

Jaume Cabré

CONFESSIONS

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**Jaume Cabré** is one of the most internationally celebrated contemporary Catalan writers. He is the author of a number of bestselling novels, with over a million copies sold throughout Europe, and has been awarded most of the Catalan literary awards. *Confessions* has been called a masterpiece of world literature by international reviewers, and received multiple awards.

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