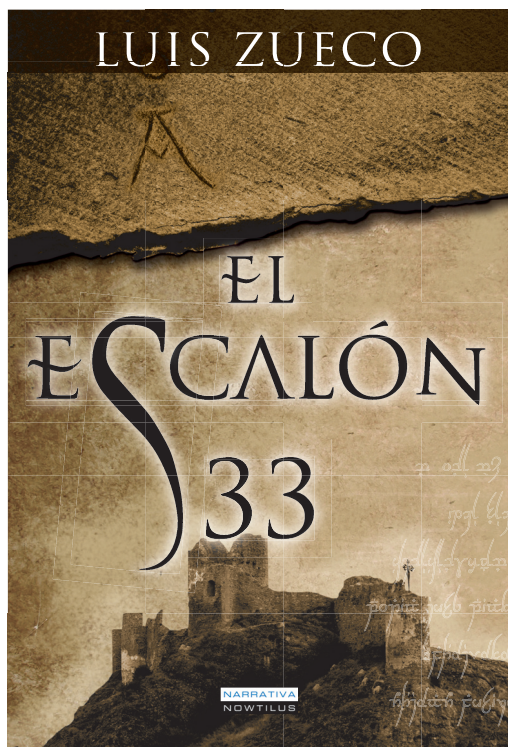


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An old book purchased through the internet hides astonishing mysteries - seven castles united by a secret bond and a hidden message that must be deciphered



## Synopsis

Silvia, a book lover, works as a book conservator for the National Library in Madrid, but she is tired of her monotonous lifestyle and yearns for change. One night she discovers some mysterious texts that come with strange symbols whose meaning are unknown for her. What will these symbols reveal? Where will these mysteries lead the protagonist? These and other questions will be gradually answered with the help of Alex, and expert in medieval art and castles.

Dark and dangerous figures watch their every move: a professional art thief, a mysterious woman, a magnate willing to discover the secret at any cost. No one is who they appear to be in this game involving an ancestral mystery.

*The 33rd step* is an unsettling and mysterious thriller involving a unique adventure that moves the reader through medieval times and the castles of Spain. This is a truly unique and fascinating story within its genre.

## Biography

**Luis Zueco** (born in Borja, Spain in 1979) has a degree in history and a master's in historical and artistic research from UNED. Apart from contributing regularly to radio, television, print and online media outlets, Mr. Zueco speaks regularly at conferences dealing with history, historical patrimony and photography.

He has written numerous research articles and in 2011 he had his first two books published to great commercial and critical success: *Rojo amanecer en Lepanto*, a historical novel set in the famous Battle of Lepanto, and *Castillos de Aragón. 133 rutas*, a book that mixes travel writing and historical reference.



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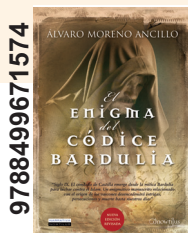
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