



Alfredo Conde was born in 1945 in the city of Allariz in Galicia, Spain. His award-winning novel, *El Griffon*, was published in English as *The Griffon* in 2000.

In *Romasanta. Uncertain Memoirs of the Galician Wolfman*, Alfredo Conde uses historical evidence to reconstruct the life and trial of Manuel Blanco Romasanta, who claims that his heinous crimes were the product of an ancient curse that

transformed him into a wolf. Set against a background of poverty, greed, superstition, ambition and charlatanry in nineteenth century Spain and Portugal, this novel explores some of the darkest regions of the human mind and heart. As the wolfman's confession unfolds, with its inconsistencies and contradictions, the reader becomes aware of the boundary that separates fact from fiction, truth from lies, nature from culture and good from evil. The beguiling voice of the Galician monster – or is he a wretched victim pleading for understanding? – compels readers to look at their own reflection in the mirror...

Alfredo Conde's novel inspired the film *Romasanta. The Werewolf Hunt*, directed by Paco Plaza and starring Julian Sands.

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