

Student's book

The History we live: A student's perspective on the 21st century

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CHAPTER 2:

Culture and Arts

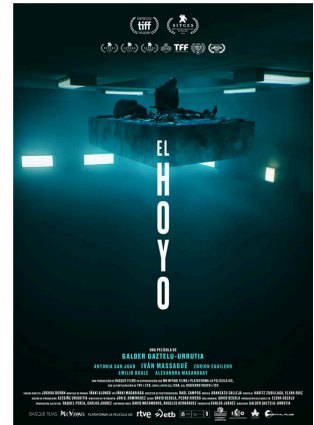
1. FILM

Science-fiction

El hoyo (2019)

“El Hoyo” is a Spanish sci-fi thriller about a vertical prison where food is sent down on a platform. People on the top levels eat first, and those below get the leftovers. The story follows Goreng as he experiences different levels and sees how unfair and violent the system is.

[▶ El Hoyo | Tráiler principal | Netflix España](#)



Automata (2014)

Film set in a future where robots help humans survive on a damaged Earth. The story follows Jacq Vaucan, an insurance agent who investigates robots that seem to break the rules designed to control them. As he uncovers the truth, he realizes the robots may be evolving on their own.

[▶ Autómata - Trailer español \(HD\)](#)

Los últimos días (2013)

It's a Spanish post-apocalyptic film where a mysterious illness makes people unable to go outside. Everyone is trapped indoors, and society collapses. Marc must cross the dangerous underground world of Barcelona to find his missing girlfriend, joining forces with a coworker as they face many risks.

[▶ Los Últimos Días - Primer Tráiler Oficial HD](#)



Comedy



Campeones(2018)

The movie talks about Marco, a professional basketball trainer with an arrogant attitude and personal issues who, after driving his car drunk, is sentenced to community services. His punishment consists of training "Los Amigos", a basketball team made up of people with intellectual disabilities.

▶ CAMPEONES - Tráiler 1 (UNIVERSAL) HD

8 apellidos vascos(2014)

The film follows Rafa, a young man from Seville who travels to a town in Guipúzcoa to win over Amaia, a Basque woman with whom he is in love. To gain the approval of her father, a man with strong nationalist customs, Rafa pretends to be a pure-blooded Basque, inventing a list of eight Basque surnames and adopting the identity of "Antxon." This deception leads to a humorous culture clash based on stereotypes and prejudices between northern and southern Spain.

▶ 8 apellidos vascos - Tráiler Oficial



ROMANCE



▶ 3 metros sobre el cielo - Trailer

Directed by Fernando González Molina, this youth drama became a cult phenomenon, narrating the passionate and troubled love story between Babi and Hache.

Spanish romantic movie about Babi, a well-behaved girl from a wealthy family, and Hache, a rebellious and impulsive boy. Even though they come from very different worlds, they fall deeply in love and live an intense relationship full of passion, conflict, and challenges. The film focuses on **first love**, youth, and how some love stories are powerful but not meant to last

CULPA MÍA(2023)



In CULPA MÍA, Noah leaves his town to move into his mother's new husband's mansion. There he meets his new stepbrother, Nick. Their personalities clash from the first moment, but their attraction will lead them to a forbidden relationship. Nick's hobby of illegal car racing puts Noah - whose biological father also raced before going to prison

for domestic abuse and attempted murder - in the crosshairs of Nick's rivals.

▶ Culpa Mía | Tráiler oficial | Prime Video España

Thriller

Los otros (2001)



Directed by Alejandro Amenábar and starring Nicole Kidman, is an acclaimed gothic psychological horror thriller set in 1945. The story follows a strict mother who protects her photosensitive children in an isolated mansion, while they experience supernatural phenomena and secrets.

- Trailer: [▶ LOS OTROS \(Trailer español\)](#)

El Orfanato (2007)



Directed by J.A. Bayona and produced by Guillermo del Toro, this acclaimed Spanish dramatic horror thriller tells the story of Laura, who returns with her family to her childhood orphanage to reopen it, but her son Simón disappears after interacting with "imaginary friends," forcing her to investigate the house's dark past and confront supernatural events.

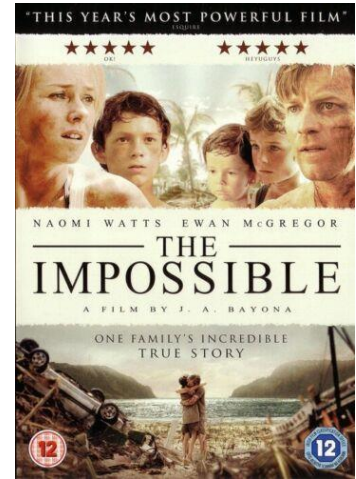
- Trailer: [▶ EL ORFANATO \(Trailer español\)](#)

Based on real events

The impossible(2012)

This Spanish film, directed by J.A. Bayona, was nominated for 11 Goya Awards. It tells the story of a Spanish family who fly from Japan to Thailand to spend their Christmas holidays at the beach. The morning after Christmas, while swimming in the pool, a tsunami (Thailand, 2004) devastates the hotel and much of the Southeast Asian coastline. The family must fight to survive and reunite

▶ [THE IMPOSSIBLE - OFFICIAL UK TRAILER](#)



La sociedad de la nieve(2023)

Tells the true story of a Uruguayan plane crash in the Andes in 1972. The survivors are left isolated in extreme conditions and must organize themselves as a community to endure the cold, hunger, and despair. The story highlights solidarity, extreme decision-making, and the fight for life against impossible odds.

▶ [Society of the Snow | Official Trailer | Netflix](#)

Llenos de gracia (2022)

In the 90s, Sister Marina arrives at a boarding school and forms a soccer team to motivate her students. Through the game, she transforms their defiance into self-esteem and unity. The film tells the true story of how a teacher's faith in her students led future soccer star Valdo to success.

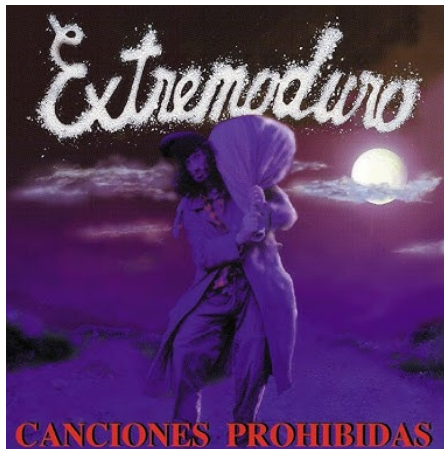
▶ [Llenos de Gracia | Tráiler Oficial | Paramount Pictures Sp...](#)



2. MUSIC

2000: La raja de tu falda- Estopa

This pop song is from 1999, from a typical Spanish group. It is a funny story about distraction and a car accident. The narrator is driving his car (a Seat Panda) when he sees a girl wearing a skirt with a long opening. He is so distracted by her beauty that he loses control and crashes into a streetlight. It is a very famous Spanish "rumba" that talks about everyday life and how a simple moment can turn into a disaster.



2002: Salir- Extremoduro

This is a rock anthem about partying and escaping from reality. The lyrics describe the feeling of needing to "go out and drink" to forget about problems. It talks about the euphoria of the night, but also about the sadness when the sun comes up and the party is over. It's about the desire to feel free and alive, even if it's only for a few hours.

2010: Colgando en tus manos- Carlos Baute and Marta Sánchez

This is a classic pop song about being completely in love. The singer explains that he is sending poems and songs to his partner because he is vulnerable. The title "Hanging in your hands" is a metaphor: it means that his heart and his happiness depend entirely on the other person. It's a very romantic song about total devotion.



2022: Bzrp Music Sessions, Vol 52- Quevedo



This global hit is about passion and a summer romance. It describes a night at a club where two people have a very strong connection. The main message is in the chorus ("Stay"), where the singer asks the other person not to leave because he doesn't want the night to end. It's about the intense desire to repeat a special moment with someone.

2025: La Perla – Rosalía

This is a new song from 2025 about disappointment and toxic relationships. Rosalía talks about an ex-partner who was a "liar" and a "peace vampire." She uses the title "The Pearl" ironically to describe someone who looks good on the outside but is dishonest on the inside. The song is about realizing the truth, protecting your energy, and saying goodbye to someone who betrayed your trust.



Playlist:

<https://music.apple.com/es/playlist/entwining/pl.u-vxy69M6tWMzerY0>



3. ARCHITECTURE

3.1 Torre de cristal

Architect: César Pelli

Year:2008

Office building

Torre de Cristal is the tallest building in Spain, with a height of 250 meters. It is located in the Cuatro Torres Business Area in Madrid. The building is made of glass, which reflects the sky and surrounding city. It is used as an office building for large international companies.

This building is important because it represents modern business architecture and the economic growth of Madrid. It also uses advanced technology to improve energy efficiency.



3.2 Palau de les arts reina Sofía

Architect: Santiago Calatrava

Year:2005

Opera house and cultural center

The Palau de les Arts Reina Sofía is part of the City of Arts and Sciences in Valencia. It is used for opera, concerts, and theater performances. The building has a futuristic design with curved shapes and white concrete.

This building is important because it is one of Spain's most important cultural centers and attracts many tourists. It also shows how architecture can be both artistic and functional.



3.3 Metropol Parasol – Seville

Architect: Jürgen Mayer H.

Year: 2011

Public space, market, and viewpoint

Metropol Parasol is also known as “Las Setas” because of its mushroom-like shape. It is one of the largest wooden structures in the world. Under the structure there is a market and public space, and on top there are walkways with views of the city.

This building helped improve and modernize an old area of Seville. It encourages social activities and tourism.



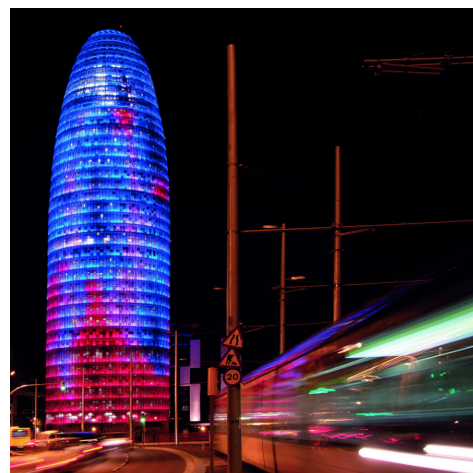
3.4 Torre Glòries – Barcelona

Architect: Jean Nouvel

Year: 2005

Office building

Torre Glòries is a modern skyscraper in Barcelona with a rounded shape and a colorful glass façade. At night, the building lights up and becomes very visible in the city skyline. The building is important because it became a symbol of modern Barcelona and shows innovation in design and technology.



3.5 Caleido – Madrid

Architect: Fenwick Iribarren & Serrano-Suñer Arquitectura

Year: 2021

Mixed-use building (education, offices, shops)

Caleido is one of the newest skyscrapers in Madrid. It includes a university campus, offices, shops, and public spaces. The building is designed to be open to the public and integrated into the city.

This building is important because it combines education, work, and public space in one modern structure and represents the future of urban architecture.



4. PERSONALITIES

SCIENTIFIC

Sara García Alonso

Sara García Alonso is a Spanish scientist and astronaut, born in León in 1989, best known for being the first Spanish woman selected by the European Space Agency (ESA) as a reserve astronaut. Her career combines high-level biomedical research with space exploration and science outreach.

She holds a degree in Biotechnology from the University of León and earned a PhD in Molecular Biology of Cancer. Since 2018, she has worked as a research scientist at the Spanish National Cancer Research Centre (CNIO), one of Spain's most prestigious research institutions. Her work focuses on lung and pancreatic cancer, studying the molecular mechanisms that allow tumors to grow and resist treatments, with the aim of developing more effective therapies.

Sara García Alonso se sintió atraída por la ciencia y las carreras STEM desde pequeña, pero no tenía claras ni la rama científica ni la profesión a la que dedicarse hasta que la biotecnología resolvió todas sus dudas. “Me ofrecía un amplio abanico de posibilidades”, explica ahora con seguridad

In 2022, after an extremely demanding selection process involving more than 22,000 candidates, she was chosen by ESA for its new astronaut class. Although she holds a reserve position, she has completed basic astronaut training and may be called upon to



take part in future space missions, as well as to collaborate on scientific and technological projects related to human spaceflight.

Alongside her scientific career, Sara García Alonso is strongly committed to science communication and outreach. She regularly takes part in talks, interviews, and educational activities to promote interest in science, particularly among girls and young people, and to highlight the role of women in fields traditionally dominated by men, such as research and astronautics.



FILM DIRECTOR

Pedro Almodóvar

The Spanish film director has played a key role in the country's cultural development, bringing unique stories and styles to the big screen. Over time, filmmakers such as Luis Buñuel, Pedro Almodóvar, Carlos Saura, and Alejandro Amenábar have helped Spanish cinema gain international recognition. Thanks to their creativity and originality, Spain has become a significant reference in the global film landscape

The film director that we choose is Pedro Almodobar. He born the 5 of september 1949 in Calzada de Calatrava(Ciudad real)

He emerged during the Movida Madrileña and became famous for his colorful, transgressive style and strong female characters. He founded the production company El Deseo and achieved international success with films such as *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*, *All About*



My Mother, and *Talk to Her*, winning two Oscars. He is considered one of Europe's most influential filmmakers.



The main characteristics:

- Stories about the past and memory
- Strong female characters
- Non-traditional families

Important films

- *Madres paralelas* (2021)
- *Dolor y gloria* (2019)
- *La piel que habito* (2011)
- *Volver* (2006)

YOUTUBER

Ibai Llanos

Spain has a lot of important youtubers with a lot of current viewers. They broke a lot of records in platforms such as Twitch, Kick and Youtube.

The best youtuber from Spain is definitely Ibai, he is an streamer, content creator and Spanish esports presenter who was born in Bilbao

Ibai Llanos has broken audience records on Twitch, mainly with his "La Velada Del Año" events, which have surpassed the platform's most-watched broadcast multiple times with the best fights of youtubeers.

19,8 millions of followers only in Twitch

10,4 millions on Instagram

+10 millions on youtube



ATHLETES

Spain is a very important country in the matter of sports. We have a lot of professional sportsmen in almost every sport:

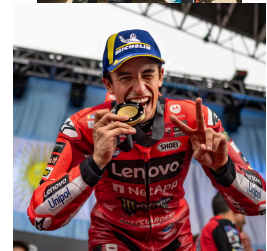
Football:

- **Andrés Iniesta.** A very important player for Barcelona Football Club, he was world champion in 2010 and he scored the goal in the Final.
- **Lamine Yamal.** He is a young star of Barcelona that won the Eurocup last year.
- **Iker Casillas.** One of the best goalkeepers in history. He was from Real Madrid and he also won the World Cup
- **Fernando Torres.** He played for Atlético de Madrid and he won the World Cup.



Motorsport

- **Fernando Alonso.** He is a two-time Formula one driver world champion in 2005 and 2006. He is 44 years old and still drives for Aston Martin.
- **Carlos Sainz Jr.** He is an actual Formula one driver for Williams Racing. He has 4 wins and 29 podiums.
- **Carlos Sainz Sr.** He is a rally driver with 2 World Rally Championships and 4 Rally Dakar.
- **Marc Márquez.** He is a motorcycle driver with 9 MotoGP championships. One of the best of all time.



Tennis

- **Rafa Nadal.** He is the best player in clay court of all time and one of the best tennis players of all time with 22 Grand Slam Tournaments
- **Carlos Alcaraz.** He is a young tennis player with 7 Grand Slam Tournaments in just 5 years.



Basketball

- **Pau Gasol.** He is a retired basketball player with 2 NBA rings.
- **Marc Gasol.** He is a retired basketball player with 1 NBA ring.



MMA

- **Ilia Topuria.** At 29 years old “El Matador” is a UFC fighter with the double belt in the Flyweight and Lightweight division knocking out legends like Charles Oliveira, Alexander Volkanovski and Max Holloway.

