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**BENOIT FRANQUEBALME**

*History as a succession  
of inebriations.*

› IVRESSES

## A DRUNKEN HAZE

For thousands of years alcohol has played a defining role in world history—and more than once, great events have been observed through a drunken haze. The great pyramids of Ancient Egypt could not have been built without a constant supply of beer. The French kept the 100 Years' War going thanks to hundreds of barrels of Loire wine. The day JFK was assassinated in Dallas, his bodyguards were recovering from a massive hangover. And on the night of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1994, a drunken Russian general decided to attack Grozny in Chechnya... Hishtory as you have never sheen it before!

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and the land that shapes  
and transforms us.*

› UNE PISCINE DANS LE DÉSERT

## A POOL IN THE DESERT

Fausta leaves Beirut to find solace at her uncle's home in the mountains bordering the 3 countries that have been at war for years. Paradoxically, this is where Fausta spent the best summers of her childhood. She can't wait to dive into the pool that she had built on a piece of land they don't own. Her plans are upset by the arrival of Leo, who flew in from Canada to settle the affair of the illegal pool. It is his first time on the land his family has owned for centuries. He hopes to sell it quickly and leave. Fausta's uncle takes him in while Fausta observes. Both she and Leo are fascinated by their ancestral village. They feel the need to confront its power in order to find themselves and stay... or escape.

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**SANDRINE COLLETTE**

*A fable-like novel that questions the survival of the human race.*

› ET TOUJOURS LES FORÊTS

## AND STILL THERE ARE FORESTS

Nobody wants Corentin—neither his estranged father nor his mother, who abandons him. With Augustine, he begins a new life in the forest. As a young man he is drawn to the city and a life of constant partying. But the world is burning. The rivers dry up and the trees lose their leaves in June. One night, everything implodes. Hidden in the city's catacombs, Corentin survives, but he returns to a lifeless world in which he is alone. Illogically, he sets out to find Augustine. It is a desperate, passionate quest, an obsessive mission to bring the world back to life, as he clings to a belief that life never ceases altogether.

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*Each one of Sylvie's words becomes our own and resonates with our lives, our aspirations for freedom and peace.*

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## HOSTAGES

Sylvie is ordinary, modest, punctual, simple... She's the kind of woman you can count on and a good colleague. When her husband leaves her, she accepts her fate and puts on a brave face in order to raise her sons. When her boss asks her to put in extra hours and keep an eye on her coworkers, she does not protest. She always complies, until one morning, all of the unfairness in the world and her own loneliness come crashing down on her at once. Her universe collapses. What she does next is reprehensible, criminal even, but her rebellion has made her feel alive, and free at last. She is reborn.

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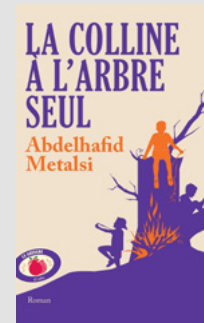
› NOCES DE JASMIN

# JASMINE ANNIVERSARY

In Tunis, Medhi paces his prison cell, wondering what fate awaits him. On the outside, Essia, a young woman who works for the French Institute, is worried: her new love, Medhi, has disappeared. She goes to the newspaper where he works, then to his hometown to try to find him. Meanwhile, Essia's father recalls the days leading up to independence and believes it's no coincidence that the pain under his left foot has returned, just like when the French left in 1956. He also has more customers than usual in his pharmacy, especially young people. Something is happening. Newspapers are censored, but information comes in over the internet. Medhi is still the only one who knows a revolution has begun.

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*In a small blue collar town in eastern France, 5 children try to realize their dreams using any means necessary.*

› LA COLLINE À L'ARBRE SEUL

# LONE TREE HILL

A group of five 10-year-olds without even a cent in their pockets, who love cinema, braised potatoes, and cola. To quench their thirst for discovery, they dig through a huge dumpster, scavenging for pieces of metal, cardboard, and empty bottles to sell to the local scrap dealer. But they have competition from the Gypsies and Momo the tramp. While waiting to grow up, they hang around the suburb with Lachance the cat, asking each other questions about the world and the naked couple they saw at the top of Lone Tree Hill.

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LAURENT ALEXANDRE

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# MAKE PROGRESS WHILE THE SUN WARMS!

Is it possible to express a reasonable, positive, and optimistic view on the subject of the environment without being drowned out by fanatical "greens"? Collapsology is in danger of defeating technology. By eschewing progress in the name of "preserving the planet" the French risk being wiped off the historical map by the Chinese and Americans. France must abandon its false beliefs and put its faith back in technology. And it is up to its youth to do so, rather than yield to ecological alarmism, which will only lead to political violence. The end of the world is not just around the corner; human history has only just begun!

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*Between the two World Wars, an old silk farm corroded by silence and family secrets.*

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In June 1935, 18-year-old Emile leaves for military duty. Although he won't see them for 2 full years, his parents barely change their routine at La Cordot. They are neither proud nor worried. They never speak of WWI or of the now derelict silk farm that was once the family's pride and joy. The morning of his departure, his mother shows him no particular tenderness. She merely sticks the official family birth record into the bottom of his knapsack. On it he reads 2 names: Suzanne, his mother, and the name of a man who is not his father. Who is he? To find out, he must unwind the cocoon and pull on the thread that reaches back to the very beginning of the family curse.

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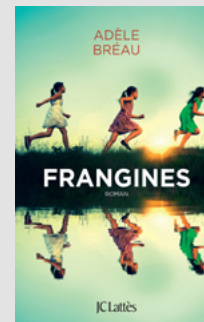
"A lifetime of trophies, titles, losses, encounters, betrayals, and loneliness. Men's lives lived according to the succession of games, weekend games, championships, the World Cup, driving the youngest to practice sessions, a bedroom plastered with posters of famous players, it's the meeting of the most humble with the most pretentious. It is a sport with a ball that can be played anywhere, barefoot. It is a billion-euro industry that can make fortunes but also, like all businesses, is rife with corruption. It is insults, but also a new kind of brotherhood. It is everything and its opposite, the best and the worst. My life. The past is synonymous with history and history must be written."

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*3 sisters, a family home, life-changing summers, and hidden secrets.*

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## SISTERS

Sisters Mathilde, Violette, and Louise Carpentier have spent the happiest days of their lives at La Garrigue, the house their parents bought in Provence, before the tourists came. The joys and hardships of life have formed a bond between them—Mathilde, the eldest, beautiful and dominant; Violette, always in her shadow; and Louise, by far the youngest. This summer, the sisters are together again at La Garrigue for the first time since the dramatic events of the previous year. Their reunion will be therapeutic as secrets are revealed and bitterness is warmed by their beloved southern sun.

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LE STRESS POST-TRAUMATIQUE  
N'EST PAS UNE FATALITÉ

## THE 4 TENSES OF REBIRTH

POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS  
ISN'T INEVITABLE

Learn how to conjugate your emotions through the 4 verb tenses that can generate well-being:

- The past: no guilt in looking to the past. The trick is to entertain healthy nostalgia without dwelling on the past.
- The present: to enjoy a positive relationship with the present, it is important to identify our emotions and physical needs in order to reclaim our minds and bodies.
- The future: we must learn to tolerate the unknown, replace our objectives with our values, and cultivate optimism.
- The present participle: this tense puts us on the road to self-awareness, thanks to movement and relaxation that guarantee a connection to the present.

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*A deeply moving tale that offers hope for the truth and acts as a memorial for those who lost their lives.*

› LES DISPARUS DU JOOLA

## THE DROWNED OF THE JOOLA FERRY

How could such a catastrophe have happened? Who was responsible? Who were the victims? Adrien decides to investigate. He talks to anyone he can about the Joola ferry, going back in time to when the boat was being built, then allowed to operate despite its defects. He tells of the days following the wreck as grieving families searched for the truth and a body to bury. One day, in France, Adrien meets Hélène, who lost her son Dominique in the Joola shipwreck. Adrien's investigation thus takes a more personal turn as he follows Dominique's life. A young man who was, in a way, much like himself. With this poignant account, Adrien Absolu offers hope for the truth and a memorial for those who lost their lives.

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## THE METEORIC LOVERS

One night in a secluded bar somewhere in Paris, Marianne meets Virgile, a talented, whimsical landscapist, and a homosexual. Almost immediately, inescapably, they fall in love, the kind that only comes along once in lifetime. From the streets of Paris to the shores of Brittany, their love tastes like the lime of a margarita, salty oysters, good wine, and wild parties. Together Marianne and Virgile celebrate life and their happiness, make plans for the future, and soon desire a child together. But a tragic event will change everything.

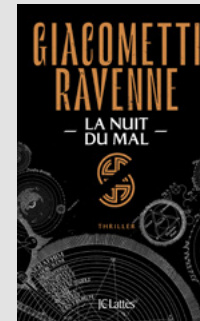
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*What if the truth resided in the youth of forbidden secrets of a certain Adolf Hitler?*

› LE CYCLE DU SOLEIL NOIR (TOME 2) :  
LA NUIT DU MAL

## THE NIGHT OF EVIL

Autumn 1941. With the war's outcome still uncertain, a British intelligence officer interrogates his prisoner, the SS master of esotericism, to learn his secret strategy. On the other side of Europe, the Nazi institute specializing in archeology and the occult is excavating the site of Knossos in the hopes of finding the third Swastika. Thus ensues a harrowing race against time from the Wewelsburg Castle to the abbey in Austria where Hitler worshipped in his youth, and finally to Venice for the ultimate duel in this underground war. This second book explores the unknown links between Nazism and esotericism, based on true historical influences of esoteric thought and factions in Hitler's rise to power.

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*A dizzying race against the clock featuring a double agent, a German archeologist, and a young woman of the French Resistance.*

› LE CYCLE DU SOLEIL NOIR (TOME 3) :  
LA RELIQUE DU CHAOS

## THE RELIC OF CHAOS

July 1918. The Russian Imperial family is executed by revolutionaries. Before dying, Tsar Nicolas II reveals the whereabouts of the last Swastika. July 1942. Never has the outcome of the war seemed so uncertain. While England appears to have avoided the risk of invasion, Stalin's Russia is crumbling under the onslaught of Hitler's troops. In the great hunt for the Swastikas, the occult war is raging! The first one to reach the final Swastika will claim victory. In Berlin, Moscow, and London, all of the saga's heroes are engulfed in a dizzying race against the clock: Tristan, the double agent; Erika, the German archeologist; and Laure, the young woman of the French Resistance.

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*A deeply disturbing noir novel about a young woman trapped in a toxic and violent relationship.*

› LA DEUXIÈME FEMME

## THE SECOND WIFE

Sandrine is in her thirties and hates herself. Having grown up with an abusive father, she has isolated herself from the world. One day, a happily married woman disappears while jogging. Sandrine takes over her place. When the case is widely broadcasted, Sandrine gets closer to the devastated husband. She even moves in with him, but turns a blind eye to the man's insidious and violent behavior, which doesn't compare to her past suffering.

But then the first wife reappears out of the blue and Sandrine's world falls apart. Who is really behind the facade of the devastated husband?

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*A dive into the deep dark secrets of the war that reveals the little-known occult side of the Nazi Party.*

› LE CYCLE DU SOLEIL NOIR (TOME 1) :  
LE TRIOMPHE DES TÉNÉBRES

## THE TRIUMPH OF DARKNESS

On an expedition to Tibet in January 1939, SS officers acquire a Swastika chiseled in an unknown metal. It is one of the Four Elements that, according to prophesy, will enable he who possesses all 4 to become master of the universe. Meanwhile, a Republican commando and a French adventurer named Tristan are breaking into a monastery in Spain. There, Tristan discovers a painting linked to the hiding place of one of the elements. In October 1940, Nazi Germany is master of Europe. A race begins to find the missing elements. SS Colonel Weistord, head of esotericism and archeology, frees Tristan from a Spanish prison and forces him to collaborate. In England, a new secret service agent sets up an operation to obtain the second element. Thus begins the battle that will determine the outcome of WWII.

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*Sarah Maeght is not afraid of emotion, and it shows.*

› LES IMBATTABLES

## THE UNBEATABLES

Victoire is a literature student who dreams of being selected for an exchange program with an American university... but she is also penniless, anxiety-ridden, and convinced that she isn't good enough.

To make ends meet, she has a job taking care of Basile, a 12-year-old with Aspergers. Basile divides people into 2 categories: the worthy and the worthless. One day when he misses the bus for a school trip, Victoire finds herself obligated to care for him full time. During this forced cohabitation, they will grow closer and learn to support one another, and they both will blossom.

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## THE WITCH'S COMPLEX

One night, Isabelle Sorente dreams of a mysterious woman, a witch. Who is she? As the author begins to dig, the witch starts to haunt her. And with her, all women who were chased, tortured, and killed because people believed they made a deal with the devil. In 3 centuries in Europe, 100,000 women were executed and over 200,000 accused of witchcraft. The more Isabelle Sorente learns about these women, the more the witch's image and dreams stir up memories from her own life. As if the witch were speaking to a forgotten part of herself and pushing her to act. As if they were making a pact for her and for all women. Did witch hunts leave a secret mark on the memory of all women? An intimate investigation into what we are and how our witch complex can also save us.

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## TO HOLD AND TO HAVE

Emma, age 45, is a woman who loves her freedom. Several painful relationships have shaken her confidence in life and the future, so she has decided to live only in the moment. But one February morning, she meets a man who rocks her world. But soon France goes into lockdown and their blossoming love story turns virtual. Contact is limited to phone calls, text messages, and email. Is it possible to nurture desire without touch, without holding each other? When physical contact becomes possible, what is left of their story?

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