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Rabbit's fall



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Games of tennis at noon, displays of popularity on the Barça terraces, drinking vermouth in Turó Park and afternoon shopping trips at Illa Diagonal: this is the calm existence that businessman Amadeu Conill had to sacrifice in 2007 in order to save his company and his life itself.

'El cau del conill' relates the tribulations of a key figure from Barcelona's middle classes who is in free fall. Cristian Segura's first novel ironically describes the existential dilemmas and human miseries faced by the protagonist and his family, the Conill clan. The book nods at other literary tales from Catalan society, perhaps the most obvious being 'L'auca del senyor Esteve'. But more than the profile of a generation or the transformation of society, 'El cau del conill' is the story of an era that ends to the rhythm of a machine: the machine of globalization.

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