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## A LIFE, OR THEREABOUTS

Mathilde isn't exactly a spring chicken and has just moved to a retirement home, where she begins to keep a journal: *A Life, or Thereabouts*. In it, she writes down old memories: her childhood during the war, the disappearance of her father, fleeing to the free zone, the disappearance of her mother, hiding on a farm... Then the return to normal life in the midst of devastation. She also narrates her daily life in the strange world that is the retirement home and how her friendship with a nurse's aide gives her the strength to keep fighting.

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## AFTER THE WORLD

November 2022. A cyclone of unprecedented size ravages the West Coast of the United States. Unable to pay for the damage, insurance companies go bankrupt, then the American financial system crumbles, dragging the rest of the world down with it. No more money, no more sources of energy, no more communication... And one climate catastrophe after another. In just a few months, the world as we know it is submerged. This story raises concrete political, human, and social questions: is humanism a privilege for times of plenty? Is it possible to invent new ways of living together and in this world?

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Suffering from an incurable illness, Sitam leaves behind those with whom he shares his life. Having become aware of his mistake, he resigns himself to leading a solitary life. The death of one of his former friends will force him to return to the projects he once called home. A journey that will plunge him headfirst into the past. They had been a tight-knit group, growing up in a world where money was scarce, but their thirst for adventure had been boundless. When they are reunited, Sitam realizes how hard the life they were given truly is.

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In the midst of the 2003 heatwave, Lily, a taxi driver, is driving an elderly couple through Cannes. As the temperature rises and the miles flash by, each of the characters is revealed, somewhere between love and violence. Lily is thinking about Jessica, her eldest daughter, a disturbed teen. And about her ex-husband, who left her for a younger woman. And above all, about what's in the trunk... The heatwave creates an almost post-apocalyptic atmosphere that echoes the angst of the characters, whose lives inexorably escape them. The author brilliantly maintains the suspense until the very last second.

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## DOSTOYEVSKY

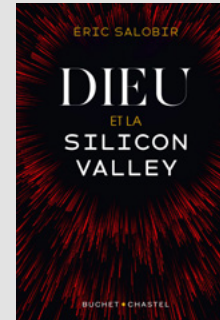
The "Authors of My Life" collection invites great contemporary authors to share their admiration for a classic that has special meaning for them. Born in Bulgaria, Julia Kristeva read Dostoyevsky in her youth. Having become one of the major figures on Europe's intellectual scene, she shares a profound and stimulating analysis of this author that marked her life's trajectory.

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*A Dominican geek  
at the Vatican.*

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At nearly 50 years of age, Brother Eric Salobir is a unique character in the Catholic Church. This Dominican priest has a rare area of expertise: he's a consultant for the Vatican in the field of new technologies and spends a good part of his time building bridges between Rome and the Silicon Valley. To the extent that he's now the deus ex machina for meetings between Pope Francis, the cardinals, and the big bosses in the tech industry.

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# MIARKA

Denise Jacob is only 19 when she joins the Resistance under the name Miarka. She gathers requests for counterfeit papers and passes along information, until she is arrested. Subjected to torture, Miarka demonstrates extraordinary courage. She doesn't talk. She is then deported to Ravensbrück, followed by Mauthausen, just as her family (including her little sister, the future Simone Veil) is plunged into the darkness of the Holocaust. Antoine de Meaux knew Denise Jacob well. He retraces her astounding story by drawing on unpublished archives, letters, personal texts, and her father's journals.

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The son's name is André. His mother's name is Gabrielle. His father is unknown. André is raised by Hélène (Gabrielle's sister) and her husband. He grows up surrounded by his female cousins. Every summer, he is reunited with Gabrielle, who comes to spend her vacation with her family. Moving between a village in southwestern France, 2 villages in the Cantal region, and Paris, Story of the Son delves into the very heart of a family, its everyday sources of joy and deepest exaltations, and those who dig tunnels into lives under layers of silence.

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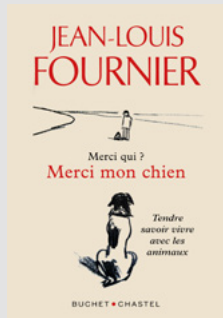
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## THANKS TO WHOM? MY DOG

"I'm going to try to remember all of the animals that have helped me through life, all of the animals that I'd like to thank." Thus begins this declaration of love to the animal kingdom. Several questions follow... How should one greet animals? How formal should one be when addressing them? Can you eat those you love? What is hiding behind their silence and beauty? And finally, what do they think of humans?

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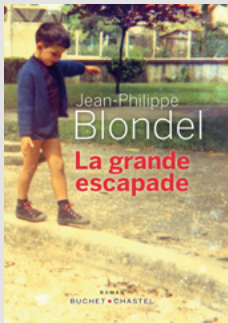
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## THE GREAT ESCAPE

The 1970s, the countryside, the school built of orange-colored bricks, the public park, and the vacant lot. But above all, the members of a scholarly group: a troop of teachers and their families, who still consider themselves to be trustees of knowledge. But this is also a world on the verge of change: the first warning signs regarding the state of the environment and ecology, women standing up on their own two feet, forced diversity in schools...

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*A war photographer  
is confronted with the horror  
of the concentration camps.*

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## THE INVISIBLE LAND

In 1945, in a German city, an English war photographer is unable to return home. While covering the German defeat, he witnessed the liberation of a concentration camp. Ever since, he's been unable to find the right words. Along with a very young soldier, he heads out onto the roads at random. The photographer is haunted by what he's seen, as is the soldier by personal events that took place at his home in England. The Invisible Land is the story of their journey.

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*How digital technology  
has widened social divisions.*

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# THE NEW DIGITAL DISORDER

Initially, new technologies were synonymous with hope for a more egalitarian world. Reality has turned out quite differently. We thought that digital technology would free businesses, but it enabled a few titans to dominate and impose their law. We thought that it would level the social playing field, but it merely separated elite technophiles from disconnected populations. We thought that it would reinforce democracy, but never has it been so weak. If we don't act, digital technology will destroy civilization. We must change our institutions, harness technology, and restore balance to society.

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