lineage. With its roots in the writings of ancient Rome, alternate history matured into something close to its current form in the essays and novels of the nineteenth century. In more recent years a number of highly acclaimed novels have been published as alternate histories, by authors ranging from bestselling science fiction writers to Pulitzer prize-winning literary icons. The popularity of the genre is reflected in its success on television, where original concepts have been developed alongside adaptations of classic texts such as Philip K. Dick's *The Man in the High Castle*. This collection of essays, by both leading scholars in the field and rising stars, seeks to redress an imbalance between the importance and quality of alternate history texts and the available critical scholarship on the genre. The essays acknowledge the long and distinctive history of alternate history whilst also revelling in its vitality, adaptability, and contemporary relevance.

This translation, by Ray La Fontaine, is the first English version in the five-hundred year history of "Tirant lo Blanc." Accurate readable, and complete, it opens a window to a world of remarkable originality.

Tirant lo Blanc es una de las grandes novelas de la literatura medieval y uno de los títulos que abre el camino de la modernidad literaria en Europa. Para Mario Vargas Llosa, el autor «es el primero de esa estirpe de suplantadores de Dios Fielding, Balzac, Dickens, Flaubert, Tolstoi, Joyce, Faulkner que pretenden crear en sus novelas una realidad el más remoto caso de novelista todopoderoso, desinteresado». Escrita por Joanot Martorell, con la colaboración de Martí Joan de Galba, y publicada en 1490, pronto se tradujo al castellano (Tirante el Blanco) y al italiano. En ella se relata cómo Tirant (Tirante), tras permanecer un tiempo en Inglaterra, donde se adiestra como caballero, regresa a Bretaña.

Acompañado del hijo del rey de Francia, decide contrarrestar el asedio que sufre la isla de Rodas de los genoveses y del sultán de El Cairo. Tirant vence también a los turcos, que han invadido Constantinopla, domina el norte de África y Persia, se casa con Carmesina, hija del emperador, y es nombrado César del Imperio. Muere cuando regresa a Constantinopla después de una de sus empresas. Martorell plasmaba así el deseo arraigado en todos los pueblos cristianos de su tiempo de liberar Constantinopla del poder de los turcos. En la

obra se alternan los episodios sentimentales con los guerreros, los pasajes narrativos con los doctrinales y reflexivos, y el estilo solemne con el coloquial. Un lugar destacado lo ocupan el humor, la ironía, las escenas jocosas y la desenvoltura, que a veces raya en la lascivia con que se narran los amores de los protagonistas y de otros personajes de la corte. Todo lo que ocurre en ella entra en el terreno de lo verosímil y creíble, lo que llevó a Cervantes a escribir en el Quijote: «Por su estilo, es éste el mejor libro del mundo». La traducción de J. F. Vidal Jové fue la primera que se publicó en castellano desde 1511.

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The goal of this anthology is to present a wealth of poetry, prose, and drama from the full sweep of the literary history of the British Isles and its empire, and to do so in ways that will bring out both the works' original cultural contexts and their lasting aesthetic power.-Pref.

Translated by David H. Rosenthal Here is a recovered Renaissance classic, a Catalan novel of chivalry done into English for the first time by a gifted poet and translator. Cervantes singles out Tirant lo Blanc for very special praise in Don Quixote—in the scene in which the don's friends, eager to save his sanity, are making a bonfire of the romances of chivalry which have constituted his sole intellectual and spiritual nourishments. Cervantes makes a pointed exception of this work, putting into the mouth of a character the suggestion that the book deserves to remain in print throughout the ages. So it has—and now it can be read in David H. Rosenthal's lively English. Tirant lo Blanc presents the life of the Renaissance nobility: politics, lovemaking, and war. The hero participates in all these activities with a great deal of dash and good humor, there is much excellent conversation along the way, and by the time the story has come to its satisfying conclusion, the modern reader is convinced that life was quite as complex 500 years ago as it is today—and, for the European nobility, perhaps a good deal more entertaining.

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In the fertile, rich and lovely island of England there lived a most valiant knight, noble by his lineage and much more for his courage. In his great wisdom and ingenuity he had served the profession of chivalry for many years and with a great deal of honor, and his fame was widely known throughout the world. His name was Count William of Warwick. This was a very strong knight who, in his virile youth, had practiced the use of arms, following wars on sea as well as land, and he had brought many battles to a successful conclusion. The count found himself at the advanced age of fifty-five, and moved by divine inspiration he decided to withdraw from the

practice of arms and make a pilgrimage to the holy land of Jerusalem. This virtuous count wanted to go, because he felt sorrow and contrition for the many deaths he had caused in his youth. That evening he told the countess, his wife, about his plans, and although she was virtuous and discreet, she became very upset at the news because she loved him so much. In the morning the count had all his servants, both men and women, come to him, and he said: On the great influence of a valiant lord: "The companions, who see that good warriors are honored by the great lords for their prowess, become more determined to attain this level of prowess." On the lady who sees her knight honored: "All of this makes the noble lady rejoice greatly within herself at the fact that she has set her mind and heart on loving and helping to make such a good knight or good man-at-arms." On the worthiest amusements: "The best pastime of all is to be often in good company, far from unworthy men and from unworthy activities from which no good can come." Enter the real world of knights and their code of ethics and behavior. Read how an aspiring knight of the fourteenth century would conduct himself and learn what he would have needed to know when traveling, fighting, appearing in court, and engaging fellow knights. Composed at the height of the Hundred Years War by Geoffroi de Charny, one of the most respected knights of his age, *A Knight's Own Book of Chivalry* was designed as a guide for members of the Company of the Star, an order created by Jean II of France in 1352 to rival the English Order of the Garter. This is the most authentic and complete manual on the day-to-day life of the knight that has survived the centuries, and this edition contains a specially commissioned introduction from historian Richard W. Kaeuper that gives the history of both the book and its author, who, among his other achievements, was the original owner of the Shroud of Turin.

Tirant lo Blanc, probablement escrita a Barcelona entre 1460 i 1465, es va convertir en una novel·la sense públic fins que Martí Joan de Galba la va fer imprimir en 1490 a la ciutat de València, a l'impremta de Nicolau Spíndeler. Des d'aleshores i gràcies a la traducció castellana de Diego de Gumiel de 1511 (que va llegir Miguel de Cervantes), a l'italiana de Lelio Manfredi (Venècia, 1538) i a la francesa del comte de Caylus (París 1737), s'ha convertit en un clàssic indiscutible de la literatura universal i en la novel·la més important de la tradició catalana de tots els temps. Escrita amb una tècnica de collage i amb un gust per la paradoxa a la manera de Boccaccio, representa un dels punts de referència inexcusables per al món modern del segle XXI. Aquesta edició aplega els quaranta-sis fragments del Tirant lo Blanc prescrits pel Departament d'Educació de la Generalitat de Catalunya com a lectura prescriptiva al Batxillerat. Inclou a més un estudi preliminar, propostes de treball, resums de l'argument i detallats comentaris per a l'estudi específic de cadascun dels textos seleccionats, a càrrec de Jordi Galves, professor de literatura a la universitat Pompeu Fabra, membre de l'Institut d'Estudis Medievals de la Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona i crític literari a *La Vanguardia*.
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Tirant lo Blanc "Some books take a little longer than others to make their way into the world. But 494 years?" This was the question NY Times made some years ago. Tirant lo Blanc is a book that time has done justice to, a book that even the great Cervantes already knew how to value in his intervention in *Don Quixote*, and that was not valued enough for not being written in a main language, becoming the masterpiece of Valencian (or Catalan) literature for centuries. Anyone who cares to dispute his greatness can argue not with me but with Cervantes. In "*Don Quixote*," the Spanish novelist makes one of his characters say, "I swear to you, my friend, that when it comes to style, it's the best book in the world." This classic novel was published for the first time in the Catalan language in Valencia in 1490. Its main author was Joanot Martorell, a gentleman who worked as a writer. After his death, the last quarter of the story was completed by Martí Joan de Galba, another gentleman. Martorell was primarily a combat knight who would have challenged anyone who dared to call him a man of letters to a

duel (on horseback, with a spear and two swords). For a gentleman, that offensive phrase was reserved for lawyers and notaries, three of whom hang in the first 100 pages of this 600-page story. Featuring chivalric adventures, combat, romance and political manipulation, its scenes span from England to Spain and the outposts of the Byzantine empire around the Mediterranean. The fascination, the legend, the romance and the action are not lacking in a book that would mark the way to other works such as Don Quixote and that does not clash with other chivalric books such as the legends of King Arthur. In this edition we have proceeded to translate the original version by Joanot Martorell and Joan de Galba into English to make the work more universal.

Tirant lo Blanc és una novel·la im prescindible i moderna: un llibre de cavalleries i una obra fantàstica, una novel·la històrica i, al mateix temps, costumista, social, eròtica i psicològica. La novel·la de Joanot Martorell s'ha convertit en una de les referències cabdals de la literatura catalana de tots els temps. L'EDICIÓ DIGITAL D'AQUEST LLIBRE NO INCLOU L'ESTUDI PRELIMINAR I LES PROPOSTES DE TREBALL.

Medieval literature is separated from us by so many centuries that it may seem completely foreign, both in its concerns and its techniques. However, this literature has much to say to 21st century readers and Steinberg's book demonstrates its continuing relevance and appeal. This introduction to medieval literature provides some of the cultural context that readers need to know in order to understand the literature, such as the religious orientation of the people, often deep and sincere but sometimes treated casually or subjected to intense scrutiny. The first chapter provides a brief explanation of medieval religious thought, cosmology and intellectual history. The remaining chapters provide introductions to a number of individual works ranging from Beowulf to the works of Chaucer. Avoiding the tendency to regard the Middle Ages as an era dominated by Christian men, these discussions include works by women writers and Jewish writers and a chapter on the medieval Japanese masterpiece The Tale of Genji. Instructors considering this book for use in a course may request an examination copy [here](#).

Five stories about discovery - a perfume that attracts men, a book that shows people's thoughts, a remarkable change in a woman's life, the secret of high intelligence, and a way of making time stand still - make up this entertaining collection.

Pel cavaller Tirant lo Blanc, la reconquesta de l'Imperi de Constantinoble va lligada a la conquesta del cor i el cos de la princesa Carmesina, filla de l'emperador. Són les dues cares d'una mateixa moneda, que troba en els episodis amorosos un món de l'esperit segurament més ric i complex que als del camp de batalla. En aquesta novel·la l'amor s'explora des de tota les seves varietats i matisos, tant físics com psicològics, des de les formes deutes de l'amor cortès fins a les conductes més novedoses i eròtiques. Aquesta és la selecció dels episodis de lectura obligatòria pels alumnes de batxillerat, en adaptació moderna i amb propostes de treball.

The brave knight, Tirant lo Blanc, fights to recapture the Byzantine Empire from the Mohammedans and struggles to win the love of Princess Carmesina

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