ABC is a prominent Spanish-language tabloid daily newspaper published in Madrid. ABC’s origins trace back to 1903 when it was founded as a weekly publication by the esteemed journalist Torcuato Luca de Tena y Alvarez-Ossorio. In recognition of his outstanding contributions to ABC, Luca de Tena was bestowed with the title of marqués de Luca de Tena by King Alfonso XIII in 1929. The newspaper transitioned into a daily format in 1905 and subsequently expanded its reach with the introduction of a Seville edition after 1929. Throughout its long history, ABC has garnered a reputation for its exceptional literary standards, attracting many eminent writers and intellectuals who have contributed to its journalism. This legacy of intellectualism has set it apart as the most well-written among Spanish newspapers.

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