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**Actes Sud**

# Actes Sud

Literature & Fiction



**COLIN NIEL**

*A cruel intrigue where no hunter is ever truly certain of his prey.*

ENTRE FAUVES

## AMONG BEASTS

Martin is a forest ranger who works in the Pyrenees National Park. One of his main responsibilities is monitoring the last of the remaining bears. But for the past year and a half, no one has seen any sign of Cannellito, the last of the plantigrade animals with Pyrenean blood that still roams these forests. With every passing day, Martin becomes increasingly convinced that local hunters have killed the animal. So when he comes across a photograph of a young woman, hunting bow in hand, standing over the corpse of a lion, he is determined to find her.

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Literature & Fiction



**CHARIF MAJDALANI**

*The portrait of a city overwhelmed by the violence of its own history.*

BEYROUTH 2020 :  
JOURNAL D'UN EFFONDREMENT

## BEIRUT 2020 JOURNAL OF DEVASTATION

Lebanon, early summer 2020. In a city ravaged by economic crisis and inflation, Charif Majdalani began writing a journal. His intention was to bear witness to this terrible and confusing period. This firsthand account of suffocation and collapse began on August 4, after a deadly explosion devastated the city's harbour. From then on, it became a testimony of catastrophe and upheaval; the portrait of a city overwhelmed by the violence of its own history; the story of "fates cast to the winds."

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**PIERRE DUCROZET**

*The author wonders  
how to get the most out of life  
in a 21<sup>st</sup> century world.*

› LE GRAND VERTIGE

## DIZZYING HEIGHTS

A trailblazing ecologist, Adam Thobias, is asked to lead the International Commission on Climate Change. He creates the independent parallel network Telemachus, made up of scientists and intuitives, specialists and travelers, iconoclasts one and all, who he sends on covert missions, from the South Pacific to the Burmese jungle, from Manaus to Moscow... As their findings begin to filter in, revealing the frenzied encephalogram of a feverish planet, Adam Thobias secretly devises a communal project that is as alternative as it is innovative.

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Humanities & Essays



**GILBERT COCHET  
BÉATRICE KREMER-COCHET**

*To move forward  
and overcome obstacles,  
sometimes all it takes is to  
change your point of view.*

› L'EUROPE RÉENSAUVAGÉE : VERS UN NOUVEAU MONDE

## EUROPE'S RETURN TO NATURE

THE PATH TO A NEW WORLD

Wildlife rehabilitation and reinsertion efforts in diverse natural environments throughout Europe reveal that, even though many iconic animal species are on the brink of extinction, inspiring and successful initiatives are emerging in all countries. Bison, bears, eagles, sturgeon, and seals are returning. It is therefore possible for man to peacefully coexist with nature. This book, based on shared positive experiences, encourages reflection and action.

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**ADRIANO FARANO**

*Investigating the most emblematic food in human history since the Neolithic period.*

› JE NE MANGERAI PAS DE CE PAIN LÀ

## I'LL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT BREAD

While living abroad in the United States, Adriano Farano's youngest child develops a violent intolerance to gluten. Thus begins the author's 3-year investigation into what goes into making bread. As he does so, he pinpoints a very real public health problem. Adriano Farano invites us to follow his investigation, from the origins of breadmaking to the advent of "modern" bread that is too salty, too sweet, made with hybrid gluten... and dangerous for our health. The good news is that alternatives exist!

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Literature & Fiction



**ALICE FERNEY**

*A life-changing book.*

› L'INTIMITÉ

## INTIMACY

A feminist bookseller, single by conviction, decides that she will never be a mother; a father begins looking for a new girlfriend; a teacher, proud of her independence, joins a dating site. By revealing their aspirations, their fears, and their choices, Alice Ferney orchestrates a polyphony between philosophical dialogue and a contemporary comedy of manners. Intimacy examines a society that constantly pushes the boundaries of nature, while calling into question those of ethics. A detailed writer, fascinated by the subtle spiral of possessive love, Alice Ferney provides no easy answers, but with Intimacy, reaches the summit of her art by holding aloft the banner of women's courage.

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VINCIANE DESPRET

*From an animal's perspective, what is a territory?*

› HABITER EN OISEAU

## LIVE LIKE A BIRD

Birds and ornithologists alike spring to life and become extremely endearing beneath Vinciane Despret's pen. By the end of the book, we no longer take the notion of territory for granted. And we may never hear birds sing the same way ever again.

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LAURENT GAUDÉ

*A story about the continuing presence of the departed, which mixes autofiction and fantasy.*

› PARIS, MILLE VIES

## PARIS: 1000 LIVES

1,000 lives have preceded him in this city where he was born, and where he himself has brought so many characters into the world. Guided by a wandering shadow, the writer-narrator wanders through the nighttime streets of a strangely empty Paris, remembering both recent and ancient events, anonymous and famous lives, as well as tutelary figures (Villon, Hugo, Artaud ...).

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**NELLY PONS**

*Over 8 million tons of plastic are dumped into the ocean every year!*

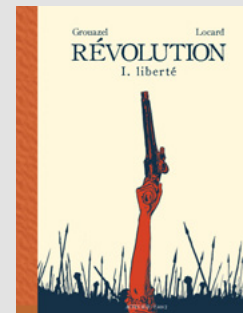
› Océan Plastique :  
ENQUÊTE SUR UNE POLLUTION GLOBALE

## PLASTIC OCEAN INVESTIGATING GLOBAL POLLUTION

Among the collateral damage done to our post-modern civilization, there is one that we don't talk enough about: the plastic pollution in our oceans. The aim of this book is to provide an overview of the problem and discuss the different solutions that are available to us. It also introduces women, men, and initiatives from all over the world who work to preserve this fundamental resource, upon which our very survival depends: the ocean.

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Comic Books & Graphic Novels



**FLORENT GROUAZEL  
YOUNN LOCARD**

*Revolution tells the fascinating tale of the years leading to the collapse of the old world.*

› RÉVOLUTION : I. LIBERTÉ

## REVOLUTION I. LIBERTY

Here, after 5 years of work, the authors present a saga of epic proportions, which evokes the events that took place in France between 1789 and 1794. Instead of placing the great figures of the period in the spotlight, the story is told from the people's point of view. Remarkably documented, written, and drawn by two talented artists (who alternate roles every 15 to 20 pages).

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- > "Fauve d'or d'Angoulême: Prix du meilleur album" 2020
- "Prix Château de Cheverny de la bande dessinée historique" 2019
- "Bulles d'Humanité" 2019
- "Prix Millepages - BD indés/américaine" 2019

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**CHRISTOPHE PERRUCHAS**

*A predator's past catches up to him in the wake of the #MeToo movement.*

› SEPT GINGEMBRES

## SEVEN SLICES OF GINGER

His name is Antoine S. He is 43 years old. An executive in an advertising agency, he receives a visit from a labor inspector following the suicide attempt of an employee; he tells himself that this routine procedure isn't targeting him, and that it will blow over soon. He plans on reacting the way he always has: by compartmentalizing and scattering the information. This is something he does extremely well: raising screens between different situations, like slices of ginger in Japanese cuisine, in order to keep the flavors from mixing together. A succession of brief portraits trace the trajectory of a man crashing against the end of an era.

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**GILLES-ÉRIC SERALINI  
JÉRÔME DOUZELET**

*An enlightening investigation that plunges into the origins of the "Monsanto Papers."*

› L'AFFAIRE ROUNDUP  
À LA LUMIÈRE DES MONSANTO PAPERS

## SHEDDING LIGHT ON ROUNDUP AND THE MONSANTO PAPERS

This investigation reveals how the multinational company Monsanto did everything in its power to discredit Gilles-Eric Seralini's research, which revealed the toxicity of RoundUp and the GMOs associated with it, how regulations designed to protect the population are being abused, and, finally, how the corruption of science, medicine, and public administration is organized.

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**LOLA LAFON**

*The complex, moving portrait  
of a young dancer.*

› CHAVIRER

## SUBMERGED

1984. Cléo is 13 years old when she is approached by a woman who offers her a chance to compete for a scholarship sponsored by the Galatée Foundation. A chance to make her dreams of becoming a dancer come true. She falls into an insidious trap, into which she unwittingly drags some of her middle school classmates. 2019. The Foundation's private files are revealed on the Internet: the police begin looking for the victims of a network responsible for providing teenage girls to men of influence, under the pretext of helping them financially. Now an adult, Cléo, who has enjoyed a rewarding dancing career, realizes that the past has returned to haunt her.

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> "Prix Landerneau des lecteurs" 2020

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**AKI SHIMAZAKI**

*Suzuran is the first volume  
of a new romantic saga  
by Aki Shimazaki.*

› SUZURAN

## SUZURAN

In a small town near the Sea of Japan lives Anzu, a young ceramicist who is raising her son on her own. Divorced, independent, unwaveringly gentle, she seems completely impervious to the vicissitudes of life. Her secret weapon is her love for pottery. One day, her older sister, an unmarried and unrepentant seductress, announces that she has become engaged. Dealing with her sister, her aging parents, her ex-husband, and her (charming) future brother-in-law, Anzu discreetly, skillfully, and resolutely makes her way through life. The author masters the codes of minimalistic family sagas and euphemistic melodrama to perfection.

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**CHRISTIAN GARCIN**

*Christian Garcin questions the foundations of existence and reality. But could there be more than one?*

› LE BON, LA BRUTE ET LE RENARD

## THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE FOX

3 Chinese men scour the Californian desert, searching for a daughter who hasn't given any sign of life in over a month. During their slow progression, they repeatedly cross paths with a pair of American police officers who are following the trail of another missing person as well... Elsewhere, in Paris, then in Marseille, a Chinese journalist-turned-crime novelist halfheartedly investigates the disappearance of his employer's daughter. Does one thing explain the other? Or is it the other way around?

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**MATHIAS ENARD**

*The author of Boussole explores the resources of his native Poitou, unearths treasures of pop culture, and gives free rein to his witty sense of humor.*

› LE BANQUET ANNUEL DE LA CONFRÉRIÉ DES FOSSEYEURS

## THE GRAVEDIGGER BROTHERHOOD'S ANNUAL BANQUET

For his thesis on the subject of "Country Life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," an anthropology student takes up residence in a fictitious village on the edge of the Marais Poitevin, in order to observe the habits and customs of its picturesque inhabitants -- starting with the Mayor, the larger-than-life owner of the local funeral home.

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**ILAN DURAN COHEN**

*Both funny and disturbing, Ilan Duran Cohen's new novel is a tenderhearted farce with some very tough side effects.*

› LE PETIT POLÉMISTE

## THE LITTLE POLEMICIST

Just when everything seems to be going so well for Alain Conlang, mild-mannered TV polemicist who is not only State-endorsed but also adored by the country's youth, he cuts loose with a silly, gratuitously sexist remark during a casual dinner party. Was he bored? Was it the alcohol? Bad taste? No excuse can justify it. In a world that has been ideologically bleached, this slip of the tongue is likely to precipitate our 21st century Bartleby headlong into a decidedly inflexible Kafkaesque downward spiral.

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Science & Technology,  
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**SOPHIE GOETTMANN**

*What do our fingernails reveal about our health and diet?*

› VOS ONGLES, TOUT UN MONDE :  
EMBELLIR - SOIGNER - GUÉRIR

## THE SECRET WORLD OF YOUR NAILS

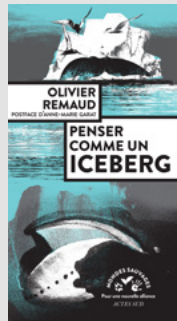
ENHANCEMENT - GROOMING - TREATMENT

What are their weaknesses? What problems can they cause, and how do we take care of them? Sophie Goettmann provides expert advice on daily grooming, how to keep your nails looking their best, and how to use cosmetics. She shows us just how close the ties between our skin, fingernails, and emotional state truly are. A unique, unparalleled book. With this first volume on fingernails and their world, which has been kept secret until now, a specialist reveals hitherto undisclosed knowledge to the general public.

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**OLIVIER REMAUD**

*How can one observe wildlife from a fresh perspective?*

› PENSER COMME UN ICEBERG

## THINK LIKE AN ICEBERG

Olivier Remaud takes us behind the scenes. Snow crunches, ice floes crack, blocks of ice drift through the ocean. We go kayaking, we dive into cold waters, we hear the voices of indigenous peoples. There is no doubt about it: they are among us; they are with us. Which is why everything that affects them today also affects us.

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**BAPTISTE MORIZOT**

*An outdoorsman and philosopher, the author explores the similarities and differences between mankind and animals.*

› MANIÈRES D'ÊTRE VIVANT : ENQUÊTES SUR LA VIE À TRAVERS NOUS

## WAYS TO BE ALIVE

INVESTIGATING LIFE THROUGH OUR OWN EXPERIENCES

This book delves into a series of philosophical investigations, based on the techniques of tracking. Here we follow the tracks left on our personal ethics by our inner animals. We set off to observe the interdependencies of an ecosystem filled with meadows, sheep, shepherds, and predators, in order to imagine different approaches to living. These expeditions offer suggestions on how to reopen paths of sensitivity, in order for us to reconnect with them and consider them from a fresh perspective.

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