

BIEF

A SELECTION OF FRENCH TITLES

CRIME & MYSTERY

A word from the editor

Although practically all fairs and professional events were canceled between March and August 2020, book professionals throughout the world have continued to work from a distance with their partners. As publications progressively resume in numerous countries, it is finally possible to take a bit more time to discover the best in international publishing.

To help you in that respect, the BIEF (Bureau International de l'Édition Française) is very pleased to present you with this **interactive selection of**

80 crime and mystery titles, spanning all genres and for all audiences, which have recently been published (or are about to be) by French publishers.

Many French crime and mystery authors are already stars abroad. But you will also discover new names and some rather original subjects.

First novels or experienced authors, titles that have sometimes already been translated into many languages... Whatever the case may be, all of these works have

a particularly strong potential for translation in numerous markets.

You may discover these books one by one or you may search by genre, thanks to the interactive links.

To find out more about each of the titles presented, we have provided the e-mail address of the appropriate person to contact in each publishing house.

Happy reading! We hope that you will make some exciting discoveries!

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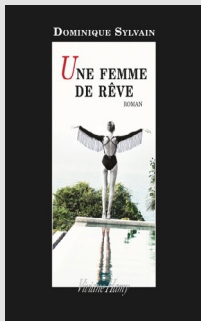
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- > The Vivaldi Code

Thriller

Detective Young Adult Roman Noir Dystopian Children's Books
 Historical Ecological Occult Espionage

› Viviane Hamy



DOMINIQUE SYLVAIN

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- > Dominique Sylvain's work has been translated into approximately fifteen languages and several of her works have been adapted for the screen
- > Print run: 10,000 copies
- > Recipient of the 2020 Claude Chabrol Prize, which is awarded to the best adaptable crime novel and presided over by Dominique Besnehard

› UNE FEMME DE RÊVE

A DREAM WOMAN

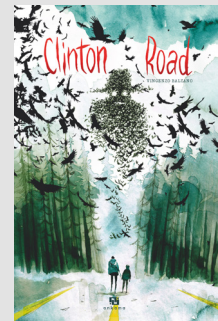
Nico, a teenage girl, has just helped her father, a robber who has committed multiple offenses, to escape from jail via a helicopter. They hope to go to Brazil, where Nico is looking forward to finally enjoying life and above all, reconnecting with the mother who abandoned her.

Karmia has just escaped from prison with the help of his daughter, Nico. Schrödinger's the one who was responsible for his nasty arrest, which left Severine, Schrödinger's partner and lover, in a coma. Father and daughter have kidnapped Adèle, a mother and volunteer teacher at the prison. Meanwhile, the story of "The Chosen One" unfolds as a young amnesiac woman propelled to another world searches for her identity...

9791097417512 / 2020 / 304 PAGES / 19,00 €

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› Ankama



VINCENZO BALZANO

› CLINTON ROAD

CLINTON ROAD

A thriller about an urban legend, in the vein of Stephen King.

John is a ranger in Passaic County – nothing unusual about that. Except that Clinton Road, 10 miles of asphalt that he patrols daily, turns out to be the most haunted road in the United States, plagued by disturbing disappearances and paranormal phenomena. As it just so happens, it's also the road where his only son, Benjamin, was last seen before he disappeared. But John, who is unable to grieve for his son, takes refuge in an altered reality where fantasies creep their way in...

9791033511403 / 2020 / 144 PAGES / 17,90 €

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Thriller

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 Historical Ecological Occult Espionage

› Fleuve Noir



SOPHIE LOUBIÈRE

› CINQ CARTES BRÛLÉES

FIVE BURNED CARDS

What is life if not a deck of cards that's constantly being shuffled?

Mr. and Mrs. Graissac live with their two children in a house in the Auvergne region. They divorce after he is suspected of sexually abusing their daughter, Laurence.

Laurence picks herself up thanks to high-performance sports, until the day her mother and brother, Thierry, have a car accident: Thierry is seriously wounded and Mrs. Graissac is sent to a mental institution.

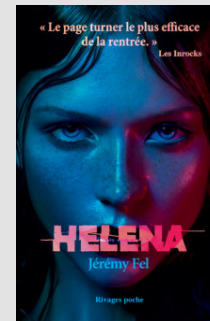
Laurence comes back home to take care of her brother and financially support her family.

That is how she starts working at the casino in Chaudes-Aigues, where she meets the man who will change her life dramatically.

9782265143968 / 2020 / 343 PAGES / 19,90 €

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› Rivages



JÉRÉMY FEL

› HELENA

HELENA

How far will a mother go to protect her children when they do the unthinkable? After *Les loups à leur porte*, Jérémy Fel explores this dizzying question in an expertly crafted saga reminiscent of a psychological thriller.

Since the death of her husband, Norma has done everything she can to make sure her children have a normal life: Graham, the eldest, little Cindy, and the fragile and impulsive Tommy. But one day, Norma lends a helping hand to Hayley, a young golfer whose car has broken down not far from their house. An innocent decision that will change everything. Soon a dramatic turn of events will bind the characters to each other inexorably as they are caught in an infernal spiral that they would do anything to escape. Anything, no matter how awful. And then there's Helena...

9782743644673 / 2018 / 800 PAGES / 23,00 €

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Russian

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- > 15,000 large format copies sold (September 2018)
- > 11,000 paperback copies sold (September 2019)

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Thriller

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› Rageot



PHILIP LE ROY

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German (world), Spanish (world)

› DANS LA MAISON

IN THE HOUSE

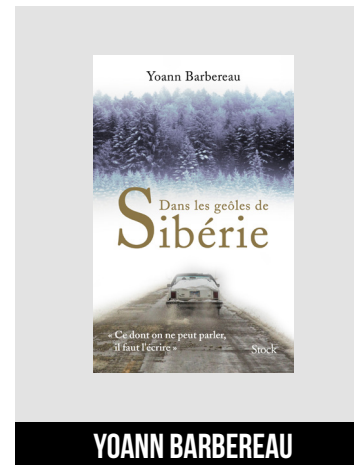
Fear is an enthralling gamble for creative minds...

Eight high school students, who are specializing in applied arts, generally spend their Saturday nights partying in an isolated country house.

For a change, one of them suggests organizing a thrilling evening. The goal of the game: to frighten the others, and make them drink. But with such creative minds, what starts out as a good time soon gives way to truly scary staging. The atmosphere becomes oppressive. And when a storm breaks out, the group is cut off from the world. Soon, strange noises resound throughout the house, stones appear out of nowhere, a boy disappears, then a girl... The evening turns into a horrific nightmare with no way out.

9782700259346 / 2019 / 352 PAGES / 15,90 €

› Stock



YOANN BARBEREAU

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English (UK: Hodder & Stoughton),
Complex Chinese (Taiwan: Yuan-Liou)

FIND OUT MORE

- > Number one on the sales chart at the beginning of lockdown
- > 31,000 copies sold since its publication in March 2020
- > Audiovisual adaptation in the works

› DANS LES GEÔLES DE SIBÉRIE

IN THE JAILS OF SIBERIA

Midnight Express in Siberia.

A gripping contemporary story of escape.

"The scene unfolds not far from Lake Baikal, where I live and love and am lucky enough to be loved, in Irkutsk, the capital of eastern Siberia. It's morning, men in balaclavas appear out of nowhere. My daughter screams. She's five years old. I'm arrested right in front of her, then beaten – expertly – and interrogated. Worst of all I'm branded with that ignominious word I struggle to commit to paper: paedophile. These men hidden behind balaclavas and shadows want my skin. They have set in motion an implacable and brutish process of destruction that has a name, a name I know, invented by the KGB: *Kompromat*."

9782234086166 / 2020 / 300 PAGES / 20,90 €

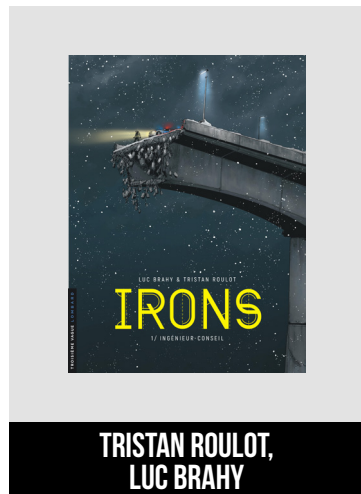
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› Le Lombard



› IRONS

IRONS

Whoever thought a construction site was a good place to hide an "accident" has yet to encounter Jack Irons' eagle eye...

Jack Irons is an engineer who specializes in superstructures. A sarcastic misanthrope, Jack is tough to like. But in his field, there's no one better. Massive bridges, far-fetched construction projects in hostile lands — when the task seems impossible, Jack gets the call.

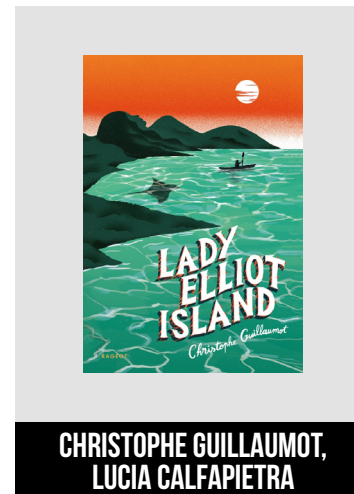
9782803671847 / 2018 / 56 PAGES / 12,45 €

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Italian, Dutch

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› Rageot



› LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

LADY ELLIOT ISLAND

Heaven on earth is about to become hell.

For her birthday, the young influencer Clara receives six plane tickets. Destination: Lady Elliot Island, an island paradise off the coast of Australia, strewn with inviolable aboriginal lands. It's an Eden encircled by a coral reef where turtles, rays, and sharks abound. She invites her best friends and, to spice things up, two strangers... But once on the island, several incidents occur. Her vision is becoming blurry. Is this little paradise actually hell?

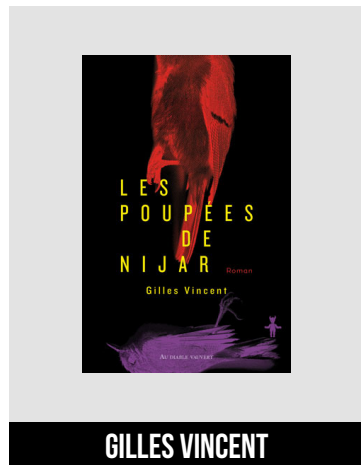
9782700273908 / 2020 / 208 PAGES / 15,90 €

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Thriller

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› Au Diable Vauvert



› LES POUPÉES DE NIJAR

NIJAR'S DOLLS

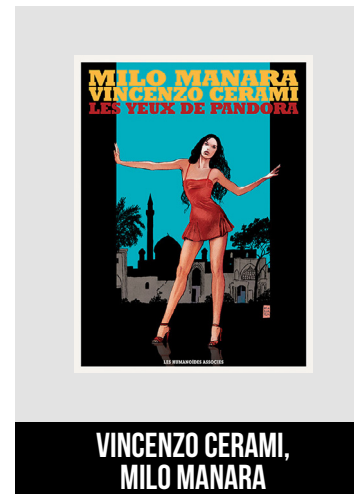
A Mediterranean detective story set in the lands of Andalusia, devastated by industrial slavery.

The photojournalist Thomas Volner is sent to Andalusia, to the heart of Europe's garden, a sea of plastic in the middle of the desert. Environmental devastation, slave workers: all of the ingredients for a scandalous story. But his investigation is disrupted by another case: after being kidnapped on their way to school, children reappear days later, hanging from the branch of a tree. A roman noir that is simultaneously historical, political, social, ecological, realistic, and humanitarian, Gilles Vincent masterfully plunges readers into a kaleidoscopic detective story.

9791030703153 / 2020 / 368 PAGES / 20,00 €

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› Les Humanoïdes Associés



› LES YEUX DE PANDORA

PANDORA'S EYES

Pandora has just finished high school and is ready to enter the adult world. But for a while now, some shady characters have been tailing her from afar...

An edge-of-your-seat thriller spiced with Milo Manara's gorgeous erotic sensibility. Pandora is a beautiful young woman living with her adoptive parents in Europe. Out of the blue, she learns that her real father might be a terrible mob boss wanted by the international authorities. When she is kidnapped and taken to Turkey, she is forced to confront her dangerous past and investigate the motives of the people closest to her. A dream team made up of Oscar-nominated screenwriter Vincenzo Cerami and one of Europe's greatest artists, Milo Manara.

9782731618211 / 2007 / 64 PAGES / 14,50 €

RIGHTS SOLD

English, German, Spanish, Dutch, Hungarian, Polish, Greek, Croatian, Finnish
 Press rights sold: Slovenian

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> Awarded the "Grand Prix Saint-Michel" in 2016

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› Fayard



SYLVAIN FORGE

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- > First title to be published in June 2020 in the new Fayard Noir collection, directed by Eléonore Delair
- > The author was awarded the "Quai des Orfèvres" Prize in 2018

› SAUVE-LA

SAVE HER

A suspenseful page-turner, which shows the frightening future of chatbots and social media, capable of rendering our loved ones eternal, but at what cost?

Alexis Lepage is about to get married when he receives a message from his first love, Clara, whom he has not seen in over twenty years. Clara informs him that she is dying of cancer in Canada, and that she needs his help to locate her only daughter Olivia, who is missing and presumed dead. Soon Alexis learns some startling truths: Clara has in fact already passed away and her messages are being generated by a chatbot, and Olivia is none other than his daughter. These revelations lead Alexis on a desperate hunt to find Olivia, dead or alive.

9782213717234 / 2020 / 400 PAGES / 17,00 €

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› Calmann-Lévy



JACQUES EXPERT

› PLUS FORT QU'ELLE

STRONGER THAN HER

An all-consuming love, the art of manipulation... an autopsy of a crime of passion.

One night, Cécile Maisonnave is hit on the back of the head and pushed down the stairs of her apartment. She clearly knew the killer. Soon, all the evidence points to Raphaëlle, her husband's mistress. After all, she abandoned her family for him; what else is she capable of? In the style of an investigation file peppered with police interview reports, *Stronger Than Her* shows how the truth can be difficult to discern when someone is manipulating it... A fascinating thriller that echoes *Gone Girl*.

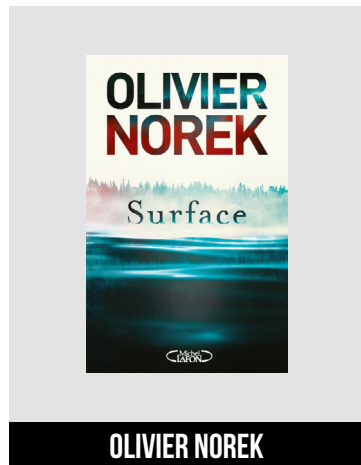
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› Michel Lafon Publishing

**OLIVIER NOREK****RIGHTS SOLD**

English (world), German, Italian, Lithuanian, Swedish

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- > 100,000 copies
- > "Prix des Maisons de la Presse" and "Prix Relay des Lecteurs" in 2019
- > Audiovisual adaptation in the works

› SURFACE

SURFACE

The police captain is unwelcome there. As is her investigation here.

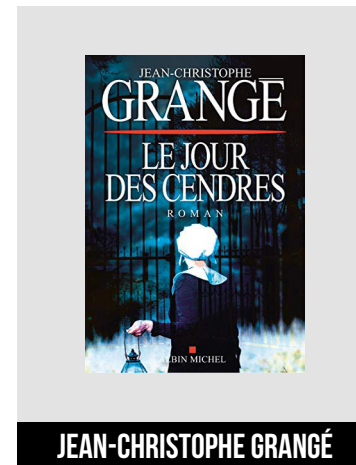
A Paris suburb. Early morning. A police operation goes wrong and Captain Noémie Chastain is shot in the head. She will survive, disfigured, a living reminder for her colleagues of the dangerous nature of their job. Months later in Avalone, rural France, the tiniest and quietest precinct in the country, where Noémie has been sent to recover in spite of herself.

Her secret mission: write a report to support the closure of the local police station.

One morning, a keg is found floating in the lake near the village. Inside it, the body of a child that went missing 25 years ago...

9782749934983 / 2019 / 350 PAGES / 19,95 €

› Albin Michel

**JEAN-CHRISTOPHE GRANGÉ**

› LE JOUR DES CENDRES

THE DAY OF ASHES

Grangé plunges us into the captivating universe of a religious sect with a terrifying secret...

A body is found under the rubble of a chapel belonging to the "Emissaires," a discreet and non-violent religious community that had settled in Alsace over four hundred years ago. All the evidence suggests that it was an accident. However, when the investigators arrive at the scene, they discover that the autopsy was done in a rush, the church wasn't sealed off, a valuable fresco had disappeared, and a strange rock had been placed inside the victim's mouth. Is this a crime of vengeance, a settling of accounts, or a way of covering up a terrifying secret?

9782226439420 / 2020 / 368 PAGES / 19,90 €

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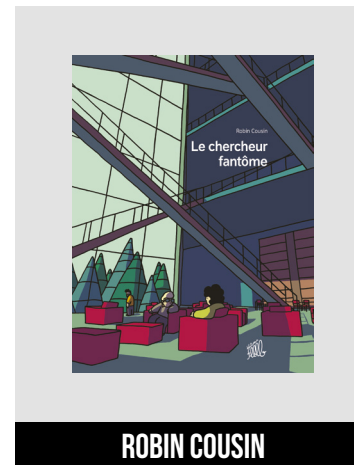
} **Albin Michel**} **L'HEURE DU DIABLE****THE DEVIL'S HOUR**

After *Dog Days* ("Polar" Award in 2017), Patrick Bauwen is back with a thriller that is equal parts terrifying and first-rate.

On the eve of Halloween, the body of a young woman is found on a railway track, embedded in the front of a train. Lieutenant Audrey Valenti is tasked with the investigation along with a brigade specializing in crimes involving the underground or railway networks. Doctor Chris Kovak, who no longer works with the brigade, has become agoraphobic and only practices medicine by teleconsultation. Then he starts to receive strange messages... The Dog, the ruthless killer with whom he has already had dealings, follows a simple principle: each time he contacts the doctor, someone dies. And contact is becoming more and more frequent...

9782226452511 / 2020 / 480 PAGES / 22,90 €

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} **Éditions Flblb**} **LE CHERCHEUR FANTÔME****THE GHOST RESEARCHER**

Developing its plot from the everyday life of a group of researchers, *The Ghost Researcher* depicts the modeling of a problem in fundamental mathematics and builds an original and poetic scientific thriller behind closed doors.

The Foundation for the Study of Complex and Dynamic Systems welcomes 24 researchers in residence and provides unlimited resources for their work. One evening, three researchers discover that there is a fourth person in their building, whom no one has ever seen...

9782357611719 / 2019 / 128 PAGES / 20,00 €

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Spanish (Mexico)

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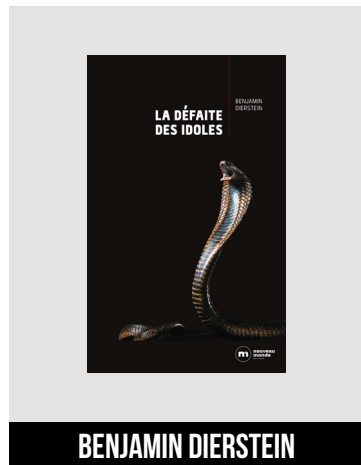
> "Scientific Fiction" Award in 2015

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Thriller

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› Nouveau Monde



› LA DÉFAITE DES IDOLES

THE IDOLS' UNDOING

The latest sensation in French political crime fiction!

October 2011. Gaddafi is killed and Libya is ablaze. The French conservative and socialist parties begin their presidential campaigns. Former hero of Paris's drug squad, the fallen police officer Kertesz is recruited by Corsican crooks for a cocaine trafficking ring. Meanwhile, he's spying for a private intelligence company. Captain Verhaeghen, who's close to Sarkozy's supporters, is put on the trail of her former colleague Kertesz and a few other ghosts that she's vowed to take out. Kertesz and Verhaeghen will find themselves in a duel to the death in the very heart of modern corruption.

9782369428848 / 2020 / 640 PAGES / 20,90 €

FIND OUT MORE

> The author received the "Sang-froid Prize for First Crime Novel" for *The Smoking Mermaid* [*La Sirène qui fume*].

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› Denoël



› L'HOMME DE LA PLAINE DU NORD

THE MAN FROM THE NORTHERN PLAINS

The profiler Hanah Baxter must face up to her past in this new and perfectly honed thriller.

Hanah Baxter, a Belgian woman living in New York, is one of the best profilers in the world. When she returns home after an investigation and finally unpacks her bags, two FBI agents knock at her door. An international warrant has been issued for her arrest. Baxter is accused of murdering Anton Vifkin, the legendary profiler who was also her mentor. This investigation plunges her into her past and takes her, in the wake of the mysterious Man from the Northern Plains, where she never thought she would go.

9782207157411 / 2020 / 400 PAGES / 19,90 €

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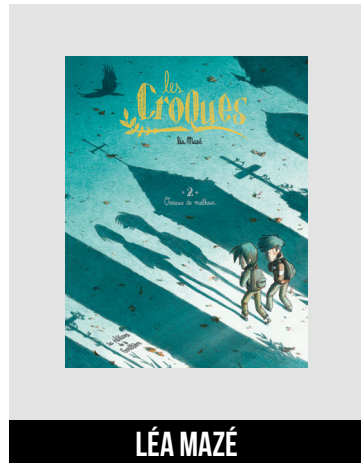
Historical

Ecological

Occult

Espionage

↳ Éditions de la Gouttière

**LÉA MAZÉ**

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- > Complete series in 3 books (publication of book 3 in October 2020)
- > "ACBD Jeunesse" Award in 2018 and "Coup de cœur Cultura"
- > 14,000 copies sold of books 1 and 2 in France

↳ LES CROQUES - TOME 2 - OISEAUX DE MALHEUR

COMIC BOOKS GRAPHIC NOVEL

THE UNDERTAKERS: BIRDS OF MISFORTUNE (BOOK 2)

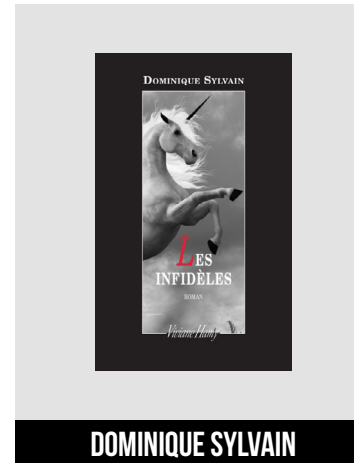
A thrilling series in which twins (who are also victims of bullying) will lead an investigation...

Colin and Céline's parents manage an undertaker's company. Quite busy with their work, they don't have much time for their kids, who are teased because of their parents' profession. Their schoolmates constantly make fun of them, calling them "Grave Diggers" or "Cold Cooks." As a result, the lonely twins get into mischief and end up getting suspended from school for two days. Fortunately, they can rely on Poussin, the gravestone engraver, who loves drawing and telling them stories. One day, Poussin directs their attention to a strange marking on a grave...

9791092111934 / 2019 / 72 PAGES / 13,70 €

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↳ Viviane Hamy

**DOMINIQUE SYLVAIN**

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↳ LES INFIDÈLES

THE UNFAITHFUL

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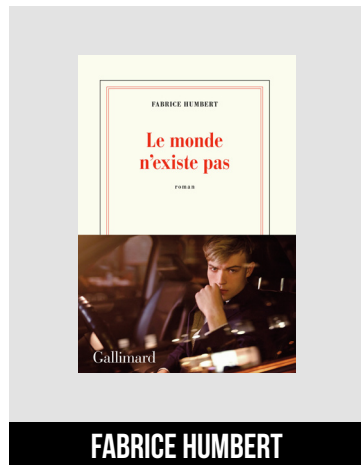
9791097417024 / 2018 / 359 PAGES / 19,00 €

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› Gallimard

**FABRICE HUMBERT****RIGHTS SOLD**

German

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> Selected for the 2020

Booksellers' Award

> 15,000 copies sold

› LE MONDE N'EXISTE PAS

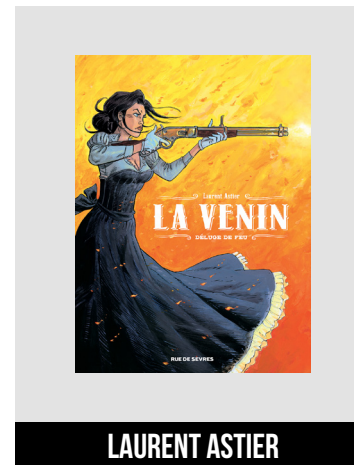
THE WORLD DOESN'T EXIST

A dizzying reflection on the power of the narrative, this highly suspenseful novel questions a society blinded by lies in which reality and fiction are one and the same.

When Adam Vollmann, a *New Yorker* journalist, sees the face of a wanted man on the screens of Times Square, he recognizes him straight away: it's Ethan Shaw. The good-looking Ethan, who twenty years earlier was the high school superstar and Adam's only friend, is accused of having raped and killed a young Mexican girl. Refusing to believe he's guilty, Adam returns to Drysden, the town where they met, to investigate. He will soon realize that this case goes beyond anything he could have ever imagined...

9782072880315 / 2020 / 256 PAGES / 19,00 €

› Rue de Sèvres

**LAURENT ASTIER****RIGHTS SOLD**

Dutch, Danish, German

FIND OUT MORE

> 35,000 copies sold in France

> Series in 5 volumes

› LA VENIN

VENOM

Emily, a new figure in the myth of the Wild West! A heroine who is as manipulative as she is a sharp shooter.

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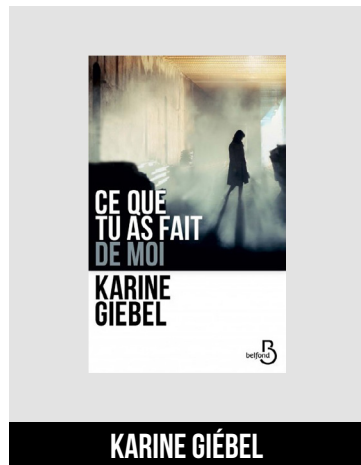
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AND THEN DEATH.

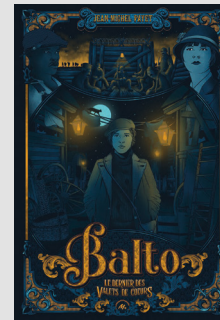
A crime novel that blends together current affairs, social demands, and personal revenge against the backdrop of Paris in a state of emergency.

Three Saturdays in a row, while all the police services of France are mobilized by the demonstrations of the yellow vests movement, murders targeting the rich are committed in the wealthy districts of Paris. Commander Jean-Yves Le Guen, together with newcomer Captain Patriziu Agostini, must race against the clock to find the culprit. Because the idea of a murderer linked to the yellow vests movement threatens to be the subject of political exploitation, which would only worsen the situation - and jeopardize the investigation.

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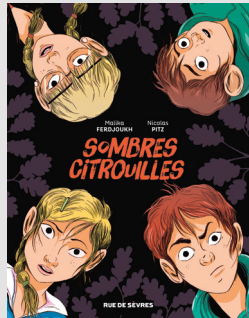
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Today is October 31st and like every year, three generations of the Coudrier family have come together at the large family home surrounded by forests to celebrate the birthday of the patriarch, Papigrand. Since it's also Halloween, Mamigrand has sent the kids out to get pumpkins. But out in the middle of the field still enveloped in the morning mist, something's wrong. A man is stretched out, covered in red spots... Dead. At first, nobody recognizes him. The problem is that in this family, there are at least three possible criminal motives... And three potential murderers. Not to mention all the secrets that have yet to come to light...

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How did it come to this? On his way to his cell, Paul relives the past few years. Having been elected after a relentless campaign, he devotes his life to his town. He learns to be loved by the locals, along with the support of his associates and wife. He also learns to be hated, turning the other cheek to the acerbic criticisms of Jacques Gentil, who is always on the lookout for any mistakes that could tarnish the young mayor's career. But it is becoming increasingly difficult for Paul to defend his decisions in the eyes of a population seduced by the discourse of the far right. This criticism-sensitive idealist is sucked up by the reality of political life, until he does the unforgivable.

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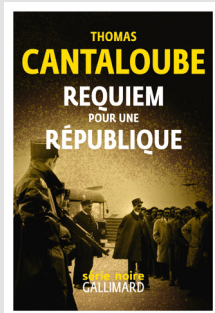
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- > Film adaptation of his novel *Story of Women* by Claude Chabrol
- > Print run: 7,000 copies

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A crime of passion. One morning in their family home on the outskirts of Paris, a victim of sexual abuse shoots and kills her violent husband, a fan of swingers' clubs and sleazy relations.

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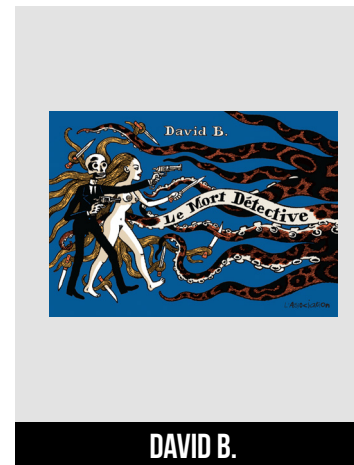
THE CASPIAN HIGH-ROLLER

A new investigation for the consul Aurel, this time in Baku, Azerbaijan.

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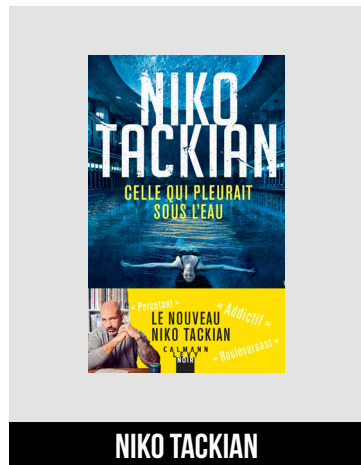
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THE GIRL WHO CRIED UNDERWATER

In *The Girl Who Cried Underwater*, Niko Tackian tackles a very topical social issue that is too often silenced: femicide and violence towards women, both physical and psychological. An intelligent detective novel in which emotion rises to the surface with each passing chapter.

On a hot July day, a woman is found dead in a public swimming pool. Police commander Tomar Khan and his team are dispatched to the scene. As far as he's concerned, it is tragically clear: Clara Delattre killed herself. But Rhonda, his second-in-command, refuses to leave it at that. A visit to the deceased's home leads her to believe that Clara was a passionate woman who was hiding a great deal of pain. What if something, or someone, was behind this suicide? Rhonda will not rest until she discovers the truth. A strong and topical thriller on violence against women.

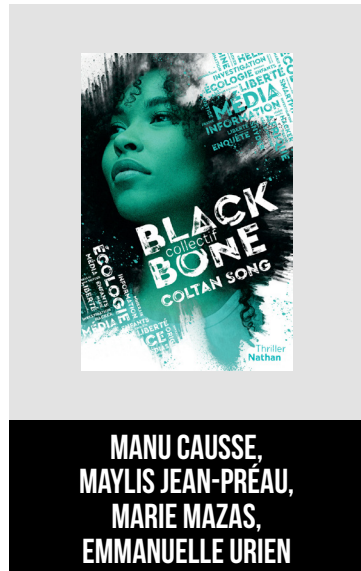
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With the help of Leo, a young hacker, and her godmother, an Italian journalist, Marie takes over the investigation and discovers that her mother was on the brink of exposing a rare mineral trafficking ring in Africa.

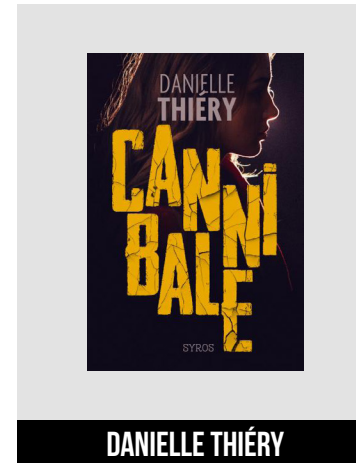
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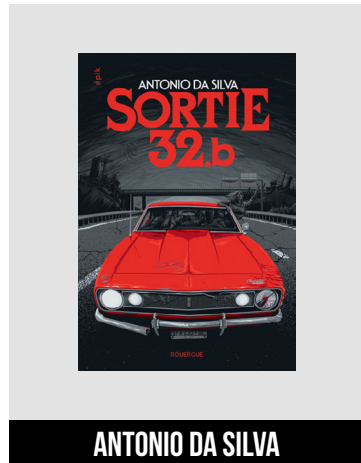
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First there were the birds, frozen in the sky. The cow corpses in the middle of the road. The adults who lost their minds. Policemen everywhere, all the exits closed and heavily guarded. And the never-ending motorway, impossible to leave behind. For Lucille and her basketball team, or Aaron and his brothers, the situation cannot be explained. It is almost too crazy to be real. Yet death is right there, watching. And as the world around them sinks into chaos, they must hang on with all their strength and find a way out of this nightmare: exit 32b.

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A roman noir about the worrisome disappearance of a 16-year-old "good girl."

Why did 16-year-old Manon, who has a reputation for exemplary behavior, run away from her house one June evening? Why did her mother wait so long before reporting her missing? Why hasn't her best friend Salome heard from her? And why doesn't Valentin want to reveal how far he has agreed to go in the name of love for Manon? If everyone shared what they knew, perhaps we would finally unravel the mystery of this strange disappearance and a young girl who just dreamed of being completely free to be herself.

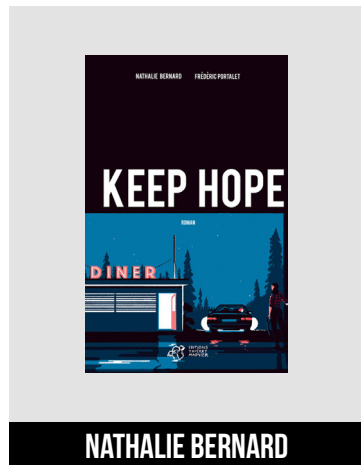
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The parallel construction of this thriller (the investigation on one hand and the young missing Native American girl on the other) keeps us in suspense until the final confrontation.

Valérie Lavigne left her position as detective lieutenant with the police in Montreal two years ago. Too much pressure, and too many painful memories. But then at a gas station one evening, she catches a little girl's eye. She is sure that she has seen that gaze somewhere before. Could the girl be one of the missing persons she investigated in her former life? She needs to be sure and reconnects with her lifelong partner, Gautier Saint-James. After *Seven Days to Survive*, a new adventure for this couple of investigators from Quebec.

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A teen who suffers from Asperger's, Sacha has a different and guileless view of the world. Having been pulled out of school, he lives with his mother, a humanitarian doctor, whom he accompanies on her missions. In Manila, after going with his father to look for pygmy seahorses in the clear waters of the Philippines, Sacha is kidnapped by the young gang member Nikki, a knife-wielding girl who slashed her own face to escape prostitution.

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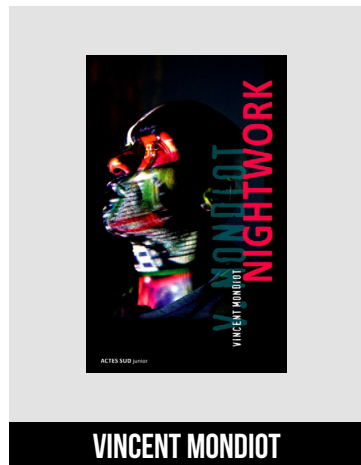
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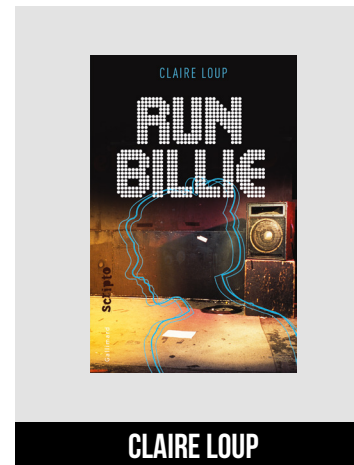
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The main character's dull daily life suddenly takes a decidedly grim and unexpected turn.

14-year-old Patrick is mad about drawing and video games. He lives in the projects with his big brother Abdel and their mother. Abdel, a delinquent, has just gotten out of prison and their mother, whose life offers little to no satisfaction, is on the verge of alcoholism. Suddenly, she dies. In order to stay together and prevent Patrick from being placed in a foster family, the brothers must keep up appearances. Patrick can count on Abdel's unfailing affection as well as their sheer nerve, common sense, and resourcefulness. Even if that means hiding a body.

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> Claire Loup won the "Prix des Ados"
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RUN BILLIE

A puzzle that paints the portrait of a young girl who lost herself to success. A tense narrative, full of suspense and psychological acuity.

On the night of their first concert at the legendary Bataclan, the members of the pop rock band Run Billie are on cloud nine. So much success in so little time! But just before going onstage, the dream is shattered: Billie, the band's singer, has disappeared into thin air. What happened? Kidnapping? Suicide? Inspector Luka Prajnic is tasked with the investigation. JB, Dams, and Moosh, the drummer who was dating her, are all questioned in addition to the young woman's family members. Who is Billie really? What was she seeking that success didn't offer her?

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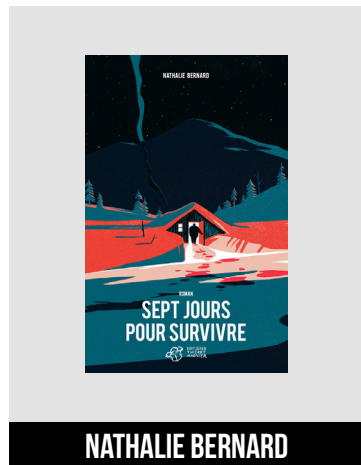
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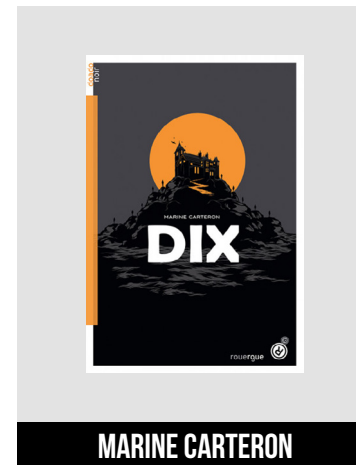
All it takes is a second for your life to change forever. That's the first lesson that Nita, a young Native American girl, will learn when she's kidnapped on her thirteenth birthday... An oppressive thriller for a hair-raising reading experience.

Nita, a young Native American girl, has been kidnapped by a serial killer. She finds herself tied up in a hunter's cabin deep in the Canadian forest. She manages to untie herself and runs away in the snow, her abductor close on her heels. Just as he is about to catch her, she hears a scream: his leg has been caught in a bear trap. With only three matches and two bars of chocolate, how will Nita survive? A race against the clock starts for the police, who only have a few clues at their disposal. The chances of finding the victim alive are decreasing by the minute...

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Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None* freely adapted by Marine Carteron. Bloody and suspenseful!

There were ten of them. Seven teenagers and three adults, all picked to take part in a literary escape game and appear on prime time television. The location: a mansion on an island, cut off from the rest of the world where nobody can hear you cry, scream, or call for help. When death begins to strike the contestants down one by one, there is only one question: who is the culprit? And one goal: survival! As the tension mounts and the horror sets in, appearances come crashing down, revealing that each and every one of them has something to hide...

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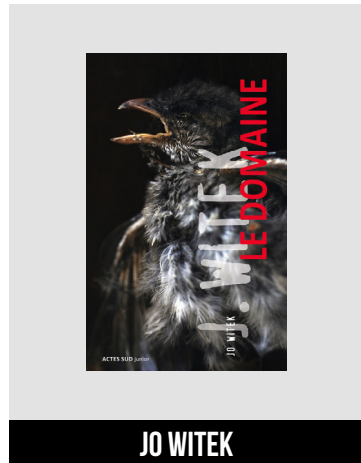
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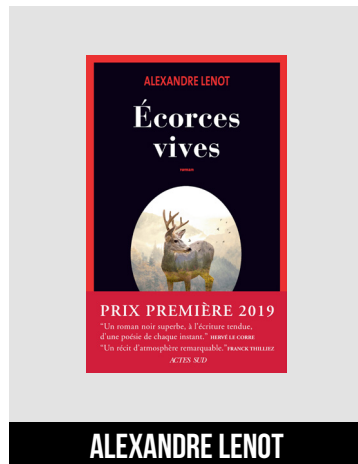
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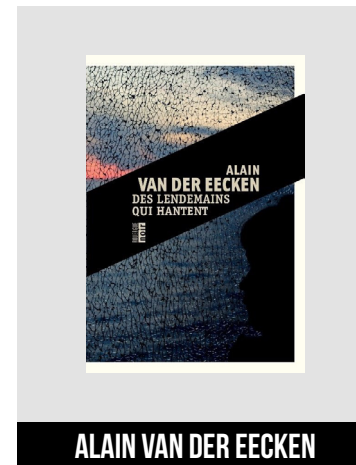
A roman noir set against a geopolitical backdrop written by a *Le Monde* correspondent and Donbass specialist.

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The eve of the Christmas holidays and the year 2000. A few days earlier, "The Erika" sank off the coastline of Brittany. Martial is in a hurry to leave the courthouse, having promised to pick his son up from school. As the parents cross the schoolyard, they hear a series of explosions. When a teacher comes running out and collapses in a pool of blood, Martial realizes what is happening. Risking his life, he manages to reach his son and get him to safety, or so he thinks. His life has just been irrevocably turned upside down.

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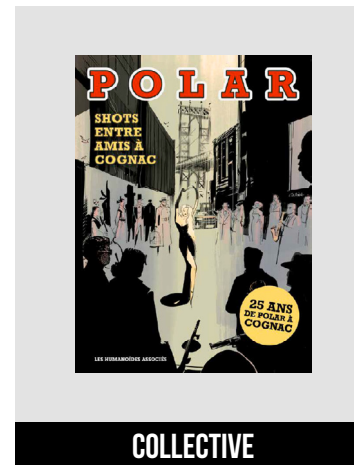
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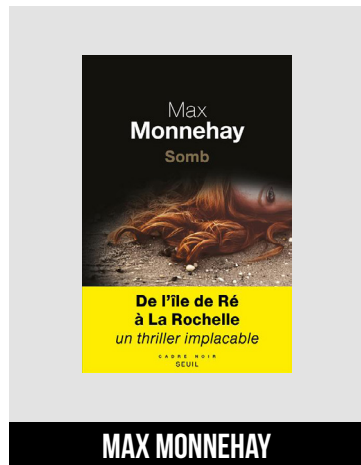
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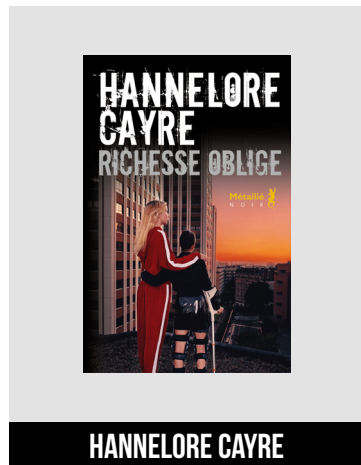
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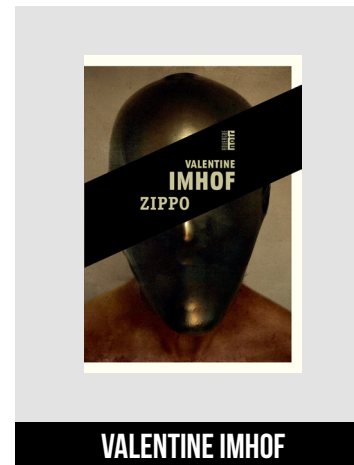
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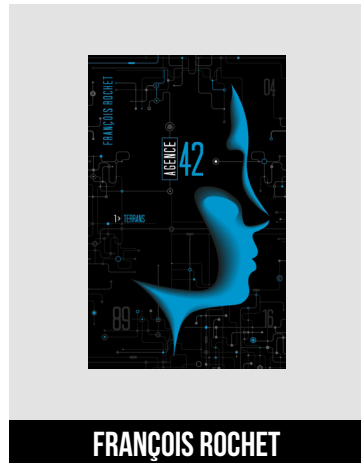
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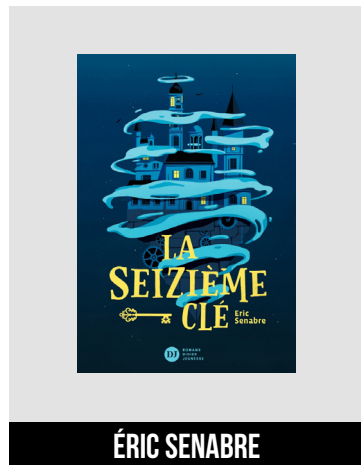
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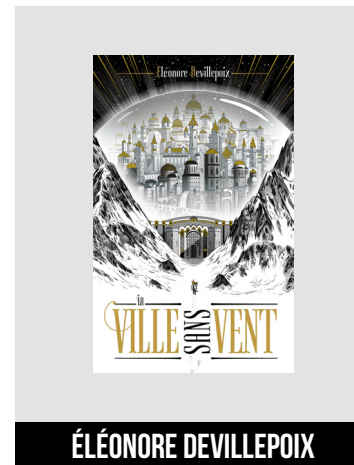
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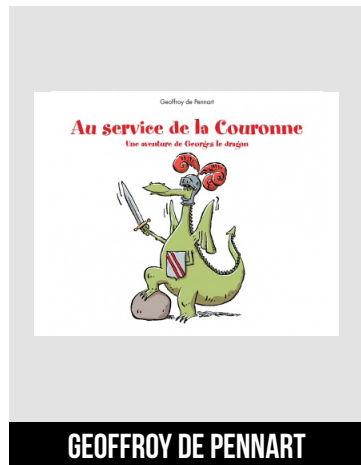
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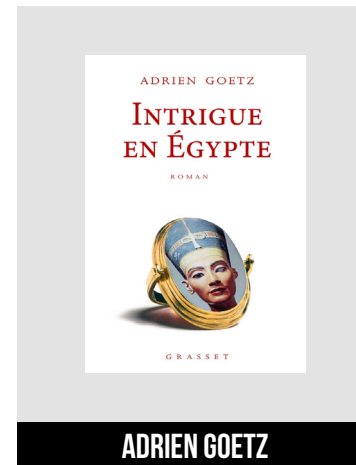
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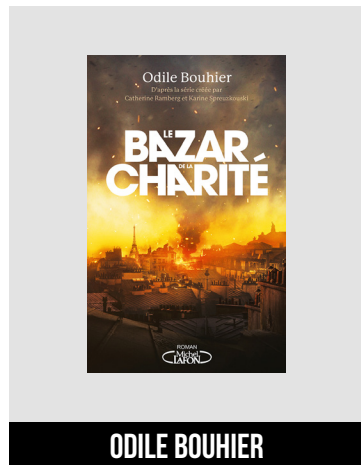
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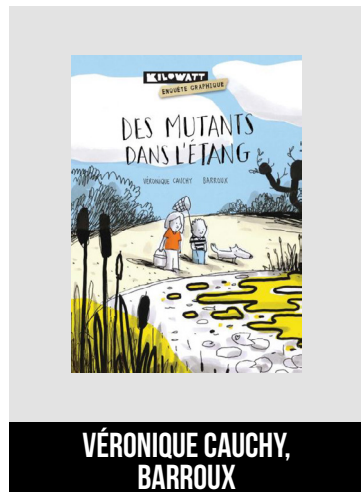
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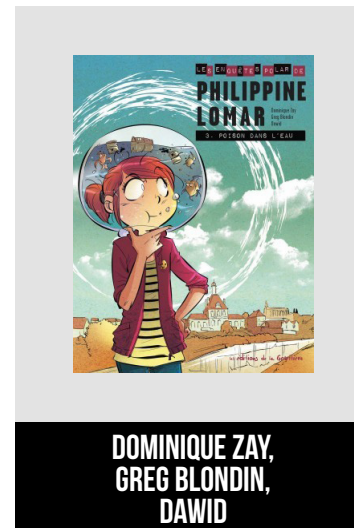
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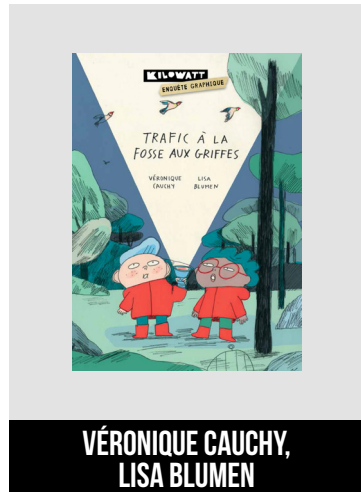
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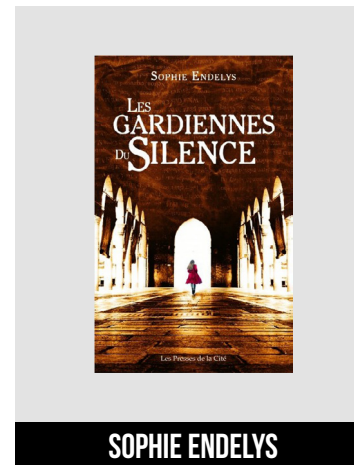
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