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*Doors are everywhere,  
from narrow exits  
to monumental gateways.*

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## ETHNOLOGY OF THE DOOR

From the Magdalenians of Etiolles to the Ishtar Gate of Babylon, from Greek porticoes to Roman triumphal arches or the gates to Hell, this essay retraces the construction of the ideas surrounding the everyday object of the door. In all of its forms, throughout history and societies, it conjures up notions of inside and outside, open and closed, and safety and danger.

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## ETHNOLOGY OF THE OFFICE

After the ethnologies of the bedroom and the door, the author invites us to take a new look at ourselves through one of the major commonalities of the work world today: the office. From the Benedictine monk to the contemporary young executive, from Napoleon's office society to the Kafkaesque bureaucrat, from the copyist's desk to the digital nomadism of co-working, this book is a journey into what makes the office and sedentary work the center of development in our modern societies. An experience over 300 years old, shared on a daily basis by 5 billion people in the world!

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When you're a hardworking single woman with a strong moral compass who's worked all her life to keep her head above water while raising her kids... When you've served justice without fail, translating thousands of hours of phone-tapping under the table... How do you cross that line? It's simple. You divert a drug trafficker's mountain of cannabis and you do so with a light heart, without any feelings of guilt or fear, but rather... you might say... a joyous detachment. And you become the Godmother.

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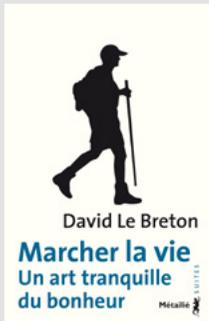
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