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# SHOOT THE BOOK!

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Ten years ago, when the SCELF launched Shoot the Book! in Cannes, we did not know if producers would have the time to focus on development rather than financing... Ten years ago, when French publishers collectively decided to jump into the international audiovisual market at the Cannes Film Festival, none of them knew if this event would find its place within the festival's framework... But year after year, Shoot the Book! has grown stronger and stronger. It is now an integral part of the landscape, bringing together more and more international producers and making Shoot the Book! the genuine brand for adaptation.

The event's structure has evolved over the years, from a simple pitch session to what is, today, probably one of the largest adaptation markets and a major 2-day professional program dedicated both to publishers and producers, combining masterclasses and opportunities to meet and discuss.

This anniversary edition promises to be an exceptional one, with:

- a masterclass on the Hispanic audiovisual market at the "Cinemas du Monde" stand on Thursday morning (May 18);
- more pitches (12) on Thursday afternoon (May 18);
- and a full day of meetings on Friday (May 19), at level - 1, where more than 40 international publishers will welcome Cannes Film Festival producers looking for strong intellectual properties;
- and some more surprises to come!

I would like to thank our very first supporters (i.e. our partners, the Cannes Film Festival and the Film Market of Cannes), who immediately believed in our project. Shoot the Book! has brought together partners from the worlds of books and film, Institut Français, Film Paris Region, the CNL, the CNC, the BIEF, the Frankfurt Book Fair, Pro Helvetia, the "Centre Français de la Copie", and the Sofia. I would like to thank all of these good fairies who have been invested in the future of our young event. In this guide, you will find:

- a first part dedicated to the pitch session, where you will discover the 61 applications and a spotlight on the 12 works selected by our outstanding international jury.
- a second part, which features more than 80 literary works, aims to facilitate discussions with the owners of adaptation rights.

In a global context where the demand for rich content is skyrocketing and producers are always on the lookout for the right story, Shoot the Book! will continue to play an increasingly central role in fostering the adaptation business.

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Shoot the Book! We wish you an exciting event full of new discoveries.

Nathalie Piaskowski,  
Executive Director

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**LAURENT GAUDÉ**

[ *LE SOLEIL DES SCORTA* ]

# THE HOUSE OF SCORTA

The saga of the Scortas opens in 1870 in a southern Italian village. The patriarch is a bandit who rapes a woman and is stoned to death. His son becomes an infamous and wealthy outlaw, whose children, left penniless, strive to restore their name and fortune. A tale of sacrifice and redemption.



**ÉRIC VUILLARD**

[ *L'ORDRE DU JOUR* ]

# THE ORDER OF THE DAY

This behind-the-scenes account of the manipulation, hubris, and greed that together led to Nazi Germany's annexation of Austria brilliantly dismantles the myth of an effortless victory and offers a dire warning for our current political crisis.



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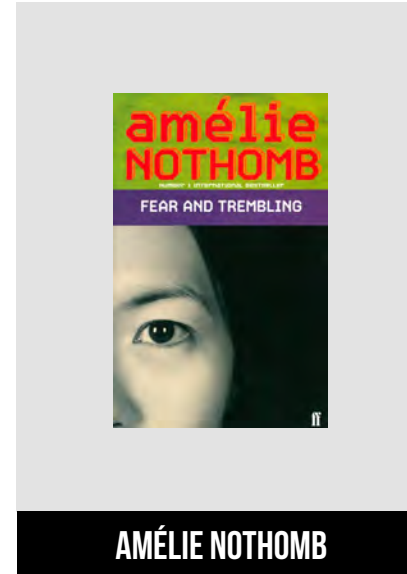
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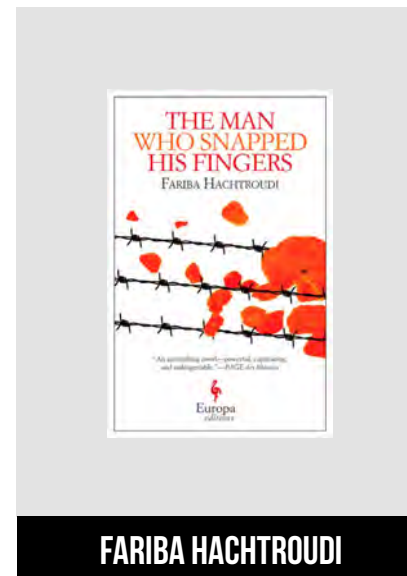
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[ STUPEUR ET TREMBLEMENT ]

## FEAR AND TREMBLING

A young Belgian woman is hired by a famous Japanese firm for one year. She thus discovers the implacable discipline of corporate authority, as well as the codes of conduct that govern social life in Japan. A satire of a new despotism with echoes of Kafka. A strange, funny, and bittersweet experience.



[ LE COLONEL ET L'APPÂT 455 ]

## THE MAN WHO SNAPPED HIS FINGERS

Two survivors from the same theological dictatorship meet in exile. The woman was a victim; the man was a torturer. Bound by a complex relationship of hate and passion, their past resurfaces along with the corrupt violence they experienced, and their respective loves that forced them into exile.



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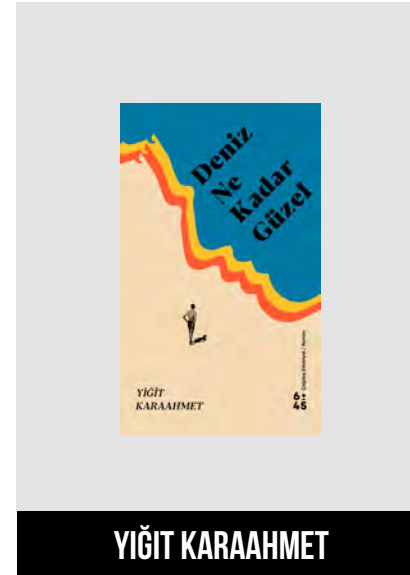
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**YİĞİT KARAHMET**

[ DENİZ NE KADAR GÜZEL ]

## HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE SEA

Fehmi and Şener are an aging gay couple on an island in Istanbul, whose mundane lives are upset by a new neighbor: Deniz, a gorgeous yet nefarious teenager whose twisted plan to exploit Fehmi's infatuation with him backfires. The "faggots" get their revenge—but will they get away with murder too?



**SEVGİ SOYSAL**

[ ŞAFAK ]

## DAWN

A journalist released from prison, Oya is in exile in Adana. The police raid a shanty where she's having dinner, taking her and several men into custody. The police proceed to play mind games and use sexist taunting and torture as they try to coax out confessions—but of what? Nobody seems to know...



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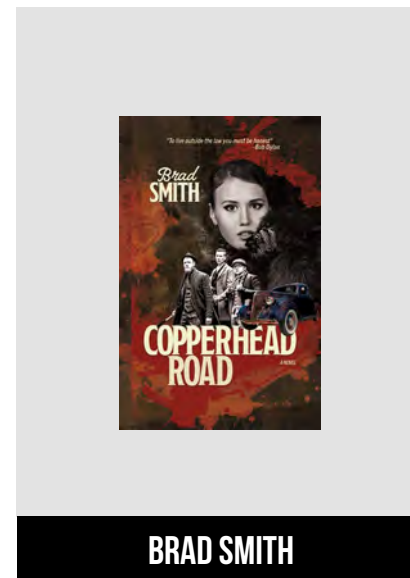
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**NANCY LAM**

## THE LOYAL DAUGHTER

A young woman from Communist China immigrates to Canada. But when she finds herself in an apartment with four kids, her mother, two siblings, and a husband who is never home, her hopes fade. Sacrifices, struggles, secrets, and resilience: a story told by the mother, daughter, and granddaughter.



**BRAD SMITH**

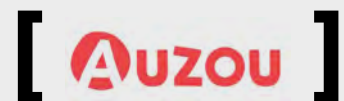
## COPPERHEAD ROAD

The Flagg family lives in Appalachia – one of the hardest hit areas in the country during the Great Depression. Before long, the family's molasses business is decimated. Until one of the sisters starts to run moonshine. Between rival clans and the local cops, they'll devise a plan to play them all.



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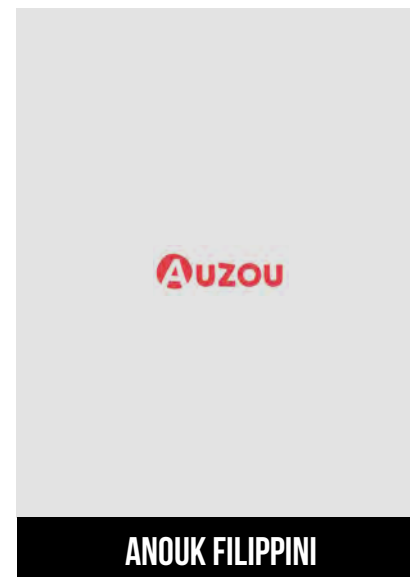


**MÉLODY MOUREY**

[ MAX TALLENT ]

## MAX TALLENT

Max never stops lying. To get out of crazy situations, she simply invents lives. When she joins New York's most prestigious acting school, her natural talent as an actress is no longer enough to get her out of trouble. Torn between her 1,000 characters, Max has no option left but to be herself.



**ANOUK FILIPPINI**

## KISS AFTER READING

Loue, 18 years old and devastated by the mysterious loss of her best friend, agrees to give surfing lessons to Inigo. But when the two teenagers start a secret correspondence, her advice about surfing evolves into the 10 rules for making love.





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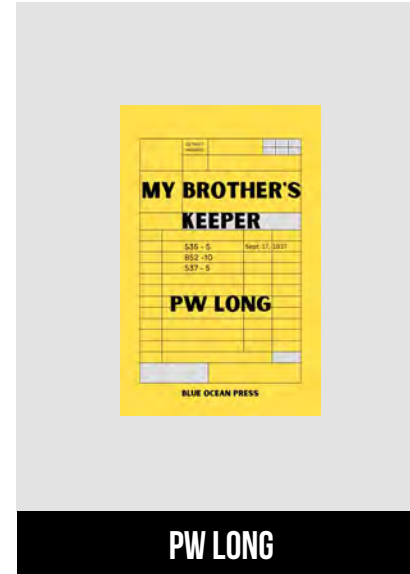
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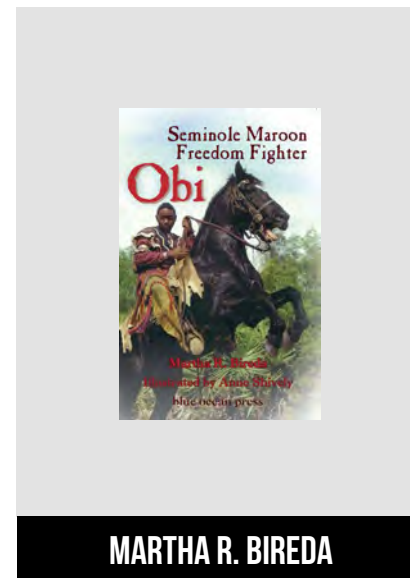


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## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

A centenarian avenges the murder of his brother that took place 80 years beforehand. Daniel Baker, a 1930s millionaire Policy King (head of an illegal gambling operation) from Detroit, finds the clues to his brother's murder in a luxurious retirement center.



## Obi: SEMINOLE MAROON FREEDOM FIGHTER

A fictionalized account of the escape of a group of teenagers from a plantation in South Carolina who find refuge among the Seminoles. The story follows Obi's transformation from slave to freedom seeker and his escape to Florida, where he becomes a leader and fights in the Second Seminole War.



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[ LE CHANT DU SILENCE ]

## SONG OF SILENCE

Damien has learned that his father, who was charged with murder 20 years before, threw himself off a cliff. He decides to say goodbye by spitting on his grave. His only light on this journey is Oriane, his childhood love. But soon after his arrival, a photo makes him question his beliefs.



[ L'ÎLE DE YULE ]

## THE ISLAND OF YULE

Storholmen Island in Sweden is home to the Gussman Manor and its priceless collection, for which Emma is coming to do an inventory. This island is also the site of unexplained deaths. A few weeks after her arrival, a body is reported to Inspector Karl Rosén, echoing previous murders...



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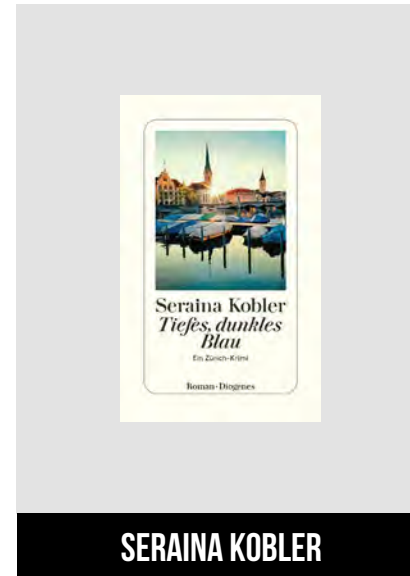
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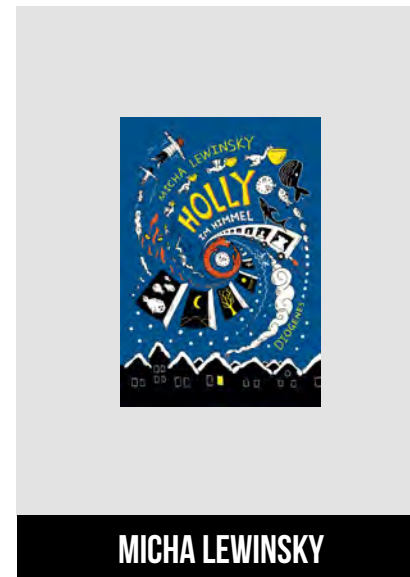


**SERAINA KOBLER**

[ TIEFES, DUNKLES BLAU ]

## DEEP DARK BLUE

A body is recovered from the blue depths of Lake Zurich. Dr. Jansen, a successful biotech entrepreneur at a fertility center, is found dead. Clues lead Investigator Rosa Zambrano to an alternative subculture and the murky world of the sex trade, to four women who reject their biology and fate.



**MICHA LEWINSKY**

[ HOLLY IN HIMMEL ]

## HOLLY IN HEAVEN

Holly arrives in heaven, but her life is far from over! Amidst the crowds she meets Frida, who explains that as an angel you can return to Earth. Holly is desperate to see how her family is doing. There's just one problem: the School for Angels has been closed and the connection to Earth has been severed.



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[ *l'Archipel* ]

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**CHRYSTEL DUCHAMP**

[ L'ÎLE DES SOUVENIRS ]

## THE MEMORIES ISLAND

When Delphine wakes up in an unknown place, she is handcuffed to a radiator. Soon another prisoner joins her – but one of them will not survive... Officer Romain Mandier is in charge of the investigation, but he quickly comes up against a wall: the survivor's memory is nothing but a pile of ruins...



**NAËLLE CHARLES**

[ BIGOUDIS ET PETITES ENQUÊTES ]

## HAIR CURLERS & OTHER MYSTERIES

Léopoldine Courtecuisse is a hairdresser, the mother of two teenagers, and an aficionado of detective sitcoms. Until she discovers the corpse of Véronique Busch in a supermarket car park... Thus begins Léopoldine's first investigation! Three volumes already published in 2023.



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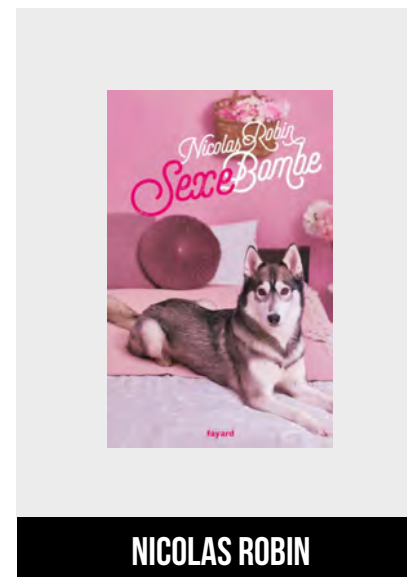
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[ LA VOIE DE L'ARCHET ]

## MUSIC, A FIGHT FOR LIFE

From Mao's China to Monaco, via Thailand and Canada, this is one woman's breathtaking, endearing, and inspiring story of emancipation and liberation. First trained to be a violin prodigy, hit by the hardships of exile and loneliness, she is now a world-acclaimed musician.



[ SEXE BOMBE ]

## SEX BOMB

Eddy's clients are unanimous: he is the best! The 40-year-old dog groomer is as good with canines as he is with their older mistresses. When Eddy falls into the clutches of 65-year-old Maryse, he doesn't foresee the threat posed by her 20-year-old daughter Chloe, who is thirsty for revenge.



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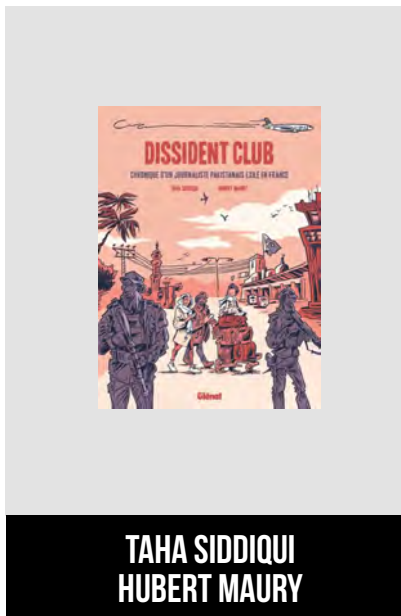
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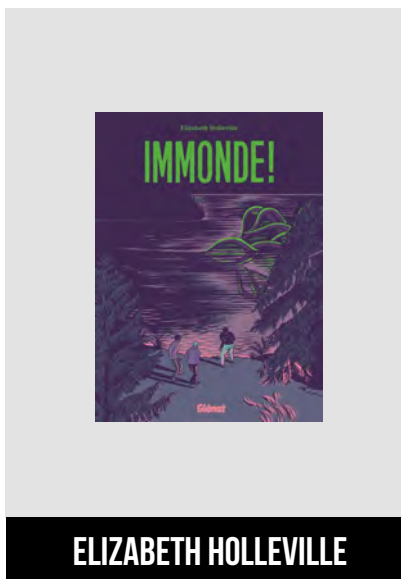
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## DISSIDENT CLUB

Taha Siddiqui is a Pakistani journalist. After escaping an assassination attempt in his home country, he seeks asylum in France. In this humorous and profound graphic novel, he reflects on his strict religious upbringing and his controversial decision to pursue a career in journalism.



## [ IMMONDE! ] FILTHY

Nour has moved to a small town whose economy depends on a radioactive mine. With Camille and Jonas, two outcast teens and fans of horror films, they investigate the disappearance of a mine worker and the arrival of strange creatures in town... Is the mine to blame or their overactive imaginations?



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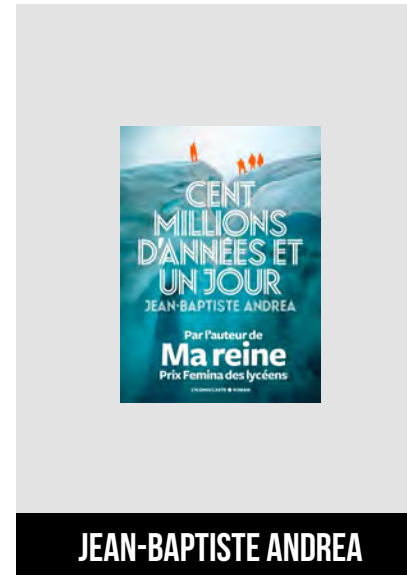
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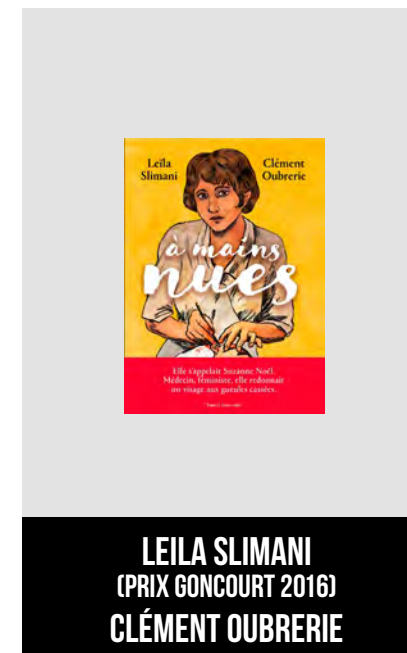


**JEAN-BAPTISTE ANDREA**

[ CENT MILLIONS D'ANNÉES ET UN JOUR ]

## A HUNDRED MILLION YEARS AND ONE DAY

In a high alpine valley, four paleontologists are seeking a mysterious dinosaur skeleton. In just a few weeks, the first snows will lock them into the valley for the winter, with few chances of survival... How far will they go? A scenic drama, where each step leads to the heights of madness and dreams.



**LEILA SLIMANI  
(PRIX GONCOURT 2016)  
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[ À MAINS NUES ]

## WITH BARE HANDS (2 VOLUMES)

In 19<sup>th</sup>-century Paris, Suzanne Noël is the first woman to become a cosmetic surgeon. She will make major contributions: operating on rich and poor women, repairing soldiers' faces during WWI, and traveling the world to share her techniques. A feminist who never gave up her fight for independence.



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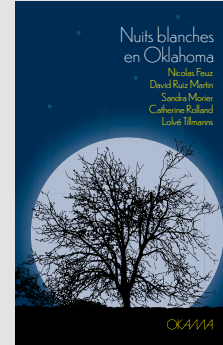
OKAMA publishing house was created in 2019. Specialized in fantasy books (dark fantasy, urban fantasy, science fiction and fantasy), several books were published for adults and young adults.

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**LOLVŽ TILLMANNŠ**

[ NUIITS BLANCHES EN OKLAHOMA ]

## OKLAHOMA'S GHOSTS

Becca, a young journalist, is chosen with two other writers to participate in an artistic residency in Oklahoma. The house they are to stay in holds many mysteries and secrets that no one has been able to unravel until now.



**MARIE-CHRISTINE HORN**

[ RÝTINGUR HOTEL ]

## RÝTINGUR HOTEL

Twins travel to the scene of the childhood tragedy that claimed the lives of their parents, in order to discover the truth about the fire that caused the tragedy.





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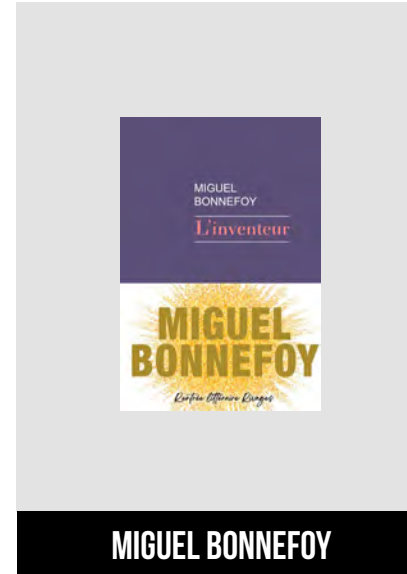
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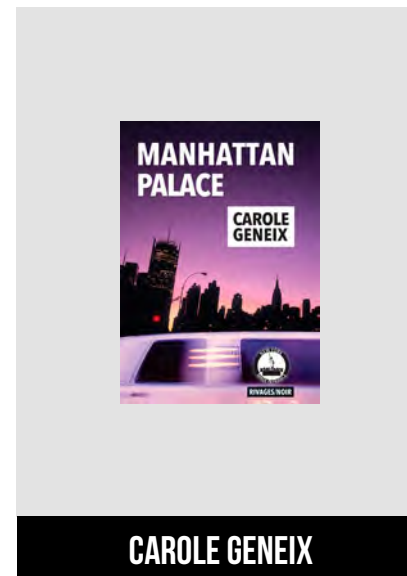
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[ L'INVENTEUR ]

## THE INVENTOR

France, mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Based on a true story, the extraordinary life of Augustin Mouchot, inventor of solar energy thanks to the discovery of an old grimoire in his library. The rise and misery of a forgotten genius.



[ MANHATTAN PALACE ]

## MANHATTAN PALACE

The Manhattan Palace, a luxury hotel off Times Square and owned by a dynasty of billionaires is about to host the "wedding of the century" between the family's young heir and a French social media queen. On the menu: glitter, murder, and dirty tricksters...



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**Les Escales:** Since its creation in 2012, this generalist publishing house has revealed new talents from all over the world, such as Victoria Hislop and Karen Viggers, now international best-selling authors.

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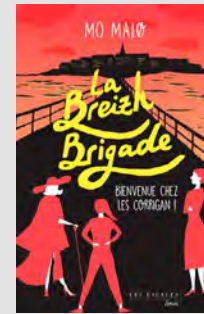
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[ BIENVENUE CHEZ LES CORRIGAN ! ]

## WELCOME TO THE CORRIGANS!

Meet the Corrigan, three generations of strong-headed women. Determined to solve the mystery of a murder that occurred in their hometown in Brittany, they reassemble a peculiar Brigade. The first installment of a promising series, a surprising cozy-crime mystery filled with humor and authenticity.

[ PARIS SE LÈVE ]

## PARIS IS RISING

A gripping thriller that unfolds over the course of a week set against the 2015 Charlie Hebdo terrorist attacks. The first investigation of Lieutenant Pierre-Louis Madec in a central Parisian suburban precinct: a strong arena for a promising upcoming series.



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## [ TROIS VIES PAR SEMAINE ] THREE LIVES A WEEK

One dead, two missing, three women in love, and a question: was Renaud Duval living... three lives a week? A gripping thriller from the French master Michel Bussi, who once again proves his skills as a puppeteer – and teaches us to beware of invisible threads.



## [ L'INNOCENCE DES BOURREAUX ] THE EXECUTIONERS' INNOCENCE

A junkie attacks a small grocery store, where a handful of ordinary clients are running routine errands. But when the robbery goes awry and roles are reversed, the lives of these people turn into a nightmare. From then on, the boundaries between victims and executioners become blurred...



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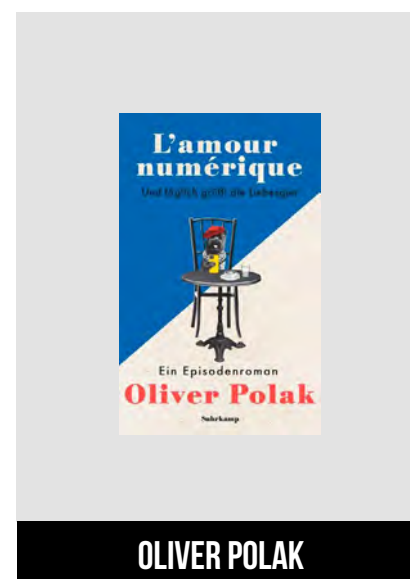


**JULIA SCHOCH**

[ DAS LIEBESPAAR DES JAHRHUNDERTS ]

## THE LOVERS OF THE CENTURY

After many years, a woman is determined to leave her partner. While contemplating her departure, memories take her back – to the many good years, but also foreshadowing moments. A life, a woman's life, told with intensity and precision. Is failure the right word when something has lasted so long?



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[ UND TÄGLICH GRÜßT DIE LIEBESGIER ]

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*L'Amour Numérique* presents us with the ultimate quest for true love in the age of dating apps. The protagonists, a dazed and confused Jewish comedian from Berlin and his wise dog Toto, travel the world – yet the emotional melting pot is, of course, Paris. Heartbreaking and desperately funny.



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## [ VIVRE VITE ] LIVING FAST

In 2019, the narrator is about to sell the house she bought 20 years earlier with her husband, Claude. He died on a motorbike before he could live there. Brigitte Giraud explores the last few weeks with him and their young son, trying to understand what led to the accident in June 1999.



## [ FILLE EN COLÈRE SUR UN BANC DE PIERRE ] ANGRY GIRL ON A STONE BENCH

When her sister calls to announce the death of their father, the idea of family resurges into Aida's life. Does she want to return to the island from which she was banished years ago? Was she the sole culprit? It seems to be time to revive her anger and go there to unearth secrets.



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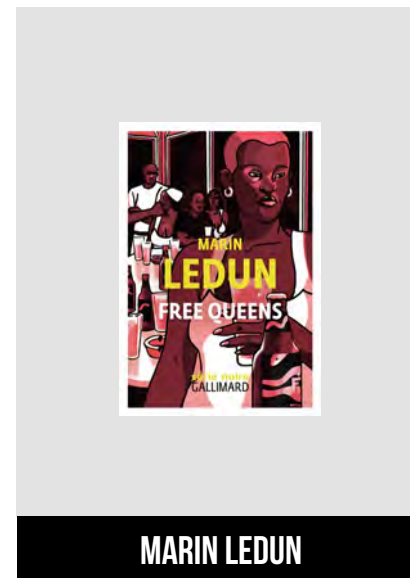


**YASMINE CHAR**

[ L'AMOUR COMME UN EMPIRE ]

## LOVE AS AN EMPIRE

Line, a Lebanese theater director in Beirut, is struggling to put on a show with refugees for the refugee cause. Will the help come from B., the great French actor with whom she spent a lovely night? From her loving husband, a plastic surgeon? Or from Bilal, the old stage manager?



**MARIN LEDUN**

[ FREE QUEENS ]

## FREE QUEENS

To crush the competition in Nigeria, the world-famous brewer MB promotes its beer through young girls forced into prostitution. Having arrived to investigate, the journalist Serena Monnier, hosted by the Free Queens association, will gradually discover what lies behind this appalling economic model...



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[ PERPENDICULAIRE AU SOLEIL ]

## PERPENDICULAR TO THE SUN

The true story of the author and a prisoner condemned to death, Renaldo McGirth, with whom she corresponds. When she begins their correspondence, Valentine's only conviction is that no human being deserves to be sentenced to death. A first graphic novel with great emotional power.



[ GISÈLE HALIMI,  
UNE JEUNESSE TUNISIENNE ]

## GISÈLE HALIMI: A TUNISIAN CHILDHOOD

A militant feminist, lawyer, and defender of the rights of the oppressed, Gisèle Halimi's rebellion started as a child in colonial Tunisia. A beautiful and moving graphic novel, which reflects her resistance as a child and then as a teenager in the face of familial, political, and societal diktats.



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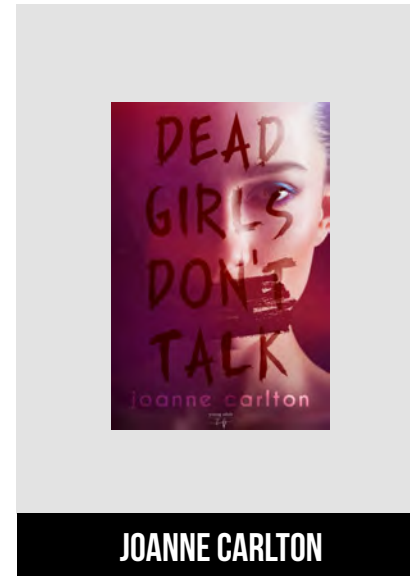
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## DEAD GIRLS DON'T TALK

One girl tells the truth. The other one loves to lie. This is the story of Viola, who killed Syl. This is the story of Syl, who was Viola's victim. Two former best friends, one dead, one alive, are eager to share their truth about the tragedy with their online audience. Are you paying close attention?



**SANDRA J. PAUL**

## TOXIC

Like strangers on a train, a pact is made. When Oliver and Dani meet by chance, a random chat results in a series of murderous events. Their toxic relationship eventually leads to an explosive climax, when they come to realize that their secret lives can no longer be hidden from friends and family.





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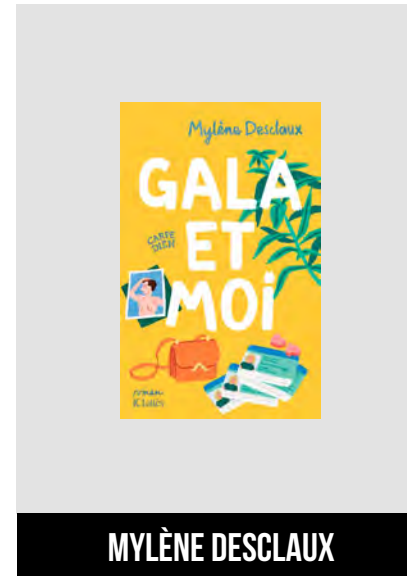
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**MYLÈNE DESCLAUX**

[ GALA ET MOI ]

## GALA AND I

Reminiscent of the French films *LOL* and *La Boum*, this is the tragicomic story of a single mother who will do anything to get her rebellious adolescent daughter Gala to graduate from high school, even if it means sacrificing her love life and career along the way. An ode to motherhood.



**CLAIRE LÉOST**

[ DE NULLE PART  
LES OISEAUX SURGISSENT ]

## THE BIRDS APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE

Reminiscent of the American film *Crash* by Paul Haggis, this is the story of two people from vastly different worlds who are unexpectedly brought together by violence. One is a wealthy man from Paris; the other is a Peruvian prostitute. Their lives will be forever altered by their encounter.



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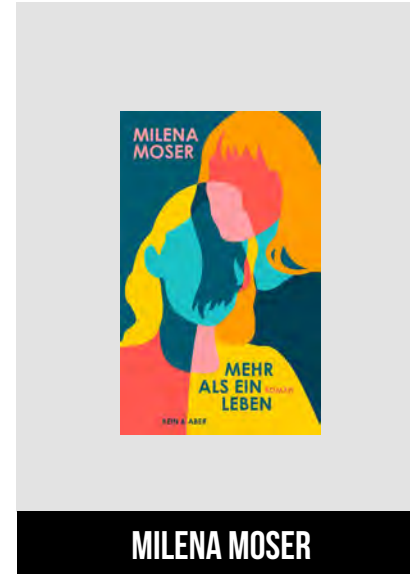
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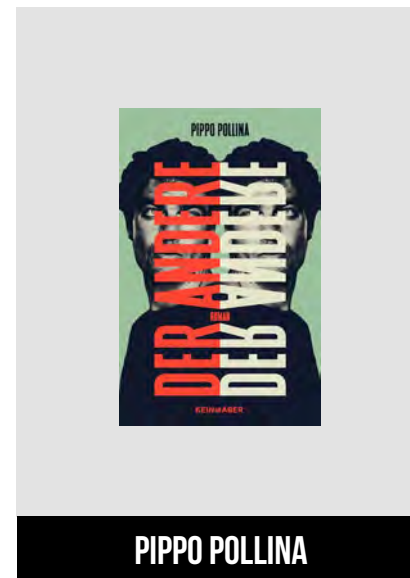
## NOTES



[ MEHR ALS EIN LEBEN ]

## MORE THAN ONE LIFE

Helen's life is anything but carefree. Her mother processes her separation from Helen's father with alcohol, while he focuses on his job and new girlfriends. So Helen is left to take care of herself. When her father claims custody, she must make a fundamental decision.



[ DER ANDERE ]

## THE OTHER

Leonardo is a physician in Sicily. Frank is a rising star in German journalism. Both were born in the late 1950s, but seemingly have nothing else in common, until Leonardo discloses a well-kept secret and is confronted with an old family debt. In reunited Germany, both men's lives are forever changed.



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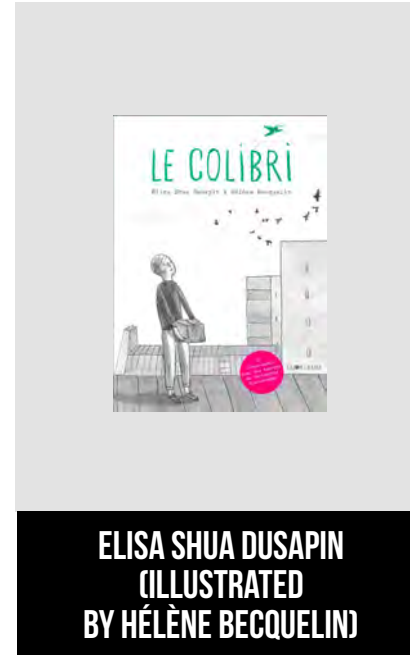
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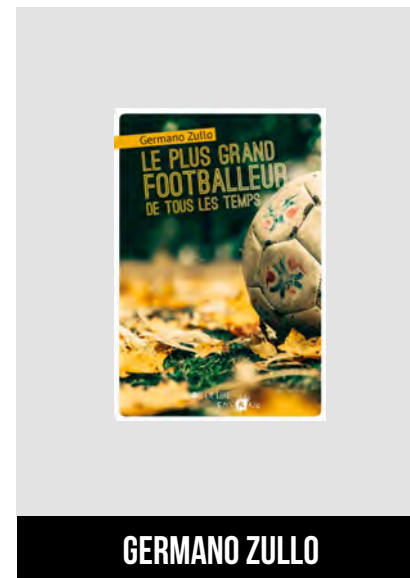
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[ LE COLIBRI ]  
**THE  
HUMMINGBIRD**

On the roof of his apartment building, Célestin escapes the silence that has engulfed his parents. From her flat, Lotte observes him. Between them, a friendship blossoms against a backdrop of pre-adolescent awkwardness, and a shared desire to escape a daily life that has lost the innocence of childhood.



[ LE PLUS GRAND FOOTBALLEUR  
DE TOUS LES TEMPS ]  
**THE GREATEST  
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OF ALL TIME**

The narrator has been training to become a football star all his life. He is talented, but his heart is no longer in it. In addition to this, he struggles with his parents and at school. But two encounters will allow him to transition from the world of childhood to adulthood.



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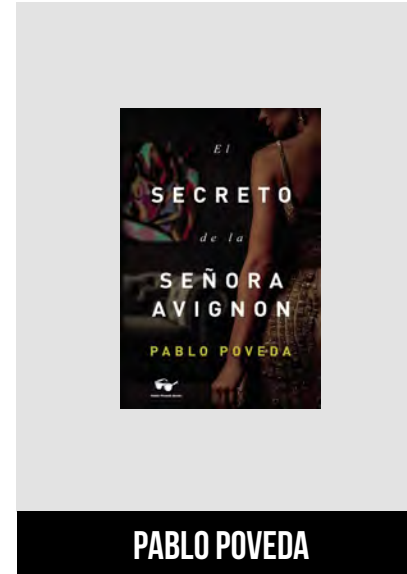
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## [ EL SECRETO DE LA SEÑORA AVIGNON ] **MRS. AVIGNON'S SECRET**

A black-market legend involving a missing valuable manuscript is the center of this thriller that brings together a struggling writer, a desperate detective trying to save his wife's life, an inspector whose job performance is lacking, a treasure hunter, and a woman with the key to the secret.



**JÖEL H. PRÉVOST**

## [ EL CAZADOR DE MARIPOSAS ] **THE BUTTERFLY HUNTER**

A successful and respected inspector becomes the target of the infamous serial killer who is terrifying all of London with macabre murders. As he gets closer to identifying the "Butterfly Hunter," he realizes that there are few people he can trust, and that he is the one being hunted.



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## [ EINE BEILÄUFIGE ENTSCHEIDUNG ] AN INCIDENTAL DECISION

A woman running away from motherhood and a boy growing up motherless: their destinies are inevitably linked, their traces communicate with the other. With strong imagery, the author shows the loneliness of a child left behind and the despair of a mother who has made a radical, outlawed decision.



**NANCY OLTHOFF**

## [ DE ACHTBAANTESTER ] THE ROLLER COASTER TESTER

Herman (32) loves to play marbles, clean the house, and stick to what he knows: pushing away painful memories. Then he meets cotton-candy-Jeanette in a nearby amusement park. Forced to leave his comfort zone and after many detours, failures, and inner struggles, Herman eventually gets to embrace life.



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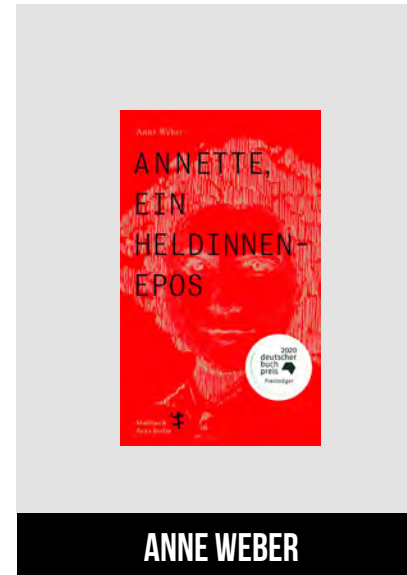
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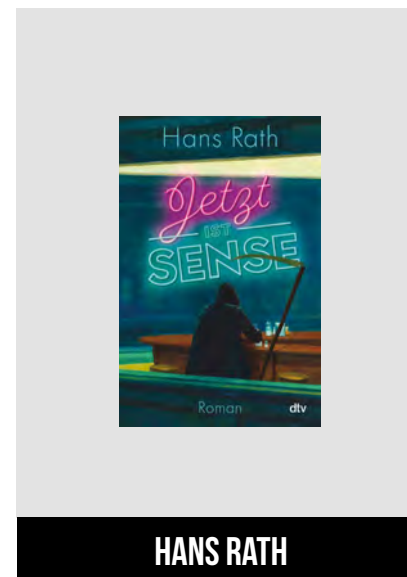


**ANNE WEBER**

[ ANNETTE, EIN HELDINNENEPOS ]

## EPIC ANNETTE: A HEROINE'S TALE

The true story of brilliant and fierce Annette Beaumanoir: born in 1923, a communist, member of the Resistance, doctor, mother, savior of Jewish children, and supporter of Algeria's independence. Sentenced to prison, she escapes into exile. Meet a heroine who always put her love of humanity first.



**HANS RATH**

[ JETZT IST SENSE ]

## THAT'S IT!

50-year-old psychologist Liv meets Thanatos, the Greek god of gentle death. Luckily for her, he got the wrong door. However, she mistakes the attractive man for a neurotic with a death wish and offers the Grim Reaper therapeutic help. He gladly accepts. Maybe it wasn't the wrong door after all.



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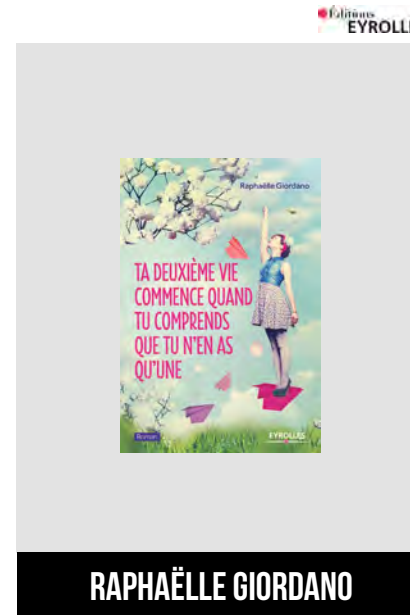
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Camille has everything she needs to be happy: a good job, a loving husband, a wonderful son. So why does she feel so unhappy? When a charming “routinologist” named Claude offers to help her find the path to joy and fulfilment, she seizes the opportunity. A widely translated French no.1 bestseller.

[ LES CARNETS ROUGES ]

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A young researcher must make a scientific discovery to save the woman he loves. In this race against time, he is caught up in the shadows of his past. An anticipation thriller, an action movie, and a love story with an unexpected final twist!



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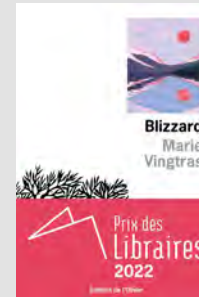
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**MARIE VINGTRAS**

[ **BLIZZARD** ]

## BLIZZARD

In the middle of a blizzard, a woman and a child flee the safety of a house and face the elements. A split second of inattention, and the child disappears. Immediately, five people start a race against time to find him. They all hide terrible secrets that will gradually be unveiled...



**VANESSA CAFFIN**

[ **LES HEURES DE LA NUIT NE RATTRAPENT JAMAIS CELLES DU JOUR** ]

## THE NIGHT NEVER CATCHES UP WITH THE DAY

A box filled with letters she wrote but doesn't remember, three inexplicable suicides, and a childhood that comes back to haunt her in the form of horrible migraines. Will Alice find a way to reconstruct the puzzle of her past?





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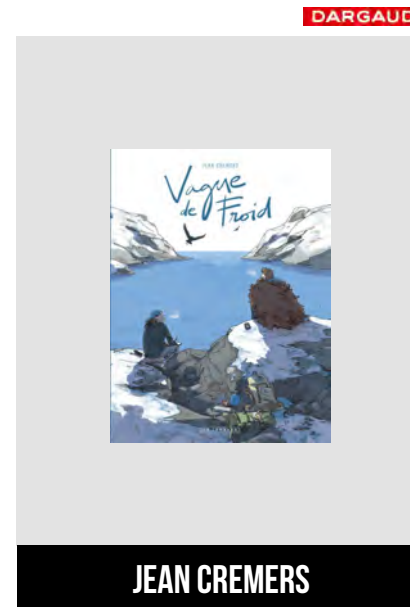
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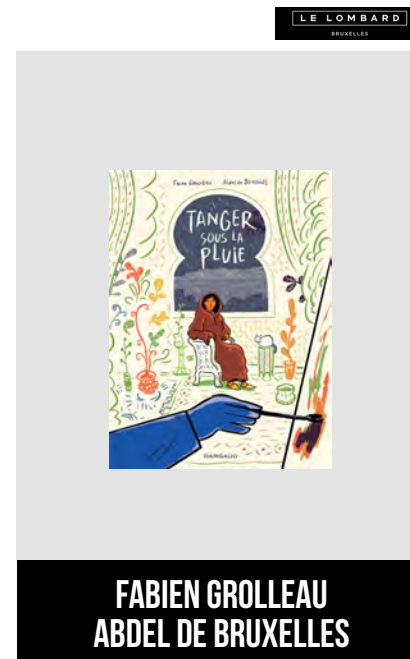


[ VAGUE DE FROID ]

## COLD SNAP

To rekindle their past bond, Jules organizes a long trek to Norway with his older brother who settled there ten years ago. But the conversation is difficult, as Martin refuses to talk about the reason for his tragic breakup... Will the perils of the trip bring them closer together?

**JEAN CREMERS**



[ TANGER SOUS LA PLUIE ]

## TANGIER UNDER THE RAIN

A depressed Henri Matisse arrives in Tangier, hoping to be inspired by the city. However, the terrible weather forces him to adjust his expectations... and thanks to Zorah, his beautiful and mysterious model who is also an incredible storyteller, he creates a series of masterpieces.

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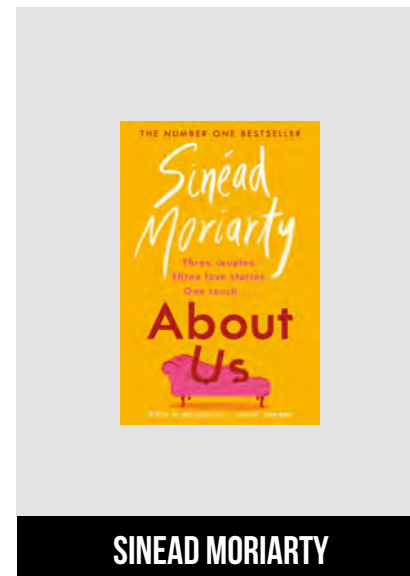
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[ THE GUEST BOOK ]

## THE GUEST BOOK

Charles and Grace wanted a quiet staycation honeymoon in St Ives, but when they're stranded due to a storm, they're forced to stay in The Anchorage hotel. That night, Grace is woken by the sound of a child crying. Is it Grace's imagination or do the owners, and Charles, have something to hide?



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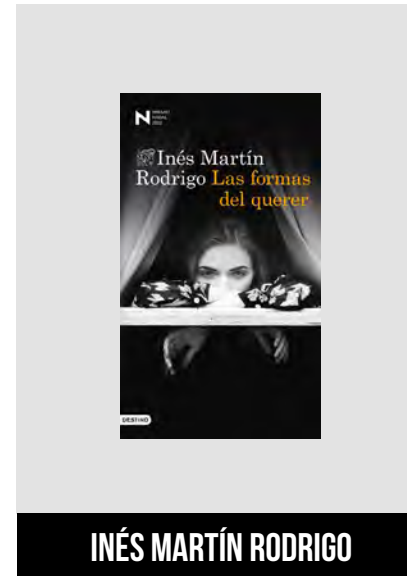
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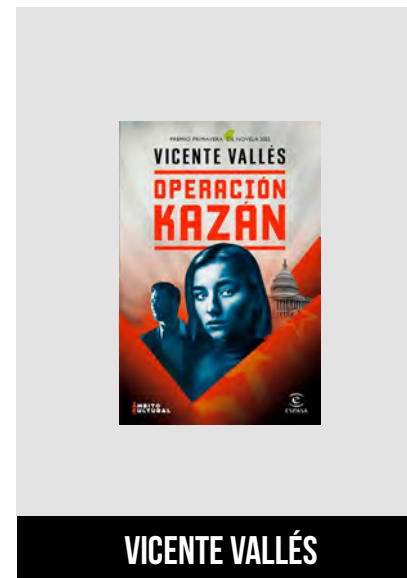


**INÉS MARTÍN RODRIGO**

[ LAS FORMAS DEL QUERER ]

## THE SHAPES OF LOVE

After Noray helps her grandparents die with dignity, she is unable to cope with the secret. She starts writing the story of her family, linked to that of a country too afraid to confront the past. She must face her worst fears in her quest to learn to love herself and discover who she really is.



**VICENTE VALLÉS**

[ OPERACION KAZAN ]

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A reckless KGB agent comes to power and relaunches an operation to sabotage the West and reestablish Russia as a great empire. Alternating between present and past, three senior spies will try to stop a plan that was developed under the USSR, set to be fulfilled on the US election day in 2024.



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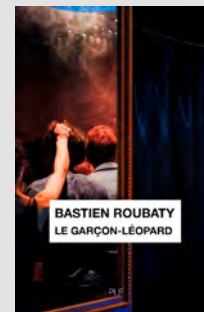


**BASTIEN ROUBATY**

[ APRÈS SATURNE ]

## AFTER SATURN

Three men receive a mysterious letter inviting them to join a cosmic mission. These three hilarious characters will have to deal with a bread machine that goes haywire and tennis balls that defy shooting stars, all the while writing letters to their loved ones to ease the boredom of space.



**BASTIEN ROUBATY**

[ LE GARÇON-LÉOPARD ]

## THE LEOPARD-BOY

Bertil and his sister Esmée live in a circus, where their father is the accountant. But the circus is on the verge of bankruptcy. What will happen to André the half-man half-cathedral giant, Pascaline the woman with the sailor's beard, Karl the tattooed fakir, or Garance the contortionist?



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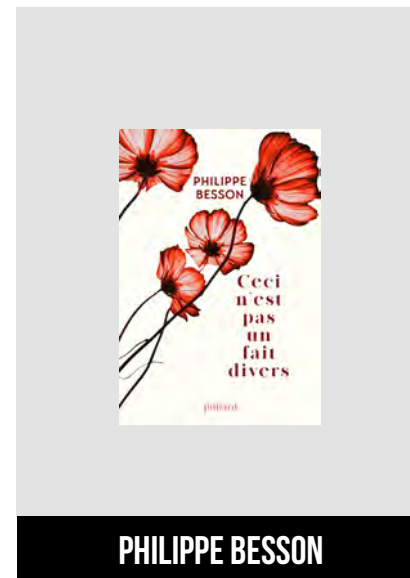
**MARIE DE LATTRE**

[ LA PROMESSE ]

## THE PROMISE

When her father dies, the author inherits an envelope full of old letters. Marie realizes that her father was not actually her grandparents' son. In truth, his biological parents were Jewish artists bound to his adoptive parents through a secret that is surprising even 60 years after the fact.

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**PHILIPPE BESSON**

[ CECI N'EST PAS UN FAIT DIVERS ]

## THIS IS NOT A NEWS STORY

This is about a brother and sister. Their story can be summed up in the four words the younger girl utters, trembling: "Daddy just killed Mummy." Once the initial shock has subsided, these broken children will have to battle with grief, anger, guilt, and trauma. And rebuild their shattered lives.



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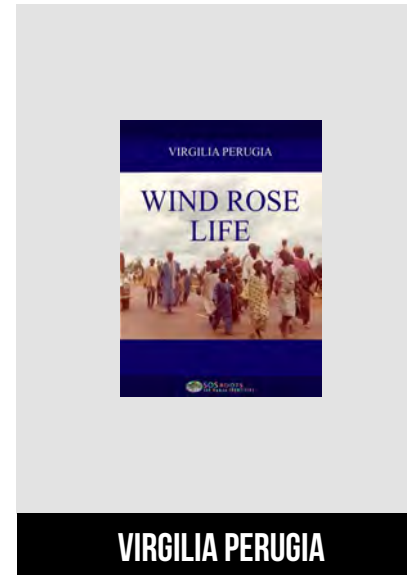
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## WIND ROSE LIFE

While seeking the hiding place of her Marino's kidnappers in Africa, Sonia witnesses a tragedy that shatters her life. She escapes death, but she and her family are still in danger. The escape route is full of surprises. Can a woman rise from the rubble and adopt the wind rose coordinates for life?



## KERAT

This masterpiece about the polluted and dying planet Kerat is a guide for Earthlings. Suvu avoids being invaded by sharing wealth and knowledge. Kerat benefits from aid and faces gigantic challenges. Prince Mokela, a symbol of loyalty and interplanetary union, fights lucrative lethal plots.



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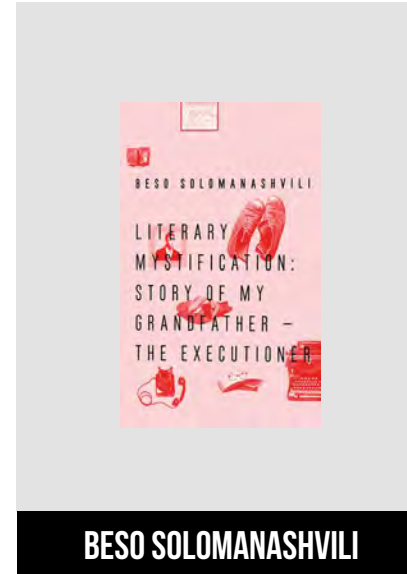
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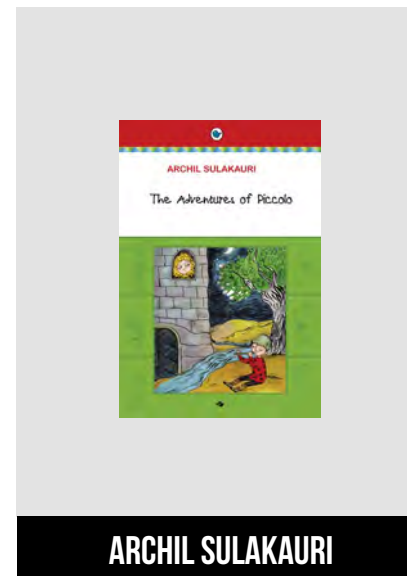
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**BESO SOLOMANASHVILI**

## THE STORY OF MY GRANDFATHER - THE EXECUTIONER

The storyline spans 1918-1921 and culminates with February 25, 1921, when Georgia lost shortly gained independence to Soviet occupation. This is the story about divergence between people seeking liberation and of people craving power; a story of intriguing love affairs amidst a historical whirlwind.



**ARCHIL SULAKAURI**

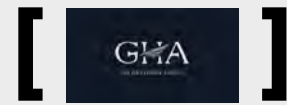
## THE ADVENTURES OF PICCOLO

The heartwarming tale of two kindred spirits: flute-playing ladybug shepherd Piccolo and firefly shepherdess Camellia. After Camellia disappears, Piccolo embarks on a journey to find her. He discovers her captivated in a fictional country with strange inhabitants. He must save her.



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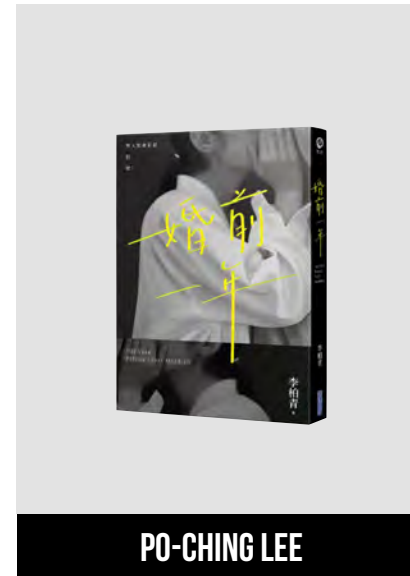
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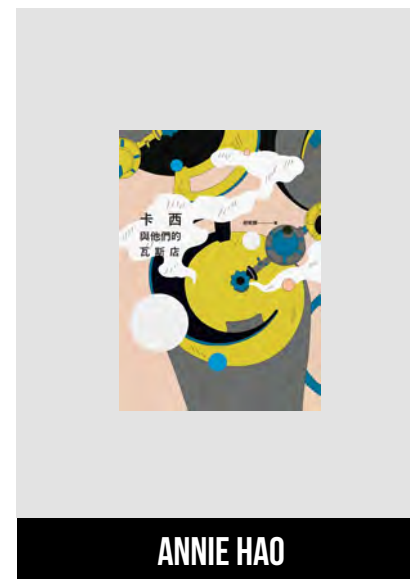
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**PO-CHING LEE**

## THE GAP YEAR

Allen, a successful young lawyer, is about to marry his college sweetheart, who is taking a “gap year” to study abroad while he climbs the corporate ladder. After saying goodbye at the airport, he finds himself pulled in different directions. Will he stay true to his fiancée and wait out the year?



**ANNIE HAO**

## CASEY AND HIS GAS SHOP

Casey is an outsider who buys a gas shop in a small town and wants to be accepted by the townspeople. A funny and heart-warming novel about small-town mystery and eccentricity, and about finding one’s place in a community. The ultimate love letter to a profession that’s fading with time.





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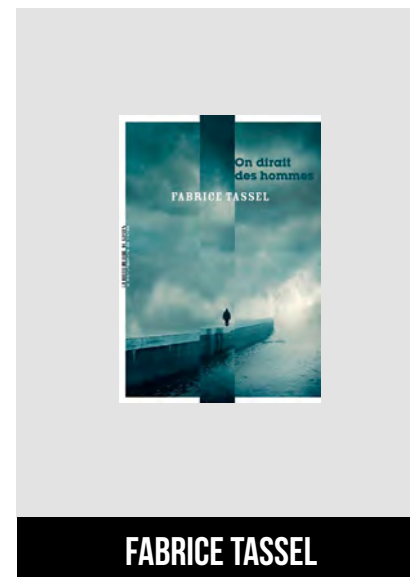
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[ LES CONTEMPLÉES ]

**THE CONTEMPLATED ONES**

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[ ON DIRAIT DES HOMMES ]

**LIKE MEN**

Most judges would have deemed the death of little Gabriel an accident: one evening, the boy ran onto the pier and tripped, disappearing into the dark waters before his father's eyes. But Judge Dominique Bronte will take us beyond appearances to discover a family's secrets, lies, and crimes.



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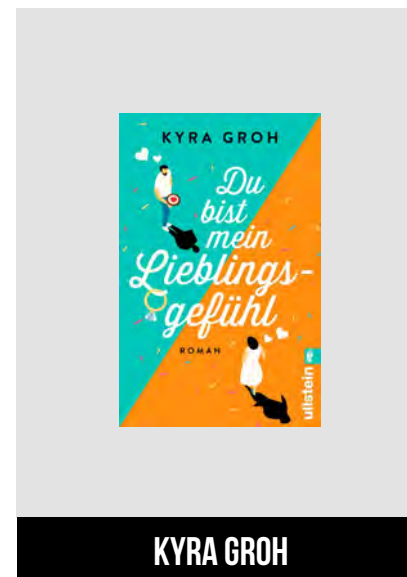
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## [ FÜR EUCH ] FOR YOU

Iris's mother (an outcast from a narrow-minded family) and her father (a "guest worker" from Turkey) don't have much, but they have each other, an adorable little daughter, and a love for life. And money always comes along somehow, even if it hurts. A family that lives in a world of its own.



## [ DU BIST MEIN LIEBLINGS-GEFÜHL ] YOU ARE MY FAVORITE FEELING

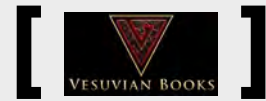
Max is looking for his one true love. Nela isn't. Max wants to get married. Nela doesn't. When the two meet for the first time – in a bridal store of all places – they fall for each other head over heels. Unfortunately, they also think that the other is about to wed someone else. Which they aren't.



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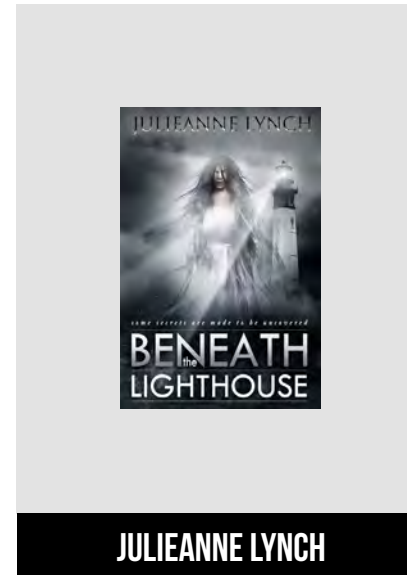
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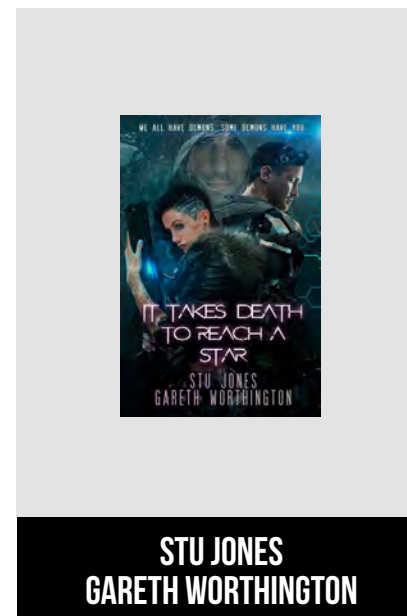
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## BENEATH THE LIGHTHOUSE

After 16-year-old Jamie's sister is found dead, he frequents the lighthouse where her body was discovered. When a vengeful spirit latches onto him, Jamie uncovers family secrets meant to stay buried, and now it's up to him to settle old scores or no one will rest in peace. But first he must survive.



## IT TAKES DEATH TO REACH A STAR

In the frigid Siberian tundra — where global war, antibacterial-resistant disease, and social division have fractured the last remnants of humanity into two genetically distinct populations — two enemies must unite to stop a twisted plan that would mean the end of all life on Earth.

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# SHOOT THE BOOK!

# PITCHES

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# SHOOT BOOK!

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Ten years ago, when the SSELF launched Shoot the Book! in Cannes, we did not know if producers would have the time to focus on development rather than financing... Ten years ago, when French publishers collectively decided to jump into the international audiovisual market at the Cannes Film Festival, none of them knew if this event would find its place within the festival's framework... But year after year, Shoot the Book! has grown stronger and stronger. It is now an integral part of the landscape, bringing together more and more international producers and making Shoot the Book! the genuine brand for adaptation.

The event's structure has evolved over the years, from a simple pitch session to what is, today, probably one of the largest adaptation markets and a major 2-day professional program dedicated both to publishers and producers, combining masterclasses and opportunities to meet and discuss.

**This anniversary edition promises to be an exceptional one, with:**

- a masterclass on the Hispanic audiovisual market at the "Cinemas du Monde" stand on Thursday morning (May 18);
- more pitches (12) on Thursday afternoon (May 18);
- and a full day of meetings on Friday (May 19), at level - 1, where more than 40 international publishers will welcome Cannes Film Festival producers looking for strong intellectual properties;
- and some more surprises to come!

I would like to thank our very first supporters (i.e. our partners, the Cannes Film Festival and the Film Market of Cannes), who immediately believed in our project. Shoot the Book! has brought together partners from the worlds of books and film, Institut Français, Film Paris Region, the CNL, the CNC, the BIEF, the Frankfurt Book Fair, Pro Helvetia, the "Centre Français de la Copie", and the Sofia. I would like to thank all of these good fairies who have been invested in the future of our young event. In this guide, you will find:

- a first part dedicated to the pitch session, where you will discover the 61 applications and a spotlight on the 12 works selected by our outstanding international jury.
- a second part, which features more than 80 literary works, aims to facilitate discussions with the owners of adaptation rights.

In a global context where the demand for rich content is skyrocketing and producers are always on the lookout for the right story, Shoot the Book! will continue to play an increasingly central role in fostering the adaptation business.

Happy 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Shoot the Book! We wish you an exciting event full of new discoveries.

**Nathalie Piaskowski,**  
Executive Director

# MEMBERS OF THE JURY

Establishing a jury for the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of Shoot the Book! was a real pleasure and a little bit of a challenge. This year, in addition to the usual criteria – bringing together different generations of film professionals from all over the world who are involved in the development and the choice of an adaptation – the idea was to surround ourselves primarily with individuals who already have a connection to the Cannes Film Festival.

Their first look at the works proposed this year by the publishers led to the selection of 12 works. We would like to thank them for their involvement and generosity.



INITIATIVEFILM

**ISABELLE FAUVEL**  
Initiative Film for Shoot the Book!

**DORUNTINA BASHA (F)** Screenwriter, Kosovo

**MARTIN BEHNKE (M)** Screenwriter, Germany

**WISSAM CHARAF (M)** Author / director, Lebanon

**JEREMY CHUA (M)** Producer / author / director, *Potocol*, Singapore

**KETIE DANELIA (F)** Producer, *Takes Films*, Georgia

**VANJA D'ALCANTARA (F)** Author / director, Belgium

**FARÈS LADJIMI (M)** Producer, Supernova Films, Tunisia / France

**KATYA TRICHKOVA (F)** Producer, Contrast Films, Bulgaria

**MAGNUS VON HORN (M)** Author / director, Sweden

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THE FORGOTTEN** ..... P20-21  
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JC Lattès

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Bompiani

# INVESTIGATION - THRILLER NOVEL

EAN 9782207163788



[ ABÎMES ]

## ABYSS

In a small village in the Pyrenees, strange events turn dramatic. Are they related to the 11 young victims of an avalanche that struck 24 years ago?

December 1999. A couple commits suicide in their private plane in the Pyrenees mountains at the French-Spanish border. The accident causes an avalanche that claims the lives of 11 children, who are out for a hike that day with a former priest that everyone in the village calls the Preacher. Only the bodies of 7 children are found and buried in the village.

The 4 others are declared missing after a cursory search. 24 years later, Antoine Mendi, the son of the couple that committed suicide, has become a mountain infantryman and asks to be stationed in the village, where he joins the team of Elda Flores, the tenacious police captain. While the villagers, who are divided between sheep farmers and ecologists, butt heads with increasing aggressivity over the issue of the wolves, strange events occur that could suggest that acts of revenge are underway. Is it yet another settling of scores between hunters and ecologists? Or something murkier and more distant? While investigating

An efficient thriller that is very well-anchored in its setting; a gallery of characters that develops in an extreme environment (the high mountains and their dangers), prey to their demons and human vicissitudes; and a chilling reflection on adult manipulation of children.

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his parents' death, Antoine Mendi meets a strange young woman, Miren, for whom he feels a powerful and unexpected attraction. Did Antoine and Miren know each other as children? Will Elda finally solve the mystery of the missing children from 1999 that has haunted her all of these years? Is the Preacher the man he seems to be?

### SETTING

Contemporary, a small village in the Pyrenees mountains, over a few weeks (with flashbacks to 24 years beforehand)

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Antoine Mendi, Male, 30s  
Elda Flores, Female, 40s  
Ekain Loyola aka the Preacher, Male, 60s  
Miren/Alma Hirigoyen, Female, 30s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Publication rights sold in Taiwanese and Arabic

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Long summary in English  
French press reviews

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

Films by Jane Campion (*Top of the Lake*) for the murky ambiance, the past that resurfaces, and the ties to a certain place  
*The Village* by Night Shyamalan  
*Prisoners* by Denis Villeneuve

### FIND OUT MORE

Born in 1967 to a French father and a Serbian mother, Sonja Delzongle had the fortune of growing up between two cultures. After graduating from the School of Fine Arts in Dijon, she exhibited her work for approximately 15 years and then became a newspaper journalist in Lyon, where she still lives. She now dedicates her time exclusively to writing. *Abyss* is her eighth novel with Editions Denoël, with a print run of nearly 14,000 copies in France.

# DRAMA - HISTORICAL NOVEL

EAN 9782365694025



[ RIVAGE DE LA COLÈRE ]

## AN IMPOSSIBLE RETURN

A novel about exile and hope, *An Impossible Return* takes us to the core of an unknown historical drama, the uprooting of the people of the Chagos archipelago, forced to leave their homeland.

Marie-Pierre Ladouceur, known as Marie, lives with her family in Diego Garcia, an island in the Chagos archipelago, tied to Mauritius. One day, Gabriel Neymorin, a Mauritian native who has come to work as the secretary to the island's administrator, lands on the island. It's love at first sight. A beautiful love story begins, and soon a son is born.

But History is in the making, and it has other plans for the Chagossian people, whose fate is sealed by a commercial agreement between the UK and the

This epic saga, which blurs the lines between fiction and reality, tells the story of a woman and her people's fight after being forced into exile. This novel has received several prizes, including the prestigious "Prix Maison de la Presse 2020."

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USA. Thus, when Mauritius earns its independence in 1968, the archipelago is dissociated from its motherland, remains English, and is sold to the Americans, who plan to build a naval base. The archipelago's inhabitants are militarily expelled from their lands.

Violently banned from their homeland, the Chagossians end up in slums in Mauritius, without hope or any help from the authorities. Marie, separated from Gabriel and alone with her son, must face the misery and sorrow of this life of exile.

But when pain recedes, anger rises. After years apart, Marie and Gabriel are finally reunited, and decide to fight back. The Chagossian people embark on a long battle for their rights, fighting to return to their ancestors' land. Thanks to her determination, education, and acts of bravery, Marie becomes the leading figure of this battle, which her son is still leading 50 years later, in memory of his mother who died without ever being able to return to her native island.

### SETTING

1967-1975: Diego Garcia Island, Chagos archipelago, then Mauritius  
2018: The Hague Court, Netherlands

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Marie-Pierre Ladouceur, Female, 20s to 30s  
Gabriel Neymorin, Male, 20s to 30s  
Marcel Mollinat, Male, 30s to 40s  
Josette Ladouceur, Female, 20s to 30s  
Joséphin, Male, Toddler to adulthood

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Italy (Edizioni E/O)  
US (Amazon Content Services LLC, to be released in 2023)

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

English and Italian translations  
Adapted into a graphic novel by Philéas (2022)

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*Doctor Zhivago* (1966)  
*Out of Africa* (1985)  
*Va, vis et deviens* (2005)

### FIND OUT MORE

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Finalist for the following awards:  
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# CRIME - PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER NOVEL

EAN 9789863875772



[ 成為怪物以前 ]

## BEFORE WE WERE MONSTERS

To hunt the monster, she must become a monster herself.

To find out who the real Alpha Evil is, she must do all manner of evil, unscrupulously.

Ning is a young and quiet crime scene cleaner. A former "super smeller," she lost her sense of smell after a tragic incident, only to have it come alive at scenes of death and decomposition. One night, she is tasked with cleaning up a suicide, not knowing it was a murder scene. With all trace evidence gone, she becomes the police's number 1 suspect. Ning begins a desperate quest to clear her name, following the elusive scent left by the murderer, even enlisting the help of notorious serial killer/artist, Cheng Chun-jin, to understand the inner workings of a psychopathic mind. To hunt the monster, she must become a monster

This novel reminds us of *The Silence of the Lambs*, but with Taiwanese flavors, in which grief and loss are examined through nonlinear and intimate tales.

It is largely based on the author's actual experiences cleaning up death scenes herself.

herself. Evoking the best of Patrick Suskind, Thomas Harris, and Mariana Enriquez, this is a dark, searing, and astonishingly confident debut that announces the arrival of a major crime writer.

### SETTING

Contemporary, Taipei City and a seaside town two hours from Taipei, Taiwan

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Ning, Female, 20s  
Cheng Chun-jin, Male, 60s

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Book review in English  
Reader's report in English

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*Perfume: The Story of a Murderer* (2006)  
*The Silence of the Lambs* (1991)

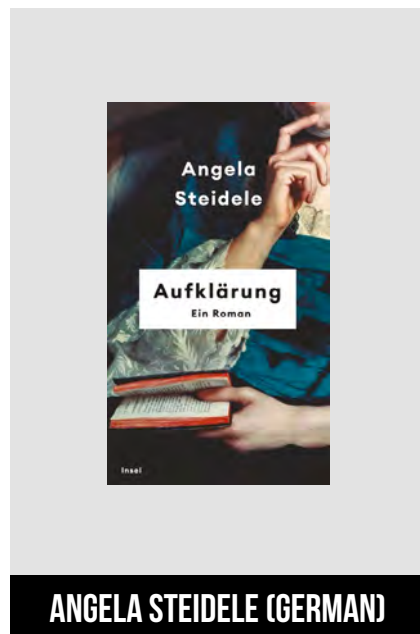
### FIND OUT MORE

Nominated for the Taiwan Literature Award  
Chinese TV rights optioned in 2022

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# HISTORICAL - DRAMA NOVEL

EAN 9783458643401



ANGELA STEIDELE (GERMAN)

[ AUFKLÄRUNG ]

## ENLIGHT- ENMENT

A declaration of love for the Age of Enlightenment, a time when it seemed possible that women and men could lead the world into the light of rationality together.

In 18<sup>th</sup>-century Leipzig (as hip then as it is today), the Age of Enlightenment gives mankind new wings. Johann Sebastian Bach surveys the universe in sound and musical notes. Meanwhile, the eminent scholar Johann Christoph Gottsched and his brilliant young wife explore the German language and spread the light of reason among the people. A newfound sense of rationality combats religious superstition and oppression. And while many of the artists and scholars of that time are still known and beloved today, some – mainly women, as usual – have slipped through the cracks of history.

One of those seemingly forgotten figures is Luise Gottsched, the wife of Christoph Gottsched. Outraged by the insufficient obituary that her husband publishes after her untimely death, Dorothea Bach, Johann Sebastian's first child,

In today's age of neo-irrationality, a relaunch of the Age of Enlightenment is needed. Why not from a feminist perspective? The novel is set in the 1700s, but mirrors the present. Furthermore, an adaption could bring Bach's magnificent music to life and harness its dramaturgical power.

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puts her memories of her longtime and beloved friend down on paper. From their first meeting in 1734, Dorothea recounts their three decades of friendship and sheds light on the woman in the shadow of the great man, and on the women of the Age of Enlightenment in general.

Dorothea's memories give voice to the unacknowledged potential and ambitions of women during a time that promised social change and equality, but ultimately failed to deliver. The shortcomings to achieve equality between the sexes of that time not only shape the main characters' lives but also generations of women to come. Luise's critique of her era, told through Dorothea's memories, still rings true, revealing the inequality, ignorance, and intolerance that continue to exist today.

### SETTING

Germany, 18<sup>th</sup> century:  
Leipzig's golden age, streets  
full of merchants, artists and  
scholars from all over Europe

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Luise Adelgunde Victorie Gottsched,  
née Kulmus, Female, 20s to 50s  
Catharina Dorothea Bach, Female, 20s to 50s

Johann Sebastian Bach, Male, 40s to 60s  
Johann Christoph Gottsched, Male, 30s to 60s  
Anna Magdalena Bach, née Wilke,  
Female, 30s to 50s

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

German press reviews  
English translation  
Additional information:

<https://www.suhrkamp.de/angela-steidele-aufklaerung-s-1424>

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

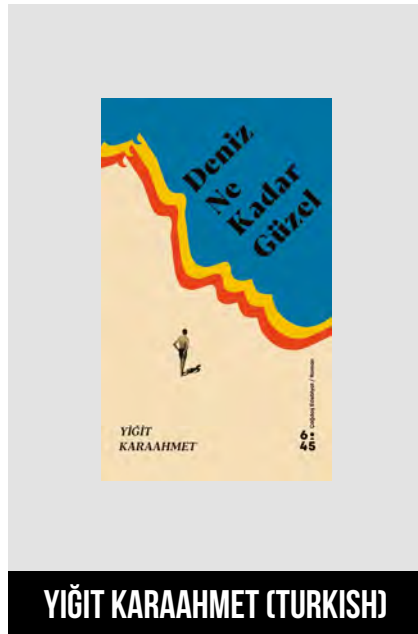
*Dangerous Liaisons* (1988)  
*Amadeus* (2002)  
*The Favourite* (2019)  
*Portrait of a Lady on Fire* (2019)  
*Corsage* (2022)  
*Versailles* (2015-18)  
*Alias Grace* (2017)

### FIND OUT MORE

Awards:  
Crossing Borders Fund of  
the Robert Bosch Stiftung 2016  
Dieter Wellershoff Fellowship 2021  
Portico Prize 2019 (longlisted)  
Bavarian Book Prize 2015  
Audioplay of the Month July 2013 & May 2022  
Fellowship of the SK Stiftung Kultur  
2013 & 2017  
Fellowship of the Kunststiftung  
NRW 2009, 2012 & 2020  
Alfred Döblin Prize 2011 (nominated)  
Non-Fiction Prize NDR Kultur 2010  
(shortlisted)  
Fellowship of the Klassik  
Stiftung Weimar 2006  
Gleim Prize for Literature 2005

# COMEDY - THRILLER NOVEL

EAN 9786057055569



YİĞİT KARAAHMET (TURKISH)

[ DENİZ NE KADAR GÜZEL ]

## HOW BEAUTIFUL IS THE SEA

A tale of longing and desire, aging and love, queer revenge and the fatal measures one gay couple takes to protect their family.

The love child of *Call Me by Your Name* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*...

Fehmi and Şener have been together for 40 years. No small feat for any couple, but it's especially admirable for a gay couple in Turkey. Of course, to most they are simply elderly "gentlemen companions"...

After four decades, their plan is to continue growing old together gracefully, til death do them part. But when their serene life on Istanbul's island of Büyükada—one of the islands to which Byzantine princes were once sent into exile—is upended by

Empowering representation of/by/for LGBTQ+ in Turkey is essential. Here is a gay character who refuses to be a victim and saves his partner by killing a homophobic young man. Usually stories like this end the other way around—one reason this story is revolutionary and worth filming.

the arrival of a new neighbor, their future together is suddenly on the rocks.

Deniz, whose name means "the sea," is the teenage son of the couple that's just moved in next door. Fehmi is instantly mesmerized by Deniz's beauty, a fact that does not escape Şener's attention. But what harm could possibly come of such an infatuation? It's not like Deniz would have anything to do with an old man like Fehmi... right?

But Deniz isn't only stunningly attractive, he also has a sinister streak, and he's accustomed to getting what he wants. His "exile" to the island is supposed to keep him out of trouble, but as it turns out, it does the opposite: Deniz is about to get into big trouble, the biggest of his life (and that's saying a lot). Fehmi won't be left unscathed either.

And what about Şener? Well, after 40 years together, Fehmi is Şener's family, and like any fierce mama bear, he has no intention of letting anything, or anyone, wreak havoc on his family—he simply won't stand for it. But just how far is he willing to go to make sure his future with Fehmi is secure?

### SETTING

Recent, Istanbul, the island of Büyükada. A high school and gay bathhouse in the city, a cruise ship

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Şener, Male, 70s  
Fehmi, Male, 70s  
Deniz, Male, Teenager  
Berna, Female, 40s

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

English synopsis  
Sample English translation

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

Films by Alfred Hitchcock  
*Hello, My Name Is Doris*  
*I Care a Lot*  
*Ripley* adaptations  
Fatih Akin's *The Edge of Heaven*  
*Call Me by Your Name*  
*The Birdcage*  
*Grace and Frankie*  
HBO's *Search Party*

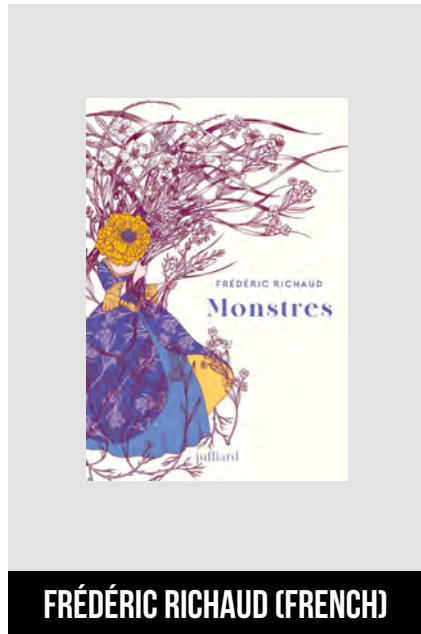
### FIND OUT MORE

Nominated for the Galatasaray University "Best Novel of the Year" Award and selected by *Bant Magazine* as one of the best 50 books of 2021. Film rights have been optioned to Witchcraft Films. We are looking for co-producers to make this a truly European venture.

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# DRAMEDY - HISTORICAL NOVEL

EAN 9782260055457



FRÉDÉRIC RICHAUD (FRENCH)

[ MONSTRES ]

## MONSTERS

The fabulous tale of Catherine Bellier, who performed enemas for the French Queen. A deformed and brilliant woman who managed to enter a whole new world... by the back door.

Catherine Bellier is born in Paris in 1630. Deformed and repulsive to the eye, she is raised by her grandmother, the only person to show her any affection and who introduces her to the complex science of plants and enemas. Her sharp mind and her intelligence make her a very curious child, and she keenly studies the intestines, which are as vital as they are widely scorned. She marries Pierre Beauvais, an insipid and narrow-minded merchant, and her reputation as a healer ends up leading her to the court of Queen Anne of Austria, whom she provides with the necessary enemas to treat her affliction. At the royal court, where the cult of beauty reigns, she struggles to find her place. Behind the flamboyant decors and powdered faces, tongues run wild with gossip.

A striking film that allows for an original retelling of a historical time period; a flamboyant, extraordinary heroine; and the enjoyable social rise of a hideous woman against the backdrop of a world of subterfuge.

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Catherine inspires both the fascination and the hatred of the nobles and of Cardinal Mazarin, and is caught up in a palace intrigue despite herself. Following this, she is hunted down and shut away in a convent. Despite her resentment and her deep sadness, she never stops searching for a way to return to the side of Queen Anne of Austria. She is finally called back to court when Louis XIV falls ill with a mysterious sickness.

After many attempts, she manages to heal him. Having saved the French crown, the King and the Queen Mother confer upon her the title of Baroness. This decision provokes a scandal at court, but little by little, Catherine establishes herself, and the nobles finally recognize her true value, despite their disgust. Catherine becomes a coveted guest in every court parlor and manages to triumph over the cruel Cardinal Mazarin.

### SETTING

Between 1630 and 1655. Multiple locations throughout Paris, the Louvre, the convent in Gentilly, Fontainebleau Castle

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Catherine Bellier, Female, Baby to adulthood  
Geneviève Bellier, Female, over 70s  
Pierre Beauvais, Male, 40s  
Anne of Austria, Female, 50s  
Louis XIV, Male, Teenager  
Cardinal Mazarin, Male, 60s

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

English translation  
Press review available soon

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*La Favorite* by Yorghos Lanthimos  
*Ridicule* by Patrice Leconte  
*L'Echange des princesses* by Marc Dugain  
*The Great* by Tony McNamara

# CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK - ONE SHOT

EAN 9782748526646



**JEAN-LOUP FELICOLI (FRENCH)  
AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR**

[ JE SUIS CAMILLE ]

## MY NAME IS CAMILLE

An accurate and moving picture book about Camille, a young transgender girl, who learns to thrive despite the hardships.

This is a new beginning for Camille: a new country, a new school, and new landmarks. She used to live in Los Angeles (where her father worked), but now Camille and her family are moving to France after she was bullied by former classmates who did not accept her difference and identity. Camille, who was born in a boy's body, feels like a girl. Although she has been rejected for this in the past, she hopes that this move will mark the start a better life.

It's the beginning of the school year and Camille doesn't know if she will make new friends. Fortunately, however, her classmates all accept her and she even becomes very close to Zoé, an energetic and confident girl with whom she shares a passion for music. But Camille is reluctant to share her secret...

*My Name Is Camille* is an honest story that advocates tolerance, addressing trans-identity with simplicity and subtlety. The author avoids pathos and does not try to "overexplain"; he simply shows that such situations exist and must be accepted.

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### SETTING

Several places in contemporary France: Camille's home and friends' houses, school, classroom, a park

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Camille, Female, Teenager  
Camille's mother, Female, 40s  
Camille's father, Male, 40s  
Lila, Female, Baby  
Zoé, Female, Teenager  
Rémi, Male, Teenager  
Zoé's father, Male, 40s  
Zoé's aunt, Female, 40s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published (or soon to be published) in 4 languages:  
German (Jacoby & Stuart)  
Complex Chinese, Taiwan (WordField Publishing)  
Danish (Gyldendal)  
Swedish (Natur & Kultur)

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

Half of the book has been translated into English

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*L'histoire de Sam* by Rodolphe Saint-Gelais  
*Petite fille* by Sébastien Lifshitz  
*Tomboy* by Céline Sciamma  
*Ma vie en rose* by Alain Berliner

### FIND OUT MORE

Winner of the Prix UNICEF 2021, category ages 9-12

# ADVENTURE - COMEDY NOVEL

EAN 979 10226 10605



[ PATAGONIE ROUTE 203  
(LA MARCA DEL VIENTO) ]

## PATAGONIA, ROAD 203

The compelling road trip of a young saxophonist fleeing a mysterious danger and madly falling in love on the road, jeopardizing everything he has ever known.

At the wheel of his truck, an enigmatic saxophonist travels through the crazy countryside of Patagonia's secondary roads and suffers the whims of the omnipresent winds. Lost in the immensity of the landscape, he finds himself confronted with situations as surprising and hostile as the landscape that surrounds him. Despairing Salt Flats, The Rotten, Dead Mule, Bad Indian, and other places favor absurd encounters with unkind and extravagant characters: a journalist who drives a car without brakes and looks for Nazi submarines, cannibals who renounce meat, Bolivian evangelical twins guarding a Ghost Train, an irascible garage owner, and a jealous husband...

In the middle of these roads where nothing is what it seems, Parker falls in love with the cashier of a

A strange and mesmerizing road trip: the portrait of a man driven by his passions, a tribute to freedom

Zany dialogues; beautiful landscapes; deep, human, and authentic characters

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funfair. But how can you keep track of someone in a world where, when you ask for directions, you are told: "You go straight ahead. On Thursday you turn left and at nightfall you turn left again. Sooner or later you'll reach the sea." And yet he manages to escape with his beautiful stallholder. With the ex-husband on their heels, a delivery to make, winter approaching, and the incompatibility of their respective personalities, their love story does not last long, but proves decisive for the rest of their lives. They go separate ways, having learned to accept their own nature and understanding what they really want.

### SETTING

Argentine Patagonia, an imaginary road (road 203), contemporary, a few months

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Parker, Male, 30s or 40s  
Maytén, Female, 30s  
The journalist, Male, 60s  
Bruno, Male, 30s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in French and English (Mountain Leopard Press)  
Soon to be published in Spanish and Russian

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

French press reviews  
Spanish translation

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

The world of the Coen brothers, Monty Python, and Wes Anderson  
*Rolling Family* by Pablo Trapero  
*Little Miss Sunshine* by Valerie Faris and Jonathan Dayton

### FIND OUT MORE

University of the Dauphiné Award 2021  
Transfuge Award for Best Novel 2020  
Casa de las Americas Award 2019  
Femina Foreign Prize 2020 (finalist)  
First Novel Award 2020 (selected)  
Fnac literary selection 2020

"This novel, cut like a Coen brothers' movie, draws a world apart, as wild as it is devilishly human." *Le Monde*

"A journey that looks like a waking dream. A beautiful hymn to Patagonia, strange and enchanting. With this book, geography is a novel." *Transfuge*

# DRAMA - DRAMEDY NOVEL

EAN 9782732487960



[ RHAPSODIE DES OUBLIÉS ]

## RHAPSODY OF THE FORGOTTEN

13-year-old Abad recounts Paris and the odyssey of the people living in the working-class neighborhood of Goutte d'Or with humor, lyricism, and intelligence.

*Rhapsody of the Forgotten* is inspired by Truffaut's *The 400 Blows*, Romain Gary's *The Life Before Us*, and Marguerite Duras, combining puberty's torments with the diversity of the Barbès district.

13-year-old Abad lives in the Goutte d'Or area of Barbès, in the 18<sup>th</sup> arrondissement of Paris, with his parents who fled from Lebanon three years ago. The sap pours, the heart is full of brambles, and sex and love torture the mind in this age of possibilities. And one matures more quickly on Rue

The author tells a story that is as powerful as it is delicate, as gentle as it is violent, and as serious as it is funny. She gives us a glimpse of a remarkable cast, especially female, and an exceptional film through the lucid gaze and acerbic verve of young Abad.

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Leon in Paris's 18<sup>th</sup> arrondissement than anywhere else. Abad will have to breach the rules to separate his aspirations from a seemingly preordained fate.

*Rhapsody of the Forgotten* chronicles a neighborhood's daily activities and the odyssey of its residents, particularly the females. The desire for life, love, and childhood is never far behind the clichés, like crack, prostitution, and violence.

Abad looks at Paris from his working-class neighborhood and becomes the voice of those who don't have one in a resolutely feminist story with explosive language, influenced by noir fiction, naturalist literature, hip-hop, and soul.

### SETTING

Nowadays, Barbès/Goutte d'Or (Paris, 18<sup>th</sup> arrondissement), over the course of a year

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Abad, Male, Teenager  
Gervaise, Female, 20s  
Batman, Female, Teenager  
Odette, Female, Elderly  
Ethel Futterman, Female, Elderly

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in Italian, Russian, and Vietnamese

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

English translation  
French press reviews

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*Mid90s* by Jonah Hill  
*The Magnet* by Akhenaton and Kamel Saleh  
*La cité rose* by Julien Abraham  
*Madame Rosa* by Moshé Mizrahi.

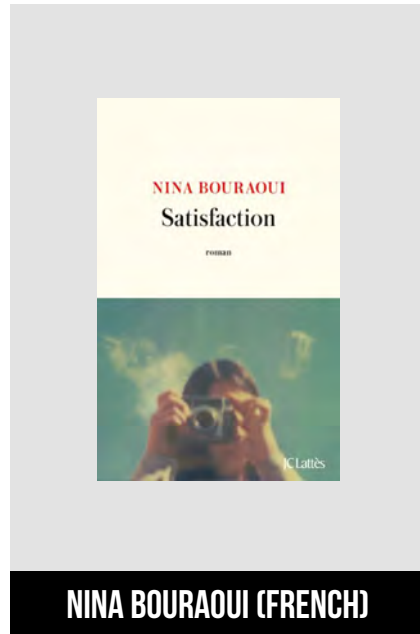
### FIND OUT MORE

Sofia Aouine's first novel, *Rhapsody of the Forgotten* won the "Prix de Flore" in 2019. It has sold over 30,000 copies in France.

The author sees this novel as a wink to destiny as her parents entrusted her to the child welfare service because she was a girl.

# DRAMA NOVEL

EAN 9782709667029



NINA BOURAOUI (FRENCH)

[ SATISFACTION ]

## SATISFACTION

A French woman married to an Algerian man in Algiers must confront her choices and her desires when her adolescent son befriends a girl, dressed like a boy, with a bewitching French mother.

Michèle Akli is 38. She was born in France but moved to Algiers in Algeria in 1962 as the bride of Brahim, an Algerian whom she met at university. Now a housewife and the mother of a young preadolescent son, Erwan, she is bored and dissatisfied with her life. When Erwan makes a new friend at school, Bruce, Michèle fears that she is losing her son too quickly. She is further worried when she realizes that Bruce is in fact a girl named Amina Bousba, who has taken the nickname Bruce in honor of her favorite actor, Bruce Lee. Michèle feels jealous of Bruce and convinces herself that she will take Erwan away from her. Like Erwan, Bruce also has a French mother and an Algerian father. Soon Michèle meets the parents – Catherine and Amar Bousba – and she is immediately drawn to the beautiful and seductive Catherine. Michèle and Catherine begin to spend more time together because of their children's friendship and Michèle soon feels

This is a sensuous story of desire riddled with jealousy, about a woman who fears the loss of her son and his innocence, and who is trying to come to terms with her ambivalent feelings towards both her husband and a new female friend, set against the backdrop of a changing Algeria.

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a dark mix of desire and obsession for her. She is jealous of Catherine, who appears to her wealthier and freer than herself. Later, when Michèle gets hired as a librarian at the French lycée by Henri Thomas, the French cultural attaché, she makes one secret request to his colleague: that her son not be in Bruce's class in their first year of secondary school. Things come to a head at the school fête. Michèle sees Catherine kissing Henri Thomas through the classroom window. When Bruce asks her where her mother is, Michèle directs her to the same classroom, knowing that Bruce will witness her mother's infidelity. This is the final scene. The whole story is narrated from the point-of-view of Michèle, through her seven notebooks written from 1977-1978.

### SETTING

Algiers, Algeria from 1977 to 1978  
Specifically, the neighborhood of Hydra

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Michèle Akli, Female, 30s  
Brahim Akli, Male, 40s  
Erwan Akli, Male, Teenager

Catherine Bousba, Female, 30s  
Amar Bousba, Male, 40s  
Amina "Bruce" Bousba, Female, Teenager  
Henri Thomas, Male, 40s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in English (Héloïse Press)  
Swedish (Elisabeth Grate Bokförlag)  
German (Elster & Salis)  
Portuguese (Editora Paris de Histórias)

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

French press  
English translation

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*The Lost Daughter* adapted from the eponymous book by Elena Ferrante, film directed by Maggie Gyllenhaal  
*Les Bienheureux*, film directed by Sofia Djama  
*Little Fires Everywhere* adapted from the eponymous book by Celeste NG, a series of 8 episodes that premiered on Hulu

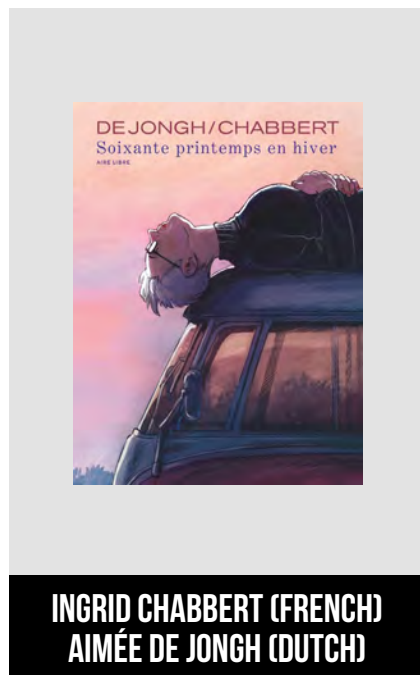
### FIND OUT MORE

*Satisfaction* was selected for the Prix Fémina 2021 and for the Prix Fémina des Lycéens 2021



# ROMANTIC COMEDY - ROMANCE GRAPHIC NOVEL

EAN 9791034747375



[ SOIXANTE PRINTEMPS EN HIVER ]

## SIXTY YEARS IN WINTER

The day of her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, Josy leaves her family to take back her freedom at the wheel of her van. Will she be able to resist the pressure to conform?

Josy's entire family has gathered to celebrate her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday, so she takes the opportunity to announce to them that she is leaving. While everyone is still reeling, Josy immediately sets off in her converted van and hits the road. Is it even possible to start afresh at 60?

After parking close to the city, Josy meets her new neighbor Camelia, who is raising her son in her caravan. This strong-willed young woman helps Josy settle into her new life, especially as Josy's husband and children keep calling and texting her, trying to convince her to come home.

One day, Camelia tells Josy about a special club: the "Liberated Women's Club." Hesitant but curious, Josy goes there one evening and meets a dozen women in the same situation as her, who all support each other. There is Martine, Marianne... and there's Christine.

This moving story combines themes of women's liberation with the discovery of sexuality and sisterhood. It is also very original due to Josy's age: it is never too late to experience doubts, not to mention the fire of desire.

Christine and Josy are unsettled by their unexpected and mutual attraction. And after a lot of evenings together, walks, and films... they declare their feelings for each other. Although she is disoriented, Josy welcomes this new relationship into her life. That is, until the couple bumps into Josy's daughter Stephanie in the street... Stephanie makes a scene, which deeply upsets Josy. She goes back to her van and refuses to come out or talk to anyone.

After several weeks, Camelia finally convinces Josy to go for a walk. On their outing, they see Martine, who tells them that Christine has died in a car accident. Devastated, Josy collapses and is taken to the hospital. Her husband and children, who were contacted by the medical staff, take her home by force. Despite Camelia's indignation, Josy yields.

For a while, at least. After a few weeks, Josy regains her courage: she leaves home again, and this time nothing will make her give up her freedom.

### SETTING

A small town and its suburbs (house, car park, town center), nowadays, over a few months

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Josy Bertille, Female, 60s  
Camélia, Female, 20s  
Christine, Female, 60s  
Stéphanie, Female, 30s  
Martin, Male, 40s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in English (Europe Comics) and German (Splitter Verlag)

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

French press reviews  
English translation

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*Nomadland* by Chloé Zhao  
*Aurora* by Blandine Lenoir  
*Carol* by Todd Haynes

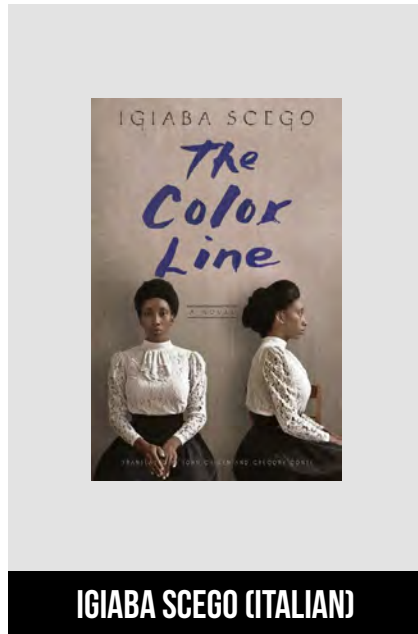
### FIND OUT MORE

Illustrator Aimée de Jongh is familiar with cinematic adaptations, as her first graphic novel *The Return of the Honey Buzzard* was adapted into a film in 2017 and her graphic novel *Blossoms in Autumn* is currently under option. Aimée's previous graphic novel, *Days of Sand*, received the Atomium Prize, the Japan International Manga Award, the "Prix des Libraires de BD" 2022, the "Ouest-France Quai des Bulles" Prize, and many others. Writer Ingrid Chabbert won the 2019 Harvey Prize for her previous book *Écumes*.

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# DRAMA - HISTORICAL NOVEL

EAN 9788830101418



[ LA LINEA DEL COLORE ]

## THE COLOR LINE

Inspired by true events, this gorgeous and haunting novel intertwines the lives of two Black female artists more than a century apart, both outsiders in Italy.

It was the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century when Lafanu Brown audaciously decided to become an artist. In the wake of the American Civil War, life was especially tough for Black women, but she didn't let that stop her. The daughter of a Native American woman and an African-Haitian man, Lafanu had the rare opportunity to study, travel, and follow her dreams, thanks to her indomitable spirit, but not without facing intolerance and violence. Now, in 1887, living in Rome as one of the city's most established painters, she is ready to tell her fiancé about her difficult life, which began in a poor family forty years earlier.

In 2019, an Italian art curator of Somali origin is desperately trying to bring over her younger cousin, who is only 16 and has already tried to

A lucid and compassionate tale that sheds light on the pressing themes of slavery's legacies, colonialism, and citizenship rights. A testament to the liberation that resides in every moment of artistic creation, because the forgotten histories of Black women cannot be silenced forever.

reach Italy on a long and treacherous journey. While organizing an art exhibition that will combine the paintings of Lafanu Brown with the artwork of young migrants, the curator becomes more and more obsessed with the life and secrets of the 19<sup>th</sup>-century painter.

Weaving together these two vibrant voices, Igiaba Scego has crafted a powerful exploration of what it means to be "other," to be a woman, and particularly a Black woman, in a foreign country, yesterday and today.

### SETTING

Mostly Italy and the United States in the 1800s with a contemporary part in Rome and Somalia and scenes in England

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Lafanu Brown (in 1887), Female, 40s  
Ulisse Barbieri (in 1887), Male, 40s,  
Bathsheba McKenzie (in 1860), Female, 40s  
Frederick Bailey (in 1860), Male, 20s  
Leila (in 2019), Female, 40s  
Binti (in 2019), Female, 20s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 4 countries:  
Italy (Bompiani)  
France (Les Éditions Dalva)  
US (Other Press)  
UK (HopeRoad Publishing)

### PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE

French press reviews  
Foreign press reviews  
English translation

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*The Color Purple*  
*The Underground Railroad*  
*The Portrait of a Lady*

### FIND OUT MORE

*La linea del colore* was awarded the "Premio Napoli" in 2020. In 2021, the author received several awards for her commitment and cultural activism in the field of transcultural dialogue. She is a contributor to several international publications such as *The New York Times* and *Words Without Borders*.

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# MORE BOOKS

**A LONG JOURNEY** ..... P30  
Yves Grevet  
Syrus

**A SIMPLE PROCEDURE** ..... P31  
Mirjam Wittig  
Agentur Kroll  
(Suhrkamp Verlag)

**AMOROSTASIA I, II, III** ..... P32  
Sandrine Collette  
JC Lattès

**AT WORLD'S END** ..... P33  
Alain & Désirée Frappier  
Steinkis

**CHEZ MOI** ..... P34  
Thomas Cadène,  
Joseph Safieddine  
& Clément C. Fabre  
Webtoon Factory

**DISSIDENT CLUB** ..... P35  
Marie Vingtras  
Éditions de L'Olivier

**DON'T ASK** ..... P36  
Sophie Simon  
Éditions Anne Carrière

**DREAMS HAVE NO HOMELAND** ..... P37  
Martin Suter  
Diogenes Verlag

**ELASTIC ISLAND ADVENTURES PORT MUGALOO** ..... P38  
Antoine Renand  
Éditions Robert Laffont

**GREED** ..... P39  
Fabio Andina  
Rotpunktverlag

**HEX APPEAL** ..... P40  
Maria Pourchet  
Fayard

**IN THE EVENT OF HAPPINESS** ..... P41  
Evelina Santangelo  
Piergiorgio Nicolazzini  
Literary Agency (PNLA)  
(Einaudi)

**IN THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY** ..... P42  
Stella Alessia Tack  
Ravensburger Verlag

**INSEPARABLE** ..... P43  
Paloma Sánchez-Garnica  
Editorial Planeta

**INVISIBLE COLORS** ..... P44  
Xavier Marcé Vila  
Editorial Xavier Marcé

**JITTERBUG** ..... P45  
Louis-Philippe Dalember  
Sabine Wespieser éditeur

**LEAWALD** ..... P46  
Lucile Génin  
Éditions du sous-sol

**LINA KNUT PUPIL, GAMER, WORLD SAVIOUR** ..... P47  
François Lelord  
Penguin Random House  
Verlagsgruppe

**MALVINA** ..... P48  
Frédéric Lenormand  
Éditions de La Martinière

**MR. GOEBBELS JAZZ BAND** ..... P49  
Maite Carranza  
Edebé

**MURDER ON THE EIFFEL TOWER** ..... P50  
Loïc Nicoloff, Antoine Losty  
& Alberto Zanon  
Jungle

**NO ESCAPE** ..... P51  
Alistair MacLean  
HarperCollins Publishers

**PRAYING FOR THE DARKNESS** ..... P52  
Marie-Christophe Ruata-Arn  
Éditions La Joie de lire

**PRINCES OF PAUPERS POND** ..... P53  
Claire Renaud  
Fleuve Éditions

**RUBY RED SKIES** ..... P54  
Fabien Grolleau,  
Abdel de Bruxelles  
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# ADVENTURE - FANTASY NOVEL

# DRAMA - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9782253106890



## CLAIRE DUVIVIER (FRENCH)

A universal story of young people's fulfillment as they seek their place in the world. Although on opposite ends of the social spectrum, each becomes the other's greatest confidant. An inspiring, human, and uniquely beautiful journey.

[ UN LONG VOYAGE ]

## A LONG JOURNEY

When temporal rifts threaten the population, a young orphan from the islands and a great politician unite to counter this disruption of time...

### SETTING

An imaginary world of archipelagos, mountains and plains, medieval period, over nearly 40 years.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

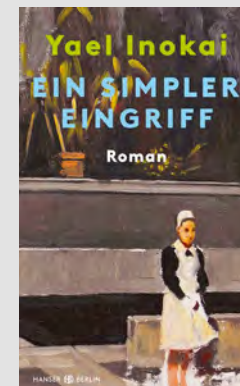
Liesse, Male, from 7 to 50 years old  
Malvine, Female, from 18 to 40 years old

### RIGHTS GUIDE

French press reviews  
English translation

SHOOT THE BOOK! PITCHED BOOKS 2023

EAN 9783446272316



## Yael INOKAI (SWISS)

Three strong women are confronted with relevant topics of our time : misogyny, hierarchies, mental illness and the difficulties of care work. In a manner of intimate play, the sensitive drama leads into a gentle love story in a hardly outspoken world between merciless past and dystopia.

[ EIN SIMPLER EINGRIFF ]

## A SIMPLE PROCEDURE

A risky medical intervention changes the life of three women forever: a story about deep-seated misogyny and the emancipatory power of love and empathy.

### SETTING

A nurse's home and a psychiatric clinic in an unknown place and at an unknown time.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Meret, female, 25  
Sarah, female, Mid-20s  
Marianne, female, 25

## DRAMA - ROMANCE GRAPHIC NOVEL

## DOCUMENTARY - HISTORICAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

EAN 9782754824422



### CYRIL BONIN (FRENCH)

An impressive and prophetic high concept, *Amorostasia* subtly questions that which binds people in love.

The very visual dimension of lovers being petrified offers an interesting staging challenge.

The story's rhythm promises a sweeping and cadenced feature film.

[ AMOROSTASIA I, II, III ]

## AMOROSTASIA I, II, III

The Americans are calling it the "French disease": a virus has appeared in Paris that freezes its victims as soon as they fall in love. A caress, a kiss, a look... and they are petrified!

### SETTING

Paris and the Gironde region (easily transposable), contemporary, over a period of about 4 years

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Olga Politoff, Female, 30s  
Kiran Narayanan, Male, 30s  
Thomas, Male, 30s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Publication rights sold in Dutch

SHOOT THE BOOK! PITCHED BOOKS 2023

EAN 9782368460054



### ALAIN FRAPPIER ILLUSTRATOR (FRENCH) DÉSIRÉE FRAPPIER WRITER (FRENCH)

This powerful historical lesson narrates the spread of fascism in a country torn apart by social inequalities. Through one man's journey in the middle of it all, from happiness to hope then torture and exile, it blends personal tragedy and unyielding, brutal History.

[ LÀ OÙ SE TERMINE LA TERRE ]

## AT WORLDS END

Pedro Atias narrates his eventful upbringing as a son of a great writer in pre-Pinochet Chile, where national tragedy intertwines with personal affairs.

### SETTING

From the streets of 1950's Santiago de Chile to the mountains of Punta Arenas.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Pedro Atias, male, Child, then teenager, then 20s  
Guillermo Atias, male, 50s  
Emilio, male, child

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in three countries: Chile (Sociedad Gloria Elgueta y Claudia Marchant Ltda.), Italian (Add Editore)

## DRAMEDY NOVEL

EAN 9782757805183



### AGNÈS DESARTHE (FRENCH)

With gastronomy as a backdrop, Agnès Desarthe presents a novel on the edge, between humor and gravity, implicitly feminist. She tackles the questions of maternal instinct, adultery and asexuality with subtlety and nuance, making light of rigid categories.

[ MANGEZ-MOI ]

## EAT ME

Opening a restaurant with an original concept is an opportunity for its chef to take stock of the ups and downs of her life. A real food therapy!

### SETTING

Paris, nowadays,  
a few months  
(between 6 months  
and 1 year approximately).

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Myriam: woman,  
40 years old  
Ben: man, 20 years old  
Vincent: man,  
40 years old  
Ali Slimane: man,  
50 years old

Charles: man,  
40 years old  
Hannah/Simone (duo):  
women, teenagers  
Hugo: man, 20 years old

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 1 language:  
English (Chez moi,  
Portobello Books Ltd)

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## CRIME - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9782344042717



### TAHA SIDDIQUI (PAKISTANI) CO-AUTHOR HUBERT MAURY (FRENCH) CO-AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR

It is critical to give visibility to the global fight for freedom of the press. This difficult topic is discussed with humor and introspection, thanks to Taha's childish perspective on the extremist world in which he grew up and from which he breaks free as an adult.

[ DISSIDENT CLUB ]

## DISSIDENT CLUB

Pakistani journalist Taha Siddiqui is a political refugee, having fled an assassination attempt in Pakistan. He describes his Islamic upbringing and his fight for freedom of the press.

### SETTING

About thirty years,  
from the end of the 1980's  
to 2018, in Saudi Arabia,  
Pakistan and France.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Taha Siddiqui, male,  
child, teenager and adult  
Shakeel Siddiqui,  
male, 40s  
Shahla  
(devient Um-e-Taha)  
Siddiqui, female, 30s  
Mustafa Siddiqui,  
male, child  
Hamza Siddiqui,  
male, child

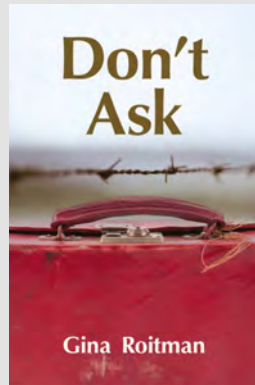
Zainab Siddiqui,  
female, child  
Naseem Siddiqui,  
male, 40s  
Shiraz, male, teenager  
Sonya, female, 20s  
Zain, male, 20s  
Julien Fouchet, male, 30s  
Khuda Hafiz Sara  
Siddiqui, female, 30s  
Miranshah Siddiqui,  
male, child  
Général Bajwa, male, 50s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

To be translated  
into English.

## DRAMA - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9781771837118



### YVES GREVET (FRENCH)

Situated on two continents in colourful locations, this is a fast-paced story encompassing two mysteries: about a voiceless mother and a deal with the devil. A compelling love story about second chances for middle-aged characters challenged by their histories, binds it all together.

[ DON'T ASK ]

## DON'T ASK

Betrayal and guilt haunt a Holocaust survivor and her daughter who falls in love with a German while negotiating a land deal where she learns her client must settle an old debt with a Nazi.

### SETTING

Montreal, Quebec; Krakow and Auschwitz, Poland; Cologne and Landsberg am Lech, Germany (87)

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Hannah Baran, female, 40s  
Rokhl Wachsberg Baranowski, female, 70s

Maximilian Mohr, male, 50s  
Chaim Sonenshein, male, 70s  
Hans-Georg (Ha-Gay) Heilemann, male, 50s  
Marilyn Lehrer, female, 40s  
Leni Mohr, female, 60s

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## LIFE STORY NOVEL

EAN 9798356985072



### BRUNA SPAGNUOLO (ITALIAN)

1 protagonist/ a database of survival essential data: speaks to the heart, enters the global collective subconscious, is more topical than ever, like war and tragedies. All this cries out the yearning for harmony of which the collective subconscious is in abstinence.

[ I SOGNI NON HANNO PATRIA ]

## DREAMS HAVE NO HOMELAND

83-year-old Ina is rooted in nature's laws. Her premonitions and a tragedy trigger a double plot avalanche resulting in a surprise sublimation ending.

### SETTING

Messacantata, fictitious name of a real area overlooking the Sarmentum valley, on mount Pollino's Lucanian slopes.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Unique character of the main plot: GRANDMA INA, 83.

Character that emerges from Ina's flashbacks: her grandson, 20.

Characters of the plot in the plot, from Ina's memories: Antonio, male, 30s- Alfio, male, 30s- The girl, Ina's daughter.

### RIGHTS GUIDE

English: SOS Roots  
Italy: I sogni non hanno patria- SOS Roots

# ADVENTURE - CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S NOVEL

# POLITICAL - THRILLER NOVEL

EAN 9780473438227



## KAREN MCMILLAN (NEW ZEALANDER)

It combines two genres: thriller and a love story. It is set in three main spaces: bedrooms, the town center, and the high school. There's no need for a specific location. There are not many main characters as the plot focuses on Erwan and Cassandre. It appeals to a wide range of readers.

[ ELASTIC ISLAND ADVENTURES - PORT MUGALOO ]

## ELASTIC ISLAND ADVENTURES PORT MUGALOO

A fun action-packed adventure. To survive four kids must work together, strengthen friendships and trust, learning resilience, confidence, and new skills.

### SETTING

In each book of *Elastic Island Adventures*, four children travel via the Elastic Island service to different tropical destinations. The look for the Elastic Island Adventures series is full of bright beautiful colours, with a tropical feel that is fun in nature.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Kiri, Female, Child, 10  
Emma, Female, Child, 10  
Ethan, Male, Child, 10  
Jed, Male, Child, 10

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in New Zealand and Australia under Duckling Publishing, rights available in all other territories and also looking to sell worldwide rights.

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EAN 9783764506322



## MARC ELSBERG (AUSTRIAN)

Part Dan Brown-style chase and part eco-thriller, this book will get people talking. In this both gripping and visionary story, Elsberg succeeds in combining complex storylines into one breathtaking tale of suspense and chases a captivating, diverse ensemble cast through fast-paced Berlin.

[ GIER - WIE WEIT WÜRDST DU GEHEN? ]

## GREED

The propulsive international bestselling thriller that warns how human greed could destroy the world. A spine-chillingly realistic tale on the horrors of freewheeling capitalism and the threat of human greed.

### SETTING

Present-day or very near future, Berlin, Germany

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Jan, Male, 20s-30s  
Jeanne Dalli, Female, late 20s  
George Lamack, Male, 40s-50s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 4 countries: UK (Transworld), Taiwan (BWP), Czech Republic (Omega), Poland (Foksal)



# FANTASY - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9780008551131



## KATE JOHNSON (BRITISH)

Witches are back and more popular than ever, and this story could generate the cult following of Hocus Pocus, Practical Magic and The Craft. A modern, vibrant cast of characters allows for fantastic casting opportunities and it's a romantic comedy that is truly hilarious yet very sexy.

[ HEX APPEAL ]

## HEX APPEAL

What happens when a witch falls in love with the descendant of an infamous witch-hunter? An atmospheric and laugh-out-loud romantic comedy full of mystery, suspense and plenty of magic.

### SETTING

A small, sleepy village called Good Winter, deep in the heart of Essex, England.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Thomas, Male, 40s  
Juliette, Female, teenager  
Essie Winterscale, female, late 20s/early 30s  
Josh Henderson, male, 30s

Siena, female, 20s  
Blessing, female, 40s  
Avery, sometimes male, sometimes female, no defined age  
Prudence, female, 50s  
Maude, female, elderly  
Lilith, female, 40s/50s

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# COMEDY - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9782080688958



## DAVID FOENKINOS (FRENCH)

Everyone needs a dose of humor and love, essential components of romantic comedies. David Foenkinos harnesses the humor of a moment through the existential problems of his endearing characters. He reinvents the world we know by telling simple yet poetic and optimistic stories.

[ EN CAS DE BONHEUR ]

## IN THE EVENT OF HAPPINESS

For eight years, Claire and Jean-Jacques are the perfect couple. Their joy is so great that it will become the worst thing to ever happen to them. Only by separating will they grow closer.

### SETTING

Paris, modern day.  
Timeframe of the story: 1 year.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Jean-Jacques, the husband, 35 years old  
Claire, the wife, 35 years old  
Louise, their daughter, 6 years old  
Sonia - Jean-Jacques' mistress - in her twenties  
Igor, Detective, Claire's lover, in his twenties  
René et Renée, Claire's parents, in their sixties

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Translated in 8 languages including: German (Beck then DTV), Spanish (Kalias), Portuguese (Rocco in Brazil), Hungarian (Europa), Russian (Corpus)

# DRAMA - THRILLER NOVEL

# LIFE STORY - DRAMA NOVEL

EAN 9785041175115



**VERESKOV  
SERGEY ALEKSEEVICH  
(RUSSIAN)**

The subjective view of a terrorist convinced that he is doing the undeniable good

The issue of outcasts taking command

The story unfolds in a cult which leader decides he is capable of taking over the world

[ В краю молочных рек ]

## IN THE LAND OF MILK AND HONEY

A story about a young man who joins a cult and begins to believe that becoming a terrorist will change the life of his country for the better.

### SETTING

2025, Russia, Moscow and the Krasnodar region. The novel is set in cities and a remote village where cult members live.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Dima, Male, Teenager  
Liza, Female, 30s  
Ekaterina Makarova, Female, 50s  
Yakov, Male, 30s

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EAN 9791031902746



**SIMONE DE BEAUVOIR (FRENCH)**

For its historical value and for the discovery of the emergence of the reflections of a great feminist who will move the Western mind deeply.

[ LES INSÉPARABLES ]

## INSEPARABLE

Between 9 and 10:30 AM, Erwan and his classmates had to find a spot in the city to observe. Afterwards, they had to write an essay. Meanwhile, the notary was being killed.

### SETTING

Paris, Basque Country - 1918 to 1929

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Sylvie Lepage (Simone de Beauvoir), women, child then teenager (until 21 yo)  
André Gallard (Zaza), women, child then teenager (until 21 yo)  
Pascal Blondel (Merleau-Ponty), man, teenager  
Madame Gallard, woman, 40 yo

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 27 countries: UK & CW (The inseparables, Penguin classics), Germany (Die Unzertrennlichen, Rowohlt verlag), USA/ Canada (Inseparable, Ecco, Harper Collins) Spain (Las inseparables, Simone de Beauvoir) Italy (Le inseparabili, Ponte alle grazie)

EAN 9788867903559



**SABRINA GABRIELLI (ITALIAN)**

This is a relatable story about facing hard times in life, and learning how much others can help you evolve. Each character has their own world, and through Leila we access the rich universe they create.

[ COLORI INVISIBILI ]

**INVISIBLE COLORS**

A story about accepting our own limits and finding richness in people around us and in our own emotions. It's a story about the transformative power of friendship and love.

**SETTING**

Leila is a 33y.o. woman who lives in today's world. A recent accident prevents her from seeing colors. She was an artist.

**MAIN CHARACTERS**

Leila, Female, 30s – Saf, Female, 30s – Luca, male, 20s – Mia, female, 20s

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EAN 9780735844995



**KAI LÜFTNER (GERMAN) AUTOR  
WIEBKE RAUERS (GERMAN) ILLUSTRATOR**

The extraordinary protagonist doesn't just catch your eye. She also inspires to trust in one's abilities and to believe in one's dreams. A story like a hit song, that excites and transports a very special way of life.

[ MARIE KÄFERCHEN ]

**JITTERBUG**

Lady B. Marie's heart beats for rock'n'roll. To begin with, her passion makes her pretty lonely.

And for the whole neighborhood of the meadow, it all sounds like noise. But there's always a band waiting for you somewhere! Believe in your dreams!

**SETTING**

The story takes place at the edge of a forest on a green meadow in no specific country.

**MAIN CHARACTERS**

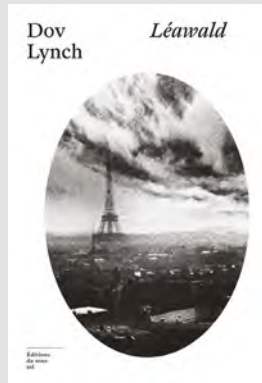
Jitterbug also called Lady B. Marie, female, a teenager ladybug  
Drummer Bug, male, teenager  
Trumpet Player Bug, male, teenager  
Bass Player Bug, male, teenager  
Papa Beetle, male, 40s  
Ms Snail, female, 60s  
Mr Grasshopper, male, 60s

**RIGHTS GUIDE**

Published in 2 languages:  
German: Marie Käferchen / NordSüd Verlag AG  
English: Jitterbug / NorthSouth Books Inc. (to be published in Spring 2023)

## ACTION - WAR NOVEL

EAN 9782364686458



### DOV LYNCH (IRISH)

Through a nocturnal Paris at war, where extreme violence and unexpected solidarity collide, the journey of a heroine who emancipates herself.

The striking portrait of a determined woman, in a familiar setting that has fallen into chaos, accentuating the sense of emergency.

[ LÉAWALD ]

## LEAWALD

Paris is at war; the city is separated in two. Léa is sent by the government to make a crucial diplomatic delivery in hostile territory, but nothing goes as planned...

### SETTING

One night, in Paris, in the near future.

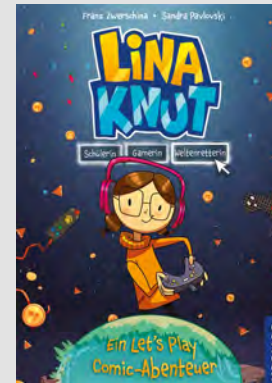
### MAIN CHARACTERS

Léa (Lejla) Wald, woman, in her thirties  
Cora, woman, teenager

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## ADVENTURE - CHILDREN'S CHILDREN'S NOVEL

EAN 9783440175491



### FRANZ ZWERSCHINA (AUSTRIAN) AUTHOR SANDRA PAVLOVSKI (AUSTRIAN) ILLUSTRATOR

'Lina Knut' occupies the modern theme of Let's Plays and addresses to the conflict of being caught between the virtual and real world. The female protagonist gives a new perspective to the rather male connotation of gaming. "The in-game world "Aarona" with its adventures offers great visual and narrative potential to be captivated as a movie.

[ LINA KNUT - SCHÜLERIN, GAMERIN, WELTENRETTERIN ]

## LINA KNUT PUPIL, GAMER, WORLD SAVIOUR

A young schoolgirl escapes her real-life problems and follows her passion for online gaming. In this world she is considered a Let's Play heroine. But how does she balance the two opposing worlds?

### SETTING

Bäringsdorf, Germany.  
Locations: the school, Lina's home, her room, jumble shop and the world of 'Aarona', a PC Game.

Mia Monroe, Female, Child  
Laila Chakir, Female, Child  
Ole Wensel, Male, Child  
Moritz Teichmann, Male, Child

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Lina Knut, Female, Child  
Frank Knut, Male, 40s  
Nora Knut, Female, 40s  
Henri Knut, Male, Baby  
Lukas Knut, Male, teenager

### RIGHTS GUIDE

The book has not yet been published abroad and is only available in German.

## DRAMA - LIFE STORY NOVEL

EAN 9789532660203



### MIRKO KOVAČ (CROATIAN)

Although written in 1970 in ex-Yugoslavia, *Malvina* is still a jaw-dropping subversive novel in every one of its aspects. In the manner of *The Letters of a Portuguese Nun*, it combines completely opposite forces and values, creating an unforgettable, unique and mesmerizing female character.

[ MALVINA ]

## MALVINA

Subversive story with a strong and controversial female character LGBT who is at the same time a sinner and a saint, religious and rebel, good and evil – and utterly and completely free.

### SETTING

Early 20<sup>th</sup> century, small provincial town in Serbia, Budapest, Zagreb, Trebinje. Could be placed somewhere else.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Malvina, Female, we are following her life from her teenage period to her old age  
Katarina, Female, 30s  
Malvina (Katarina's daughter), Female, from when she was a baby until the age of 20s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 6 countries:  
Italy (Anabasi),  
Sweden (Arena),  
The Netherlands (De Bezige Bij),  
France (Rivages),  
Serbia (Samizdat).

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## DRAMEDY - HISTORICAL NOVEL

EAN 9783627003067



### DEMIAN LIENHARD (SWISS)

A based-on a true story piece with a unique set-up of characters: a diverse group of musicians united in their passion for jazz and their fear of persecution by the Nazis, and a British radio host. Satirically exposing propaganda, the clever and surprising plot evokes a biting sense of topicality.

[ MR. GOEBBELS JAZZ BAND ]

## MR. GOEBBELS' JAZZ BAND

The Nazis' most bizarre propaganda operation: Radio station *Germany Calling* broadcasts "degenerate" jazz music featuring the best European musicians who were literally playing for their lives.

### SETTING

1940s in Berlin; flashbacks to 1909-1939 in Ireland/Great Britain

### MAIN CHARACTERS

William Joyce/Froehlich, Male, 35; (flash backs to a younger age.)  
Fritz Mahler, Male, 40

### FILM & TV REFERENCES

*Babylon Berlin*  
*Comedian Harmonists*

## DETECTIVE - HISTORICAL NOVEL SERIES (12 VOL.)

## CRIME - DRAMA NOVEL

EAN 9782264034915



### CLAUDE IZNER (FRENCH)

We enjoy finding History into the story, visiting past times, diving into Paris as it was before.

And you'll enjoy visiting one *arrondissement* after the other, following Victor Legris in his 12 investigations.

[ MYSTÈRE RUE DES SAINTS PÈRES ]

# MURDER ON THE EIFFEL TOWER

Victor Legris, the owner of a bookshop located rue des Saints-Pères, investigates a series of strange murders, as all his relatives have encountered the victims...

### SETTING

Paris, 1889, the World Exposition and inauguration of the Eiffel Tower.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Victor Legris, 30-year-old man  
Kenji Mori, 50-year-old man  
Tasha Kherson, 30-year-old woman

### RIGHTS GUIDE

USA (St Martin's Press), UK (Gallic Books), Germany (Piper Verlag), Italy (TEA), Russia (AST/Astrel)

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EAN 9782213713328



### BORIS VIAN (FRENCH) L'OULIPO (FRENCH)

First imagined by Boris Vian in 1950 and completed in 2019, this is a gripping, deeply moving modern novel that shot through with offbeat black humour, creating a unique atmosphere. The characters draw us into the plot. The women in the book are stunning 1950s pinups.

[ ON N'Y ÉCHAPPE PAS ]

# NO ESCAPE

Frank Bolton, who has returned from war, realises that one by one all the women he has loved have been killed. He and Narcissus Rose, his P.I. friend, set out to track down the murderer.

### SETTING

The story takes place in the 50, in the USA, during a few weeks.

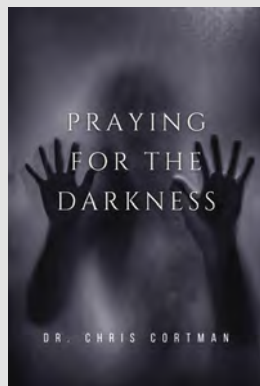
### MAIN CHARACTERS

Frank Bolton, Male, 30s  
- Sally Bolton, Female, 20s - Venice Bolton, Female, 50s - Narcissus Rose, Male, 30s - Carmen Lindo, Female, 30s - Janet Boone, Female, 30s - Vale, Male, 60s.

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published (to be published) in 11 languages: Spanish (« No hay manera de escapar », Caja Negra Editora), Chinese (to be published in 2023, Zuoja Chubanshe Yon), Czech (Mata), Greek (Plethron Publishing)

EAN 9784902837384



## DR. CHRISTOPHER CORTMAN (AMERICAN)

Horror/Psychological Dramas that involve characters suffering from multiple personality disorder are very popular with audiences, and very profitable for filmmakers: *Split* (2016) Budget \$9,000,000, Gross Worldwide \$278,454,417; *Glass* (2019) Budget \$20,000,000, Gross Worldwide \$246,999,039.

[ PRAYING FOR THE DARKNESS ]

## PRAYING FOR THE DARKNESS

A young psychologist grapples with the consequences of severe child abuse when encountering two women remembering horrific accounts of cult abuse.

### SETTING

An affluent beachside community where a young clinical psychologist begins his new practice.

Peter Carrington, Male, 40s  
Dr. Richard Levine, Male, 40s  
Charles, Male, 50s  
Laura, Female, 30s

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Dr. Cortman, Male, 30s  
Shirley McIntyre, Female, 40s (and multiple alters)  
Donna Carrington, Female, 40s (and multiple alters)

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EAN 9788249525379



## LARS ELLING (NORWEGIAN)

Lars Elling is a Norwegian painter, and his book is visually written with exceptional scenes of nature that would adapt great to film. With a story that spans generations that also contains a lot of joy for nature and quirky interactions. Also with a conundrum that pulls you in, what happened in the forest?

[ FYRSTENE AV FINNTJERN ]

## PRINCES OF PAUPER'S POND

Two old brothers live next door to each other but have not spoken in decades. The reason lies at the bottom of a mythical lake.

### SETTING

A family is in turmoil. The reason goes decades back in time when two young brothers spent the summer alone in the Norwegian forest surviving on their own.

1985:

Arnstein (same as in 1912, but now grown) Filip, male, 17, Arnstein's grandson.

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Sold and to be published: Danish (Grif), Dutch (Podium), French (Gallmeister)

### MAIN CHARACTERS

1912:  
The Kaiser – Father, late 30's  
Truls – Younger brother, 8 - 10 years old  
Arnstein – Older Brother, 9-11 years old  
Totem – Oldest brother, 14 years old, autistic(?)

## ADVENTURE - ROMANCE NOVEL

## FANTASY - SAGA Y.A. NOVEL



**TASLIM BURKOWICZ  
(INDO-CANADIAN)**

Audiences deeply relate to Ruby's alienation from her own identity and reconnection with her ancestral past, told as a visual feast setting rockabilly aesthetics and 90s grunge atop classical Indian dance, Mughal architecture and clothing, and horrifying fires choking today's rainforests.

[ RUBY RED SKIES ]

### RUBY RED SKIES

A betrayed middle-aged mother embarks on a quest that takes her straight into B.C.'s wildfires to deal with a secret. Along the way she uncovers stories about her ancient Mughal ancestry.

#### SETTING

One storyline in 1997 and 2017 British Columbia. A parallel storyline in medieval Mughal India. A small scene in Goa.

#### MAIN CHARACTERS

2017 setting:  
Ruby Andrews, Female, 38  
Trevor Andrews, Male, 38  
Leah Andrews, Female, 19  
Belle Du Ponte, Female, 38

1997 setting:  
Ruby Malkhana, 17  
Belle Du Ponte, 17  
Trevor Andrews, 17  
Parveen Malkhana, 50s

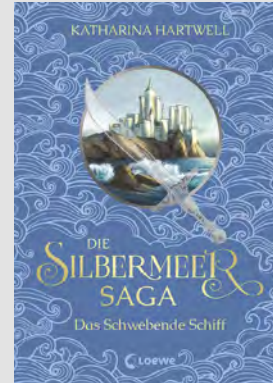
1610 setting:  
Rubina, Female, 15  
Khushi, Female, 30s  
Daniyal, Male, 30s  
Moti Ma, Female, 40s  
Raj, Male, 20s

#### RIGHTS GUIDE

English (Fernwood Publishing, Canada),  
English (Columbia University Press, United States)

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EAN 9783743203686



**KATHARINA HARTWELL  
(GERMAN)**

When the cold weeks start, another child is missing in a small fishing village. Every year, the search for the lost children continues and none of the vanished have ever been found. Without equal, this story grippingly invites for follow Eddy, looking for her lost brother and herself.

[ DIE SILBERMEER-SAGA –  
DAS SCHWEBENDE SCHIFF ]

### SAGA OF THE SILVER SEA THE FLOATING SHIP

When the cold weeks begin in Farland, a child disappears. This time it is Edda's brother. To find him, the girl sets off on a fabulous journey to the dangerous, unknown island kingdom...

#### SETTING

Colm is a fishing village at the east coast of Farland, a mystical realm amidst a dangerous, unknown island kingdom.

#### MAIN CHARACTERS

Edda, Female, 16 years old  
Talin Brand, Male, 40s



EAN 9783442759408



[ SCHLESENBURG ]  
**SILESIA TOWERS**

Paul Bokowski's debut novel *Silesia Towers* deals with questions of origin and home, questions of longing and belonging laid bare in the microcosm of a migrant social housing settlement.

**SETTING**

Summer 1989, shortly before the German reunification in the "Schlesenburg", a mostly Polish community in West Germany

**MAIN CHARACTERS**

First person-narrator, male, 9  
Mother, female, 30s  
Father, male, 30s

**PAUL BOKOWSKI (GERMAN)**

This book takes us to the year 1989. In a housing complex on the edge of town, mostly inhabited by Polish families, a flat mysteriously burns down, which sets in motion a summer of upheaval and exploration.

Through the eyes of the narrator, a 9-year-old boy, we get to know the microcosm of this community, its inhabitants, their homesickness, and their dreams of finding a new home, of fitting in and leading a good life – as well as the boy's first experiences with love...

EAN 9781525303340



[ STEALING HOME ]  
**STEALING HOME**

A grave chapter in history — the internment of Japanese in WWII — told from a boy's POV with sensitivity and insight. The theme of baseball runs throughout as a message of hope and renewal.

**SETTING**

Vancouver, British Columbia in the early 1940s; a WWII Japanese internment camp

**MAIN CHARACTERS**

Sandy Saito, Male, Child  
Ty Saito, Male, Child  
Mariko Saito, Female, 20s – 30s  
Dr. James Saito, Male, 20s – 30s

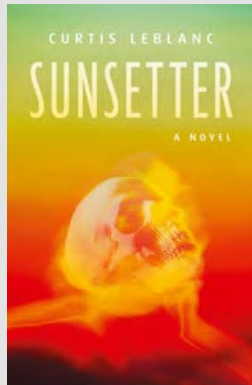
**J. TORRES (CANADIAN)**

Teaching young people the truth about our past helps ensure that history doesn't repeat itself. *Stealing Home* shines a light on a grave chapter in history while incorporating an uplifting backdrop of hope with the universally loved sport of baseball.

This is a story that needs to be told.

SHOOT THE BOOK! PITCHED BOOKS 2023

EAN 9781770416901



## CURTIS LEBLANC (CANADIAN)

A relatable small-town setting (takes place over a weekend at a rodeo), a hot topic issue (opioid addiction and drug dealing) compelling characters (complicated young adults; crooked police officers), a simple to follow plot, and a satisfying ending.

[ SUNSETTER: A NOVEL ]

## SUNSETTER: A NOVEL

A pair of suspicious deaths on the opening night of the Sunsetter rodeo.

### SETTING

Small town setting, it all takes place over a weekend at a rodeo.

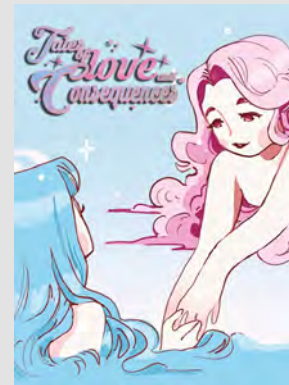
### MAIN CHARACTERS

Dallen (male, late teens)  
Hallah Fields (female, late teens)

Deputy Arnason (male, could be mid thirties to late fifties)  
Sheriff Durham (male, mid fifties)  
Del (male, late twenties to late thirties)

SHOOT THE BOOK! PITCHED BOOKS 2023

EAN 9791034753512



## CAMILLE FOURCADE (FRENCH)

Under the guise of a light romance with fantastic elements, this story tackles crucial themes: ecological commitment, tolerance, toxic relationships... Inspiring and profound, this webtoon in tune with current social values would offer a fresh and luminous film.

[ TALES OF LOVE AND CONSEQUENCES ]

## TALES OF LOVE AND CONSEQUENCES

Guilty of a forbidden love between their clans, two goddesses of water and air are exiled to the human world. Separated, stripped of their powers, they will do anything to find each other!

### SETTING

Current times, big city and provincial town in two different countries, over a few months.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Sealia, female, 20 years old  
Cloudy, female, 20 years old

Ash, male, 30 years old  
Rosie, female, 30 years old  
Ben, male, 20 years old

### RIGHTS GUIDE

English (Tales of Love and Consequences, Europe Comics)

## ADVENTURE - HISTORICAL GRAPHIC NOVEL

## SUSPENSE PSYCHOLOGIQUE - THRILLER Y.A. ROMAN

EAN 9782505078647



**WILFRID LUPANO  
LÉONARD CHEMINEAU  
(FRENCH)**

This story, skillfully mixing historical facts, humour and adventures, is a true declaration of love for knowledge and its transmission; this pitiful epic - or heroic misadventure! - is still relevant today, while culture and its access are still threatened.

[ LA BIBLIOMULE DE CORDOUE ]

## THE BIBLIOMULE OF CORDOBA

In 10<sup>th</sup> century Cordoba, a eunuch archivist, a slave copyist and a thief embark on an incredible journey... To save the precious books of a library from a book burning!

### SETTING

City and library of Cordoba and countryside in Andalusia, late tenth century, over several weeks.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Tarid, Male, 50 years old  
Lubna, Female, 20 years old  
Marwan, Male, 20 years old

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 3 languages:  
German (Des Buchmaultier von Cordoba, Splitter Verlag),  
Croatian (Bibliomula iz Córdoba, Naklada Fibra D.O.O.),  
Dutch (De Boekenezel van Cordoba, Standaard)

SHOOT THE BOOK! PITCHED BOOKS 2023

EAN 9791039512350



**EMMA SEGUÈS (FRENCH)**

A closed-door story about sisterhood with strong and reckless female characters, carried by a heroine who is not the bravest or the most daring but who will have to show calm, intelligence and finally trust her instinct.

[ LA CAGE ]

## THE BOX

Five young women kidnapped for the same reason, reunited in an apartment from which they cannot escape. All different and yet similar. They will not escape unscathed.

### SETTING

Nowadays, in an immaculate place, far from civilization.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Elea, woman, between 18 et 25 years  
Kim, woman, between 18 et 25 years  
Sarah, woman, between 25 et 30 years

Mira, woman, between 18 et 25 years  
Amber, woman, between 18 et 25 years  
Alice, woman, between 18 et 25 years  
Miguel, man, between 18 et 25 years  
The father of Kim, man, 50 years

## PSYCHOLOGICAL SUSPENSE - ROMANCE NOVEL

## ADVENTURE - DRAMEDY CHILDREN'S NOVEL, ONE SHOT



### JOANNE CARLTON (BELGIAN)

This 1980 period piece is a combination of psychological suspense and LGBTQIA+ romance. The book is easy to adapt, with only a few locations to consider.

It's a gripping story that will make the viewer feel like he/she is part of Alice's journey, as it's told from her point of view.

[ THE GIRL WITHOUT A VOICE ]

## THE GIRL WITHOUT A VOICE

It's the fall of 1980, the era of Ted Bundy. Twenty-four year old mute Alice has been kept isolate her entire life. Until she discovers at her father's deathbed that he may be the new Bundy.

### SETTING

The year 1980, period piece. The story takes places in the USA: Hays, Kansas and Lexington, Massachusetts.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Alice, 24 years old, female  
Hailey, 29 years old, female  
Alice's father, 55 years old (unnamed), male  
Alice's mother, 52 years old (unnamed), female

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Currently under evaluation at Harper Collins US and several French publishing companies. Rights being offered to several other European countries. Rights for Belgium: Hamley Books  
The book was officially introduced at Frankfurter Buchmesse, October 2022

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EAN 9788804751687



### PIERDOMENICO BACCALARIO (ITALY)

It is an inspired and exciting story by a bestselling author, translated in over 30 languages. A hymn to the value of difference, a story populated by unforgettable characters on the stage of a magical city. A story of friendship, sport, revenge. Of affection, and what it means to be free.

[ LA RIVINCITA DEI MATTI ]

## THE LOONIES STRIKE BACK

Trieste 11/07/1982.

An unlikely team, an epic match: 11 loonies against 11 nurses.

Italian national team victory is incredibly linked to the match result of the city asylum former patients.

### SETTING

Trieste, the summer of 1982 when Italy's soccer team, under Paolo Rossi and Enzo Bearzot, win the World Cup.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Erwan, Male, Teenager  
Cassandre, Female, Teenager  
Clea, Female, Teenager

## DRAMA - LIFE STORY NOVEL

## DETECTIVE - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9781988168654



### NANCY LAM (CANADIAN)

Because this story is powerful, poignant, and timely. People are desperate to read stories of survival resilience, migration, and love. The book is achingly hopeful and authentic in its telling of Asian culture and family dynamics. The book is highly adaptable and the content is exactly what viewers want to consume.

[ THE LOYAL DAUGHTER ]

## THE LOYAL DAUGHTER

How deep do family secrets go and what happens when the next generation begins to unearth those secrets? A daughter is about to embark on a journey that will span five generations and reconnect her with her mother, family history, and her cultural roots. But at what cost? Are some secrets best left buried? Are some too painful to know? In this exhilarating authentic tale, which is based on the author's on lived experiences and her mother's immigration story, a powerful new voice is brought to the fore.

### SETTING

The story begins in mainland China, moves onward to Hong Kong and the follows the main character's migration to Toronto.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Mai Gum (Beautiful Gold or American Money)  
Lee (née Chung)  
Amy Wei Ping (Valuable, Peace/Steady)  
Lee  
Zoe Lai Wah (Able Abundance)  
Nesbitt

EAN 9782373056488



### GILLES MARCHAND (FRENCH)

It combines two genres: thriller and a love story. It is set in three main spaces: bedrooms, the town center, and the high school. There's no need for a specific location. There are not many main characters as the plot focuses on Erwan and Cassandre. It appeals to a wide range of readers.

[ LE SOLDAT DÉSACCORDÉ ]

## THE OUT-OF-TUNE SOLDIER

Fifteen years of investigation to retrace an extraordinary and moving love story that defied the hell of the trenches and changed the lives and deaths of many people.

### SETTING

Post-World War I  
France, in Paris  
and around former  
battlefields

### MAIN CHARACTERS

The investigator  
- male - 40s  
Emile Joplain  
- male - 20s  
Lucie Himmel  
- female - 20s

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## HISTORICAL - LIFE STORY GRAPHIC NOVEL

## ADVENTURE - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9789038803616



**BARBARA STOK  
(NETHERLANDS)**

The moving and inspiring life story of Hipparchia, the first female philosopher. About the true meaning of life and taking control of it. This story holds up a mirror to modern day society. Hipparchia calls into question the subordinate position of women, slaves and animals.

[ DE FILOSOOF, DE HOND EN DE BRUILOFT ]

# THE PHILOSOPHER, THE DOG AND THE WEDDING

The life of the first female philosopher Hipparchia. She chooses her own destiny in a world ruled by men. She wants to break with society and tradition to find a more meaningful life.

### SETTING

Ancient Greece, it starts in Maroneia, the North of Greece. It is the time of Alexander the Great.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Hipparchia, female, 20s  
Crates, Male, 30s  
Kallios, Male, 30s  
Metrocles, Hipparchia's brother, male, 20s  
Hipparchia's father, male, 50s

Minor characters:  
Leandros, Kallios' father, male, 50s  
Hipparchia's cousins, female, 30s  
Hipparchia's assistant, female 20s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 6 countries:  
UK/US (SelfMadeHero), Spain (Salamandra), France (EP Media), China (99 Readers), Korea (Open Books)

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EAN 9782070369430



**MARGUERITE DURAS  
(FRENCH)**

This novel, whose characters seem forever on the verge of toppling over, questions the ambivalence women and men feel about romantic relationships, desire, and the nature of their very being. This is an adventure that transcends all eras.

[ LE MARIN DE GIBRALTAR ]

# THE SAILOR FROM GIBRALTAR

A man plagued by boredom drops everything and boards the *Gibraltar*, a yacht owned by a woman named Anna, who fascinates him. Anna sails the seas in search of a man she once loved.

### SETTING

Over the course of several weeks in Italy, France, Congo, and Benin during the 1950s (may be transposed).

### MAIN CHARACTERS

The narrator, man, 32  
Anna, woman, 30s  
Epaminondas, man, 20s  
Jacqueline, woman, 30s  
Bruno, man  
Laurent, man  
Eolo, man, 50s  
Clara, woman, 16

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 16 languages, including: English (*The Sailor from Gibraltar*, Open Letter Press), German (*Der Matrose von Gibraltar*, Suhrkamp), Chinese (Shanghai Translation), Spanish (*El marinero de Gibraltar*, Cabaret Voltaire), Italian (*Il marinaio di Gibilterra*, Feltrinelli), etc.

## COMEDY - DETECTIVE NOVEL

EAN 9782246776017



### LAURENT BINET (FRENCH)

A police investigation led by unlikely bedfellows with a Sherlock and Holmes vibe, funny characters who evolve throughout the story, many twists and turns, an unceremonious tone and a playful and accessible approach to a fascinating science that is the analysis of signs.

[ LA SEPTIÈME FONCTION DU LANGAGE ]

## THE SEVENTH FUNCTION OF LANGUAGE

Accident or murder? What if Roland Barthes' death was linked to a mysterious manuscript that holds an incredible power? *Fight Club* meets *The Name of the Rose* in this frantic investigation.

### SETTING

Paris, Bologna, Cornell University in the United States, Venice. Eighties, from February 1980 to summer 1981.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Jacques Bayard, male, 50s  
Simon Herzog, male, 28s

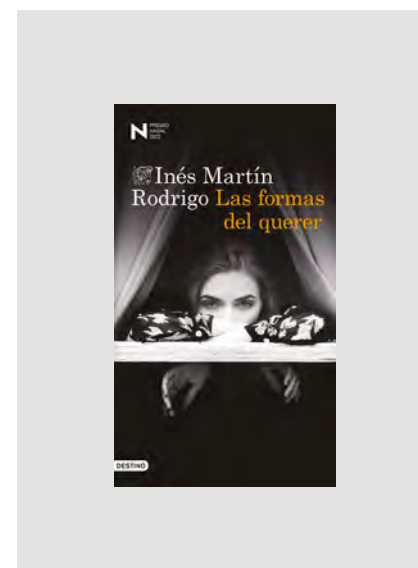
### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 32 languages. Including: English (The Seventh Function of Language, USA: Farrar, Straus & Giroux; UK: The Harvill Press), German (Die Siebte Sprachfunktion, Rowolht), Spanish (La septima funcion del lenguaje, Seix Barral), Italian (La,settima funzione del linguaggio, La Nave di Teseo).

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## DRAMA NOVEL

EAN 9788423360895



### INÉS MARTÍN RODRIGO (SPANISH)

This healing and liberating novel is a reflection on how Noray's love for her grandparents encourages her to take the most complicated decision of her life.

An emotional story which confronts the reader with a universal and controversial issue —euthanasia— in a frame of grief and guilt, but also brightness and overcoming.

[ LAS FORMAS DEL QUERER ]

## THE SHAPES OF LOVE

An enlightening story of three generations of women, the boundless shapes that love can adopt, and the harsh decisions we sometimes take because of it.

### SETTING

Madrid, Valencia, The Basque Country, a small village in the Spanish countryside.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Noray, Female, 30s.  
Ismael, Male, 30s.  
Carmen, Female, 20s to 70s.  
Tomás, Male, 20s to 70s.  
Trini, Female, 20s to 70s.

EAN 9783257245240



[ DIE WAHRHEIT ÜBER DAS LÜGEN ]

## THE TRUTH ABOUT LYING

Wells' poignant, portrayal of family gets to the nub of human emotion. His deft handling of character and setting draws you in and creates a stylish visceral visual, perfect for screen adaptation.

### SETTING

*100'000:*  
Modernist house, mountain village above city/momentous vintage car ride in mountains.  
*The Hike:*  
Late summer/holiday home in mountains/hike/dramatic weather.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

*100'000*  
Daniel, Male, 39  
The Father, Male, 80  
Sylvie, female, 70s  
*The Hike*  
Henry M, Male, 40s  
His Wife, female, 40s  
Mia, female, 6 or 10  
David, male, 8

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 2 languages: German (Diogenes Verlag) French ("La Vérité sur le Mensonge", Slatkine & Cie) Dutch (title tbc, Meulenhoff Boekerij rights sold and first publication due Autumn 2023 or Spring 2024)

### BENEDICT WELLS (D & CH)

*The Truth about lying* is a collection of rich tales where lies, dreams and truths flow together. *The Hike and 100'000*; a touching, surprising, tragic duo that can be interwoven through setting and characters to portray universal Father/Son dynamics through a wonderful meditation on memory. Wise tales with an existential force that pull you in.

EAN 9783406791062



[ DER WEG ZUR GRENZE ]

## THE WAY TO THE BORDER

An impressive discovery, first published 2022: a touching novel about everyday life and resistance in Na-zi times, a great love that ends fatally.

### SETTING

Frame story: Escape across the Alps (Tegernseer Tal to Austria); portraits of Munich, Berlin, rural Bavar-ia, Marseille

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Sold to two countries before publication at auction: France (Gallimard) and The Netherlands (Meulenhoff)

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Monika Merton, 30  
Klaus Merton, 30  
Andreas von Cornides, 23  
Raymond, 25  
Beatrix, 55

### GRETE WEIL (GERMAN AND DUTCH)

This is a testimony of international importance; it is a miracle that it was not lost.

Themes like political awakening and personal responsibility make it relevant to contemporary times.

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# DRAMA - PSYCHOLOGICAL DRAMA NOVEL

# DRAMEDY - ROMANCE NOVEL

EAN 9782226447104



## MÉLISSA DA COSTA (FRENCH)

Neither hectic nor heroic:  
a luminous portrait of a woman  
in her garden, of a rebirth,  
to be filmed up close.

A salutary legacy between  
two women who have never met.

A timely message about  
the urgency of reconnecting  
with nature and our basic needs.

[ LES LENDEMAINS ]

## TOMORROWS

After a terrible bereavement,  
Amande isolates herself in  
the countryside.

Helped with the traces left by  
the former occupant and the work  
of the land, she comes back to life,  
over four seasons.

### SETTING

In the countryside,  
in an isolated house.  
Four seasons, today.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Amande, Female, 30s  
Julie, Female, 40s  
Mika, Male, Teenager  
Anne, Female, 60-70s  
Richard, Male, 60-70s  
Yann, Male, 30s  
Clarisse, Female, 20-30s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

10 publication  
transfer signed:  
Among them:  
Portugese  
(Penguin Randon  
Home, Unipesoal)  
Danish (Grønningen  
1 Publishing House),  
Polish (Siw Znak  
Sp Z.O.O.),  
Hebrew (Tcheket  
Books Steinmatzky)

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EAN 9782021413212



## ALAIN MABANCKOU (FRENCH-CONGOLESE)

With a backdrop of witchcraft,  
beliefs and revenge,  
Alain Mabanckou delivers  
a masterful political and social  
fresco of the history of  
Pointe-Noire and Congolese  
culture, where power games  
bring out the best and the worst  
from the living and the dead.

[ LE COMMERCE DES ALLONGÉS ]

## TRADING THOSE WHO LIE ON THE GROUND

As a ghost who has just returned from  
the dead, a young man dives into the heart  
of his past and into the meanderings  
of his hometown, Pointe-Noire, to clarify  
the circumstances of his own death.

### SETTING

Pointe-Noire (Congo),  
current days. Over four  
days, during which the  
protagonist goes back in  
time.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Liwa Ekimakingaï,  
male, 20 years old  
Mâ Lembé, woman,  
over 70 years old  
Papa Bonheur,  
male, 60 years old  
Prosper Milandou,  
male, 30/50 years old  
Lully Madeira, male,  
30/50 years old

Black Mamba, male,  
between 30/50 years old  
Liliane Bilongo, female,  
between 30/50 years old  
Adeline/Sabrina,  
woman, 20 years old  
Augustin Biampandou,  
male, 40/60 years old

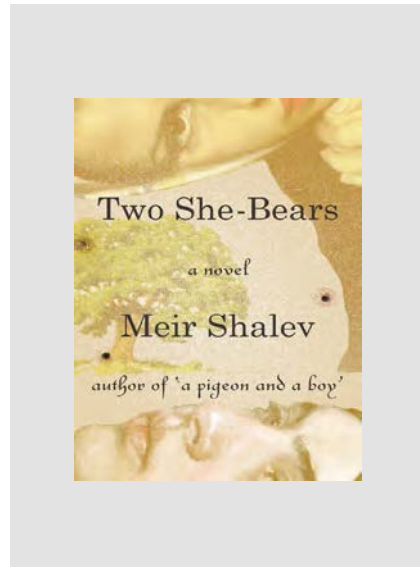
### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published  
in 1 language:  
Italian (Il business  
delle disteso,  
66<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>).

# CRIME - DRAMEDY NOVEL

# DRAMA - WAR GRAPHIC NOVEL

EAN 9780805243291



## MEIR SHALEV (ISRAEL)

The book fuses Western/Crime and Dramedy to create a pioneer story with a sensitivity rare to the genre. The biblical "sins of the father" theme is centered around a strong female protagonist who explores the beauty and grievances of the human condition with unlikely humor.

[ SHTAYIM DUBIM ]

## TWO SHE-BEARS

When a historian interviews Ruta Tavori about The Village, she opens the door to three generations of Tavori comedy and drama, tales of love and vengeance spiced by Ruta's sharp wit.

### SETTING

Early 2000's.  
The Village: an isolated farming community with a bloody pioneer history going back three generations.

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Ruta Tavori, Female, 40's.  
Eitan, Male, 40's.  
Dovik Tavori, Male, 40's.  
Dalia Tavori, Female, 40's.  
Grandpa Ze'ev, Male, 90's (presented as

a young man as well).  
Grandma Ruth, Female, 70's (also young woman)  
Neta, Male, child (dies at 7).

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 9 countries, including: France (Gallimard), Germany (Diogenes), Italy (Bompiani), Russia (Text Publishers), USA (Pantheon/Schocken)

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EAN 9782205089752



## OLIVIER APPOLLODORUS ALIAS "APPOLLO" (FRENCH) (SCRIPTWRITER) BRÜNO THIELLEUX ALIAS "BRÜNO" (FRENCH) (ILLUSTRATOR)

Inspired by the DRC (ex-Zaire)'s post-colonial history and Racine's myth of Phaedra, T'zee is a remarkable gripping story, mixing magic, pop culture, and power games.

[ T'ZÉE, UNE TRAGÉDIE AFRICAINE ]

## T'ZÉE, AN AFRICAN TRAGEDY

Between fiction and historical facts, a tragic tale covers the twilight of the last moments of a corrupted government. An African tragedy echoing Phaedra.

### SETTING

We guess that it is Zaire (today DRC), at the end of Mobutu's reign, which T'zee embodies.  
Duration: a few days

### MAIN CHARACTERS

T'zée - man - 50s  
Hippolyte - man - 20s  
Bobbi - woman - 30s  
Arissi - woman - 20s  
Walid - man - 30s

### RIGHTS GUIDE

Published in 1 language.  
English (T'zee, an African tragedy, Europe Comics)

## BIOPIC - COMEDY NOVEL

## FANTASY Y.A. NOVEL

EAN 9782267046649



### GUILLAUME LEBRUN (FRENCH)

For the inventiveness of the speech (Old French), barbarically mixed with English vocabulary and contemporary pop cultural references ; for the construction of a novel adaptable to a movie ; for its corrosive humour ; for the attractiveness of History and high profile colourful characters.

[ FANTAISIES GUÉRILLÈRES ]

## UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE FICTIONS

First novel in the shape of a bold epic tale, revealing an unconventional Joan of Arc as an apprentice of Lady Yolanda of Aragon, extremely powerful woman unknown by most.

### SETTING

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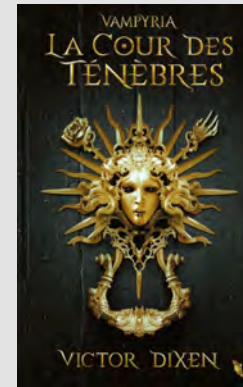
### MAIN CHARACTERS

Duchess Yolanda of Aragon, woman, 35 years old  
Joanne, woman, teenager multiplied by 15 different girls

Queen Isabeau of Bavaria, woman, 35 years old  
Dolphin Charles of Ponthieu, future King Charles VII, man, in his twenties  
King Charles VI, man, 40 years old looking like barely 30  
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[ VAMPYRIA, LA COUR DES TÉNÈBRES ]

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### SETTING

Setting: France, The Versailles Palace which has become The Court of Shadows Era: The 229<sup>th</sup> Year of Shadows  
Time period covered in the novel: One year

### MAIN CHARACTERS

Jeanne Froidelac, 17 years old  
Alexandre de Mortange, Viscount of Clermont, 19 years old  
Hélénais de Plumigny, 18 years old

Naoki Takagari,

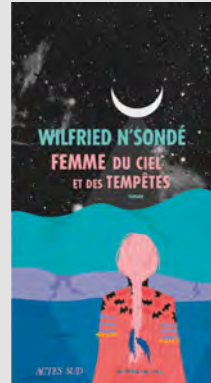
18 years old  
Tristan de la Roncière, 19 years old

### RIGHTS GUIDE

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### SETTING

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### MAIN CHARACTERS

Noum, Man, 65  
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Silvère Mabanza, Man, 30s  
Serguei, Man, 60s  
Micha Malevitch, Man, 25

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# PRO HELVETIA EDITORIAL

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As the Cannes programme Shoot the Book! celebrates its tenth year, the Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia is delighted to see a delegation of Swiss publishers participate for their fifth consecutive year. A partnership with SCELf launched in 2019 has enabled about twenty publishing houses to present nearly fifty books by Swiss authors - from established writers to newly emerging voices - to the prestigious Cannes festival.

This insert offers a retrospective look at these works, selected for their strong adaptive

potential by publishers willing to open their catalogues up to the world of the screen. Since 2019, the Swiss publishers present in Cannes have benefited from the expertise of Initiative Film and its founder Isabelle Fauvel.

We invite you to further advance the dialogue between literature and film by turning your attention to Switzerland's literary offerings: a dialogue we know is incredibly fertile, but which also possesses the potential to cross cultural and linguistic borders. Switzerland's multilingualism - German, French, Italian, Romansch - makes its publishing universe unique. Swiss books are spread across these distinct cultural regions, but they all share the same passion for story, whether this comes with a brilliantly honed plot or a subtly suggested atmosphere.

This year again will see five Swiss publishers at Cannes for Shoot the Book! - Diogenes Verlag (Zürich), Kein & Aber (Zürich), La Joie de lire (Genève), Okama (Lausanne) and PLF (Fribourg). Pro Helvetia is really excited to see the country represented through the diversity, richness, and ambition of these books, all of which are open in some way or another for an encounter with film!

And because literature and film share a taste for happy endings, we've followed up on Elisa Shua Dusapin whose novel *Winter in Sokcho*, discovered by producer Fabrice Prével-Cléach, is currently being adapted by director Koya Kamura. The author and her editor Yannick Stiassny (Editions Zoé) invited us backstage to hear a "success story" involving Shoot the Book! in Cannes.

For the Swiss Arts Council Pro Helvetia  
**Aurélia Maillard Despont**

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presenting

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Bastien Roubaty  
*The Leopard Boy*



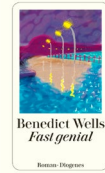
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### ALMOST INGENIOUS

Benedict Wells

Teenager Francis lives with his mother in a trailer park in New Jersey. One day he and his two friends set off on a journey to the West coast to find his father, whom he's never met and who is said to be a genius from Harvard.



### A PICTURE OF LYDIA

Lukas Hartmann

A story about the fate of a woman at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century who breaks with the conventions of her time.



### ELEFANT

Martin Suter

The international bestseller about friendship, second chances, and a tiny glow-in-the-dark pink elephant.

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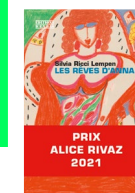
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### RIFLE

Odile Cornuz

Taking as a starting point the everyday objects of a disunited couple, the novel tends to reveal the mysteries of a separation.



### ANNA'S DREAMS

Silvia Ricci Lempen

The interwoven destinies of five women who spanned the entire 20<sup>th</sup> century remind of how much the problems linked to motherhood, homosexuality and more generally to inequality, have weighed on their lives.

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## KEIN & ABER

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### A COLD HEART

Fabio Lanz

The brutal execution of a lawyer and member of the establishment leads the Zurich police Inspector Sarah Conti deeper into entanglements of guilt and atonement and behind the curtains of a prosperous circle.



### UNKNOWN FRIENDS

Max Küng

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### SEVEN RED ROSES FOR RACHEL

Marie-Christophe Ruata-Arn

Following the death of her nonna, Elena and her mother have to empty and sell the family house in Italy. But nothing goes according to plan. What secret was the nonna hiding? Elena will find out.



### MYSTERIES OF FEAR

Bruno Pellegrino

Twelve-year-old Lou is not aware of dangers nor of fear. To learn to feel it, she stays in an institute for children suffering from phobias. Together they try to free themselves from their fears.

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### SEVEN-LEAGUE BOOTS

Simon Deckert

Andrea is in her early twenties. Her mom left the family, her dad is an alcoholic. One day she and her brother decide to break out in their uncle's pickup truck.



### FELICE'S POOL

Fabio Andina

Felice, a ninety-year-old man from a quiet mountain village, climbs a steep path every morning to bathe in an icy rock pool. The Narrator, who has escaped the chaos of the city, shadows Felice's life for eight days.

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### BELLEVILLE AU CŒUR

Christian Page

A life turned on its head is always the same story, a series of three upsets in a row: work, couple, housing. Afterwards, what matters is holding on and keeping one's dignity. A moving account of the daily life of a homeless man in the heart of Belleville, Paris.

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Joachim B. Schmidt  
*Kalmann*

### KALMANN

Joachim B. Schmidt

"I didn't say a single word, and once I was done with my work, I went straight home, because I felt as though I was concealing something, as though I had done something stupid; and as soon as I told people about it, I really would have something to do with Robert's disappearance."

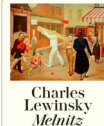


Lukas Hartmann  
*Der Sanger*

### THE SINGER

Lukas Hartmann

"It was perhaps his greatest guilt that even in this situation, he wanted to be only one thing: a singer, nothing but a singer, devoted entirely to music."



Charles Lewinsky  
*Melnitz*

### MELNITZ

Charles Lewinsky

When a distant relative knocks on the Meijers' door one night in the small Swiss village of Endingen in 1871, no one suspects that the family's life will radically change from that moment on.

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### THE THREE HOUSES

Perrine Le Querrec

"The choir stopped in the center of the rotunda with eight naves. In one, the indigents, in the other, the epileptics, in the third, the idiots, in the fourth, the cancer victims, the insane were in the fifth, the orphans in the sixth, the elderly in the seventh. The eighth one was for the nuns."

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### PETER AND SO ON

Alexandre Lecoultrre

"For some time now, he's been expected to become someone, but Peter doesn't know who. Although they tried their hardest to explain it to him, there is a path separating him from the town's inhabitants, a path of grass flattened down by the rain."

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### THE TIME OF WHISPERED WORDS

Anne-Lise Grobéty

"I only remember that the hour had suddenly turned solemn (...). My body still contained the lightness of childhood."



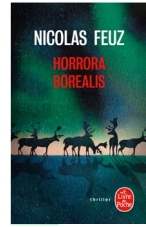
### THE VALLEY OF YOUTH

Eugène

"Personally, I'd like to describe myself using a few objects that have been with me throughout my life, for five minutes or fifteen years. I'm sure they would describe me more honestly than I ever could. Objects don't lie."

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### HORROR BOREALIS

Nicolas Feuz

"All this blood flowing at Walker's feet. It isn't a question of identifying the cadaver with a bullet in its head. No. The real question is: what happened in Lapland?"



### WHO KILLED HEIDI?

Marc Voltenauer

"Unlike the perfumer, the wine taster, or the florist with their specific vocabularies to describe the scents and smells of their trade, forensic doctors are faced with peculiar fumes, but which have no name."

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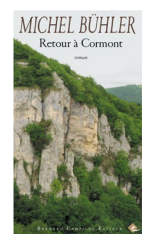
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### GRAND NU ORANGE

Nathalie Chaix

Freely inspired by the love story between painter Nicolas de Staël and his model Jeanne Mathieu who was the ex-partner of René Char, himself a friend of de Staël. A painter, a poet, and a married woman.



### RETURN TO CORMONT

Michel Bühler

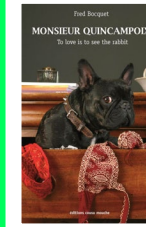
Rediscovering his town with its industrial past and flamboyant population, the protagonist walks and walks, mixing nostalgia and goodwill with a slight skepticism... Until the day he discovers the cadaver of an unknown person.

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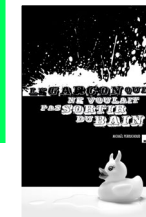
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### TO LOVE IS TO SEE THE RABBIT

Fred Bocquet

Forty-year-old self-taught senior executive Norbert, seducer and chauvinist, dies in an unfortunate bathroom accident. He doesn't have to wait long to return to his former life, with one slight difference: he is reincarnated as an asthmatic French Bulldog.



### THE BOY WHO WOULDN'T GET OUT OF THE BATH

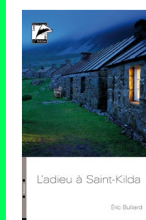
Michaël Perruchoud

One fine day the police arrive at a man's home. He understands that the policemen are interested in his past, but what he cannot imagine is how far back into his childhood they will go, to the very day his innocence was stolen from him.

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## ÉDITIONS DE L'HÈBE

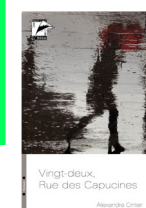
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### FAREWELL ST KILDA

Eric Bulliard

The archipelago of St. Kilda, some distance from the Scottish shoreline, was home for several centuries to a small community of a few dozen people living in extreme weather conditions and isolation. The arrival of the first tourists at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century assuredly changed the habits and beliefs of this unique community.



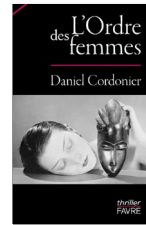
### 22, NASTURTIUM STREET

Alexandra Cinter

The presumed theft of her favorite coat one evening at the opera will send Jeanne on a quest of the self: this stiff woman, entrenched in her conventions and convictions, will slowly drift away from her well-ordered life, exploring secret gardens in which she rediscovers all the nuances of her identity.

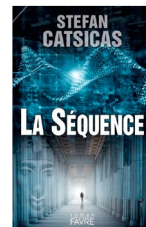
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### THE ORDER OF WOMEN Daniel Cordonnier

Banker David Clerc has been left by his wife and he hasn't gotten over it. He ends up convinced that his partner belongs to a clandestine organization that threatens the key sectors of the economy and the political realm. But is David really able to investigate, or has his suffering made him paranoid?



### THE SEQUENCE Stefan Catsicas

A scientist and a businessman discover what they call "The Sequence", a DNA fragment responsible for the development of the human brain, which suddenly appeared more than 6 million years ago and which completely contradicts Darwin's slower theory of evolution.

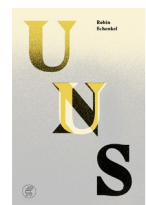
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### DOUBLE DOUBLE OR DYING FOR SHAKESPEARE Ashley Curtis

When renowned academic Adrian Thompson is found murdered at the end of a showing of Macbeth, the investigators find themselves unwillingly embroiled in the controversy over the authorship of the works of William Shakespeare.



### US Robin Schenkel

Unitia is the world's last country, a "perfect" democracy. Delivery man Martin Blank lives and works within its system of absolute surveillance and total control: individuality has been erased.

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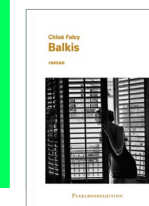
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### LOW PROFILE Héléne Rumer

When Flore discovers her husband is cheating on her, she decides to stop keeping a low profile. She rebels for the first time, and for the last time too...



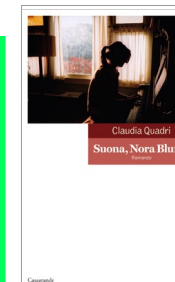
### BALKIS Chloé Falcy

Balkis tells the story of a young Iraqi woman who came to study in Switzerland in the 1950s. Freely inspired by real events, the novel questions the multiculturalism of Swiss society and reawakens the history of a silent immigration.

2020

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### PLAY, NORA BLUME Claudia Quadri

"Now the construction site was a smirking presence, a hint of what was about to happen there, in that exact spot, where she sat, drinking tea in a cup decorated with an image of Grandson Tea, a souvenir from her last trip with Tony."

2019

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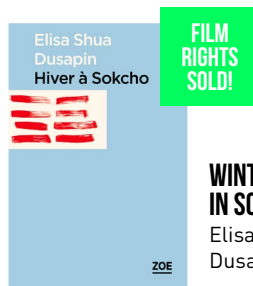
**LAND OF THE SONS**  
Milena Moser

"Our families, our childhood, the way we were raised – they all leave their mark on us. We are the fathers we are because we are our fathers' sons."

2019

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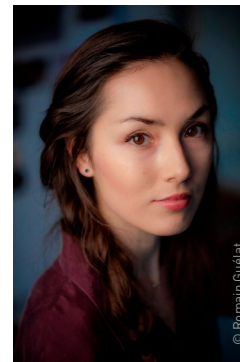
**WINTER IN SOKCHO**  
Elisa Shua Dusapin

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Hiver à Sokcho



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**MADE FOR  
THE BIG SCREEN  
ELISA SHUA DUSAPIN'S  
HIVER À SOKCHO  
BECOMES A MOVIE**

In 2019, when « Swiss Publishers in Cannes » entered its first round at Shoot the Book!, Elisa Shua Dusapin's novel Hiver à Sokcho (Winter in Sokcho) was among the books pitched. Yannick Stiassny, deputy publisher of Geneva based Éditions Zoé, chose the work for its distinctive and visual composition, and its powerful story about a young woman's search for identity between different cultures and social norms in South Korea. Also, the

Swiss-based author's début novel had already received considerable international success by then. And even more would come: among several other prizes, the novel won the US-based National Book Award for Translated Literature in 2021.

For Yannick Stiassny, it became clear that it takes not only determination and countless negotiations to adapt a book for the screen, but also that the right people must get excited for

the story. Dusapin's book had caught the attention of the film industry already in 2019 when some producers expressed their interest. Three years later the funds were raised and French producer Fabrice Prével-Cléach (Offshore Productions) announced he would adapt *Hiver à Sokcho* into film.

For Elisa Shua Dusapin, the adaptation of her novel is a great honour and success. At the same time, putting her story into someone else's hand felt like a challenge. Would her original vision remain? How would her protagonists be portrayed? Which character traits would be emphasized and which ones changed to make the story work as a film?

Despite her questions, Dusapin decided not to collaborate on the screenplay. After meeting French-Japanese director Koya Kamura, she trusted that the film was in good hands. She immediately sensed the sensitivity and accuracy with which he approached the story. Knowing that both the director and French-Vietnamese screenwriter Stephane Ly-Cuong could identify with her novel's theme of belonging to multiple cultures, felt good to the author, who herself has French and South Korean roots.

Filming began in South Korea in February 2023. The main characters are being played by award-winning actor Roschdy Zem and newcomer Bella Kim, with animation by Agnès Patron. Audiences may look forward to seeing *Hiver à Sokcho* on the big screen!

# SWISS PUBLISHING PRESENTATION 5



Switzerland's publishing landscape is marked by the country's multilingualism.

The four linguistic regions, German, French, Italian, Romansh, each endowed with its own culture and divided across an area of 41,200 km<sup>2</sup> for 8.7 million inhabitants, are a source of incredible diversity. In this way Switzerland appears to find its unity within its plurality as much for language as for historical heritage and contemporary cultural practices.

The publishing sector, with literature at the helm, reflects this cultural as well as economic reality, with specific dynamics and market logics depending on the language area.

German-speaking Switzerland represents 65% of the country's

surface area and is endowed with a dense publishing network comprised of numerous independent publishing houses and bigger structures which support a steady pace of publishing, large-scale print runs, distribution in Germany, and a presence on the international promotional platforms. In all, there are more than 200 German-language publishers which generate, for those with a literary collection, more than 1000 literary works each year.

The French-speaking part represents 23% of the country. Its editorial network comprises about a hundred independent structures; the largest of which benefit from an established distribution in France. This density reflects an incredible pool of talent, new generations of

writers who have carried French-language Swiss literature to a threshold of creative excellence. In this region some 500 literary books are published each year.

The Italian-speaking region of Switzerland has a smaller number of established publishers, whose respective catalogs carry a literature that is distinguished by an attachment to nature as well as strong poetic voices. Despite its' small area - less than 10% -, the region publishes more than 100 works of literature each year, within which the novel has become increasingly important.

Romansh-language publishing is not to be outdone, especially in the fields of fiction and poetry. New generations of Romansh writers are taking over the literary side of a tradition that has been intensively active in the field of cultural creation, with great talent and modernity.

Finally, since Switzerland is a federation, each region operates according to the notion of decentralization. The entire territory is thus a constellation of editorial headquarters, with noticeable concentrations in the cities of Zurich, Basel, Geneva and Lausanne.