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Manuel Vazquez Montalban, a major Spanish writer and cultural critic, will visit the Department of Literature at the University of California, San Diego as a Regents' Lecturer May 14-22.

Montalban will give a lecture May 14, participate in a panel discussion May 21 and conduct a poetry reading May 22. Each event will be at 4 p.m. in room 3155 of the Literature Building. He also will lecture at 4 p.m. May 15 in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library. All events are open to the public and will be conducted in Spanish only. Admission is free.

Montalban is known for his socio-political analysis of the late years of the Franco dictatorship and as a cultural critic of the post-Franco era. He also has produced a steady stream of fiction since the 1960s -- ranging from a popular detective series to experimental fiction -making him one of Spain's most prolific writers and arguably its most celebrated contemporary novelist.

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