

**READING PROMOTION PROGRAMME FOR
DEAF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS-FIAPAS2023¹**

**TRAVELLING BOOK COMPETITION
AUTHOR PROFILE**

Carmen Conde Abellán

Cartagena 1907- 1996

Writer and poet from Murcia, winner of numerous awards that marked milestones in the role of women in Spanish literature.

As a child who enjoyed reading and writing, she faced the prejudices of her time about what women should (or should not) do.

At the age of 17 she began to have short publications in newspapers in Cartagena and to establish contacts with authors of the time, such as Juan Ramón Jiménez. At the age of 19 she began teacher training.

At 22, she published her first book "*Broca*" and continued to publish works in prose, verse and children's stories. She also signed several of her works under pseudonyms such as Magdalena Noguera and Florentina del Mar.

Together with her husband, the writer Antonio Oliver, they founded the first public university in Cartagena, to make education accessible to anyone.

She received the National Poetry Award for her work "*Poética*" (1967) as the first woman to do so. She also received the National Prize for Children's and Youth Literature (1987)

In 1978 she joined the Royal Academy of Language, a historical event, as she was the first woman. She occupied chair K.

After joining the Academy, she was named honorary citizen of Murcia and Cartagena.

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