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Un Tom Sharpe inèdit

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El maig del 2011, la revista Catalonia Today va anunciar que l'escriptor Tom Sharpe, el novel·lista britànic més distingit dels que hi havia en aquell moment a Catalunya, havia acceptat ser president honorari de la nostra comunitat de lectors, l'anomenat English Culture Club. "Estem encantats de tenir en Tom Sharpe com a president honorari del nostre Club, perquè pensem que aporta dues de les característiques que simbolitzen l'esperit del Club: és un figura prominent de les arts britàniques, i és un català d'adopció que estima Catalunya", li va escriure Germà Capdevila, el director de Catalonia Today en aquell moment. El mateix dia, Sharpe va respondre: "Soc profundament honorat per la seva proposta i ho accepto amb gratitud." L'autor de la gran saga Wilt va morir als 85 anys el 6 de juny del 2013, a Llafranc, on vivia des de principis dels noranta. A partir de diumenge, la revista Catalonia Today publicarà una sèrie basada en les memòries inèdites de Tom Sharpe, gràcies a la cortesia de la Dra. Montserrat Verdaguer i la Fundació Tom Sharpe. Són 24 cartes autobiogràfiques que en Sharpe va començar a escriure al 1998 a un amic imaginari, Monsieur Printemps, i que no havien vist mai la llum. Cada mes, a la revista Catalonia Today, trobareu l'humor irreverent d'en Sharpe en el seu estil més pur. Per a nosaltres és un immens orgull i espero que, per als nostres lectors, també.



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MÉS LLEGIDES

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4. Claudia Elies Oliveras, nova directora del Centre Fabra i Coats
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8. La UGT aposta per activar els ERTO enfront dels aranzels de Trump
9. Càrcel: "No tinc la sensació de por o de creure que l'equip patirà per baixar"

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Sharpe in his own words

In May 2011, Catalonia Today had the honour to announce that the novelist Tom Sharpe, the most distinguished English writer living in Catalonia at the time, had agreed to become the Honorary President of the magazine's community of readers, the English Culture Club.

"We are delighted to have Tom Sharpe as the Club's honorary president, because we think he brings together two characteristics that symbolise the Club's spirit: he is a leading figure in the English arts, and he is an adopted Catalan who loves Catalonia," wrote Germà Capdevila, the then editor of Catalonia Today. The magazine had just joined forces with the Abacus bookshop chain to create Catalonia's first English Culture Club. The same day, Sharpe replied: "I am deeply honoured by your offer and I accept with gratitude."

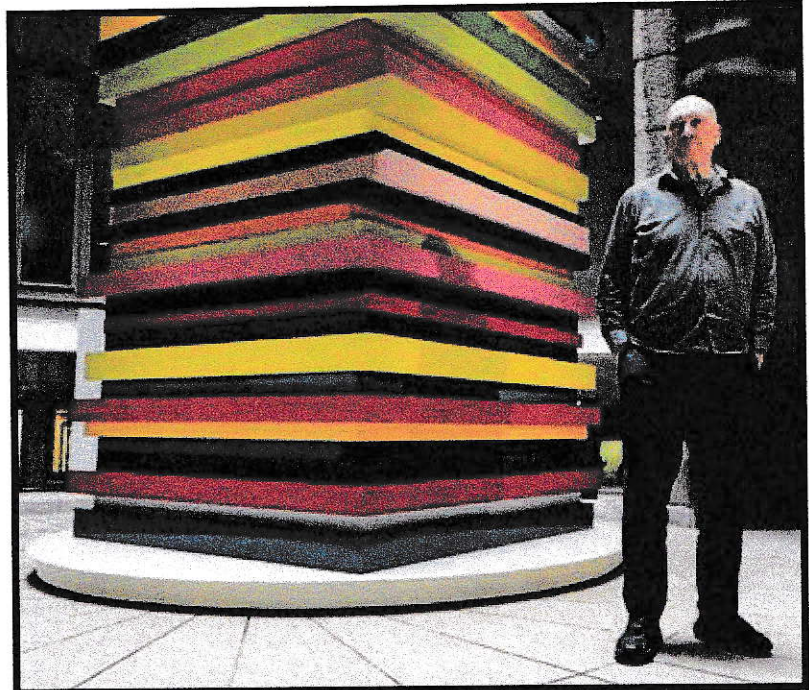
Sharpe, an early crusader against racism and South Africa's apartheid system, published his first best-seller, *Riotous Assembly*, in 1971, a powerful denunciation of the South African police. Then came the *Wilt* books and huge international success, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Sharpe died at the ripe age of 85 on June 6, 2013, in the Costa Brava town of Llafranc, where he had lived since the early nineties. Now, in fond memory of "our" Tom Sharpe, we are delighted to announce a new series featuring the writer's unpublished memoirs (courtesy of Dr. Montserrat Verdager and the Tom Sharpe Foundation). Sharpe appointed Verdager, who was also his physician and partner, his official biographer on August 2, 2001. For the next 12 years, the two formed a working partnership with Sharpe dictating his work to Verdager on a daily basis.

Coinciding with Sant Jordi's Day, Catalonia's annual celebration of reading, we are delighted to announce the first instalment of 24 previously unpublished autobiographical letters that Sharpe began to write to an imaginary researcher, *Monsieur Printemps*, in 1998 (see pages 22-23). Featuring Sharpe's unpublished memoirs every month in the pages of Catalonia Today is a matter of pride for us as a team and, no doubt, also for our readers.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

JUANMA RAMOS LA PEDRERA, BARCELONA – MARCH 13



Gaudí's iconic building launched a retrospective of the work of Irish abstract artist, Sean Scully.

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

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