# Best Cafe-bookshops in Madrid, Round 2!

Welcome to round two of the <u>best cafe-bookshops in Madrid</u>! As you may have noticed in <u>round one</u>, Madrid's central neighborhoods boast quite a lot of quaint coffee shops and bars that encourage drinking and reading under one roof.

There's something about drinking coffee or wine amidst a sea of books that makes me feel right at home. Whether you're looking for the perfect place to enjoy a quiet conversation or a good read, here are five more wonderful cafe-bookshops in Madrid that you're bound to fall in love with.

## 1. La Central de Callao



La Central (featured in the cover photo) is a trendy bookshop near Callao and hands down the most modern of all on this list. It boasts three floors, a happening café with a full menu and a selection of much more than books on offer. At La Central, you can also find funky mugs, quirky bags, useful calendars, board games, wrapping paper, you name it. It's a great place to get gifts in Madrid.

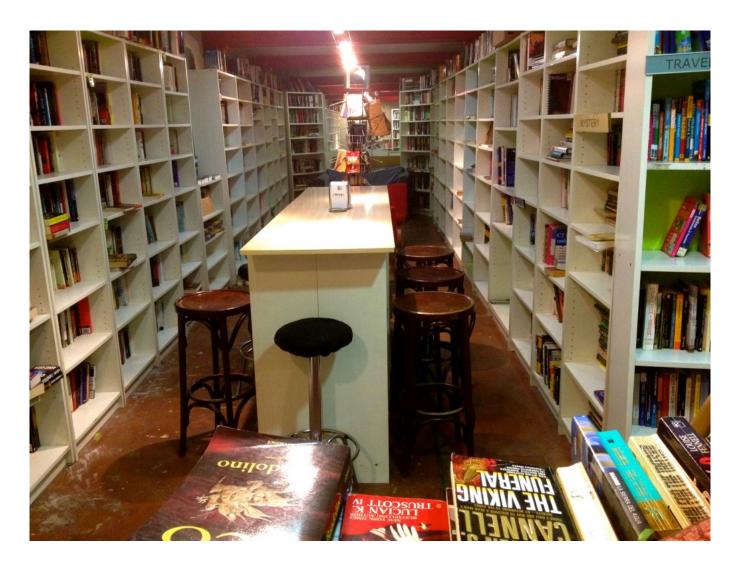
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- Address: C/ Postigo de San Martín, 8

• Metro: Callao

## 2. <u>J&J Books and Coffee</u>





A long-time staple among Madrid's expat community, this corner bar has a downstairs bookstore selling a large selection of primarily used English-language books, including ESL resources. Up at the bar, you can get craft beer, wine, coffee, bagels and other things to munch on. Also check out J&J's free events, including language exchanges and pub quizzes (trivia nights). Lots of fun!

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- Address: c/ Espíritu Santo, 47

• Metro: Noviciado

## 3. <u>italiana madrid</u>





This Italian café and bookshop is located on one of Madrid's most vibrant streets — Corredera Baja de San Pablo — which is lined with great bars, cafes and restaurants, such as Aió Pizzería, Elemental Bistro and Gymage with its rooftop terrace. At italiana\_madrid, you can get a strong espresso or Aperol Spritz, plus browse through a wide selection of Italian reads ranging from cookbooks to children's books. It's also across the street from one of the city's favorite theaters, Teatro Lara.

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- Address: Corredera Baja de San Pablo, 10

• Metro: Gran Vía

## 4. La Ciudad Invisible



A travel bookshop selling food and drinks, this two-level cafe boasts huge windows, high ceilings, and plenty of large tables, couches and comfortable armchairs to choose from, making it a great place for getting work done and meeting friends. Plus it sells a killer **Rebujito for 2€** (a really refreshing yet deceptive drink from the South containing sherry, white wine and soda water). It's also across the street from one of my favorite restaurants in Madrid, <u>Bar Lambuzo</u>.

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• Address: c/ Costanilla de los Ángeles, 7

• Metro: Opera & Santo Domingo

### 5. María Pandora



María Pandora is one of my favorite spots in the city. Perched atop a hill overlooking Parque las Vistillas, behind the Royal Palace, here you'll find the perfect place to watch the sunset while enjoying a glass of champagne (the house specialty) or your drink of choice. Although María Pandora is more of a bar than a coffeeshop, it still deserves a spot on this list of literary cafés. It also holds events such as poetry nights, microtheater, and book readings. Check out our full article on María Pandora here.

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- Address: Plaza de Gabriel Miró, 1

• Metro: La Latina or Ópera

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Also check out our <u>favorite bookshop in</u> <u>the city, Desperate Literature</u>