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Michel Audiard, 1983

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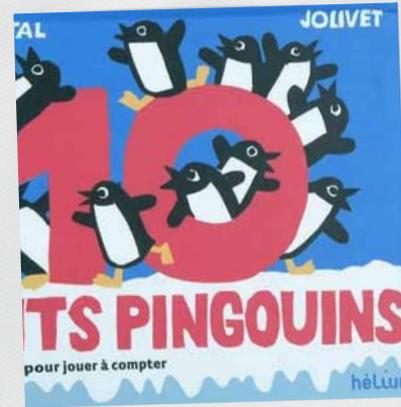
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10 p'tits pingouins : un livre animé pour jouer à compter

**Author :** Jean-Luc Fromental  
**Genre :** Pop-up book, ages 3 and up  
**Epoch :** The present, or a time close to the present (there is a bus, a bowling game, signs...)  
**Setting :** An ice floe  
**Timespan :** Brief lapse of time

### 10 P'tits Pingouins

9782358510165

A playful book to practice counting

Ten Little Penguins stand on an icy shore. They start bowling. When one of them gets knocked off, there are only... nine Penguins left, teasing a whale. One of them bites its tail. The whale is so furious the Penguin flees, and now there are only... eight Penguins left, following a boat. The cook says, Fish one of them! So there are only... seven Penguins, having supper at the igloo. But while the stew is cooking, the heat makes the igloo melt...

It goes on and on: six, five, four, three, two, one... until there are... no Penguins left!

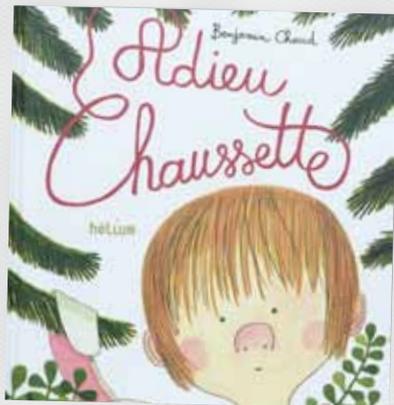
From 10 to 0, the Penguins are eager to introduce children to the concepts of subtracting, and then adding. The Ten Little Penguins disappear one after the other, until we realize with the last pop-up surprise that it was just a huge Penguin joke!

**References :** The Smurfs (TV)

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**Author :** Benjamin Chaud  
**Genre :** Children's literature,  
 ages 4-8  
**Epoch :** The present  
**Setting :** The forest  
**Timespan :** One day



Adieu chaussette

### Goodbye, Socks!

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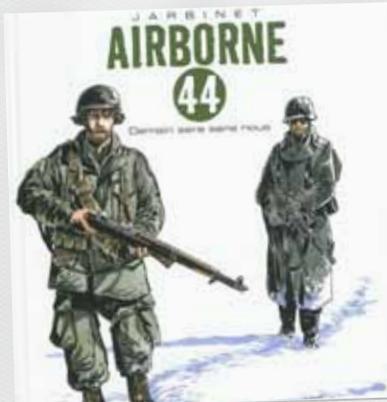
A book about friendships with stuffed animals, and how to know when we're ready to grow up.

What was I supposed to do when I realized I was too old to have a clumsy rabbit named Socks as a best friend? I made up my mind: he should go back to the forest. The truth is I need to find real friends, like other children, and stop spending all my time with a fluffy rabbit. So I decided to leave for the forest with him. He was completely unaware of what was going on and didn't say a word. I saw a little girl and her dog in the distance, and wondered what they were doing there. The only thing I did not realize was how hard it would be to leave stupid Socks behind... I tied him to a tree and walked away, and I started feeling really scared. But when I changed my mind and decided to go back for him, Socks had disappeared. I yelled out his name, but he did not answer...

**References :** Snoopy (TV)

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 Greece, Spain



Airborne 44, Vol. 2. Demain  
 sera sans nous

**Author :** Philippe Jarbinet  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** World War II  
**Setting :** French Ardennes  
**Timespan :** A few weeks

### Airborne 44

A dramatic episode of WWII takes place  
 on an isolated farm of the Ardennes.

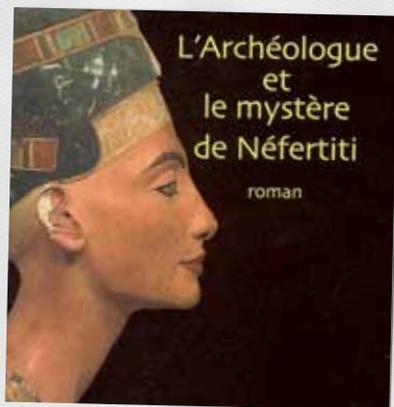
The Ardennes Offensive was a major German offensive launched towards the end of WWII through the forested Ardennes mountains. Airborne 44 is set during the Battle of the Bulge over the course of a few cold weeks in winter. The story tells of an American unit fighting against a German platoon. A few civilians, a widow and two Jewish orphans, are trapped between the two groups of men. Strong characters recount this fascinating story. A prequel to this book, with the same characters in Normandy, will be released in November 2011.

**References :** Battle of the Bulge (1965), Saints and soldiers (2003)

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 Festival BD de Toulouse  
 Translation : German

**Author :** Pierre Boulle  
**Genre :** Historic mystery  
**Epoch :** the 1950s  
**Setting :** Europe and Egypt  
**Timespan :** Several months



L'archéologue et le mystère  
de Néfertiti

### The Archeologist and the Mystery of Nefertiti

9782749104195

This "archeological mystery" is also a lot of fun. It goes back to the sources of mystery novels, through the discovery of a three-thousand-year-old crime scene. After an airplane crash in Egypt, our heroes unravel the mysteries of a failed assassination attempt on the mythical Nefertiti. They bring to light a conspiracy that is nothing short of Pharaonic.

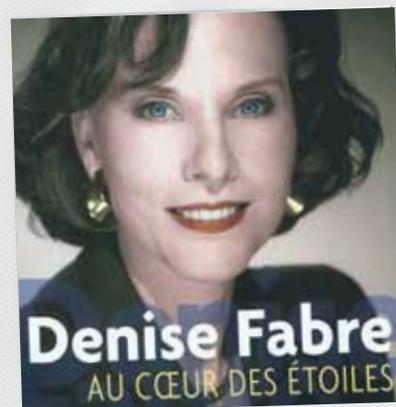
Once again, the Machiavellian talent of author Pierre Boulle explodes. The Archeologist and the Mystery of Nefertiti is a mystery novel that intersects with ancient Egyptian history. The two main characters, a wealthy, young dilettante keen on Egyptology and a true-to-life archeologist straight out of an Agatha Christie novel, lead us through a hair-raising investigation on the trail of Pharaoh Akhenaton and his wife, Queen Nefertiti. Step by step, the men reconstitute the circumstances of a conspiracy by way of the objects they find and the great powers of deduction of the older and wiser of the two. They learn that the great priests of Amon were scheming to eliminate Queen Nefertiti and thus destroy the heretic Athon.

**References :** Agatha Christie, Hercule Poirot, Indiana Jones....

**Editor's note :** Written on the back of another manuscript, this novel was discovered years after the legendary author Pierre Boulle's death. It was an unexpected revelation. Boulle wrote the worldwide bestsellers *The Bridge over the River Kwai* and *Planet of the Apes*. Here, he questions the truth of what we see, with Machiavellian intelligence. The plot maintains suspense with humor, offering the perfect film script.

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Au Cœur Des Étoiles

**Author :** Denise Fabre  
**Epoch :** 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** France  
**Timespan :**

### Among the stars

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The incredible rise of a young girl from Nice, who becomes a television star.

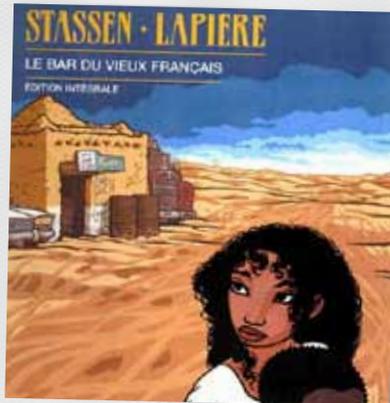
No matter what, she's always smiling and in a good mood.

In fact, she is at ease both onstage and off, even if her family and private life have been difficult at times. From her turbulent youth, boarding schools, and a TV career in Monte Carlo (TMC), Nice (Studios de la Victorine), and finally Paris, where she received the famous "Le 7 d'Or" of 1975, she has often appeared on the front page of Paris Match. And now, with a recent comeback in Nice in politics, she has stars in her eyes.

**References :** La Valise en carton

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**Author :** Stassen Lapiere  
**Genre :** Romantic coming-of-age drama  
**Epoch :** Today  
**Setting :** Africa (Central and North), France (Paris to Marseille)  
**Timespan :** One year



Le bar du vieux Français

### The Old frenchman's bar

9782800128627

Célestin and Leila were born and raised thousands of kilometers away. They were never supposed to meet. But in the middle of the desert, fate can offer you the most beautiful gift... at the cruelest price.

Célestin and his little sister were born in the heart of Africa. Hopeless orphans, they decide to flee from famine and go to France, a land of opportunities. But the walk in the desert is fatal for his sibling, and Célestin must continue his journey alone, hitch-hiking his way up to North Africa.

Leila is an Arab girl, born and raised in France. She's the same age as Célestin. When she learns that for her sixteen birthday she will be forced to marry a man she hasn't even met, she decides to run away to Morocco to meet her grandparents.

After many adventures on the way to the land of their dreams, the two accidentally meet in the middle of nowhere, inside an unlikely pub lost in the desert of Tangier: The Old Frenchman's Bar. They settle there for a while, finally finding someone to trust, like a bandage for a wound... and they discover love. But their dreams are too strong. They can't help hitting the road again, each in the opposite direction, swearing to write one other, to the attention of The Old Frenchman's Bar.

During the second part of their journey, they faithfully write each other. Braving more dangers and many disillusion, Leila and Célestin finally reach their goals. But they will never see each other again. The mail stops being delivered after the Bar is suddenly destroyed by flames, forever rupturing their unique link.

**References :** Bagdad Cafe, Jake Kerouac's On the Road, Live and Become (Va, vis et deviens)

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Reprinted several times and translated, it has also been awarded at the most important European book festivals (Angoulême, Le Mans, Sierre, Breda, Durbuy, etc.). Denis Lapière is a famous Belgian writer who has also worked in the film industry.



Boris Vian à 20 ans : J'avais vingt ans en 1940

**Author :** Claudine Plas  
**Genre :** Biographical documentary  
**Epoch :** 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** France  
**Timespan :** 1920-1950

### Boris Vian at 20

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How Boris became Vian, an extraordinary young man in a not-so-ordinary era.

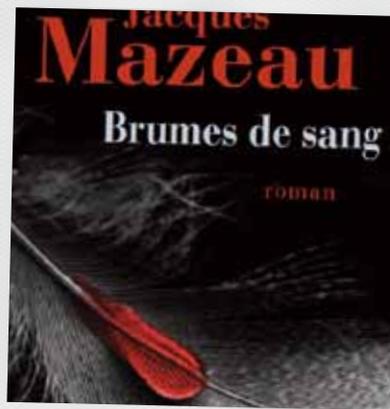
The life and work of a great writer at age twenty. From Vian's exodus to the brutal murder of his father, from his studies in engineering to the Occupation of France, and jazz music: these are the beginnings of the writer, musician and pataphysician who would one day author the great l'Écume des jours (Froth on a Daydream), only to die at the age of thirty-nine.

**References :** Coco avant Chanel (Coco Before Chanel)

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**Author :** Jacques Mazaux  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** The First World War  
**Setting :** A small village in the French countryside  
**Timespan :** Several months



Les Brumes de sang

### The Vampires The Fog of Blood

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A series of mysterious deaths disrupts the life of a small village. Could they be caused by an otherworldly being?

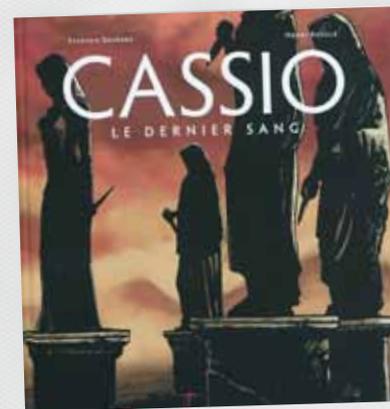
August 3, 1914. War has just been declared. All the able men of a small Burgundy village have left for the front.

That same day, the village priest is found dead. How can such a strong man have died of no apparent cause? It then appears that he has been bitten by a strange creature with only one tooth, and drained of his blood. Soon, other victims are found dead in similar circumstances, leaving the villagers with no clue as to who or what killed them. Speculation is rife among the men left in the village, until Isabelle, the cheeky young schoolteacher, comes up with a theory: What if it were a one-toothed vampire? Young inspector Dumont is sent to the village to investigate these mysterious murders. There, the scientific-minded man is confronted with the archaic ideas of the villagers, and of Isabelle. The young woman deeply troubles him, both with her beguiling beauty and with her mysterious demeanor....

**References :** The Fearless Vampire Killers by Roman Polanski, Adele Blanc-Sec by Luc Besson, Dracula by Francis Ford Coppola

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Cassio

**Author :** Recule Desberg  
**Genre :** Historical adventure  
**Epoch :** Present day and Roman times  
**Setting :** The Mediterranean: Turkey, Greece, Italy  
**Timespan :** A few days now, ten years in the past

### Cassio

9782803626298

One murder and four assassins. 2.000 years after the fact, the investigation begins... and Ornella will have to solve the case if she wants to save her life.

2.000 years ago, Cassio, one of Rome's most influential men, was struck down by four masked shadows, his murder a conspiracy.

Today in Turkey, archaeologist Ornella Grazzi finds a new excavation site. She discovers hidden parchments written by the victim, Cassio, that tell the story of his revenge after his death. She tries to reveal the faces of the four murderers, and unravels the story of a brilliant and mysterious man supposedly gifted with magic healing powers.

But Ornella's discovery also seems to attract very real, contemporary dangers from powerful and invisible enemies, as if the Cassio case were never really closed...

A chase begins all around the Mediterranean... In the course of her investigation, Ornella will realize that Cassio did not die that night. Instead, he tracked down his enemies and eliminated them, one by one. Afterward, every trace of him disappears; there is no indication of how or when he died. It is as if he vanished into thin air. Or perhaps he is still alive...

Mixing contemporary adventure and historical flashback, Cassio is the perfect vehicle for a new breed of documentary thriller.

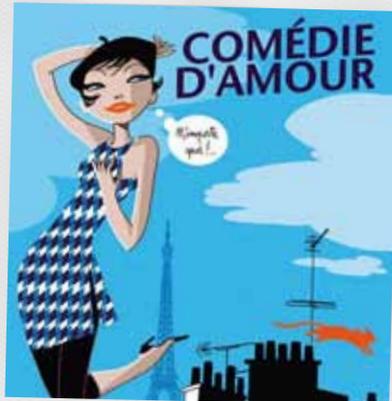
**References :** Rome (TV series), Sahara, Sphinx, Tomb Raider

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Screenplay: Brigitte Luciani  
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**Genre :** Romantic comedy  
**Epoch :** Now  
**Setting :** Paris  
**Timespan :** Several weeks



Comédie d'amour

**Paris, My Love**

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The comings and goings of lovers in Paris.

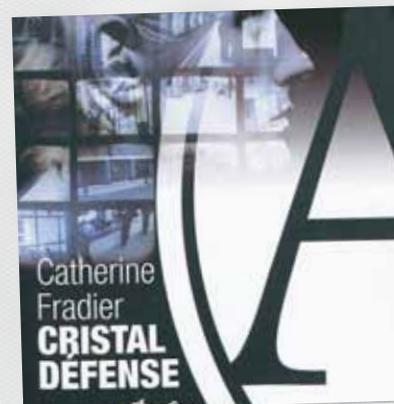
After yet another failed relationship, Jade, a young, pretty actress, decides that she absolutely will not fall in love with the next guy who crosses her path. Men bother her. She even refuses to act in films that are romantic comedies. Then, after an impromptu escapade on the roof of her building, she literally falls into the arms of her neighbor, Guy. Will she fall madly, passionately in love? She will not! She's too busy. Now that she has been refusing roles, she has accepted to babysit two children. After a long promenade through Paris (especially the Notre Dame) with the two children she babysits and their unwanted dad, Jade will decide for herself about the charming Guy, and make a comeback to her career as an actress.

Ms. Brigitte Luciani is a writer for children and young readers. The three graphic novels she wrote at Delcourt use games and humor to recall family secrets and complicated love affairs. This book has been translated in Spain with the title Paris mon amour.

**References :** Le Témoin amoureux (Made of Honor), The Holiday

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Cristal défense

**Author :** Catherine Fraidier  
**Genre :** Mystery thriller  
**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** France / Belgique  
**Timespan :** Several weeks

**Crystal Defense**

9782846262248

This powerful thriller about economic espionage, GMOs, and a food crisis is in keeping with American suspense films.

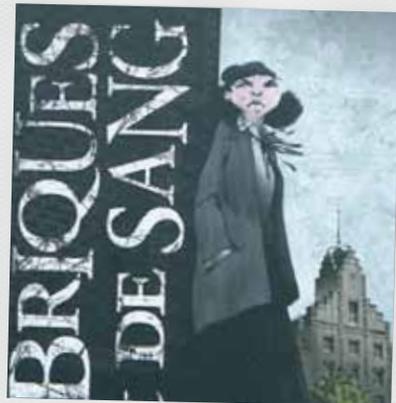
Éléonore de Coursange, also known as Léo, is the head of the Agency for Economic Security (AES), an organization that protects and defends French industrial, scientific, and technological assets. She has just been given a new mission: she must solve the assassinations that have occurred within Aristee, the company that monopolizes the GMO sector. With the help of her team, Latifa Boubaker, Eric Laville, Karl Saint-Léger, and Igor Sokolov, whose weighty pasts can't be checked at the office door, she will try to unravel the threads of this case. Who really ordered these assassinations: a competing company? The United States? China? Europe? How far will those behind the crimes go to hide the truth? Are blood ties and romantic connections the reasons least to be suspected?

**References :** 24 heures chrono, Les tontons flingueurs (Crooks in Clover), Mission Impossible

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**Authors :** David François and Régis Hautière  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** 1914 and 1936  
**Setting :** The city of Guise, in the north of France  
**Timespan :** A few months



De briques & de sang

### Of Bricks and Blood

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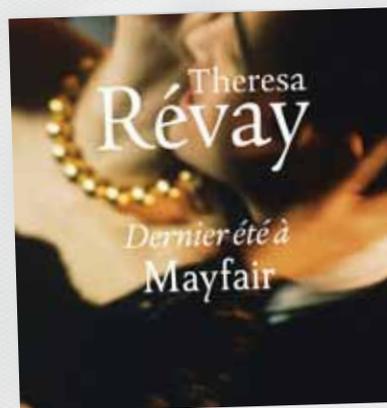
A crime novel à la Agatha Christie

October 1936: the female narrator takes care of her father up until his death. After he passes away, she recalls a strange case followed by a reporter about a man and woman found dead in a worker's community run by a visionary manager.

Very good media coverage

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Dernier été à Mayfair

**Author :** Theresa Révay  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** England (Sussex, London), France (Picardie).  
**Timespan :** From 1911 to the end of World War I

### Last Summer at Mayfair

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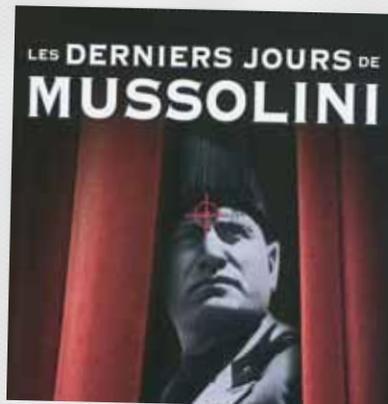
1911. The Rotherfields are a prominent English aristocratic family. The eldest son died after an accident caused by his youngest brother, Edward, who has since become a dashing aviator, womanizer and gambler. It is therefore Julian who must carry the family name of the family forward. But he is known as «the reluctant heir». Evangeline, the oldest daughter, has joined the suffragettes. Only Victoria is looking for an eligible young man. Along with their German cousins and French friends, their lives are shattered by the war. Personal challenges meet head-on with the historical cataclysm, and Julian learns he is not his father's son. As these promising young heirs to European patrician families discover the shocking truths behind family secrets, they must search for the real purpose of their lives.

**References :** Remains of the Day by James Ivory, Howard's End by James Ivory, Gosford Park by Robert Altman, Downton Abbey by nwritten by Julian Fellowes.

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**Epoch :** The 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> of April, 1945  
**Setting :** Italy  
**Timespan :** 72 hours



Les derniers jours de  
Mussolini

### The Last Days of Mussolini

9782213655482

The final three days of Il Duce's life in a fast-paced thriller that vividly portrays both one man's story and the history of a nation.

The verdict is in: Il Duce will die. Nothing – neither the myriad of events nor the vertiginous 72 hour chase preceding his execution – will alter Benito Mussolini's ill-fated course.

Indeed, Mussolini and his mistress Clara Petacci are abruptly removed from the farmhouse where they are being held prisoner, hurried to the nearby Belmonte Villa, and placed against a wall. With two quick bursts of an MAS-38 machine gun, their story, and a chapter in Italian Fascism, come swiftly to an end. Who was the gunman? Today we know for certain that it was Walter Audisio, aka Valerio, later elected to the Italian Chamber of Deputies with the Communist Party.

In his hour-by-hour account of the last three days of the Fascist leader's life, Pierre Milza sifts through a wealth of often contradictory sources, placing particular emphasis on the testimonials of those closest to Il Duce, namely, the numerous women in his life: Rachele, his wife and the mother of his children; Margherita Sarfatti, his mistress; and of course Claretta, the mistress who was with him to the bitter end. Historical and political figures of all stripes – from the officials of Il Duce's Salò Republic to the fervent partisans of the National Liberation Committee – round out the compelling narrative of his decline.

In his remarkable 72-hour assessment, Milza recounts what both American and British secret services were doing in the Lake Como region during that fateful three-day period. Were there certain conflicts of interest? We also learn why Churchill, having lost the election, returned to the shores of the Italian lake under a pseudonym following Mussolini's execution. Was he trying to get his hands on the infamous and never-recovered correspondence that would have tied him to Il Duce?

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GABRIELLE PIQUET  
**LES ENFANTS  
 DE L'ENVIE**



Les enfants de l'envie

**Author :** Gabrielle Piquet  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** The 1980's  
**Setting :** A French town  
**Timespan :** A few months

### The Children of Envy

9782203022171

After WWII, American military bases spread across Europe. The American army also settled in France, remaining there for close to twenty years. When the army left the country, it disrupted the balance of the local economy, and caused long-term upheaval in the community.

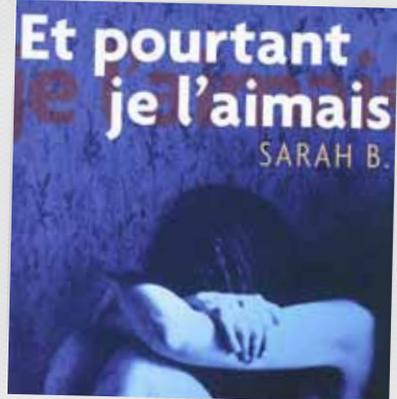
This story centers on Basile, the son of Henry, an American soldier, and Juliette, a young French woman. Basile has never met his father, and as an adult he constantly wonders about his origins. He also nurtures a passion for the United States, which is present in all of his paintings. The author Gabrielle Piquet skillfully recounts the story of Basile and his struggles with his identity.

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**Epoch :** 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** France  
**Timespan :**



Et Pourtant Je L'Aimais

### And Yet, I Loved Him

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To love without dying of it.

Every two and a half days in France, a woman dies because of marital violence. It's the number one cause of mortality for women between the ages of 16 and 40, before cancer and road accidents.

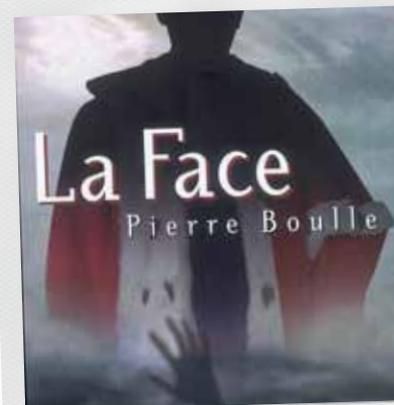
Recently in Nice, a colleague of Sarah notices that she is covered in black and blue marks and burns. Horrified, she asks Sarah about it. Sarah collapses in tears, saying, "It's my husband... One day he will kill me". Two hours later, Sarah is helped by a small, relatively unknown association that takes her to the main police station. There, Sarah explains her true descent into hell. Five weeks later, her husband's case is decided and the court gives him a prison sentence of three years, with five years outside the Alpes-Maritimes area and a civil rights impeachment.

The main point of this book is to prove that if a woman is being beaten, she must register a complaint. Let us keep in mind this spirit of solidarity: the people around Sarah, her friends, colleagues, and the many associations, policemen, and judges, have all said "NO" to brutality!

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**Genre :** Drama  
**Epoch :** the 1950s  
**Setting :** South of France  
**Timespan :** One Year



La face

### Saving Face

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The cowardice of a high-level prosecutor who doesn't help a young woman as she drowns before his very eyes: during the lawsuit, he accuses an innocent person who is then condemned to death. A fascinating and timeless subject that profoundly speaks out to each one of us.

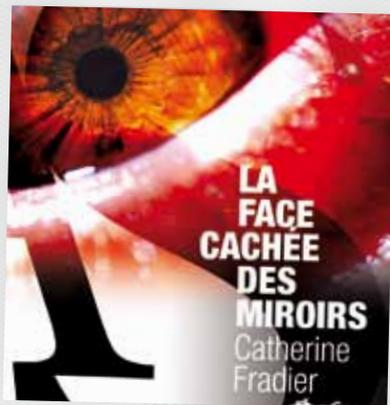
Chief Prosecutor for the French Republic Jean Berthier does nothing when he is the only witness to the accidental drowning of a young girl. The public prosecutor's office is soon working on the case, which appears to be a crime, and Berthier is in charge of proceedings. He wants to "save face" at any cost, and through cowardice he doesn't dare do anything that will cause him to lose the prestige he has earned. How can this virtuous, sincere magistrate with scrupulous integrity behave in this way? He succeeds in progressively forgetting the scene to which he was witness. From that point on, he becomes caught up in an inexorable spiral that leads him to the depths of his abuse of judiciary power, laying bare the frightening contradiction that each man holds within him. A breathtaking, fascinating story up to the suspenseful end.

**Editor's note :** French author Pierre Boule is a master at dismantling the human soul. His books have been made into hugely successful films, and *The Bridge over the River Kwai* and *Planet of the Apes* have been translated the world over.

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**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** France  
**Timespan :** Several weeks



La face cachée des miroirs

### The Hidden Face of Mirrors

9782846262422

Crystal Defense left its members from the Agency for Economic Security in a trap laid by their own allies. They must regain their freedom to act and unravel the hidden ties that unite governments and the agro-business giants. ASE, season 2..

After the dismantling of the Agency, Éléonore de Coursange has lost contact with her personnel. She decides to relaunch her investigation and tries to bring her team back together. Her friends, returning to the group from various intelligence organizations, work to resolve their own sticky situations. But in this deceiving hall of mirrors everything is connected, and danger is as diffuse as it is omnipresent. Whether in their private lives or serving in their new posts, the members of the defunct Agency for Economic Security must remain constantly on guard. Political ambitions converge with economic interests, and the more the friends fight it, the more a true maze of corruption closes in on them.

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Le faucon du désert, Vol. 1.  
 Martuba airfield

**Author :** Franz Zumstein  
**Genre :** Historic drama  
**Epoch :** Spring 1942 and the years that follow  
**Setting :** The desert in Lybia, Germany  
**Timespan :** Several years

### Falcon of the Desert

9782756020310

A young man carried off by the torments  
 of war.

Ali is half German and half Arab. When he's enlisted by the Afrika Korps for his exceptional talent as an aviator, he decides to use these missions to go in search of his German origins and find his mother. As he flies off to the horrors of war, he leaves behind the beautiful Aicha, who is unable to tell him that she's expecting a child - their child. As the world seems to smile down upon him, Ali flies off to Munich.

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With two volumes published, this new comic book series is in the spirit of a grand romantic saga set during the Second World War. The author is Swiss-German.

**Author :** Lucas Delattre  
**Genre :** Biography  
**Epoch :** The 1940s  
**Setting :** Germany and Switzerland  
**Timespan :** World War II



Fritz Kolbe : un espion au cœur du IIIe Reich

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Les grands gestes la nuit



Les grands gestes la nuit

**Author :** Thibault de Montaigne  
**Genre :** Saga  
**Epoch :** The 1950s and the 1960s  
**Setting :** Paris, Saint-Tropez  
**Timespan :** Twenty years

### Great Moves, Great Night

9782213655345

A vintage, jazzy love story, from Paris to Saint-Tropez.

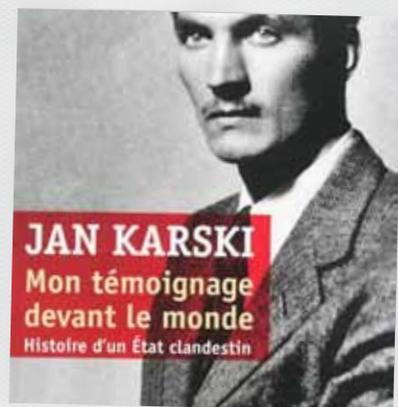
Francine Dalle is twenty-two. She and her friend Kiki have come to the French Riviera to party. Then she meets Antoine Braque, the wealthy, thirty-six-year-old director of a pharmaceutical lab who is bored to death of his paltry existence. He had simply come here to look at the sea. He falls madly in love with Francine. For her he is willing to leave his beautiful wife whom he fears, squander his fortune, and open the Eden Plage. This Saint-Tropez den of insouciance and absolute excess will become a mythic club, “the place to be” for Brigitte Bardot, Françoise Sagan, and other stars of the time. Francine and Antoine’s crazy love story lasts ten years, during which they tear each other apart and get back together again, endlessly in search of euphoria, using and abusing every ploy imaginable. Antoine the big bourgeois becomes the number one heroin trafficker in France. A weird, messed-up crowd gravitates toward him, and his addiction will be the source of his loss.

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**Genre :** Memoir  
**Epoch :** World War II  
**Setting :** Poland, Germany, France, UK, US  
**Timespan :** 6 years



Mon témoignage devant le monde :  
 histoire d'un État clandestin

Originally published in the U.S. in 1944. Published in France, and to be published in England, Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain.

### Story of a Secret State

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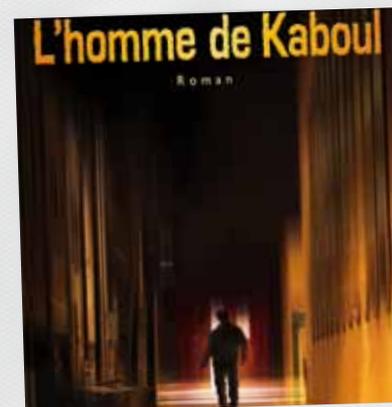
Jan Karski, a key figure in the Polish underground resistance movement during WWII, seems to have gotten lost in history. Most people don't know he was the man who offered the Western world the first eyewitness account of the Holocaust and the devastating conditions of the Warsaw Ghetto.

In September 1939, when the German army invaded Poland, Karski, 25, was an army officer. After the Polish army was handily defeated, many of its soldiers, including Karski, were taken prisoner by the Russian army. He managed to escape from a POW camp, only to fall into the hands of the Germans. As he and his fellow soldiers travel by train to their certain enslavement in a work camp, he jumps from a window and flees to safety amidst rifle fire. From there he goes on to become a key figure in the Polish underground. He is then captured by the Gestapo during a mission and tortured. Once rescued, he is then asked to tell the rest of the world what is happening in the concentration camps. But before leaving, he is smuggled into one so that he can actually provide eyewitness testimony when he meets FDR.

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L'homme de Kaboul

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**Genre :** Action thriller  
**Epoch :** Present day  
**Setting :** Afghanistan  
**Timespan :** Two weeks

### The Man from Kabul

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In Cédric Bannel's fast-paced thriller, Commissioner Kandari turns a routine investigation surrounding a businessman's apparent suicide in Kabul into an explosive case that has international implications.

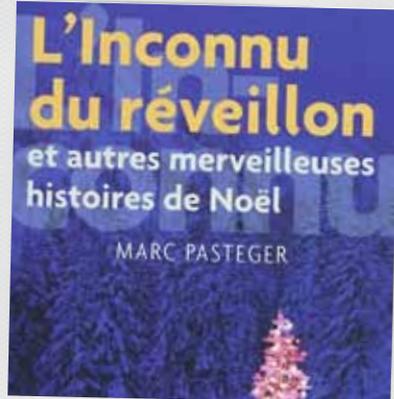
A Swiss-based secret organization known as The Entity uses everything in its power to terminate Kandari's investigation of Wali Wadi's death - even if it means putting an end to his life, as well as the lives of innocent civilians. Nick Snee, an analyst for The Entity, searches for a man named Mandrake, who holds information The Entity is desperately after. Nick discovers that the information Mandrake has is related to Wali Wadi's death, but he doesn't know how. Nick joins forces with Kandari to find out what everybody is after, and to learn why so many innocent lives are being destroyed in the wake of the Mandrake Affair. What they discover ends up being far bigger than they could have possibly imagined.

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**Epoch :** 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** Everywhere in the world  
**Timespan :**



L'inconnu Du Reveillon

### The Christmas Eve Stranger

9782268070094

Anything can happen thanks to Christmas!

A positive and enchanting book about Christmas! The author presents twenty-five true stories based on actual events. Each of the twenty-five texts delivers to us the gift of Christmas grace, letting us know that anything can happen on this day! Christmas Eve and Day are not magical dates on our calendars, but they are able to generate hope for each of us, whether child or adult.

Where do the stories take place? In France, Italy, Great Britain, the United States... When? Only on the 24th and 25th of December, in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. What ingredients does the author use? Emotion, optimism, nostalgia, and a great deal of hope, always with a truly happy ending. Young adults will enjoy this book, as will those over thirty-five. Everybody knows that children are not the only ones who believe in Christmas miracles!

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Jacotte : 60 histoires à lire seul(e) ou accompagné(e)

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 illustrations by Estelle Billon-Spagnol  
**Genre :** Small graphic novel for ages 5 and up  
**Epoch :** The present  
**Setting :** A city in France  
**Timespan :** One school year

### Jacotte

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60 short stories about a little French girl as unique as anyone else - to be read alone or with parents.

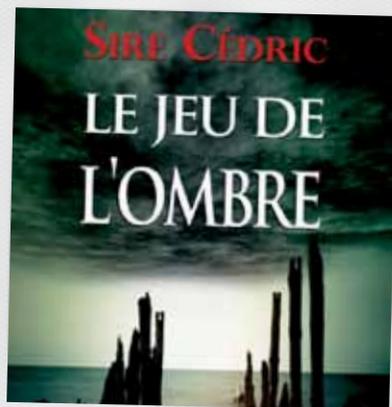
My name is Jacqueline. Can you believe it? That's highway robbery. So I have decided to call myself Jacotte. I am red-headed, I hate princess dresses, and like to watch stuff grow in the garden. Highway robbery: I say that a lot. It's because I have strong opinions about a lot of things: school, schoolmates, teachers, the fact that everybody works so much, food, ecology, parenthood... I have parents who, sadly, are still together (all my friends' parents are divorced), I have a little brother I love to torture, and I have a stuffed animal named Paulo who likes to speak his mind, even though nobody seems to hear him. I am madly in love with a boy named Perceval who does not care about me - but one day he will! And there's this other boy named Marcel who is crazy in love with me... This is all highway robbery!

**References :** Mafalda (TV)

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**Timespan :** Several months



Le Jeu de l'ombre

### The Shadow Game

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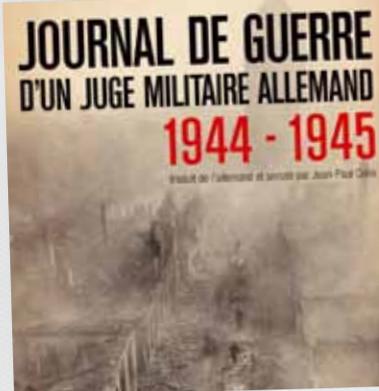
One young man's descent into a living hell

Swan is a young rock star. One night, after what was probably the most successful concert of his career, he goes for a drive in the countryside. What possessed the young man to drive so recklessly that he suddenly crashed his car in a horrific accident? Miraculously, he survives. From that day on, his life becomes a living nightmare. It starts with him not being able to hear music anymore, and culminates with him waking up next to the bloody corpse of his latest lover, making him the prime suspect in a serial killer case....

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Journal de guerre d'un  
 juge militaire allemand

**Author :** Otto Müller-Hill  
**Genre :** Journal / memoirs  
**Epoch :** 20<sup>th</sup> century - World War II - 1944-1945  
**Setting :** Germany (Fribourg),  
 Strasbourg  
**Timespan :** Two years

### The War Journal of a German Military Judge

Notes taken in the heat of the moment; anguished, honest, humanitarian reporting; moving text that has remained unpublished until now: sixty-five years after it was written, an important piece to add to the file on major world conflicts.

Werner Otto Müller-Hill was in office in Strasbourg in 1944. He held the difficult position of democratic jurist and legalist in the reserves, and during the last year of the war he kept a personal and political journal that remained hidden until his son Benno discovered it with his inheritance. In it, he relates the gullibility of the German people, duped by the rodomontades and official lies of the Nazis, from Dittmar to Goebbels; he denounces the extermination of the Jews, especially in Poland and Russia; and he evokes his personal preoccupations. His wife Daisy and son Benno have taken refuge at their neighbors' house in Fribourg and live in extreme danger since the bombing that destroyed their house. He is not only an honest judge, but also a sensitive father and husband who wonders with anguish how this evil farce will end for him and those close to him.

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**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** New York, North Pole  
**Timespan :** Several months

## d'une prédatrice



Journal intime d'une  
prédatrice

### Diary of a Female Predator

9782213655543

She helps herself to the Arctic Circle.

The call her She, or Ice Queen. She is at the head of a investment fund – a vulture fund worth 500 million dollars. She finds global warming a godsend: under the Arctic ice, treasures of natural gas, petroleum, fresh water, and diamonds are all within her reach!

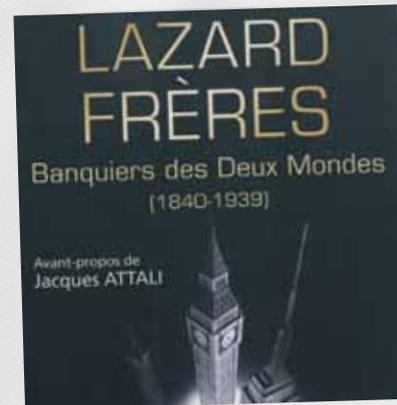
From the Murmansk harbor to the offices of Sarah Palin, from a snowmobile seminar to a fundraising event at an ice skating rink in the city (with iceberg cocktails), She pursues her irresistible race to wealth. She wears a baby seal fur coat, manipulates Inuits and ecologists, and makes fun of the powerful. Then a former colleague who learned everything from her stands in the way, at the head of a competing investment fund, and the Ice Queen's anger is as large as her demagoguery. She then asks her righthand man – who is secretly in love with her – to spy on the actions of her worst rival.

And it is he who narrates the war without mercy that these two women wage.

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Lazard Frères : banquiers des  
deux Mondes (1840-1939)

**Author :** Guy-Alban de Rougemont  
**Genre :** Bioptic  
**Epoch :** Second half of the 19<sup>th</sup>  
and first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** France, United States,  
England  
**Timespan :** 90 years

### Lazard Frères & Co.

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Against the backdrop of ambitions, travels, and money, the century-long story of one of the biggest investment banks in the world, whose archives have recently become available for the first time.

Our story begins in the village of Lichtenstadt on territory that is now the Czech Republic, in the middle of the 19th century. Twenty years later, Abraham Lazard would leave there to arrive in Frauenberg, a village on the French-German border that became the cradle of the Lazard dynasty.

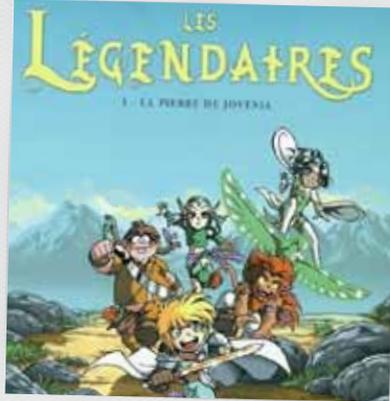
In 1840, Abraham's two grandsons Lazare and Alexandre head for New Orleans to open Lazard Frères & Co., a dry goods business. Joined by their brother Simon, the associates see their business flourish as everyone takes part in the rush for gold. In 1862, Alexandre and Lazare settle in San Francisco, while Simon tends the thriving Paris office. The brothers then acquire Woolen Mills, the largest wool mill in California. The Civil War appears imminent. In reality, it favors the manufacturing sector, thanks to the need for military uniforms. Then in 1875, Simon Lazard proposes integrating the banking and finance divisions. Inaugurated on September 11th, 1876, the Lazard bank progressively enters the New York Stock Exchange in the 1880s, survives the Dreyfus Affair and the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, and remains in the States up until the 1907 Bankers' Panic, which puts an end to their American adventure. But before anything else, the Lazards are one big family.

**References :** *The Godfather II* by Martin Scorsese, *Giant* by George Stevens, *There Will Be Blood* by Paul Thomas Anderson

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**Author :** Patrick Sobral  
**Genre :** Heroic fantasy  
**Epoch :** After the “Jovénia Accident”, when all adults become ten-year-olds  
**Setting :** The world of Alysia  
**Timespan :** About 5-6 years



Les Légendaires, Vol. 1. La pierre de Jovénia

### The Legendaires

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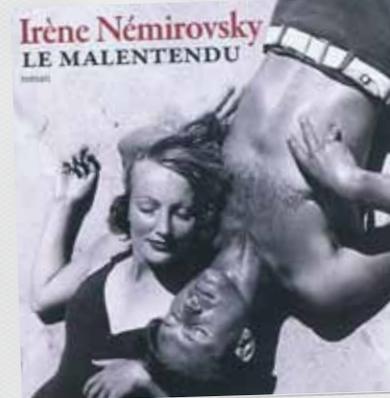
Children in a fantasy world.

The Legendaires lost their last battle against the forces of evil. During the “Jovenia Accident” they became young again, and the entire population is now ten years old. Not easy to rebuild a reputation when you're a ten-year-old kid and all the world has got it out for you. But the Legendaires are courageous, and return to combat for strange, and sometimes tragic, adventures.

**References :** Knights of the Zodiac

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Huge bestseller in the comic book category, with more than one million copies sold in France. This series contains two volumes of adventures. Core target group ages 7-12, boys and girls. 13 volumes published.



Le malentendu

**Author :** Irène Némirovsky  
**Genre :** Novel  
**Epoch :** The 1920's  
**Setting :** Paris and the Basque coast  
**Timespan :** A few months

### The Misunderstanding

9782207259559

A disillusioned, cruel tale about a woman and a man who don't understand one another and long for different things, in spite of their mutual feelings.

Yves Harteloup is the offspring of a wealthy, upper-class family, but the Great War has left him emotionally crippled, a penniless “outcast” socially estranged from his origins. During a vacation in the Basque country he meets a married woman, Denise, who belongs to the very same upper bourgeoisie world he grew up in. Denise soon falls madly for him, but as her feelings grow more intense, Yves becomes more and more aloof and melancholic. Without thinking for a moment that it could alter her relationship with Yves, she agrees to spend time with another man, almost as a hobby. Yet in doing so, she is going to forever lose the man she loves...

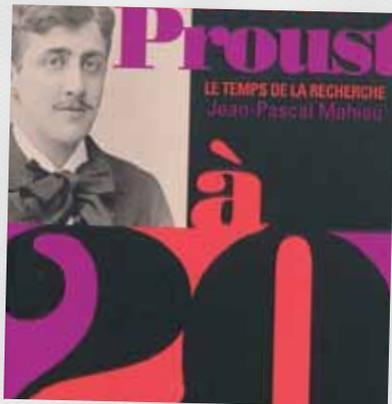
**Why this story?** From the talented Irène Némirovsky, author of Suite Française, an international best-seller, comes this beautiful and cruel love story.

**References :** The Notebook by Nick Cassavetes, Cheri by Stephen Frears

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 SALAMANDRA

**Author :** Jean-Pascal Mathieu  
**Genre :** Biographical documentary  
**Epoch :** 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries  
**Setting :** France  
**Timespan :** 1871-1922



Marcel Proust à 20 ans : le temps de la recherche

### Marcel Proust at 20

9782846262279

How Marcel became Proust, a fragile boy with an irresistible ambition.

The life and work of a great writer at age twenty. Marcel leaves his mother for the first time when he joins the army at twenty. Upon returning to Paris, he moves in artistic circles and takes part in literary salons. But in order to continue this existence, he must first escape the career his father has chosen for him.

**References :** Coco avant Chanel (Coco Before Chanel)

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**Author :** Victoria Donda  
**Genre :** Memory  
**Epoch :** 1970s to present  
**Setting :** Argentina  
**Timespan :** 30 years



Moi, Victoria, enfant volée de la dictature argentine

### My Name Is Victoria

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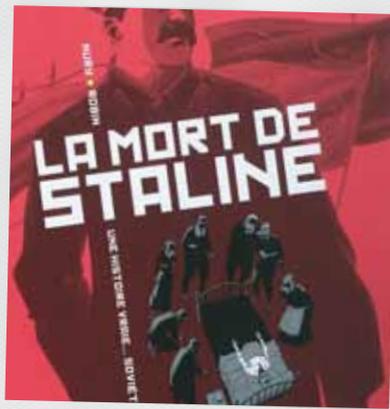
The harrowing true story of an Argentinian woman who learns at 27 that her entire life is a lie: her parents were murdered by the government, and the people who raised her as their own are not who they appear to be.

Victoria is currently the youngest deputy in Argentinian parliament. To succeed on such a level, she had to live through an impossible situation. Her left-leaning parents were killed by the Argentinian dictatorship just after her birth. They were betrayed by her uncle, a member of the military who then gave Victoria away to another family with military ties. Her grandmother founded an association with eleven others to find the lost grandchildren of "the disappeared". They found Victoria when she was 27 years old.

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**Author :** Robin Nury  
**Genre :** Historical dark comedy  
**Epoch :** 1953  
**Setting :** Moscow  
**Timespan :** Two days and a few weeks



La mort de Staline,  
Vol. 1. Agonie

### The Death of Stalin

9782205066760

The death of Stalin and the two next days:  
a true Soviet story

On the 2nd of March in 1953, in the middle of the night, Joseph Stalin, the “Father of Nations” and the man who ruled over Russia as dictator for years, has a stroke. The “Great Architect of Communism” is declared dead two days later.

What follows are two days of internal fights and struggles for supreme power, two intense days drenched with the madness, perversity and inhumanity of Totalitarianism.

You don't need to be a Russian history specialist to enjoy this political and historical farce, where any member dares to take a decision, where no doctor is able to save the “Gardener of Human Happiness” because all the best ones were killed or deported one month before, and where the only device that could save Stalin isn't compatible with the electrical system of his Palace... and it's too noisy! The story also details the aftermath of Stalin's death: everywhere in Russia, people fight to seize control, from those repressed to the most powerful.

A complete English script is already available, written by Fabien Nury who, besides being a bestselling comic book artist, is also a successful movie scriptwriter who penned Tiger's Brigade. The book has just been released and is shortlisted for all the major comics award competitions. It is also Comic of the Month for RTL, a major radio broadcaster in France.

**References :** The Lives of Others (Das Leben der Anderen), The Inner Circle

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EMMA  
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**Author :** Emma Becker  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** The 2000s  
**Setting :** Paris  
**Timespan :** A few months

Mr.

### Mister

9782207109502

In her first novel, Emma Becker scrutinizes the erotic vertigo experienced by a modern-day Lolita. A confession that takes the form a novel, this cruel deconstruction of a fantasy is also the disenchantment of a contemporary Lolita.

Sometimes one extracts a splinter. Sometimes one is extracted from a splinter. The rest matters very little. The rest is nothing but a slow process of unloving that brings all the little girls back to shore, where they unlearn pain and compromise and abnegation and angst, where sorrows are more harrowing and pleasures less enthralling.

Ellie is twenty. She leads a carefree and superficial life until the day she meets Mister, a married surgeon nearing fifty. At first strictly epistolary, their affair finally takes off in a hotel room in the 15th arrondissement of Paris. Ellie will go through several months of feverish waiting, punctuated by clandestine get-togethers and brief phone conversations. Their relationship becomes a vicious circle she will try to break, unsuccessfully.

**Why this story?** A young woman's erotic life, shamelessly experienced and described. A narrator that analyzes her love affairs with great lucidity.

**References :** Lolita by Stanley Kubrick, Lady Chatterley's Lover by Just Jeackin, Une liaison pornographique (An Affair of Love) by Frédéric Fonteyne

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**Setting :** France, Eastern Europe  
**Timespan :** A few months



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**Speechless**

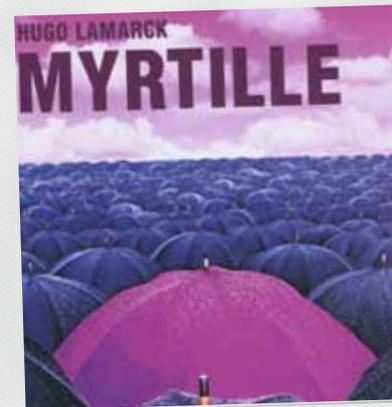
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A social satire in the lineage of Houellebecq

Meet Diane, a woman in her thirties leading a dull life with Franck, her husband who doesn't understand her. Diane sometimes fantasizes he has someone else's features. Memories of her friend Anne, now dead twenty years, still haunt her, as do their dreams. For the past fifteen years, Diane has been making a living reading biographies for publishing houses. Her head can no longer contain the stories of all these people of every age, from everywhere and every background. She has seen and lived it all, vicariously. A confirmed gossipmonger, she has appropriated these stories and tells them to her friends as if they were her own. Until the day she is struck down by lightning and loses her voice...

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Myrtille

**Author :** Hugo Lamarek  
**Genre :** Novel  
**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** Paris (Montmartre and Parc Monceau)  
**Timespan :** A few months

**Myrtille**

9782351760772

She will change your life. A deeply charming, wonderful tale.

One person loves her, another adores her.

That's the way Myrtille is. She will rarely fail to move you. Quite the contrary: she will make you fall in love with her.

Now thirty years old, serene Myrtille is a fruit that breathes love, whatever the season.

She knows that happiness is built on the shifting sands that are threatened each day by the tides.

From Monceau Park to the heart of Montmartre, Myrtille can't help but spend her days inventing a universe for dreams and the imagination.

Myrtille: a strange, bird-masked character who appears where one doesn't expect her. A telephone book, with pages as pale as nights can be. Angelo is in her heart, but not in her bed.

Myrtille: a wonderful love story, a poetic fable that sparkles. A simple, beautiful invitation to pleasure.

**References :** The Piano and In the Cut both by Jane Campion

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Finalist for the Prix Orange 2010

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**Author :** Roger Martin  
**Genre :** Hardboiled detective story  
**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** Paris and the French countryside  
**Timespan :** Several months



Les ombres du souvenir

### Memory's Shadows

9782749114972

Hélène Rénal is still a young girl when she is sentenced for killing her father.

Her investigations will require her to work with David, a policeman who is as seductive as he is perceptive.

After her horrible experience in prison due to a judicial error, Hélène created the Last Resort Agency in Avignon. Over the last three years she has led difficult counter-investigations, alone on the faith of her personal conviction. One day, she receives a visit from Jennifer, a former co-detainee who at one time helped her out. The woman begs her to investigate the death of a friend in prison. Her case is all the more suspect because the lives of two of her brothers also ended mysteriously in other penitentiaries. Traveling between Avignon, Paris, and Le Gévaudan, Hélène Rénal will go from one surprise to the next during the course of her research, and she will receive the unexpected support of police lieutenant David El Khaïdi, who is searching for a missing person. Together they will overcome trials and travails and confront unscrupulous adversaries before shedding light on incredible facts and unraveling a tragic and violent plot. Through this humane, well documented thriller, we follow an uncommon heroine.

**Editor's note :** Roger Martin is the author of over thirty works - documentaries, biographies, hardboiled detective stories, and comics, including the series AmeriKKKa. Books he has published with le cherche midi include L'Empire du mal, Dictionnaire iconoclaste des États-Unis and Jusqu'à ce que mort s'ensuive, which was awarded the Prix Sang d'encre 2008. Active and rhythmic, Memory's Shadows lends itself to a breathtaking, perfectly constructed script.

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Pas de pitié pour les baskets

**Authors :** Joy Sormann, illustrations by Olivier Tallec  
**Genre :** Children's literature  
**Epoch :** The present  
**Setting :** A city, an apartment  
**Timespan :** Two days

### No Mercy for These Sneakers

9782358510417

A picture book about the dictates of style at elementary and middle school.

When Joseph's old pair of sneakers gets torn, it's the best day of his life! Because all he wants is a pair of highly fashionable Mike Air. The truth is he absolutely hates his sneakers now. But when Joseph's mum comes home, she hands him a brand new pair of HORRIBLE sneakers. Could he feel any more miserable and betrayed? How will he EVER get over this? At first he cannot even eat, and then he becomes very angry. He even tries to kill the shoes! But when he wakes up, the sneakers are still there, and the children at school make fun of him... When he returns home, Joseph turns on the TV to see his idol Mickaël Klackson dancing. Joseph tries to dance too, and something magical happens: the shoes help him become light as air: he knows how to dance! And it might well be thanks to the stinky pair of sneakers...

**References :** The TV series Rita et Machin, illustrated by Olivier Tallec and published by Gallimard, which became a Japanese cartoon.

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**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** Paris

QU'AVEZ-VOUS FAIT DE MOI ?



Qu'avez-vous fait de moi ?

Prix de la Roquette (Arles);  
 Sélection Cultura for a first novel;  
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### What Have You Made of Me?

A social comedy that slips into a thriller, a contemporary novel against the background of a political mystery

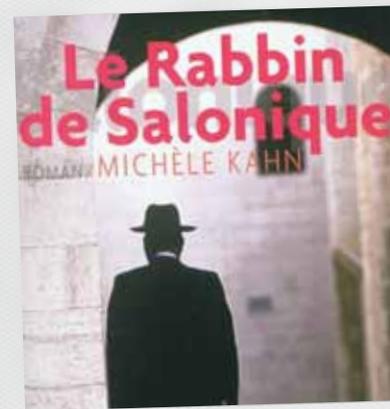
At age 28, Léopold Fleury, urbane and overeducated, continues to vegetate, living precariously from one contract to the next with dreams of literary glory. One day Richard, an old friend, mysteriously gets back in touch with him. The next thing Léopold knows, two special agents, an enigmatic organization, and a tough female killer all storm into his life, hot on Richard's heels.

Nevertheless, Léopold quickly becomes disinterested in all this: hired by a television station, he can finally lead the good life, with money and the girls he picks up at the nocturnal haunts of Paris' in crowd. But when he accepts his boss' unthinkable proposition, the story of his life blows up.

Secondary roles reveal themselves, loves from days of old take arms, and a gigantic plot is hatched in the shadows... Léopold loses control, and reality reveals its flaws.

But in the end, there must always be a guilty party...

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Le Rabbin De Salonique

**Author :** Michèle Kahn  
**Genre :** Fiction  
**Epoch :** 20<sup>th</sup> century, during the war  
**Setting :** Salonika  
**Timespan :** Several weeks

### The Rabbi of Salonika

9782268070131

Does one always have a choice?

A century ago, Salonika was a city so Jewish that people called it the "Jerusalem of the Balkans". On the day of Shabbat, everything came to a halt. But in 1941, German tanks invaded Salonika and the Jewish community was quickly reduced to a small minority. Of the 50.000 Jews living in Salonika, more than 45.000 were sent to extermination camps. Who was responsible for this? The Chief Rabbi of Salonika! He betrayed his community just to protect and save his own family.

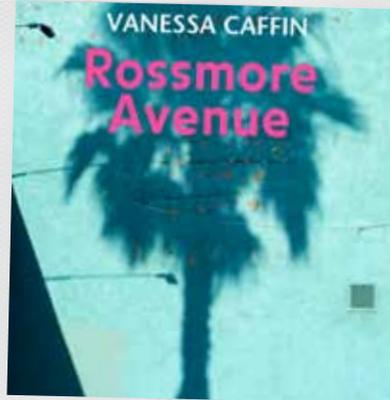
Some writers have called him "the bastard". And in September 1945, the Jewish community brought a lawsuit against the Chief Rabbi, post mortem, as he was the first of fifty-five persons accused.

What was his role in these tragic Jewish convoys ? Author Michèle Kahn's "novelistic writing" is very real as she leads us closer and closer to her fictional hero. Kahn is also the founder of the Prix Joseph Kessel. Her Rabbi of Salonika is a gripping novel!

**References :** Apart from a documentary like Alexandre Safran et la Shoah, there is no film about the ambiguous relationship that certain rabbis must have maintained with the occupying forces.

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**Epoch :** Contemporary  
**Setting :** Los Angeles  
**Timespan :** Several weeks



Rossmore Avenue

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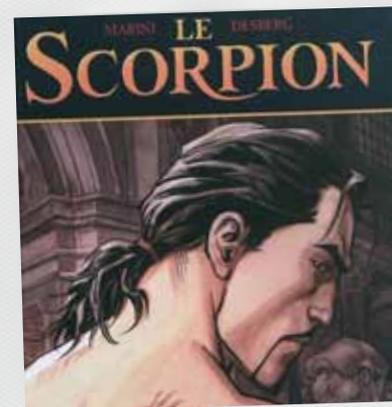
The lives and loves of the tenants of a building in Los Angeles, as seen through the sharp eyes of Lily, a young French woman

Rossmore Avenue houses a small LA condo that contains the broken dreams of a motley crew of tenants centered around Lily, a French shiatsu teacher. Jane and Charlie are a young couple overwhelmed by parenting, and their marriage is on the rocks. Luke is a once-successful painter who has lost his inspiration. Georges is a widower who left behind France, hoping to catch a glimpse of his lifelong idol who lives in L.A. They all live together under the watchful eye of Cora, their Norwegian-speaking Mexican super. Lily, despite or maybe because of her Gallic outspokenness, is a port in the storm for all the tenants of Rossmore, but she also feels very lonely. Will her dates with Tom evolve into something real? Will Jane ever find happiness? Will Luke? And Georges - will his dream of meeting his idol ever come true? In the midst of these daily crises, Pedro, Cora's husband, is found dead in an apparent accident. But was it one?

**References :** The Birthday Party by Jennifer Jason Leigh, Greenberg by Noah Baumbach, Short Cuts by Robert Altman

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Le Scorpion, Vol. 9.  
 Le masque de la vérité

**Author :** Marini Desberg  
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**Epoch :** Mid-18<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** Rome  
**Timespan :** A few days

### The Scorpion

9782505009146

A cape-and-sword thriller that submerges the reader in the mysterious shadows of the 18th century Vatican

It is the Roman Era, and Rome the beautiful is dying. The symbol of its civilization is falling, the empire is burning. Hidden from the massacres and looting, a strange meeting is held by the nine families who share the Roman Empire. To retain their power, they decide to support a new religion - Christianity - as well as its representative, the pope. Later, much later, it is the Renaissance. Christianity prospers. A thief called the "Scorpion" makes a living by unearthing relics from the depths of the Roman catacombs, which he sells at high prices to princes and bishops. Trebaldi, a powerful cardinal, takes an interest in this Scorpion, who is either a creature of the devil or a witness to a cursed era and must disappear. The Scorpion, a swashbuckling womanizer who soon discovers that his mother was burnt at the stake under Trebaldi's orders for loving a man of the cloth, will also collect some clues about his father's identity: he is the pope himself!

**References :** Pirates of the Caribbean, Scaramouche

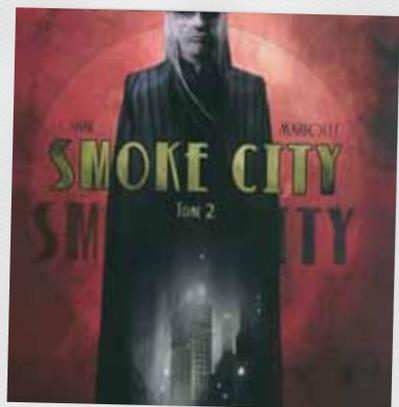
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A bestseller with more than one million copies sold, and translated into many languages: English, German, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese, Indonesian, Serbian... Stephen Desberg, the author, is a famous comic book writer known for his bestselling series I.R.\$., Southern Star, Cassio. Marini is one of the best European artists in the comics industry. Together they have created an irresistible hero to bring back great adventure.

**Authors :**

Script: Mathieu Mariolle

Drawings by Benjamin Carré

**Genre :** Mystery with elements of fantasy**Epoch :** Now**Setting :** Smoke City**Timespan :** Several months

Smoke city, Vol. 2

**Smoke City**

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The theft of a mummy reveals the presence of a demon in Smoke City.

The mysterious and all-powerful Mr. Law reunites a gang of hoodlums and orders them to steal a mummy from a museum. But Law isn't an art fanatic: he's chasing after his immortality. Too bad if it leads Smoke City into the chaos.

**References :** L'Affaire Thomas Crown meets The Dark Knight.

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Le Troisième Jour

ROMAN

Le troisième jour

**Author :** Chochana Boukhobza**Genre :** Fiction**Epoch :** The 1990s**Setting :** Jerusalem**Timespan :** Three days**The Third Day**

9782207101568

A musician decides to take out the Nazi executioner who tortured her during the war, forty-five years after the fact. A novel burning with fever, altogether full of love and anger.

World-famous musician Elisheva and her cellist student Rachel fly out of New York for a concert in Jerusalem. While Rachel reunites with her family, friends, and a long-lost love, Elisheva gets ready for a very secret endeavor. At her hotel, she meets up with Daniel, a Nazi hunter. On the the esplanade before the Holy Temple, she meets up with Carlos, who works for the Vatican. She talks both men into joining her on her quest. Elisheva is a concentration camp survivor who finds her strength in music and anger. In this forever shifting chessboard that is Jerusalem, two stories intertwine, one of wandering that conjures up the wounds of childhood and a bygone love, and another brimming with a promise made to those who have died. Each character gives his own vision of the truth in this novel, and Jerusalem, with its perfumes and blinding light play a central part in Chotchana Boukhobza's three-day-long, breathtaking adventure.

**Why this story?** The crossed destinies of two women both in search of the truth. A plot guided by revenge and a spectacular outcome.

**References :** Marathon Man by John Schlesinger, La jeune fille et la mort (Death and the Maiden) by Roman Polanski

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**Epoch :** 2009-2010  
**Setting :** Marseille  
**Timespan :** About forty years



Un début de mois difficile -  
 Itinéraire d'une maman braqueuse

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### The Start of a Difficult Month - Life of a Hold-up Mom

On December 8th, 2009, Rose-Anne Vicari, a fifty-year-old mother, receives an eviction notice for unpaid rent. Several hours later, she awkwardly holds up the neighborhood tobacconist with a handgun, forcing him to lend her money. She comes from a modest background, and lives alone with her two children. Harassed by the department head at city hall where she works, the situation at her home slowly disintegrates. Rose becomes depressed. Problems escalate: piles of bills, revolving credit, bank overdrafts, and desperate spending. More than a human interest story, the actions of Rose-Anne Vicari, "hold-up woman by necessity," sheds light on a social situation that is becoming more and more predominant, that of the working poor. This strong, sensitive account gives a face and a name to those "forgotten by society," and helps us to understand their day-to-day existence.

**References :** Mes chères études (My Expensive Studies) by Laura D. ; Ken Loach

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**Genre :** Thriller  
**Epoch :** Now and the 19<sup>th</sup> century  
**Setting :** Paris, Rome, Africa  
**Timespan :** Several months

### Revenge Of The Djinn

9782749116822

This diabolical thriller is a huge, hardhitting investigation that leads us deep into the heart of the disreputable secrets of NGOs, transporting us from Europe to Africa. The powerful, original plot sets us on the trail of some strange creatures... Will the desert share its secrets?

Paris and Rome: the cadavers of high-ranking officials are found burned to death. Near the bodies are excerpts from a famous poem by Victor Hugo about djinns, creatures that are half-angel, half-demon. The words on the sheets are written in blood.

Commander Gorin, head of the Crime Division at police headquarters, and Lieutenant Pensec, dive into an infernal investigation that will lead them into the world of humanitarian missions and NGOs, where not all truths should be discussed and where there lies a terrible secret, hidden for years.

It's a secret that won't be revealed until the very last pages of this exceptional thriller, placing the author among the best in the genre.

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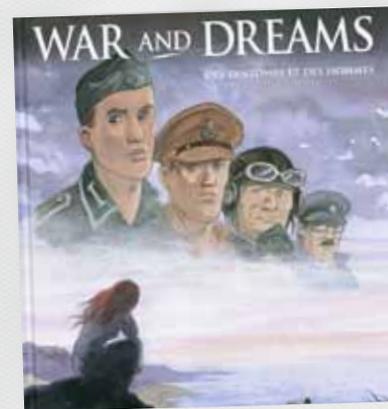
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