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Michel Audiard, 1983

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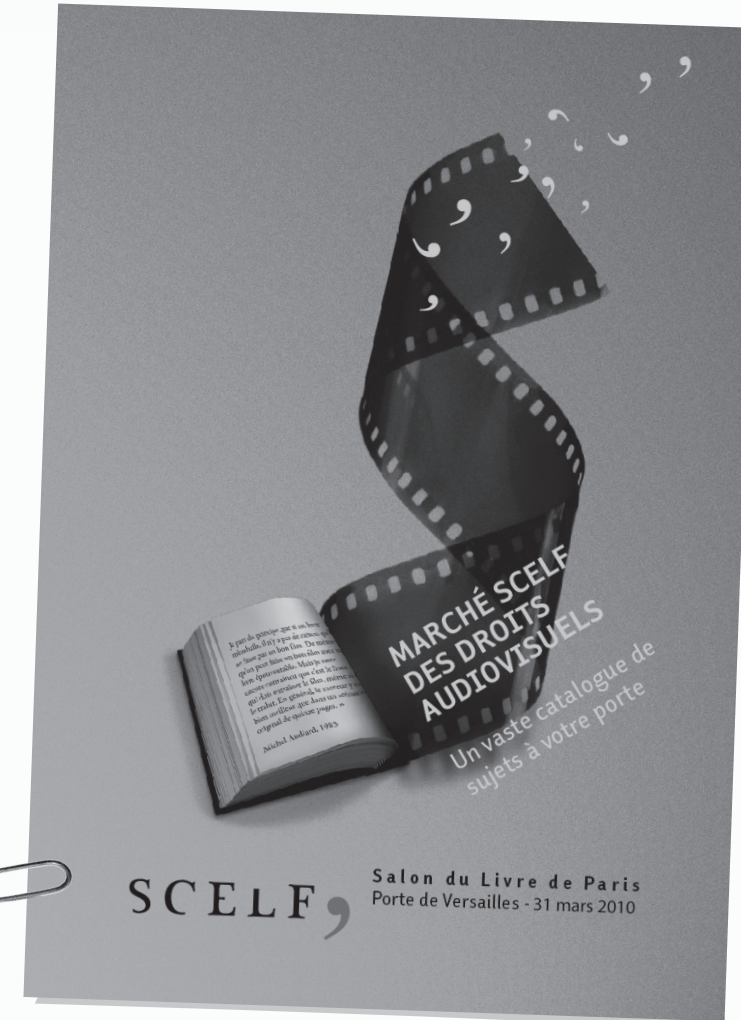
Two years ago, the SCELF started to catalog the audiovisual use (film or television) of books published in France for a database called 'Source d'Images'.

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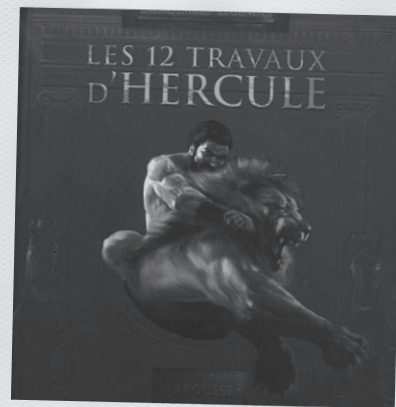
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Les Douze Travaux d'Hercule

The Twelve Labours of Hercules

ISBN: 9782035846518

A magnificent animated book of the fabulous adventures of one of the greatest heroes of Greek mythology!

A new series of rich and fantastic documentaries to discover the adventures of the greatest heroes of classic mythology. Numerous fairy activity pages to discover while having fun (fold-outs, booklets, tear-sheets, pop-ups...). The fascinating story of the most famous Greek mythological hero. Numerous wonderful pop-ups of Hercules lion's pelt, the chase of the golden hind, the capture of the Cretan bull, his fight against the Amazon queen, stealing the apples from the Hesperides, etc.

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Author: Catherine Mory, Marc Simonetti, Miguel Coimbra
Genre: Children's Non-Fiction, with different types of animation
Epoch: Greek Mythology
Setting: Various Antique Civilisations (Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, the Arab World, the Aztecs)
Timespan: All of Hercules' life

Advance Order: 19,896 copies
Licences: Greece, Mexico, Croatia

L'aveu de toi à moi

ISBN: 9782213634333

The life of an anti-hero in France during the Vichy government. A true story.

This is the story of Rubi, father of Louise who was the narrator's girlfriend in '68. It about an investigation led by the narrator, about Rubi's mysterious and tortuous path during the war years. In a right-wing youth movement then Resistant, STO then SS, deserter, prisoner in Dachau, finally prisoner in Clairvaux, yet Rubi never fired a shot. So who is Rubi? A man who, from one confession to the next, sometimes rewrites his own life story with himself in a flattering role? And why is the narrator so keen to find out, whatever the cost?

Film References: «Un héros très discret» by Jacques Audiard; «The Reader» by Stephen Daldry

Why this story? We discover that the real life experience of history is always much more complex than retrospective ideological accounts.

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Morgan Sportès
L'aveu
de toi à moi



L'aveu de toi à moi

Author: Morgan Sportès
Genre: French novel
Epoch: From the 30s to the 90s
Setting: France, Germany
Timespan: Fifty years



Bardo, Le Passage

Bardo, Le Passage

ISBN: 9782916546278

This is the story of a young woman travelling through the bardos – the Tibetan word for intermediate states before reincarnation. The author draws his inspiration from the Tibetan Book of the Dead and retraces its contents and stages.

While travelling through a remote area of the Himalaya Mountains during a motorecycling holiday, a young couple are involved in a tragic accident caused by a Tibetan peasant. Evan breaks his leg, but Anne loses her life and begins her journey through the Passage. Instead of seeking help, the peasant embarks on some strange rituals to help her in her journey. In her new ghostly form, Anne is forced to revisit the important events of her life. She has no control over the destinations or stopovers she encounters increasingly quickly, nor over the feelings that violently emerge as she tries to find the meaning of her existence. Only then will she find peace and rebirth.

Film References: Ghost dir: Jerry Zucker, The Fountain by Darren Aranofsky, The Sixth Sens by M. Night Shyamalan

Why this story? A book about life, love, death and life again. You don't have to be a Buddhist to enjoy this story, it certainly gives hope and raises questions about the meaning we give to life and what comes after, whatever our beliefs may be. The subject and the treatment make it exceptional: a poetic novel and a self-help book, it meets the contemporary need for spirituality in a time of economic crisis and disillusion with materialism.

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Literary Prizes: Le Grand Livre du Mois (book club), Goldman Arkana (Germany), Luciernaga/ Grup 62 (Spain)

Best Love Rosie

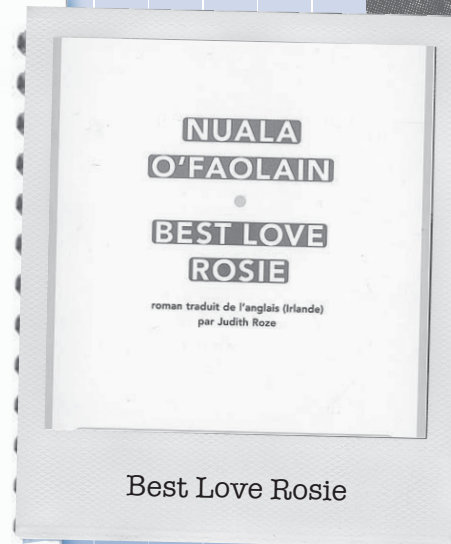
ISBN: 9782848050676

A droll, generous novel, full of surprises. Often with joy, sometimes with our hearts in our mouths, we follow two women between New York and Dublin as they search for love, their origins but above all, freedom.

After travelling the world over, Rosie decides it's time to go home to Dublin to look after Min, the ageing alcoholic aunt who brought her up. Neither the people nor their customs have changed in the working-class district, and cohabitation with Min, whose only pleasure is her daily trip to the pub, is dull indeed. While leafing through the self-improvement books purchased to solve Min's existential problems, Rosie thinks she might usefully occupy her time by writing a book herself, for the over-fifties. When she goes to New York to discuss her project, the novel takes a dramatic turn: Min joins her in Manhattan. Very soon the roles are reversed: the old lady is exalted by her discovery of America, while Rosie returns to Ireland, alone, in search of her origins...

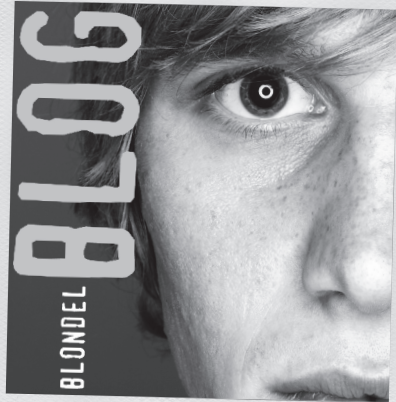
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Other adaptations: Poche, France Loisirs, GLM.



Best Love Rosie

Author: Nuala O'Faolin
Genre: Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: Dublin / New York
Timespan: One - two years



Blog

Author: Jean-Philippe Blondel
Genre: Thriller
Epoch: Today
Setting: France
Timespan: A few months

Blog

ISBN: 9782742789368

Forthcoming March, 2010.

A young man discovers his father is spying on his blog. To him this is an act of betrayal, yet the incident brings them together and leads to a family secret being revealed.

When the narrator discovers that his father has been spying on his blog, he feels betrayed, his virtual privacy violated. Disgusted, he decides not to speak to him again. To gain forgiveness, the father presents his son with a dusty old box of photos, letters and diaries from his own teens... The resulting plunge into the past - into the eighties (the victory of the Left in France, the advent of free radios) - transforms his father into a romantic character experiencing his first loves, entering into adulthood. But in July 1982, the diary suddenly breaks off. Why? One detail, a first name, intrigues him. A person who seemed to play a secondary role in the notebooks, no more than a silhouette, in reality represents a secret: the tragic death of a brother in a road accident. A paternal secret whose unveiling leads to reconciliation.

Film References: L.O.L by Joe Swanberg

Why this story? The father-son relation is skillfully told with simple words but profound emotion.

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Ce que je sais de Vera Candida

ISBN: 9782879296791

A dazzling tale that blends realism and magic.

Somewhere in South America, on the island of Vatapuna or in Lahomeria, three generations of women seem to be doomed to meet the same fate: to give birth to a little girl and be forced to keep the father's name a secret forever. Their names are Rose, Violette and Vera Candida. They are women who value their freedom but are inclined to melancholy; reckless but vulnerable to the inevitable misfortunes of their sex. Each in her own way strives to do credit to what they are: free mothers, who've made up their minds to control their own destiny.

Why this story? An original universe - strong characters - a universal story.

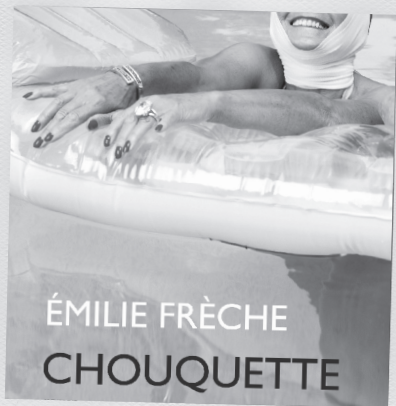
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Ce que je sais
de Vera Candida
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Ce que je sais de Vera
Candida

Author: Véronique Ovaldé
Genre: Novel
Epoch: 20th century
Setting: A tropical island; an imaginary town with a touch of fantasy.
Timespan: Three generations of women



Chouquette

Author: Émilie Frèche
Genre: Humour
Epoch: Today
Setting: Paris - St Tropez
Timespan: A few days at the beginning of summer

Chouquette

ISBN: 9782742787999

Forthcoming February, 2010.

Chouquette, a well-off sixty-year-old who still haunts the nightclubs, is on holiday in St Tropez. Her great plans are sabotaged when her grandson, Lucas, turns up, having been sent home from his holiday camp with chicken pox while his parents are saving the world in Africa.

Chouquette, a reluctant grandmother, is determined to make the best of her annual holiday in St. Tropez, something she wouldn't miss for the world, while waiting for her adored/despised husband to come back. She is the only one who still imagines he'll return, since he dumped her three years earlier for one of his many female conquests... The arrival of Lucas, her grandson, seems to be a total pest... until the embarrassment his presence causes leads her to seriously question her own life. From soirées on board yachts hobnobbing with the jet-set, to an enforced cohabitation, Chouquette is obliged to get to know the child better and restore relations with her daughter. At the conclusion of this summer interlude, she finally files for divorce and decides to live her life to the full again, a free woman.

Film References: Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown, All About My Mother, Jet Set, Death Becomes Her

Why this story? Chouquette is a highly visual novel that takes a deliciously caustic view of modern life.

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Chucho

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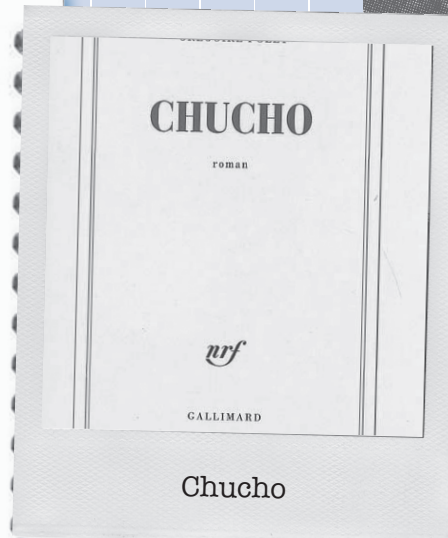
Chucho, a street urchin in Barcelona brought up by a pimp called Belito and Dumbre, an old prostitute, dreams of going to New York with Hans, the big German guy who ended up in Polaca's bed just before she got herself killed. But it's not so easy for Chucho or Hans to change their lives.

Chucho learns that Polaca, a pretty blond who worked for Belito, is dead. After checking out the info with Dumbre, he goes off to the Burger King. As soon as he shows up the security guards chase him. Balancing on the edge of a mezzanine above the restaurant, Chucho calls out to a big guy who's passing in the street. He jumps into his arms and they both run off leaving a brawl behind them. But Chucho recognises him; he's Braco, the one he took to Polaca's place yesterday. Braco suddenly panics: how could he have got himself into this mess? He swears he had nothing to do with the murder, and tells Chucho his real name: Hans. He's a surgeon of German origin, staying in a luxury hotel. This could ruin his career. They make a deal: Chucho will keep his mouth shut if Hans takes him away with him... Hans tells him to come to his hotel the next day. When Chucho arrives, only a letter from Hans is waiting, and Belito is hard on his heels.

Why this story? The hardships of living in the street in Barcelona seen through the eyes of a quick-witted, but still naive and lovable kid. The ambiguous relationship between Chucho and Hans is full of suspense, Hans could be paternal and heroic, or perhaps a paedophile, or just a coward. All the second roles are worthy of fine actors.

Copies sold: 6,000
Rights sold/Translation: Bulgarian and Italian translations in progress.
Literary Prizes: Prix Sander Pierron de l'Académie royale de langue et de littérature françaises, Belgium.

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Chucho

Author: Grégoire Polet
Genre: Drama / comedy
Epoch: Today
Setting: Barcelona
Timespan: Three days



Hervé
Le Corre
Les cœurs
déchiquetés

Les cœurs déchiquetés

Author: Hervé Le Corre
Genre: Crime / Novel
Epoch: Today

Setting: Bordeaux and its vines

Timespan: Several weeks

Les cœurs déchiquetés

ISBN: 9782743619695

In Bordeaux, Commander Pierre Vilar investigates the disappearance of his son and the murder of a woman who was battered to death. The lives of Vilar and the victim's teenage son intertwine and the policeman, in a strange reversal of roles, becomes the killer's prey.

Pierre Vilar is a police inspector in Bordeaux. His life and marriage have flown to pieces since his son Pablo was snatched at the school gate. In spite of everything, he clings to an irrational hope of seeing him again alive. Some miles away, Victor, a young boy, returns home after school to find a horrific scene: his mother, Nadia, is lying lifeless on her bedroom floor. From the community home to his foster family begins a painful journey for this teenager now alone in the world, scarred by the death of his dearest relative. Two irremediable losses, two tragedies. The connection between them is Vilar, who is charged with investigating Nadia's death. While following certain leads, a strange role-reversal occurs, and the policeman becomes the quarry: he is harassed over the phone by an elusive yet threatening man who also seems to be pursuing Victor...

Why this story? A dark novel, disturbing and poignant but deeply humane, a story with many developments that brings us an inside account of two hurt individuals and their tragedy. The characters have real depth. Hervé Le Corre possesses the art of passing effortlessly from extreme violence to authentic tenderness. An unexpected ending that leaves room for hope.

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Literary Prizes: Grand Prix de Littérature policière 2009.

Cristal défense

ISBN: 9782846262248

Forthcoming March, 2010.

Against a background of GMC and a food crisis, a first-rate corporate espionage thriller up there with the best American series.

Large firms have entered into a clandestine war, unscrupulous executives fight mercilessly to keep or conquer market sectors. They use curious methods, which were once the prerogatives of the Intelligence Services and are now par for the course in the chaotic world of corporate war. Yet there is one efficient weapon against this war. It's called the ECONOMIC SECURITY AGENCY, specialists of corporate intelligence, espionage and counter-espionage, and information warfare. They are field workers who know the corporate scene by heart. To succeed in their mission, they set up strategies equal to those adopted in command centres across the Atlantic. They know failure isn't an option; because what is at stake is the nation's industrial, scientific and technical patrimony. Who's giving the orders? The Government.

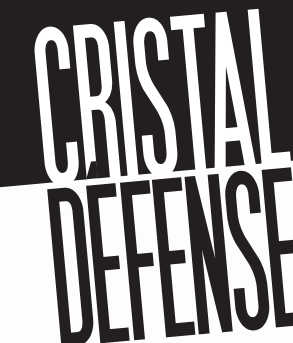
Film References: Lord of war by Andrew Niccol, Les Tontons flingueurs by Georges Lautner, crime series in general.

Why this story? A police woman, (first woman in the night brigade of Paris's 13th district), security guard, sales rep, Catherine Fradier is now a script writer, novelist and short story writer. It took her several years to research the project Cristal Défense, season 1, followed in June 2010 by La face cachée des Miroirs... A captivating crime novel constructed in a series of episodes.

Copies Sold: 40,000

Literary Prizes for the writer: The author's previous novel, Camino 999 received the Grand Prix de Littérature Policière 2006, Prix SNCF du Polar français 2008.

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**CRISTAL
DEFENSE**

Cristal défense

Author: Catherine Fradier
Genre: Crime/corporate war
Epoch: Today
Setting: France, with an international plot and characters
Timespan: A few days

Benjamin Legrand
Le cul des anges



Le cul des anges

Author: Benjamin Legrand
Genre: Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: Cannes - Côte d'Azur
Timespan: A few days

Le cul des anges

ISBN: 9782021003512

A dark novel, as efficient as it is sombre, and incredibly droll.

One crisp winter morning, a Russian hired killer arrives at the Baie des Anges to execute a contract on one of the town VIPs. Where does this respectable businessman's money come from? What links between him and a woman who's almost too pretty to be true, an American officer, a black giant whose throat's been cut, a former casino physiognomist, a gun-slinging grandpa, the members of a rock group, a Ghurkha who escaped from hell, a young girl running wild (and her German mastiff)? When the Flemish gang turns up in the businessman's luxury villa, the situation really gets out of hand. But the whole company attends one of the Cul des Anges concerts, and with a little spontaneous help from the affectionate hound, the evening turns into a nightmare...

Why this story? Visual description - rapidly paced - humour

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De fièvre et de sang

ISBN: 9782842283735

Forthcoming March, 2010

A race against time to defeat a deadly force in this fast paced supernatural thriller

At the term of an investigation led by inspector Vauvert and Svärta, an albino profiler, the Salaville brothers are killed. The twosome had perpetrated sadistic ritual murders on young women. One year later however, the killings start again, but in Paris this time. All forensic evidence points to the brothers, but how can it be possible? Their investigation leads Svärta and Vauvert to Judith Saint-Clair, the deathly ill patient of a mental institution which also housed the Salavilles. They discover the incredible truth: Saint-Clair had manipulated the Salavilles into killing young women so that she could stave off death by performing magic rituals. Nothing and no one will stop her from reaching her goal...

Film References: Wolfen by Michael Wadleigh. Seven by David Fincher

Why this story? A highly visual novel, whose suspense is constantly maintained, from the first page to the last. One of today's most popular themes with a touch of the fantastic.

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SIRE CÉDRIC

DE FIÈVRE
ET DE
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De fièvre et de sang

Author: Cédric Sire
Genre: Thriller
Epoch: Today
Setting: The countryside around Toulouse, Paris
Timespan: A few weeks



D'espoir et de promesses

Author: Françoise Bourdon
Genre: Novel (feminine readership)
Epoch: Today
Setting: Paris, Normandy, Montreal
Timespan: Several months

D'espoir et de promesses

ISBN: 9782714447081

Forthcoming in March 2010.

Between Canada and France, the hopeful tale of two intertwined love stories.

Anaba is a young French-Canadian woman who has been jilted at the altar by her Canadian fiancé, Lawrence. She had to learn of his desertion and fear of commitment through Augustin, his best man. Shell-shocked, the young woman takes refuge with her older sister Stéphanie and moves in with her in Normandy where they work together in her antique shop. Anaba tries to move on with her life and forget Lawrence. However, he has not forgotten her and realizes that he has made a terrible mistake. He gets fired from his law firm and his life is going from bad to worse. He finds a job in Paris and dreams of winning Anaba back...

In the meantime, Augustin, who lives part time in Paris, realizes that he has feelings for Stéphanie, but the young woman is fiercely independent and, having gone through two divorces, not keen to get hurt again. These seemingly doomed romances will blossom against all odds.

Film References: A Man and a Woman by Lelouche, César et Rosalie by Sautet.

Why this story? A story that resembles our own lives, readers will identify strongly. A good dramatic comedy on a universal theme: love.

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Les disparues de Vancouver

ISBN: 9782246736714

Vancouver in the nineties. Prostitutes, all of them native Americans, disappear regularly from a poor district of the town and nobody cares. In 1996, Robert Pickton, farmer and restaurant owner, is finally arrested: he is accused of murdering 60 of these women, cutting them up and serving them to his clients... A novel with strong commercial potential.

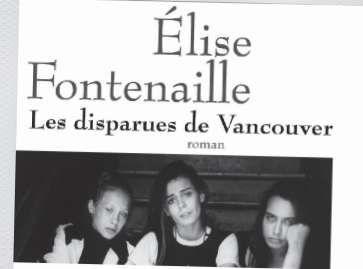
Sarah de Vries, a Native American prostitute, has vanished while working the streets of Vancouver. A regular client, Wayne Leng, sets out to find her. But like the families of the other missing women, he is frustrated at every turn by a wall of indifference. Wayne sets up a website to track down Sarah. His investigations put him on the trail of the Pickton brothers. Robert and David are pig farmers who hold regular gatherings for local Hell's Angels at a converted outbuilding called Piggy's Palace. One of the hired hands reported finding bloodstained clothing and handbags at the farm, but the police never even came to visit. A prostitute escaped from the farm with stab wounds to her throat and stomach, but the charges were dropped. It will take another four years before a warrant is issued to search the farm. There, ample evidence of mass murder is found...

Film References: American Psycho, Jack the Ripper, The Silence of the Lambs, Seven

Why this story? A noir novel built around a true story that's still in the headlines (the Pickton brothers await trial, while women continue to disappear). Fascination for serial killers. Suspense. Denunciation of the general indifference to the killing of prostitutes, especially those of Indian origin. A novel with strong commercial potential.

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Les disparues de Vancouver

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Genre: Novel
Epoch: Contemporary (1990-2002)
Setting: Vancouver, poor quarter Downtown Eastside
Timespan: Five years



Fleurs de dragon

Author: Jérôme Noirez
Genre: Historical detective novel

Epoch: 15th century

Setting: Japan

Timespan: A few weeks

Fleurs de dragon

ISBN: 9782354880118

Japan, 1489. The shōgun have entrusted Ryōsaku, a justice officer, with the mission of hunting down mysterious criminals who are wreaking havoc across the country, leaving a trail of dead Samurais behind them.

To help him in his task, Ryōsaku recruits three fifteen-year-old Samurais: Kaoru, proud as a peacock and fearful to behold; Keiji, a tormented teenager who has already attempted to commit seppuku; Sōzō, a biwa player who dreams of becoming a composer. In a country sinking into civil war, in the company of three teenagers who have mastered the art of the sword but are haunted by their past, Ryōsaku tracks down the elusive murderers. Both a detective story and a coming-of-age novel, Dragon Flowers draws the reader irresistibly into a world in movement, populated with such characters as blind monks, a legendary monster and little girls who think they are ninjas; a dark world, where a terrifying secret lies buried.

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The Forest of Manes

ISBN: 9782226194008

A young examining magistrate, at odds with her hierarchy, leads a solitary investigation into a series of crimes that echo her own life story

Jeanne Korowa's career is going well but her emotional life is a mess. In an attempt to win back an ex-boyfriend, she uses her powers as a magistrate to wire the office of his psychoanalyst, Antoine Féraud. She listens to the tapes: a man with a Spanish accent is present with his son, who suffers from a split personality and is possessed by an archaic creature he seems to have killed... Meanwhile, three women are viciously murdered. Taine, a colleague and friend of Jeanne's is put on the case. When Taine falls victim to the killer, Jeanne decides to investigate. The clues lead her to Nicaragua, Guatemala, the swamps of Argentinian Nordeste, where Féraud joins her. They appear to unite in their efforts to track the serial killer. But in this 'forest of manes', Jeanne discovers the 'Unborn', a tribe of invalids and practitioners of ritual cannibalism living under the protection of a man who is... Féraud, who now wants to sacrifice Jeanne.

Why this story? Rich historical backdrop: from the birth of humanity to the history of Latin America. Journey through Guatemala and Argentina perfectly documented. Well-constructed, ambitious plot: in search of the origins of evil.

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La forêt des mânes

Author: Jean-Christophe Grangé
Genre: Thriller
Epoch: Today
Setting: Paris, Central America, South America
Timespan: One month



GIGN : les secrets d'une unité d'élite

Author: Jean-luc Calyel
Genre: Non-Fiction
Epoch: Today
Setting: France and abroad
Timespan: Several years

GIGN : les secrets d'une unité d'élite

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Film References: S.W.A.T. - Tears of the Sun

Why this story? A precious and intense testimony on what goes on behind the scenes of an elite unit, this sensitive narrative doesn't shy away from taboos, such as the wars between police departments. Ideal ingredients for a thriller - TV series or film.

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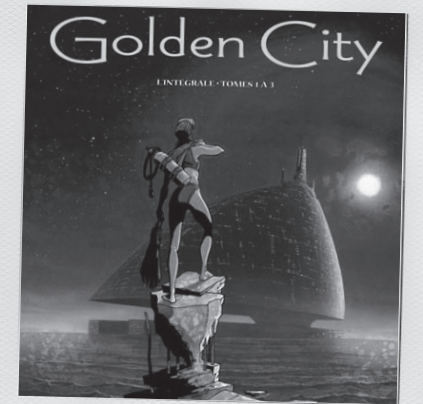
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Film References: XIII, Largo Winch, The Bourne Identity

Why this story? Ecology, the autism or the hypocrisy of the rich, the themes in Golden City are extremely topical; but Golden City is above all an adventure with plenty of action!

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Golden city : intégrale, tomes 1 à 3

Author: Jean-Pierre Pécau, Nicolas Malfin
Genre: Comics
Epoch: In the future
Setting: Golden City and its surroundings, reminiscent of Dubai.
Timespan: The hero's lifetime

LES ÎLES DU SALUT



Les îles du salut

Author: Anne Saint Dreux
Genre: Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: France
Timespan: About ten years

Les îles du salut

ISBN: 9782841864607

A poignant tale about the mother-daughter relationship, and the child at the centre of emotional blackmail.

A father, a mother, one child. And a story about hatred. The child is simply a nuisance. Like a stigma of a relation the parents would rather forget. An embarrassing mistake. She gets dragged around between Brussels and Paris, between father and mother, between two clans at war. An object of barter and blackmail, the little girl has to be just so, characterless, decorative, and above all, create no problems. Her role is to absorb adults' rage. Never to cause any trouble; the mother, who has the Parisian jet set at her feet, would never tolerate that. In order to survive, and to snatch a few crumbs of love, the child allows herself to be devoured. And she accepts this emotional stranglehold for a very long time...

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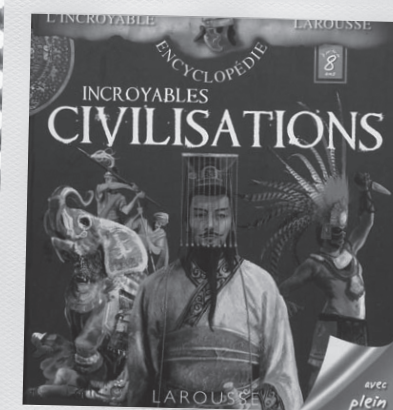
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Incroyables civilisations

Author: Jean-Michel Billioud, Stéphane Humbert-Basset
Genre: Children's Non-Fiction, with different types of animation
Epoch: Antiquity
Setting: Various Antique Civilisations (Mesopotamia, the Indus Valley, Egypt, Greece, Rome, China, the Arab World, the Aztecs)
Timespan: A synthesis of Antique civilisations at the time of their existence.

J'aimerais revoir Callaghan



J'aimerais revoir Callaghan

Author: Dominique Fabre
Genre: French novel
Epoch: Mid-seventies, mid-nineties, mid-noughties
Setting: Parisian suburbs, Paris, London
Timespan: Thirty years

J'aimerais revoir Callaghan

ISBN: 9782213651675

Twenty years later, old boarding school friends meet up again.

Jimmy Callaghan was the star of the school: shrouded in mystery, half-English, half-French, free of all ties, smoking Bensons and sporting white jeans. Then he vanished overnight. Twenty years later, the narrator still gets in touch with Greg and Bizerte from time to time, but most often his thoughts stray to Callaghan. What became of this guy nothing and no one had a hold over? One evening, Place Daumesnil, a man sitting on a bench with a big suitcase asks him for a cigarette. Callaghan's back.

Film References: «Dialogue avec mon jardinier» by Jean Becker; «Kennedy et moi» by Sam Karmann

Why this story? What happens when fate steps in, and twenty years later you run into an old friend from school, and he's in a tight spot?

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Le jardin d'Orient

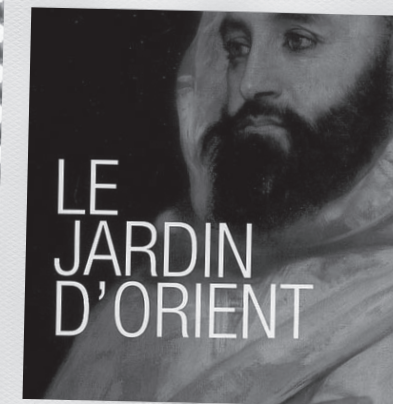
ISBN: 9782841864393

An interreligious dialogue against a historical background

Amboise, 1848. In spite of his feelings of suspicion, Abbé Robion goes to meet the Emir Abdelkader, builder of the modern Algerian State, held prisoner in the fortified town after his fervent resistance against France. A metaphysical bond and a great friendship are born, little by little, between the Christian and the Muslim. The dialogue of these two sincere men makes this novel a spiritual and historical journey, an invitation to tolerance.

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Le jardin d'Orient

Author: Martine Le Coz
Genre: Historical novel
Epoch: 19th century (1848)
Setting: Amboise
Timespan: Few years

Dominique Souton
Je ne suis pas à vendre

Je (ne) suis (pas) à vendre

Author: Dominique Souton
Genre: Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: Paris
Timespan: One week

Je (ne) suis (pas) à vendre

ISBN: 9782879297026

A hilarious satire of our times and our so-called 'modernity'.

At 43, Mélanie Coste lives in Paris and works in a Contemporary Cultural Centre; divorced, separated from her last lover, sister of a self-confessed anorexic, mother of an ungrateful teenager and daughter of a monstrously selfish mother who lives in Miami. She is also the narrator, who recounts a week of her life. It begins on a black Monday with an impossible challenge: to write, in just five days, the opening speech for an expo about sex. Just as she strives to stop smoking and drinking, she has to follow a course in writing imposed by her employer (and it's been one hell of a time since she last had sex). But Mélanie puts her heart into it, consulting everyone there is to consult (AA, a tobaccologist, a hypnotist, a psychoanalyst) and going to all the places where she might make new friends (swimming pool, shops, private evenings for executives, vernissages, the Net...).

Why this story? A comedy for today. The main character (a woman of 40) is on the point of cracking up.

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Kadogos

ISBN: 9782743620172

The destinies of three groups of totally unlike characters suddenly clash: a female hired killer who's decided to specialize in euthanasia, a generous cop on the verge of a nervous breakdown, and child soldiers drifting in an alien world ...

Marnie is a hired killer who only does euthanasia. Her latest mission: to gently get rid of a terminal patient in a clinic near Rambouillet, which she also happens to own. But she didn't count on finding the woman who gave the order, the man's daughter-in-law, killed and horribly mutilated. Officer Eustache Lerneis in charge of a sensitive investigation made more mysterious when the body of the old man is found in the clinic park, eviscerated, not far from the body of a young black man. That's when the young kadogos come into the story, child soldiers from Rwanda, scared and scary. The characters - Marnie, who gains a strange companion - and Eustache who has found a disturbed kid and is trying to deal with his vicious, uncommunicative behaviour - do their best to pierce the mystery. Eustache gets help from a specialist of the scientific police, marked forever by her previous work with an NGO in Africa.

Why this story? Both a powerful and violent crime novel and a well-paced, captivating mystery, this novel treats such subjects as euthanasia, tribal war, child abuse, organ traffic... uncompromisingly, making the reader/spectator think. This great story is nevertheless instilled with humanity.

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Kadogos

Author: Christian Roux
Genre: Noir Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: The Yvelines and a small island somewhere between Nicobar and Andaman in the Bay of Bengal
Timespan: Several weeks, in 2006 then in 2007.

Laissées pour mortes

Le lynchage des femmes de Hassi Messaoud



Laissées pour mortes : l'histoire
des 200 femmes du village
d'Hassi Messaoud

Author: Nadia Kaci,
Rahmouna Salah, Fatiha
Maamoura
Genre: Testimony
Epoch: Present day
Setting: Algeria
Timespan: About forty
years

Laissées pour mortes : l'histoire des 200 femmes du village d'Hassi Messaoud

ISBN: 9782353410842

The story of 120 women who were beaten and raped on July 13, 2001 at Hassi Messaoud, in Algeria.

Rahmouna and Fatiha left their children and their birthplace behind to find work in Hassi Messaoud, a big oil refinery town. They were two of the 120 women who were beaten and raped on the night of July 13, 2001. How did they deserve this treatment? Simply by being women, living alone, unfettered by masculine authority. Employed as unskilled labour, they nevertheless enjoyed a certain freedom, but were soon regarded as prostitutes and shunned by the local population. When the town's imam called for moral order, designating these women as fornicators and sinners, they were attacked that very night by a mob of enraged men. Of the 120, only Rahmouna and Fatiha dared make an official complaint. They refuse, to this day, to be silenced. Nadia Kaci, a French actress of Algerian origin, recounts their struggle to restore their honour.

Why this story? Two women fight for their dignity at the risk of their lives. A poignant and courageous testimony: the everyday existence of these two women in modern Algeria.

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Evil comes of evil

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A terrifying machination takes the form of a descent into hell.

Ritualistic murders, one after the other. A young police detective tracks the serial killer, with the help of a young female profiler. But what if all this was just a set-up? What if he, the policeman, was the target? And what if he was also the killer? Could he be that subtle dose of evil, the homeopathic remedy that cures evil with evil? A highly original and effective thriller.

Film References: The Silence of Lambs. Seven.

Why this story? "Driven forward by realistic descriptions and rapid, cinematic scene cutting, the story offers a series of unexpected twists in the plot up to the final, breathtaking denouement." Le Parisien

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Le mal par le mal

Author: Eric Nataf
Genre: Thriller
Epoch: Contemporary
Setting: Urban France and
Iceland
Timespan: A few weeks +
flashbacks to the hero's
childhood



Nicolas Rey
Un léger passage à vide

Un léger passage à vide

Author: Nicolas Rey
Genre: Contemporary Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: A town (Paris)
Timespan: A few months

Un léger passage à vide

ISBN: 9782846262200

‘It’s sad story, you see. One that not many people would understand. A story intended for a few TV viewers who recognise each other when they pass in the street. How can a man go on living after that? Should he leave a letter? To say what? Without exchanging a word for months, they’ve already said it all. Dawn is breaking. It’s time to leave. He takes deep breaths. Sometimes, cowardice requires a lot of courage. The man comes out of the house. Will he turn around? Will he take one last look at his family? We’d rather not know. It’s his story. It’s his life.’

The sincere, unembellished confessions of a child of our century. We find themes that have been experienced by a whole generation – fragility, cowardice in love - and by the author in particular: texting in the bathroom, football, Paris and fusional friendship ... But especially, we find that tinkling music, that concise grace which is a means of making a fleeting sensation, or the everyday humdrum of life, universal. Hovering between laughter and tears, this beautiful narrative is a magnificent read, inserted with gems, images and sentences to read and read again, like nourishment for the soul.

Film References: François Truffaut’s films, Dans Paris by Cédric Kaplish, Y tu Mama tambien by Alfonso Cuarón, Before Sunset/Before Sunrise by R.Linkate, Coming to Terms with the Dead, The Age of Potential by Pascale Ferran, Un monde sans pitié d’Éric Rochant

Why this story? From Cocteau’s Opium to Sagan’s Toxique, the narration of drug rehab is a genre in itself, a powerful one that touches on the universal. Born of a necessity, Nicolas Rey’s book is an album of snapshots of a fragile existence, where daily events are sublimated by the style.

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translated into Italian, Spanish,
Korean, Lithuanian.

Les mauvaises gens, une histoire de militants

ISBN: 9782847894493

Factories in the country. Etienne Davodeau describes the rise of Christian Socialism in France at the beginning of the fifties and its role in the mutation of our society, especially with such events as May ‘68 and the election of François Mitterrand. An alternative history of France. With that non-fiction comic book, Etienne Davodeau has invented a genre.

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Film References: To Be and to Have

Why this story? At the crossroads of documentary, fiction and autobiography, Les Mauvaises gens is characteristic of Etienne Davodeau’s work over recent years. An author one cannot afford to miss.

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the Festival d’Angoulême in 2006,
Prix de la Critique and Prix France
Info for comics treating subjects in
the news.



Les mauvaises gens, une
histoire de militants

Author: Etienne Davodeau
Genre: Comics
Epoch: From the 60s - 80s
Setting: The French
countryside
Timespan: A lifetime

KÉTHÉVANE
DAVRICHEWY
LA MER NOIRE

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La Mer Noire

Author: Kéthévane Darichewry
Genre: Novel
Epoch: 20th century
Setting: Paris, with trips to Tbilissi, Georgia
Timespan: One day (with flashbacks earlier in the 20th century)

La Mer Noire

ISBN: 9782848050782

The day of her 90th birthday, the heroine, surrounded by her loved ones, remembers her life as a young Georgian girl exiled in Paris, far from her only great love Tamaz, who was parachuted into other lands. But throughout the years and their peregrinations, they see each other from time to time...

On the day of her 90th birthday, Tamouna's thoughts are with Tamaz, the love of her youth. This man, whom she met in the summer of her fifteen years in Georgia and has waited for ever since, ought to be the 41st guest at the family celebration that's getting underway. Dozing, the old lady remembers their shy and devastating love, soon to be interrupted by the departure for France, that autumn of 1921 when the new government was put into exile. During her teens, Tamouna expresses the pain of his absence, her nostalgia and sadness in the letters she constantly writes to Tamaz without ever sending them. When Tamaz finally returned, it was too late to pick up the threads of their hopes. Their lives had decided otherwise. Tamouna married well, but their occasional reunions always bore the bitter taste of regret...

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La Messagère de l'aube

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The initiatory path of a rebellious young girl under the Nazi occupation and at the Liberation.

France, 1944: Normandy is occupied by the German army. In rebellion against her parents, Emilie, 12 years old, is impatient to be an adult. When Dr. Bernard takes her under his wing, Emilie is happy to become his little assistant and above all his willing messenger. But she doesn't realize she is working for the Resistance, and the risk she runs. When she meets David, a young Jewish boy, Emilie falls in love. Despite all the risks, Emilie is prepared to fight for her true love...

Film References: Schindler's List, Monsieur Batignole

Why this story? A beautiful heroine, likeable characters. The story of an impossible love in the troubled period of the Occupation. A modest description of the Resistance. A moving story, for an intimate historical drama.

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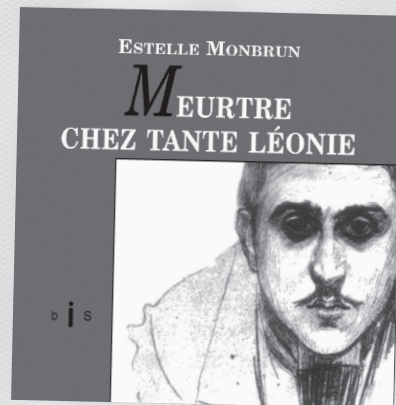
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La
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La Messagère de l'aube

Author: Pierre Delahaye
Genre: Dramatic fiction
Epoch: 1944
Setting: Normandy
Timespan: One year



Meurtre chez Tante Léonie

Author: Estelle Montbrun
Genre: Crime novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: Paris, Combray (a village)
Timespan: The time of the investigation

Meurtre chez Tante Léonie

ISBN: 9782878580518

In Aunt Léonie house – a high point in Proust’s memory – the most eminent international specialists gather for a convention. But this learned assembly is the setting for a murder, that of the president herself. And it turns out that everyone had a good reason to kill her. Commissaire Foucheroux is spoilt for choice!

Adelin, self-appointed president of the Marcel Proust association, is found murdered on the eve of the society’s annual convention. Commissaire Foucheroux is called in from Paris to lead the investigation. He soon discovers that the victim was as ruthlessly ambitious as all the other pretentious intellectuals on his list of suspects, and that almost everyone who knew her had a motive. When published, this book caused a scandal for its merciless treatment of the world’s most sensitive egos: the academic elite. Funny and cruel, halfway between Agatha Christie and David Lodge.

Film References: Agatha Christie

Why this story? “A crime, lost manuscripts rediscovered, Proust becomes breath-taking, the crime novel as delicious as a madeleine dipped into a hot drink in Autumn. It’s so captivating, best not tell you any more.” Le Journal du Dimanche.

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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; that her parents were murdered by the government and that the people who raised her as their own were not what they appeared to be.

Argentina’s coup d’état in 1976 led to one of the bloodiest dictatorships in its history – 30,000 people were abducted, tortured and subsequently “disappeared”. After her birth, Victoria’s parents disappeared, betrayed by her uncle who was in the military. She was then given away to a family who supported this regime; they changed her name to Analia. She had no idea that her past was so dark nor that her parents were not really hers. She only knew that she was very liberal in a conservative household. She unknowingly carried the convictions of her real parents. At 27, she learned the devastating truth, that her entire life was a lie. Her story is that of a country that continues the battle to reveal its past. Today, as the youngest deputy in Argentinian parliament, she personifies the heritage that has always remained inside her, and inscribed in her real name: Victoria.

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Rights sold/translations: Already published in Argentina. Coming out in France, Germany, Italy and The Netherlands (2010), USA (2011).



Moi, Victoria enfant volée de la dictature argentine

Author: Victoria Donda
Genre: Memoir
Epoch: 1970s - present
Setting: Argentina
Timespan: Thirty years

Mon roi mon amour

ISBN: 9782710330691 Forthcoming October 2010.

A piquant account of the marriage of Alphonso XIII of Spain, seen through the eyes of three of the main actors: the future queen, the king and the anarchist who tries to kill the royal couple.

Madrid, May 31, 1906: the wedding day of Alphonso XIII (20) and Victoria Eugenie of Battenberg, an English princess (19). A joyful crowd celebrates the event. As the bridal procession moves through the town, the young princess is wondering what will happen that night, when she is alone with a king she loves passionately. Sitting next to her, Alphonso XIII is thinking of the same thing, but much more confidently. Fernando, the anarchist, has a mission: to assassinate the royal couple on their wedding day. The attack kills 20 people, but not the newlyweds. The ball is cancelled. The new queen is walking in the palace gardens when she spots the anarchist, hiding. She recognizes him and knows exactly who he is - yet she submits to his desires. Only afterwards does she plunge a dagger into his heart. When she goes to the king, she is ready for their wedding night. The king makes love to her again and again, with increasing fervour.

Why this story? Inspired by a historical event, this book is a funny and light-hearted fantasy about the much-publicized loves of royals the world over. It has all the panache of a Hollywood comedy.

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Noon Moon - Le mercredi des cendres

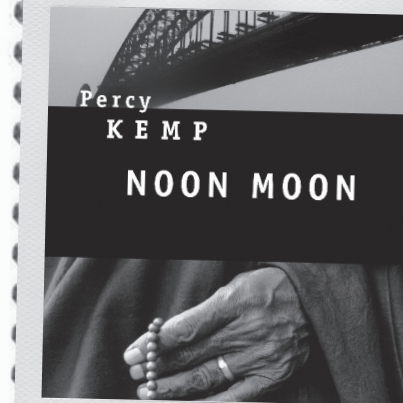
ISBN: 9782020988322

In this cleverly constructed spy novel, fiction and reality are cunningly intertwined.

A strange relation develops between Zandie, a young English spy held in Iraq by the Jihadists and the mysterious Agayev, a former KGB agent. After months of captivity, the prisoner falls under the psychological control of his brilliant jailer who tells him, when he is being freed, that they will meet again... Two years later, on the eve of the election of the first black president, the CIA - after launching a campaign against terrorism - is shown to be manipulated and the USA comes in for worldwide criticism. On the occasion of an official trip to the Yellowstone volcano, the master spy gets in touch with Zandie again, leading him to an outcome he imagines apocalyptic...

Why this story? A topical subject, treated with skill and realism.

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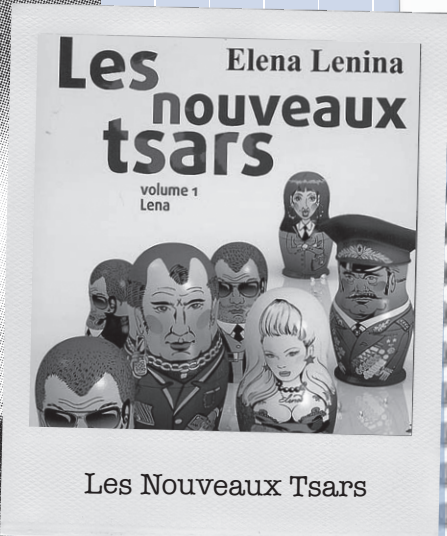
Author: Percy Kemp
Genre: Novel
Epoch: Today
Setting: America, Iraq
Timespan: A few months

Mon roi
mon amour
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LA TABLE RONDE



Mon roi mon amour

Author: Robert Pagani
Genre: Novel/Historical/
Humour/Erotic
Epoch: Beginning of the
20th century
Setting: Madrid
Timespan: One Day



Author: Elena Lenina
Genre: Comedy/Thriller
Epoch: Summer 2007
Setting: Saint-Jean-Cap-Ferret (France), Moscow (Russia)

Timespan: Two months

Les Nouveaux Tsars

ISBN: 9782916546131

Based on facts - however far-fetched they may appear to people in the West - this thriller leads us into the private lives of those who make the tabloid headlines: nefarious Russian billionaires, the oligarchs.

Dimitri Krakof (great grandson of Nikolai Krakof, a tycoon of the former Soviet empire, one of the few who escaped Stalin's purges) celebrates his thirty-fifth birthday on the French Riviera. Oligarch, multi-billionaire in dollars, nothing and no one can resist his tremendous financial power. He controls almost all of Russia's diamond production, he is the star of domestic technology, and thanks to his brother (the friendly but slightly psycho Serguei) he is about to lay his hands on the country's spatial industry. Th (Thibault), his French master of ceremonies in debauchery, is witness to his formidable rise. In charge of organizing the sumptuous parties given by the Krakov brothers, he sets up the sophisticated role-plays that cost as much as any super-production. For his brother's birthday, Serguei has a special gift: a dream wife, Elena.

Film References: The Game by David Fincher, Scarface by Brian De Palma

Why this story? For her own safety, Elena Lenina has presented the findings of her investigations into Russian billionaires in the form of a novel. A glamorous and grotesque saga with a host of engaging characters, it is also a biting satire of post-Soviet Russia. It will arouse the public's curiosity about oligarchs now exiled in the West, reminiscent of the Sicilian Mafia.

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Truly entertaining for a wide public; excellent historical precision.

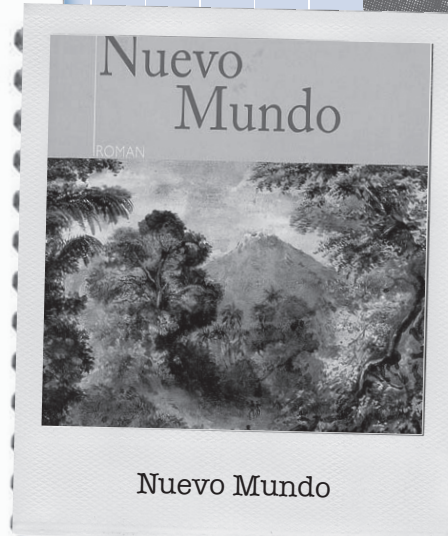
Son of a poor ploughman, Miles Phipps is born in London in the 16th century. Seeing the ships sailing on the Thames, he dreams of another life, full of adventure and new horizons. At the age of 14, he boards the Minion, whose captain is the famous John Hawkins, a renowned navigator as well as a first-rate slave-trader in the service of Queen Elizabeth. Miles sails the seas all his life, from London to Africa, then from Africa to the New World. He discovers the slave trade, fights the Spanish, meets a cruel marquis, falls in love with a beautiful Spanish lady, is imprisoned in the jails of the Inquisition and meets the Mayas...

Film References: 1492, The Mission, The New World

Why this story? A brave and good-looking hero with avant-garde ideas (his opinions evolve when confronted with slaves and Indians). The plot is rich in characters and surprise developments. All the settings are extraordinarily well researched. Romance, adventure, violence... all-round entertainment.

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Author: Hugues Douriaux
Genre: Adventure
Epoch: From England to the New World, via Africa
Setting: 16th century
Timespan: One man's life

DE GERONIMO

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La nuit de Geronimo

Author: Dominique Sylvain
Genre: Thriller
Epoch: Today
Setting: Paris, a French village, Moscow
Timespan: The time of the investigation

La nuit de Geronimo

ISBN: 9782840119265

“Geronimo didn't kill anyone, but who killed Geronimo?” The anonymous email disturbs Philippine. They used to call her father “Geronimo” – that was long before he committed suicide, after a brilliant career in molecular biology in the USA. All the members of the family – or rather the Domeniac dynasty – have received the same email. Philippine asks a private detective recommended by Superintendent Clémenti for help: the sensual Louise Morvan. The two were once lovers - a thing of the past? Louise still bears the scars despite a string of lovers, not all commendable. A dynamic investigation that digs into family secrets, with forceful characters and elements of drug dealing and GMO.

Film References: Sunset Boulevard, Billy Wilder; The Third Man, Carol Reed; Touch of Evil, Orson Welles; State of Play (BBC), Paul Abott

Why this story? La Nuit de Geronimo creates a link between two great traditions of the crime novel. First an investigation, with all the internal struggles of a well-to-do family (in the Poirot and Maigret vein); but also a political thriller, with economic and military conspiracy on an international scale.

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Le numéro 7

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A breath-taking medical thriller with a jig-saw construction and lots of surprise developments. After M. Winckler settles his scores with the pharmaceutical industry, there's an unusual epilogue in Portmeirion (Wales), where the cult series The Prisoner was shot.

Summer of 2006, Eddie Dante, pilot and mercenary, crashes in Africa with a mysterious cargo. Taken to a mine in the middle of nowhere, what he discovers is an authentic twilight home for the dying. Putting two and two together (his employer is in the medical industry), he flees, chased by killers. Sept. 2007, WHO Pharma organise a world congress at Portmeirion, scene of the cult series The Prisoner, to announce a major scientific breakthrough. But things don't go as planned...

Film References: The Constant Gardner ; The Fugitive

Why this story? Doctor and writer, Martin Winckler (La maladie de Sachs-Prix Livre Inter - adapted for the screen by M. Deville), brilliantly combines his passion for TV series and his scientific knowledge in a highly original thriller with topical themes.

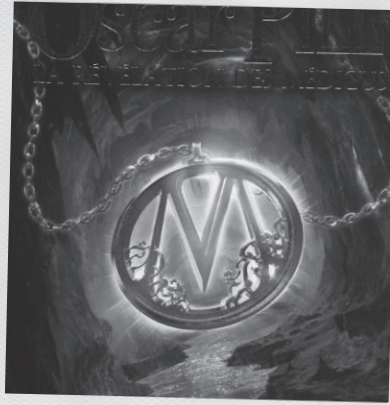
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Genre: Medical Thriller
Epoch: Today
Setting: Africa and Europe
Timespan: Over two years



Oscar Pill / La révélation des Médicus

Author: Eli Andersson
Genre: Adventure / Fantastic
Epoch: Today
Setting: A little town in England
Timespan: A few weeks

Oscar Pill / La révélation des Médicus

ISBN: 9782226193575

Medicus v. Pathologus: a combat between life and death, and the battlefield is our body. Oscar Pill can travel through the human body and cure all ills.

Oscar Pill's father died in strange circumstances, but he left Oscar a gift: his wounds scar instantly. He doesn't know it yet, but he's a Medicus, son of Vitali Pill, the Grand Master of the Order who died when capturing Skarsdale, the dark prince of the Pathologus. The Medicus have the gift of entering into the human body, exploring it, healing. The Pathologus spread sickness. Oscar learns the origin of the gift he can't quite control yet and goes to the Manor of Cumides Circle to be initiated: he learns to penetrate the five universes: Hepatolia, Pompee, Embrye, Genetys and Cerebra. He has to bring back a trophy from each one, and together, the trophies will make him a fully-fledged Medicus. Oscar must explore Hepatolia first, the domain of the digestive system, with Lawrence and Valentine, his precious allies. But quick! The Pathologus are moving in. Another four Universes to explore and ... another four tomes to follow!

Film References: For the exploration of the human body and the inner voyage: Fantastic Voyage by Richard Fleischer, 1966; Il était une fois la vie, TV animation series by Albert Barillé, 1986. For the young hero's hidden gifts, initiation, struggle against evil: Harry Potter.

Why this story? The human body becomes a playground with fabulous decors. Awareness of the body for all children and teens.

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La Patience de Mauricette

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A poignant and unusual portrait of an old lady, with her rich life experience of suffering and ordinary joys, who is struggling against insanity.

Mauricette Beaussart, 75 years old, has disappeared from the psychiatric hospital where she is being treated. Her friend Christophe Morel sets off to find her. During his search, Mauricette's past and present interweave to draw the portrait of a woman who has known both great suffering and ordinary joys. Mauricette's diary and Christophe's voice are deftly interlaced, allowing the reader to penetrate and understand Mauricette's mind and the story of her life. This beautiful quest for truth is sublimated by the rich and vibrant style of Lucien Suel, who handles the theme of madness with elegance and poetry.

Why this story? A complex and surprising character, universal themes (growing old, madness) treated with disturbing frankness and great empathy. A luminous ending, full of hope.

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La Patience de Mauricette

Author: Lucien Suel
Genre: Contemporary Novel, thriller
Epoch: The noughties, with flashbacks to the 40s and the 90s.
Setting: North of France, near the Belgian border.
Timespan: About one month



Le premier Amour

Author: Véronique Olmi
Genre: Novel
Epoch: Today, flashbacks to the 70s
Setting: Paris – Aix en Provence - Genoa
Timespan: About ten days for the main plot, memories and flashbacks thirty-five years earlier.

Le premier Amour

ISBN: 9782846664912

Do we ever forget our first love? All it took was a small add in the newspaper for Emilie, the narrator, to suddenly abandon her life as a wife and mother and plunge back into her past and childhood memories... In this poignant novel, a sort of nostalgic road-movie, Véronique Olmi blends most of the themes closest to her heart: love, passion, woman's universe, the indelible trace of first emotions... A novel with strong commercial potential.

As this unusual love story begins, Emilie – a wife and mother in her fifties – is cooking dinner to celebrate her twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. Taking the bottle of wine out of its newspaper wrapping, she comes across an ad that attracts her eye. The message reads “Emilie, Aix 76. Meet me in Genoa ASAP. Dario”. Emilie knows the message is for her. She believes it was placed there by her first love, Dario Contadino, the heart-throb of every girl at her high school. Not quite knowing why, she sets out for Genoa. What is she hoping to find at the end of the road? As she drives, she thinks back to her childhood – her emotionally deprived upbringing, her parents' disdain for each other, and her strong yet complicated relationship with her karaoke-loving sister Christine, who has Down's Syndrome. And, of course, Dario, who'll be waiting at the end of her trip... But can she expect things to be the same between them, thirty-five years later?

Film References: Thelma and Louise, for the road-movie /identity quest aspect.

Why this story? For its universal theme, first love, the one you never forget, whose shadow can hover over a whole life...A road-movie about a woman on the tracks of her teens and childhood. A story about women – can a wife and mother escape her everyday life?

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Deadly Diet

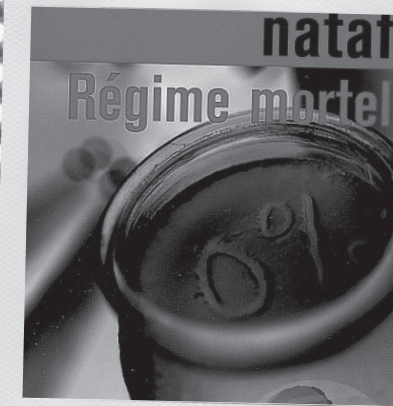
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What would happen if multinationals began manipulating our food to make us crave and devour more? Suspense, action and violence: here, the battle against obesity is transformed into a spectacular thriller.

A young doctor working in the nutrition department of a large Paris hospital. A 30-year old woman, obese and charming, consults. Why has she put on so much weight? Why do all solutions to treat her problem fail? Suddenly, the woman drops dead. Followed by a number of other obese patients... Adopting the role of the lone cowboy, the doctor single-handedly takes on one of the threats of the twenty-first century. A young female journalist joins him in his investigation.

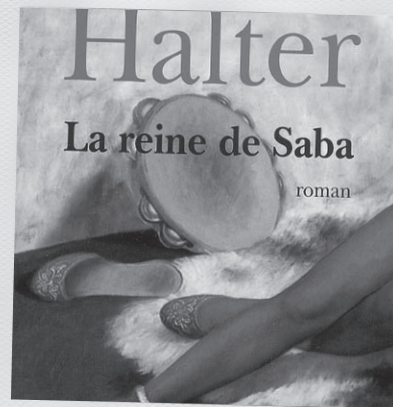
Why this story? “Eric Nataf blends all the ingredients of the crime novel in perfect doses: old family resentments, our ancestral fear of epidemics and sectarian extremes, in a guided tour – terrifying yet plausible – of the food industry.” Le Monde

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Régime Mortel

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Genre: Thriller
Epoch: Contemporary
Setting: France
Timespan: A few months



La reine de Saba

Author: Marek Halter
Genre: Historical fiction
Epoch: 10th Century B.C.
Setting: Kingdom of Sheba
Timespan: Fourty years

La reine de Saba

ISBN: 9782221109076

A breathtaking epic adventure about an exceptional woman of not only mythical beauty but also extreme intelligence, who avenges her father's death and has a love affair with King Solomon.

Akebo, the King of Sheba, is forced to flee his kingdom out of honor before his enemies dethrone him in a bloody battle. His 6-years-old daughter, Makeda, is shamed by her father's decision. She is also greatly disappointed that they must flee just before they have the chance to consecrate a temple in her deceased mother's honor. Akebo and his men settle across the Red Sea where he continues to rule over his portion of Sheba. Makeda vows to seek revenge against her father's enemies who are led by the cunning Shobwa. Years later, after her father is murdered, the Queen of Sheba creates a masterful battle plan that will destroy her enemies even though she and her men are greatly outnumbered. Now that vengeance is hers, she and her people return to the land she fled as a young girl, and she assumes her place as the queen of a reunited Sheba.

Film References: Gladiator, 300, Cleopatra

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Rose Valland, l'espionne du musée du Jeu de Paume

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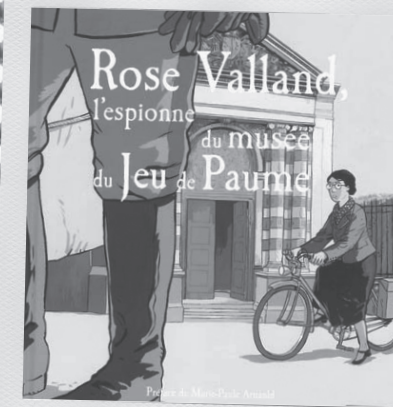
September 1940. Paris is occupied by the Nazis. Rose Valland, an assistant curator at the Jeu de Paume museum, watches helplessly as soldiers of the Third Reich help themselves to artworks stored in the museum before sending them to Germany. Determined to rescue this priceless cultural heritage that could easily be destroyed or disappear for good, Rose makes a stand for civil Resistance. At great risk to her own life, for the sake of art, she secretly follows the trail of the stolen paintings.

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Film References: Le Train, a Franco-Italian film by John Frankenheimer, 1964.

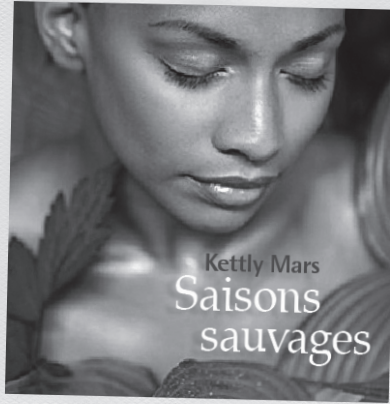
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Author: Emmanuelle Polack, Emmanuel Cerisier
Genre: Illustrated book / history
Epoch: During the Occupation of France (WW2)
Setting: France
Timespan: A few years



Saisons sauvages

Author: Kettly Mars
Genre: Novel
Epoch: The 60's
Setting: Haiti
Timespan: A few months

Saisons sauvages

ISBN: 9782715229464

When her journalist husband, Daniel Leroy, is kidnapped by the militia in power, Nirvah, a beautiful mixed-race woman, falls into the clutches of the Secretary of State Raoul Vincent.

Nirvah has been alone with her two children since Daniel was kidnapped. As editor-in-chief of the main opposition paper, he was a leading opponent of Duvalier's dictatorial regime. If Nirvah wants to see her husband alive again and keep her children safe, she has to make a deal with the dangerous Raoul Vincent, the strong man of the regime. As soon as they meet, Raoul desires her. Nirvah can see that her body will be the ransom, and that she has no choice in the matter. Nobody says 'No' to Raoul. Anyway, being Raoul's mistress could have its compensations. But unforeseen developments take place, and Nirvah, dazzled, rushes into an even more dangerous trap...

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Si par hasard

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A novel of initiation in the form of a breath-taking road movie: Claire, 16, lets fate take over her life.

Claire, 16, and her little brother are as thick as thieves. They've made a pact: when they get up to mischief, they throw dice to decide who will take the blame. On holiday in the American West, they damage the windscreen of the hired car while waiting for their parents. The dice throw designates Claire as the guilty party. Her punishment is to stay in the car while her family go off on a trip, during which they all perish. Sick with guilt, enraged by the cruelty of fate, she decides that chance - to which she owes her life - should now guide what's left of it. So begins a long flight from reality. From San Francisco to Tokyo, Claire seeks her bearings, experiencing the best and the worst life has to offer, burning the candle at both ends but above all, trying to face up to her inner demons. But can new awareness bring her back home to those who care for her, and to face her past?

Why this story? This novel of initiation, which reads like a road movie with a captivating storyline, sketches the portrait of a hypersensitive girl whose adolescence is brought to a brutal and agonizing halt. Alone, she must construct the values that will permit her rite of passage to adulthood.

Advance Order: Forthcoming in March, 2010. The author received a special mention from the jury of the Arsène Lupin Prize and has been shortlisted for the Chambéry Prize for a first novel for *Sonate de l'assassin* (translated into Italian, forthcoming in paperback April 2010).

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Si par hasard



Si par hasard

Author: Jean-Baptiste Destremau
Genre: Fiction
Epoch: Today
Setting: USA, Japan, France
Timespan: Two years

Les vanilliers

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Les Vanilliers

Author: Georges Limbour
Genre: Adventure / romance / nature
Epoch: 19th century
Setting: La Réunion
Timespan: One month when Jenny is 8 / One year when Jenny is 16.

Les Vanilliers

ISBN: 9782070297054

A young girl from Holland falls in love with a young black slave of La Réunion. Together they discover the secret of vanilla fertilization.

When Van Houtten, Holland's chocolate king, visits Mr Bonald's archeological site, he also meets his wife, who smells deliciously of vanilla. The scent is unknown in Europe and Van Houtten sees an opportunity: this plant could enhance the taste of his chocolate. He meets Jenny, the Bonald's daughter, and obtains the secret of the plant and where it is grown. Von Houtten sends Jenny and her father to the island where vanilla grows: La Réunion. With the slaves, they must cultivate the plant for his firm. Von Houtten comes to the island with his son, Guillaume, who falls ill. His condition worsens. Von Houtten is enraged: his plants yield no fruit and he suspects Jenny of having lied to him. When Jenny falls in love with a black slave, Edmond, their romance thrives under the shade of vanilla flowers. Guillaume dies and Von Houtten leaves. Jenny and Edmond stay there, in the fields, and eventually discover the secret of Vanilla...

Why this story? This book offers a palette of colorful, detailed and well-drawn characters. It would adapt well to a romantic and spectacular film, where Nature would have a big part to play.

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Zola Jackson

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Hurricane Katrina rages through New Orleans, the dams burst one after the other. Stinking water consumes an old lady's home, but Zola refuses to leave her dog Lady to a certain death.

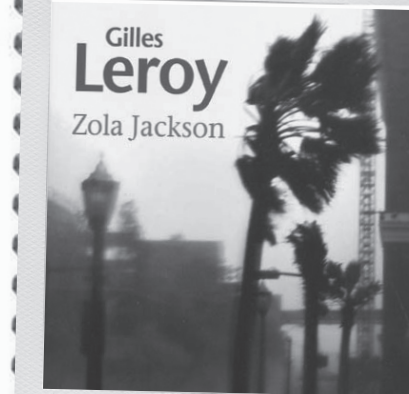
August 2005, the Mississippi delta: Katrina is about to strike. Zola, a retired black school teacher, lives alone with her old dog, Lady. She's seen hurricanes aplenty; so she's not going to move for Katrina... In any case, she hasn't been afraid for 10 years. Since Caryl died of cancer. Caryl, her pride and joy, her reason for living, her only son who became a brilliant professor. Before he died, he gave her Lady when she was just a pup. Outside, it's the Flood. Stinking, muddy water is rising all around. Zola and Lady have moved up to the first floor. In the morning, there are corpses floating by under the windows. They are trapped. Help arrives at last in a little motor boat. Zola has to get out as soon as possible, but there's no room for dogs. So Zola refuses to go. She won't abandon Lady. Trapped by the waters, can the old woman and her dog survive Katrina?

Film References: Imitation of Life by Douglas Sirk

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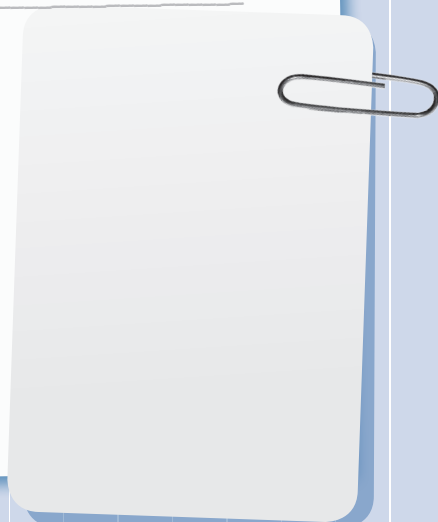
Zola Jackson

Author: Gilles Leroy
Genre: Novel
Epoch: 2005
Setting: The Mississippi Delta, Louisiana.

Timespan: A few days

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