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The sea of tranquility



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Ángel, out of work and love, decides to go back to the neighbourhood he grew up in. His lost paradise is the abandoned plots of Vallcarca and El Carmel, where he used to play football, fight with rival gangs, and everyone used to let off home-made bombs. These were the years when Man first walked on the moon and the hippies arrived in Ibiza. Thirty or forty years later, the view from the Barcelona hills has changed. Ángel gets back in touch with the people he calls 'the survivors', and starts a relationship with a high-class prostitute who makes him cling to life again. David Castillo has written an intense novel with episodes of rage and poetry, a living portrait of friendship, love, and the Barcelona you won't find in the tourist guides.

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