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'My name is Blo, I've got Down's Syndrome, a girlfriend, lots of friends and a favourite record.' Normality and integration are the hallmarks of the comical, carefree strips in this book. In the words of its authors: 'Anyone with a relative with Down's Syndrome always has some really funny anecdotes. Our aim is to re-tell them from the Down's person's point of view, with a very simple way of seeing things.' The protagonists are Blo and his friends, Down's children who, like any children, go to school, play in the park, have teddy bears and playmates. A book of comic strips with sensitive, spot-on jokes, in just the right tone for dealing with such a tricky topic.

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'The protagonists from the pages of Downtown made me smile a lot, as I hope they do to you. Blo and his friends show us reality from the point of view of children with Down's Syndrome, seeing the world with none of the prejudices the rest of us have. The book's first frame sums up a reality known and shared by parents of children with Down's: 'The bad thing about having Down's Syndrome is that when you're born, your parents get a bit sad... the good thing is that after that day they're never sad again.' I know it sounds a little idyllic, but even with all the worries and fears we have to face, it doesn't stop being a great reality. And the best thing about Downtown is that it depicts this reality with humour for all those unaware of it.'

Vicente del Bosque – Spanish National Football Team coach, 2010 world champion, father of Álvaro del Bosque. Spanish TV news

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