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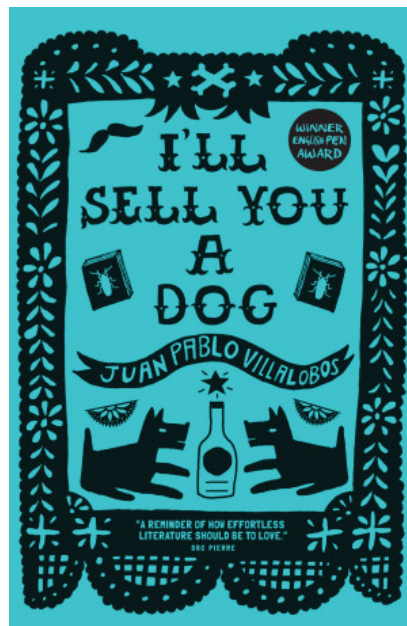
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### **Juan Pablo Villalobos (And Other Stories)**

The highly acclaimed and much-loved Mexican author Juan Pablo Villalobos is releasing his third comedic novel this August *I'll Sell You a Dog*. Having already made Best of the Year lists throughout the Spanish-speaking world, many are calling this Villalobos' most accomplished

novel yet.

*I'll Sell You a Dog* is a hilarious, clever, and at times meta, tale following the life of a 78-year-old retired taco seller (Teo) and his recent adventures in his new residency – the retirement home. The novel has an essence of J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye*, and the narrator can be seen as an older version of Holden Caulfield as he fights not in a teenage rebellion, but in an older generation revolution. As said by Teo's accomplice, "we've got nothing to lose, we've barely got any future left."

It's refreshing to read a tale from the perspective of the older generation, especially as it comes packaged as an easy read with a light and witty tone. Although the tale is translated from Spanish, it still contains a large amount of what one could call dry British humour, making it a great read for all audiences. Alongside starting the revolution, we follow Teo as he revolts against the formidable cockroaches in his home, and his nosey-neighbour Francesca who is powered by her cult-like literary salon. *I'll Sell You a Dog* is an ingenious and funny tale, told by the protagonist who most certainly did not want to write a novel.

Price: £8.99. Info: [www.andotherstories.org](http://www.andotherstories.org)  
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