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Finalist for the Planeta Prize, the most valuable literary award after the Nobel Prize for Literature

(€601,000 / \$700,000) "Best Historical Thriller of the year."—*novelas-historicas* NOTE TO THE 2015

EDITION: Thanks to the novel's historical accuracy and its international success, the city of

Crotone—where Pythagoras carried out his remarkable life's work—invited Marcos Chicot to visit in

May 2015 and honoured him with the distinction *Encomio Solenne* for "having given new life to the

figure of Pythagoras". Several months later, the novel was again singled out, this time for the

acclaimed *Mediterranean Culture Award*. The author will travel to Italy in October 2015 to accept this

prestigious prize. What began as a self-published novel, the attempt of a father to ensure a future for

his daughter with Down Syndrome, turned into an overnight publishing sensation. Within a year it

was the top-selling ebook in Spanish in the world. Soon afterwards, the paper version became one of

the most notable literary events of recent years: a unique novel, highly praised by readers and critics

alike, and an extraordinary phenomenon that has been published in twenty countries so far and

continues to grow. Synopsis: The venerable philosopher Pythagoras, one of the most powerful political

figures of his time, is preparing to name a successor from among his grand masters when a string of murders

rocks the Pythagorean community. The killings, each more baffling and unpredictable than the last, gradually

unveil the workings of a dark and powerful mind, more formidable than that of Pythagoras himself. Egyptian

investigator Akenon and the enigmatic Ariadne work to identify the murderer while at the same time coming

to terms with their own tumultuous relationship. The challenge they face is one in which the ghosts of the

past are interwoven with the sinister threats of the present: a challenge from which it seems impossible they

will escape alive. *Killing Pythagoras*, based on real-life historical events, will plunge readers into an

apparently unsolvable mystery. Readers will unearth cryptic clues and come face to face with some of the

most unnerving characters ever to appear in the pages of fiction: Glaucus the Sybarite, the gruesome Boreas,

the vengeful Cylon, and above all, the mysterious stranger who wields his prodigious capabilities to sow

death. "Crime, mystery, and romance in a fast-paced action novel."—*Historia National Geographic*

"Maximum excitement and fun; [the author] achieves a compelling mix of strong elements."—*Onda Cero*

***Radio* "A fast-paced historical thriller that transports us to the cradle of civilization among intrigues and**

passion."—*La Vanguardia* "An edge-of-your-seat narrative driven by suspenseful action, it succeeds in

creating a tense atmosphere in the face of the deadly threat that attempts to destroy the main

characters."—*Qué Leer* "The meticulous detail with which the era is recreated gives the novel incredible

realism."—*Adivina Quién Lee* "...it has all the ingredients necessary in a book to hook you: crime, mystery,

love, action... I loved it!"—*Marianleemaslibros*

About the Author

Marcos Chicot has won many literary prizes, including the Mediterranean Culture Award, the Francisco Umbral Prize for a Novel and the Rotary Club International Literary Award for a Novel. He was also a finalist for the Max Aub Award, the Juan Pablo Forner Prize, the Ciudad de Badajoz Award and the Planeta Prize. His novels include *Killing Pythagoras* (Mediterranean Culture Award 2015) and *Lord of Minds* (2014). He donates 10% of the proceeds from his books to NGOs for people with disabilities.

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