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NEW • THRILLER

FRANCK THILLIEZ

THE UNFINISHED MANUSCRIPT

3 May 2018

Reader's report available

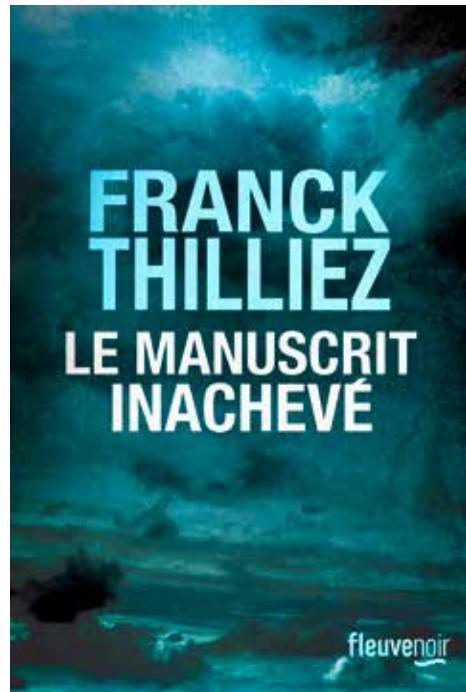
**A manuscript without an end,
an investigation without a corpse,
a body without a face.**

Near the Swiss border, the police chase a car which ends up in a ravine. What they found in the boot is appalling: the corpse of a young woman, face flayed, eyes enucleated and hands cut off. The CCTV of the gas station, where the car was last seen, is ominous: the car was stolen right there and the driver who died was not the owner. Vic, a hypermnesic, and his colleague Vadim are put in charge of the case.

In Paris, Léane Morgan is promoting her new book. Under the pen-name Enaël Miraure, she is the bestselling author of gruesome thrillers. Despite the many questions of journalists who want to know what she has been through to write such books, she has always been secretive. She cannot talk about her marriage which collapsed when her daughter was abducted four years ago. Jullian, her husband, never let go and to this day he is still looking for hints that their girl is alive.

When she receives a call telling her that Jullian has been injured and has lost his memories, Léane comes back to their house and discovers that her husband had find new clues. But without his memories, she has to face alone the truth.

- Impossible to stop reading until the very last page. Twists upon twists upon twists.
- Strong characters: Léane/Enaël, who hopes that her daughter is still alive against all odds; Vic, the hypermnesic cop who recalls everything he has ever read; Jullian, the destroyed husband who lost his memories...



THE AUTHOR

Franck Thilliez was the 2nd bestselling French thriller writer in 2016. He has been commissioned by the Palais de Tokyo in Paris to write a short story as the base of a modern art exhibition (from March 24th to May 16th 2016). See [Franck Thilliez](#) on pages 10 and 11.

NEW • NOIR

HERVÉ COMMÈRE

MIRROR IMAGE

8 March 2018

Reader's report available

During a terrible fire, Mathieu lost his parents. When a family photo album mysteriously reappears years later, his life will be shattered again.

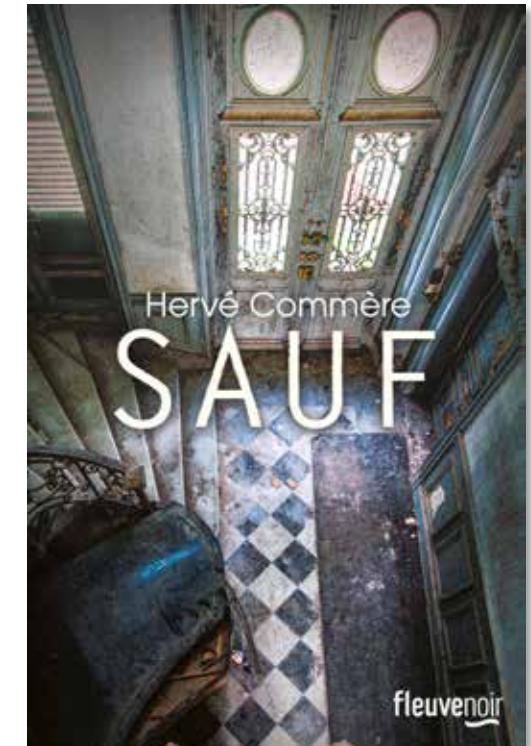
Mathieu is 6 years old when his parents died in the fire of their house. Together with his mother, a bohemian Norwegian heiress to a great fortune, and his artist-painter father, they lived in a manor. When they died, he was rescued by his uncle and aunt. Now 48, he lives with Anna, and her daughter Laurie.

One day, a woman drops a photo album at second-hand shop he owns. In the photos, he recognizes his family. He is shocked: everything was supposed to have burned.

The same night, a team of burglars enters his warehouse but nothing is stolen. The day after, they go to his home, find nothing and set it on fire before fleeing. Mat is devastated. Is his life threatened? What are they coming for?

When Mat recognizes the silhouette of his mother in the last photo of the album, taken after the death of his parents, his world is upside down. She did not die in the fire after all. Nothing makes sense anymore. What happened 40 years ago? Who is lying? He is now well decided to find out the truth, no matter what.

- A fast paced noir taking the reader from Paris to Brittany and all the way to Norway.
- When everybody seems to have lied, to whom one can turn?



THE AUTHOR

Hervé Commère was born in Rouen and now lives in Paris.



Also available:

NEW • NOIR

SÉBASTIEN MEIER BOHEMIA

12 April 2018
Reader's report available

Even in the most utopian country, radicalism and extremism are never far way.

In the kingdom of Bohemia, everything seems idyllic: unconditional basic income, gender equality, ecology at the highest level, land of immigrants. But a political jolt is looming since Elias Neuman, journalist by day, disguised in La-Garçonne by night, has unveiled a political and financial scandal that leads to the overthrow of the government.

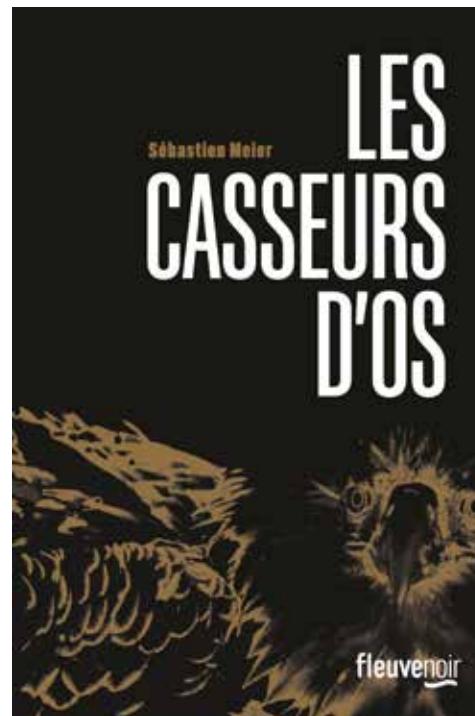
At the same time, two bodies are found miles apart: Ludivine Berger, a historian specialized in post-WWIII and Javier Martinez, one of her colleagues. Two police officers are in charge of the cases: Elodie Fasel for Ludivine and Eugene Young for Javier, they will be helped by Elias, who knows Ludivine since he was a child.

They discover that Ludivine was investigating the neo-Nazi group Sainte Bohème, which has ramifications throughout the country, including through a political party, the Alternative Bohemian Front.

The investigation leads them to the track of Emmanuel Labarière, a colleague of Ludivine who belongs to Sainte-Bohème...

What does the future hold for Bohemia?

- Radicalism, political corruption, financial scandals... the novel is very current and engaged.
- The Kingdom of Bohemia is completely made up but affected with contemporary plagues.



THE AUTHOR

Sébastien Meier was born in Switzerland. He is the author of four noir novels.

NEW • CRIMINAL'S CASES

LOUISE MEY THE UNSEEN HORDES

24 May 2018

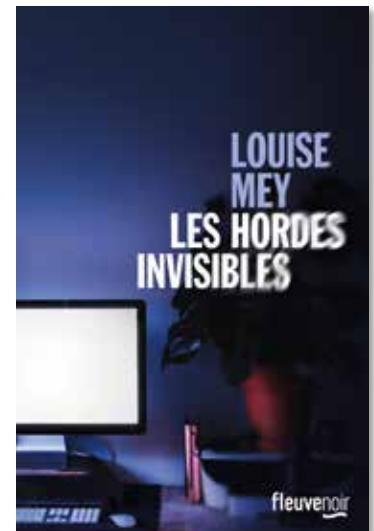
"He had nothing special. He was the face in the crowd, the neighbour in the bus, the boyfriend, the brother, the son, he was ordinary and his blind hatred seemed to be the more disturbing. No one could think he would threaten a woman."

Alexandra Dueso is a police officer in the sex crimes Unit and a divorced mother. She lives a passionate and real love story she prefers to hide with Marco, a younger colleague.

Their daily life is not easy, they are at the heart of the most sordid cases: sexual harassment, rape, violence against women. This time, they will have to put a name and a face on cyber stalkers. For them, women just have the right to remain silent ... Except that Francesca, Ilana and Clementine decided to express themselves.

These ordinary men will prove to be horrible predators. How to stop them? Will they dare to put their threats into action?

- A societal and feminist thriller.
- Strong and endearing characters.
- Cases closely tied with the recent headlines (harassment, violence against women, internet-related deviance).



L'AUTEUR

Louise Mey lives and works in Paris. See **Louise Mey** on page 23.



DEVASTATED

12 May 2016

★ Rights sold: Germany (Suhrkamp)
Reader's report available

Fear changes side.

Alex, a single mother, is working in the sex crimes unit of the Parisian police. Sex offenders, raped women, indecent exposures are her everyday lot. One might think she has seen everything.

But in the regular flow of investigations, two new cases are brought to her attention and cause quite a stir: the savage rapes of two men. Two straight men with nothing in common, except their shame and refusal to go to the police. When 1% of all rapes concern men, there's certainly something to investigate on...

- A dazzling first novel anchored in social realism.
- Unexpected victims for an unforgettable feminist thriller.

NEW • COMEDY

GUILLAUME CLICQUOT

SALT & PEPPER

14 June 2018

A fresh retired couple is well decided to spend the time they have left on the sunny cost of Portugal... but their family won't let them go so easily!

Françoise and Philippe are 60 years old. They have been waiting for years before being finally able to retire. Everything is almost done. The house is sold, the dream house in Portugal is bought, the loans are repaid and they have even found a place in a retirement home for Philippe's mother, the old and bad-tempered Mamiline.

There is one thing they could not have foreseen, their daughter separates from her husband who ends up living with them. And to top everything, they have to look after their grandchildren! They will have to redouble their mischief to escape this ordeal, otherwise... goodbye sun and peaceful retirement!

- Funny, sharp, quid pro quo, over the top situations: all the good ingredients of a comedy gathered!
- Current themes: energetic young retired, their thirst for freedom, expatriation...



THE AUTHOR

Guillaume Clicquot is a writer and a scriptwriter.



THE AUTHOR

Sub-editor for 15 years, **Marie Fitzgerald** has then worked for the first TV channel of Latin America. She has spent half of her life travelling the world and is now settled in France. See **Marie Fitzgerald** on page 26.

MARIE FITZGERALD

THE MISFORTUNE OF BEING ENGLISH (IN FRANCE)

16 May 2018

For some months, strange things are happening in the South of France: English people are being murdered: are they collateral damages of Brexit?

Benoît, the priest of a small parish near Avignon is having problems with the confessions he hears: five penitents have admitted murdering English people. Believing at first that this is a hoax, he goes to see the bishop who tells him that it's not a joke and that he should take some time off.

Benoît goes to Zaza, his sister-in-law who also hosts their nephew, the lieutenant Escarot, in charge of the case as the killing have happened near the village where Zaza lives. The policeman discovers the existence of two rival associations: the Wellington Club and the Friends of Napoleon.

Are the killings settling of scores between the members or something more?

- Funny and caustic, in the vein of A Year in the Merde by Stephen Clarke.
- Timeless with the banter between the French and the English and timely as well with the Brexit.

NEW • LITERARY FICTION

DENIS FAÏCK

THE MOVING STORY OF A GIRL WITH A SHOTGUN IN HER MOUTH

11 January 2018
Sample English translation available.

Amélie Poulain on valium.

30 years-old Josiane Camboulivesse works as a cleaner in the toilets of the Gare du Nord, the biggest and creepiest train station in Paris. This is not exactly the life she has been dreaming of but this how she managed to escape her small hometown, her mother she adores who has never loved her and her father who has never been there for her. For that matter, Josiane has always felt inappropriate and rejected by others. And she can't deal with it anymore.

But like in the 50's old movies she loves, her whole life passes before her eyes and especially her decisive and incandescent encounters: Martin, her first kiss; Germain, her parents' elderly lodger; Clara; Franck, the thoughtful soldier; Anna, her first, deep love and Hypolite, her flamboyant Ivoirian gay friend.

For this few people at least, she has been worthy of interest and these guardian angels –or the memory of them–won't let her go so easily!

- Josiane is a glorified anti heroine whom you will feel for.
- A deep reflection on self-esteem and otherness. The author's career history and especially his philosophical approach make this novel an excellent basis for thinking about what makes oneself unique and thus eminently worthwhile.



THE AUTHOR

Denis Faïck is a philosophy teacher at the university in Toulouse, but also for aerospace engineering students and for people in vocational rehabilitation. He is also a yoga teacher and the author of several self-help books. *La belle histoire d'une jeune femme qui avait le canon d'un fusil dans la bouche* is his first novel.



THE AUTHOR

Jean Contrucci is most known for his historical series *Les Nouveaux Mystères de Marseille*. He returns here to his first love, novels, with a very personal and generous text, struck by his humility, his humor and his elegance. Like his writing.

JEAN CONTRUCCI

THE FALCON'S FLIGHT

11 January 2018

As he doesn't want to publish a book he deems bad, a famous author decides to organize the theft of his own manuscript. Everything will not go exactly as planned...

Jean-Gabriel Lesparres is one of the greatest contemporary French authors. Winner of the Prix Goncourt, admired by all, supported by the press, editor of the Fontange Publishing house, he has nothing to prove to anyone ... except to himself.

He has been working for the past ten years on his next novel, but he can't finish it, well aware that his text is «below» his precedents. This time, he is certain he will not be acclaimed. To avoid seeing it published, he organizes the theft and destruction of his manuscript, with the help of a young artist met by chance in the countryside.

However, everything changes months later when he receives the proofs of his novel, under the name of a young unknown woman.

- A delightful literary Polar!
- Humor, well-written story, colorful characters

BESTSELLERS

FRANCK THILLIEZ

SHARKO

11 May 2017
Reader's report available.

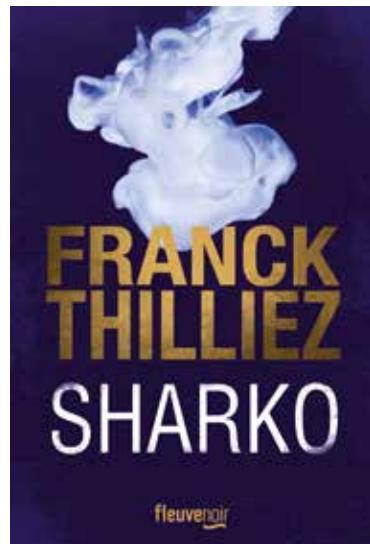
"Sharko always compared the first days of an investigation with a hunting party. They were the hound pack urged on with the horns, dashing for the prey. Except, this time Lucie and him were the prey."

Lucie's uncle, a retired cop, has died while investigating solo on the disappearance of a young girl. He had a suspect, Ramirez, but never got the chance to confront him. Lucie decides to go rogue and continue her uncle's case: she goes to the suspect's house at nightfall. The place is sordid: the walls of the cellar are covered with bags full of blood and hideous frescos; piles of objects prevent from walking; a piercing cry belonging to a hairless cat eaten away by leeches is echoing. Then the worst happens, Lucie is facing the suspect and has no other choice but shooting her gun.

She confides in Sharko straight away. Ramirez was obviously not an ordinary man, even a monster. Franck takes upon himself to create a murder scene fit to the guy so that their team at the Criminal Police takes over the case.

Playing a double game, Lucie and Franck will live their worst experience as cops. And their biggest danger as a couple.

- A plot about blood trafficking with multiple twists. From vampirism to the Gunther disease, the reader is on for a gripping thriller, filled with surprising (but real) medical revelations!



THE AUTHOR

See [Franck Thilliez](#) on page 4.

BESTSELLERS

FRANCK THILLIEZ

DREAMING

Nearly 350,000 copies sold
Shortlisted for the Elle Reader's Prize 2017.

26 May 2016
Sample English translation available
★ Rights sold: Latvia (Zvaigzne), Russia (Atticus)
★ Film rights sold

For most people, dreaming stops at the end of the night.

Abigaël is a single mother and a leading psychologist, much sought after in criminal cases for her expertise even if she suffers from a severe case of narcolepsy confusing reality and dreams. For some months now, she has been helping the police on the case of Freddy who has already kidnapped three children.

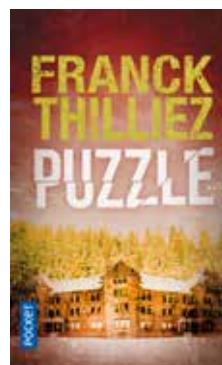
Nine months after the beginning of this investigation, her father, a retired customs officer, insists to take her and her daughter on a weekend away. What was supposed to be a family trip turns into a nightmare, as her father and daughter die.

How come she has been found close to the destroyed car with only a few scratches? What secret was her father hiding? Can she blindly trust people around her? Was her daughter supposed to be the next name on Freddy's list?

So many mysteries and questions she will have to resolve to find out the very truth.

- How to make progress when the ground crumbles under one's feet, when the line between reality and dreams becomes thinner and thinner, when one can't rely on anybody, even oneself? A mesmerizing psychological thriller about manipulation, trauma... and dreams of course!
- Abigail's path is full of cracks. Franck uses a broken up timeline that follows the twists and turns of his main character's brain (Pay extremely close attention to the time scale, it's important!)

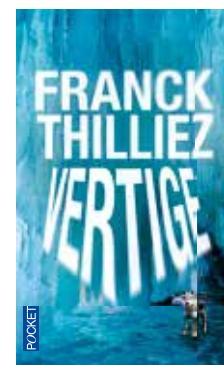
Also available:



PUZZLE

3 October 2013
Sample English translation and Reader's report available
★ Rights sold: Russia (Atticus), Spain (Destino)
★ Film rights sold

Nearly 360,000 copies sold



DARKSIDER

13 October 2011
Sample English translation available
★ Rights sold: China (Beijing Booky), Korea (Eunhaeng Namu), Turkey (Pegasus), Russia (Atticus)

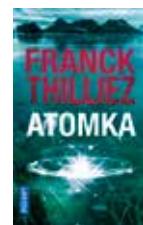
Over 255,000 copies sold

LUCIE HENEBELLE ET FRANCK SHARKO

Over 2,6 Million copies sold

★ Rights sold: US (Penguin), Spain (Destino), Spain Catalan (Columna), Germany (Goldmann), The Netherlands (Xander), Brazil (Intríseca), Russia (Atticus), Taiwan (Solo Press), Portugal (Sextante), Turkey (Pegasus), Japan (Hayakawa), China (Hachette Phoenix), Slovakia (Artforum), Hungary (Gabo), Korea (Eunhaeng Namu), Thailand (Welearn), Czech Republic (XYZ), Vietnam (Nha Nam)

★ Film rights sold



BESTSELLERS

JEAN-CLAUDE MOURLEVAT AND ANNE-LAURE BONDoux SHALL WE DANCE?

12 March 2015

Reader's report available

★ Rights sold: Germany (Zsolnay), Spain (Planeta), Italy (Longanesi), Lithuania (Alma Littera), Taiwan (Ten Points Publishing), Latvia (Zvaigzne), Czech Republic (Argo), Russia (Sindbad), China (Guomai Culture), Bulgaria (Hermes)

Over 150.000 copies sold

The game of love, email and chance.

Pierre-Marie Sotto was awarded the Goncourt Prize some years ago but is now suffering from writer's block. This is when he receives a large envelope with only an e-mail address written on it. Assuming it's a manuscript and unwilling to give his opinion on someone else's work, he tries to know where he could send this back. Thus begins a correspondence with Adeline Parmelan, a tall big brunette who says she isn't a reader like others. They slowly get to know each other through their computer screens revealing their pasts, their lives, their hopes and dreams. In the meantime, the envelope is left untouched and soon Adeline doesn't want Pierre-Marie to open it... Who knows where this could lead them?

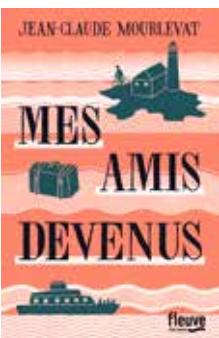
- Everything started as a game between the authors. Jean-Claude Mourlevat sent the first E Mail as Pierre-Marie Sotto to Anne-Laure Bondoux and the book is the correspondence that followed.



THE AUTHOR

Jean-Claude Mourlevat has published thirty or so children books. The rights of his novels have been sold in twenty countries.

Anne-Laure Bondoux is an actress, journalist and author. She has written a dozen of children books and she has been awarded several times in France and abroad.



JEAN-CLAUDE MOURLEVAT THE REUNION

12 May 2016

Reader's report available

★ Rights sold: Russia (Sindbad)

What have we done with our pledges of friendship? With our dreams?

Silvère has rented a house on the Ouessant Island for a five days reunion with old friends. Jean, with whom he has shared everything, will be coming. And so will Luce, Lours' and Mara who he hasn't seen for forty years. The reunion is the occasion for them to remember what they once shared: their dreams, their disillusionments, everything that has made them and still connects them.

- A sensitive and beautifully written novel dealing with universal topics: friendship, memories, lost loves, old age...

BESTSELLERS

J. R. DOS SANTOS

THE AUTHOR

J.R. Dos Santos is a university lecturer and a journalist who covered wars around the globe and is now hosting the evening news in Portugal. He is also the author of seven essays and sixteen novels, all best-sellers in Portugal and abroad.

THE PORTUGUESE PHENOMENON

Over 3 million copies sold worldwide

Follow Tomás Noronha, a Portuguese history teacher and world-renowned cryptanalyst confronted with mysteries that could seem to be beyond all understanding. But you'll surely be hooked on these fast-paced, page-turner thriller books that will effortlessly enable you to grasp complex philosophical and scientific concepts and to question some seemingly established truths.

THE EINSTEIN ENIGMA

Nearly 400,000 copies sold in France and over 200,000 copies sold in Portugal

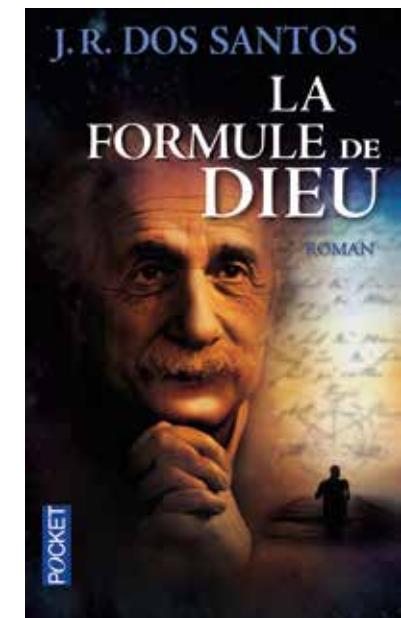
★ Rights sold: USA (Harper Collins), USA Spanish (Rayo), Brazil (Record), Spain (Rocca), Italy (Cavallo di Ferro), the Netherlands (Querido), Finland (Minerva), Czech Republic (Albatros), Hungary (Kossuth), Romania (Paralela 45), Bulgaria (Hermes), Greece (Livanis), Russia (Premiere Publishers), Turkey (Pegasus), Germany (Luzar)

★ Film rights sold

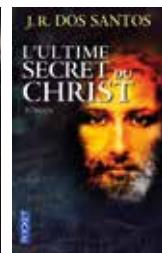
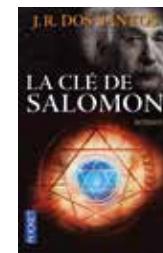
English, French, Portuguese manuscripts available.

Tomás is hired as a double agent by the Iranian and the CIA to work on a manuscript written by Albert Einstein whose content seems to be so extraordinary that it could shake the world. Its title, Die Gottesformel : The God Formula.

The enigma surrounding this ultimate legacy places Tomás on a possible nuclear conflict involving Israel and Iran. But, more importantly, it puts him on the trail of the greatest mystery of all. The scientific proof of God's existence.



Also available:



BESTSELLERS

CLAUDE IZNER

THE AUTHOR

Claude Izner is the pen name of two sisters, Liliane Korb and Laurence Lefèvre, who are both second-hand booksellers along the Seine.

ROARING TWENTIES IN PARIS

2 titles available

Investigations to the beat of jazz and foxtrot.

Paris in the 20's. Jeremy Nelson, a young american, has come to the capital to find some answers about his father and his roots. But he seems attracted to troubles as everywhere he goes he is confronted to mysterious deaths.

"A delightful and incredibly accurate reconstruction of Paris at the time of the Roaring Twenties."

BIBA



MYSTERIES IN PARIS

12 titles available

Over 825,000 copies sold in France

English translations available

★ Rights sold: US (St Martin's Press), UK (Gallic Books), Italy (Nord/TEA), Germany (Pendo), Russia (AST/Astrel), Sweden (Kabusa Böcker), Brasil (Nemo)

Each investigation is set in a famous place of Paris.

Paris, at the end of the 19th Century. Victor Legris is in his 30's and works as a bookseller. He regularly finds himself confronted with mysteries and that's good luck because he loves acting as a detective. Embark with the author Claude Izner on an unusual walk across the Capital of Lights.



TOPSY TURVY

21 February 2013

★ Rights sold: Russia (AST/Astrel)

Paris, 1998. A bookseller has been killed in his shop. The only clues to be found by the corpse are two Jules Verne's original editions that have been mangled. Milo Jassy, bouquiniste along the Seine, must solve the case for he might become a victim himself...



BESTSELLERS

GILLES LEGARDINIER

The man who knows how to combine humour and emotion like no one else.

Over 4 million copies sold worldwide

Sample English translations and Reader's reports available

SOMEONE TO WATCH OVER

1 october 2015

★ Rights sold: Germany (Goldmann), Russia (Sindbad), Taiwan (Ecus)

How a happy band of straightforward and endearing old people could help a father whose daughter is already 20.

As he wanted to cure his neighbours, he has become a doctor. As he was willing to help people who are usually left aside, he spent many years in conflict zones. But when Thomas learns that he is the father of a 20-year-old girl, his view of life and certainties are shaken.

He knows he won't ever make up for lost time and refuses to trouble the life of the one he knows nothing about. But a rush, stronger than anything else, urges him to discover Emma. For her, he will thus become the helping hand of fate, the luck factor, the secret and watchful guardian angel.

In his mission, he can rely on the five residents of the retirement home he is now heading, together with the nurse Pauline, her son Théo, the guard of the nearby closed down factory and –without him knowing- Emma's boyfriend.

This is the story of a man who, in order to reach a goal he can't clearly explain, will be confronted with situations he doesn't control at all. This is a story about pure love in every shape and form.

NO MORE, I PROMISE!

10 November 2011

★ Rights sold: Germany (Goldmann), Italy (Mondadori), Spain (Alfaguara), Czech Republic (Domino), Hungary (Park), Poland (Sonia Draga), Greece (Patakis), Russia (Sindbad), Turkey (Pegasus), China (Straits Multi-Media), Korea (Sweet Books), Taiwan (Ecus), Vietnam (Nha Nam), Bulgaria (Hermes), Latvia (Zvaigzne), Lithuania (Alma Littera), Brazil (Arqueiro), Croatia (Znanje), Ukraine (Vivat)

★ Film rights sold

The fabulous destiny of Julie, desperately romantic and utterly clumsy.

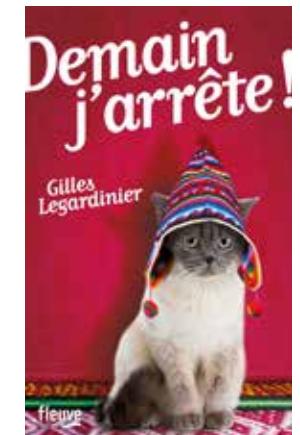
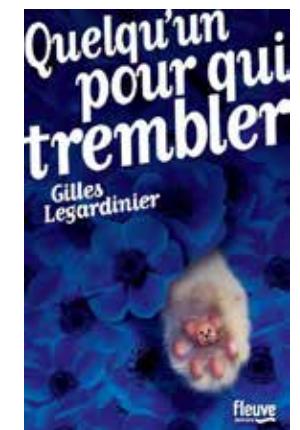
What is the stupidest thing you have ever done in your life? After getting her hand stuck in her mysterious neighbour's mailbox, Julie swore that she would quit acting crazy but she is about to do much worse trying to get closer to this man...

"It is impossible to resist the extravagance and charm of this literary Amelie Poulain!"

AUJOURD'HUI EN FRANCE

THE AUTHOR

Gilles Legardinier is a all-around writer of feel-good novels, thrillers (which won various awards) and children books as well.



Also available:

**WELL DONE!
SUMMER'S LEASE
A SURE FIRE THING**

LITERARY FICTION

NICOLAS MALESKI

FRANCK VAN PENITAS

Shortlisted for the RTL-Lire Prize 2017

12 January 2017

Sample English translation and Reader's report available

★ Rights sold: Germany (Lübbe)

If his wife hadn't started cheating on him, Franck wouldn't have let the unforeseen into his ideal and shipshape life.

Franck Van Penitas has followed his wife, Gisèle, to a remote village in the countryside. When she is working 70 hours a week as a vet; he is dusting, doing the grocery shopping, and overseeing homework. He wanted to be a writer, he is now a full-time stay-at-home dad. Yes, his life has certainly not turned out as planned but Franck can boast about leading a life true to his nature: ritualized, predictable and solitary. Obsessed with his garden, he eliminates any adventurous rodent that could spoil it and addictively follows the weather forecast. And then he can spend quality time with his 3 daughters without having to mix with strangers.

His quiet life is turned upside down the morning he receives an anonymous letter alluding to his wife's infidelity. Franck Van Penitas being Franck Van Penitas, his reaction and his début as an unfaithful husband will be both mad and funny.

- Implacable style for this literary début filled with humour and wit that is also an unusual marital noir novel.
- The character Franck Van Penitas is bound to become cult. He lives his life as he wants it to be : at a slow pace, in order to be able to look at the world and people around him and focus on the basis (his family, the ground).

CHARLES NEMES

TWO CHILDREN
OF HALF A CENTURY

9 February 2017

Times and traditions are changing but the first flutters of love will always be the same.

Toussaint Legrand and Thérèse Borowski are fifteen when they fall in love. But back in 1967, the son of a Catholic cannot become romantically involved with the daughter of a Rabbi, especially not that young.

Forty years later, they meet again, still awkward with their heart and their body. Have these two enthusiastic children become better parents than their own who once made a crucial decision for them?

Because families don't do any favor. Neither do History and dreams.

- A beautifully written literary novel about love, family legacy, religion and parenthood.
- A touching picture of 2 characters full of humanity and melancholy, who try to adapt to a ever-changing society and bring the reader in a hurly-burly of feelings.



THE AUTHOR

Sous le compost is **Nicolas Maleski**'s debut novel.



THE AUTHOR

Charles Nemes started his carrier as a director for the well-known café-théâtre company Le Splendid and then for comedy TV series (*H*) and movies (*La Tour Montparnasse Infernale*, *Caméra Café*). But he is an unusual and eclectic artist who also worked on a TV program dedicated to Primo Levi (whose *If This is a Man* is an underlying theme in the book as you'll see).

LITERARY FICTION

MARIE CHARREL

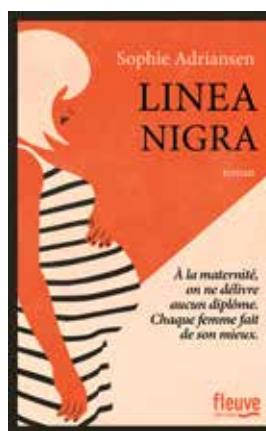
I'M HERE TO OVERCOME THE NIGHT
– YO LAUR (1879-1944)

24 August 2017

The biographical novel on Yo Laur (1879-1944) who dedicated her life to adventure and art.

A gifted painter born in Paris in 1879, she started imitating her painter father's style before falling under the spell of Matisse's vibrant colours. At the age of 33, after meeting an aviator who will become her husband, she moved to Algeria where her art reached a new level thanks to local models. On June 24th 1944, she was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to Ravensbrück, a concentration camp only for women. She died on November 11th 1944 at the age of 65. In putting together the puzzle of Yo Laur's life, the author succeeds in getting the painter out of oblivion and describes these crucial decades in world history that have seen as much beauty and progress as savagery. More than just a testimony about an exceptional artist, the novel is also about two women, 100 years apart, yearning for the same goal: to overcome the night to live freely.

- Mixing biographical elements, fiction and genuine archives, Marie Charrel draws the deeply moving portrait of Yo Laur, her great-grandmother. See her call for contribution and some of Yo Laur's paintings : <https://lookingforyolaur.com/>
- In the vein of *Charlotte* by David Foenkinos.



THE AUTHOR

Sophie Adriansen has written 20 books both for adults and children.

SOPHIE ADRIANSEN

LINEA NIGRA

14 September 2017

No degree is given at the maternity hospital. Every woman does the best she can.

Like a miracle, Luc has come into Stéphanie's life. They haven't been together for long when she gets pregnant. The question whether to keep the baby is easily resolved: they are ready to be a family.

But what Stéphanie is not prepared for, is the rollercoaster of emotions: from being two to three, the changes in her body, the sleep deprivation, the mood swings.

Through Stéphanie's journey and the women she meets, many subjects are tackled: baby blues, jealousy, sexuality, heredity, obstetrics, sleepless nights, the reasons good or bad to be a mother... And in the background, a battle: the right of every woman to dispose of their own body.

- An openly feminist book. Getting pregnant, giving birth, breast feeding are political acts. Every woman should have a choice without enduring the medical diktats.
- The title refers to the dark vertical line that might appear on the abdomen of pregnant women.



THE AUTHOR

Marie Charrel is a journalist at *Le Monde*. *Je suis ici pour vaincre la nuit* is her fourth novel.

NOIR • LITERARY

ELENA PIACENTINI

LINGERING ECHOES

24 August 2017
Sample English translation available.

History repeats itself. So do crimes...

The body of a woman shot in the head is found by her husband. And their three-month old son is missing.

Mathilde Sénechal, a policewoman known for her efficiency, her severity (let's say her coldness) is in charge of the investigation.

Reading about this case triggers Pierre Orsalhière's memory.

- Dark, sharp and bewitching, we bet you'll be eager to meet Mathilde, Pierre and Adèle again!
- Exceptionally ambitious in both language and theme.
- Based on a true story.

"A brilliant novel."
LE POINT

"With this literary novel, in between classicism and boldness, Elena Piacentini is the new author of French thrillers to follow."

TRANSFUGE



THE AUTHOR

Elena Piacentini is the author of seven thrillers and received several awards (you may know her series featuring the Corsican Pierre-Arsène Leoni published by Au-Dela du raisonnable).

NOIR • ATMOSPHERIC

CHRISTIAN CARAYON

A BREATH, A SHADE

14 April 2016

Sample English translation and Reader's report available

★ Rights sold: Germany (BTB), Italy (Sperling & Kupfer), Spain (Salamandra), The Netherlands (Luitingh-Sijthoff)

"The slightest shadow, the lightest breath." *The Hare and the Frogs* by Jean de la Fontaine

1980. A party to celebrate the end of summer is in full swing in the southern part of the Massif Central. Justine, Guillaume, Emmanuel and Florie, aged 10 to 14, are given the permission to sleep on a small island in the middle of a lake. When the parents don't see them coming back in the morning, they swim there and discover a horror scene: three children have been slaughtered and the fourth one has been left for dead. 2014. Whole families – those of the victims and of the many suspects –, the town and even the region never got over this trauma. Marc-Édouard is a history teacher in Toulouse, whose career has come to a standstill. His personal life is not going better (his wife has left him and Siobhan, one of his students, has tried to commit suicide after the end of their affair). A disastrous gala at the university drives him to see a psychiatrist. There, he confesses that his life has been overshadowed by fear because of the multiple murder that took place when he was 11 years old. To get rid of it, Marc-Édouard starts over the investigation, on the pretext of writing a thesis.

- An unputdownable thriller.
- When the sense of the intrigue of Michel Bussi meets the faultless narration of Pierre Lemaitre.
- The rights have been sold in 4 countries before the French publication after auctions and preempts.



THE AUTHOR

Christian Carayon is a history teacher and a true lover of cinema. *Un souffle, une ombre* is his third novel.



THE AUTHOR

Stéphane Pair is of Creole origins and has been working for the radio for the past ten years. *Élastique nègre* is his first novel.

STÉPHANE PAIR

FROM GUADELOUPE WITH LOVE

9 February 2017

Sample English translation available.

"She hasn't seen my love being spoiled by the growing shadow of my anger. Tonight, I decided to free the storm."

Vieux Bourg, in Guadeloupe. A white woman's corpse is found in the depths of the mangrove. Lieutenant-colonel Gardé will discover the twists and turns of this tragic event following Aymé, a retired fisherman; Aristide aka Vegeta a young black fellow consumed by ambition and weighty secrets; Tavares, the Bahamian remorseless drug trafficker; the touching Gina and the beautiful Lize.

From the squats in Pointe-à-Pitre, to Montserrat's dormant volcano; from Key West to Saint-Lucia, this book is an immersion with no return into the Caribbean waters where love, violence and magic combine boundlessly.

- The author's captivating style oscillates between a Creole poetry and a Jamaican slam.
- The novel offers many women portraits, mothers in particular. Those characters are strong and far from the literary stereotypes.

NOIR • ATMOSPHERIC

SOPHIE LOUBIÈRE

"Darkness has a beauty of its own, and no writer conveys that beautiful darkness more fully than Sophie Loubière. She demonstrates the thoughtfulness, craft, and artistic sincerity of a writer whose vision of life is uniquely her own. No writer more skillfully leads her readers into the heart of darkness, nor more gently returns them to the light."

THOMAS H COOK

- These books are based on the author's journey and her residency at the Chatauqua Institution. See her blogs:
<http://blackcoffee66.blogspot.fr/>
<http://whitecoffee66.blogspot.fr/>

Prequel:

BLACK COFFEE

★ Rights sold: Czech Republic (Motto)

14 February 2013

Sample English translation and Reader's report available

A serial killer whose confessions have been transcribed, a vanished husband, a man haunted by his past and a woman desperate to reunite her family. A breathless tracking game along Road 66.

"Through a well constructed investigation two destinies, that of Desmond and of Lola, unfold and intersect along the mythic Route 66."

L'AMOUR DES LIVRES

WHITE COFFEE

13 October 2016

Reader's report available

A serial killer who can't do any harm anymore. A husband eager to get his family back. A man obsessed with a woman and confronted with ghostly appearances. A woman willing to be elsewhere, in the arms of her loved one. And two children, who try to find their place among them. One is spending some time in Chatauqua (New York), one has just returned from the US to France, the others live in Nancy.

Their common point? The Road 66.



THE STONE BOY

14 April 2011

English translation and Reader's report available

★ Rights sold: US (Grand Central), UK (Sphere), Czech Republic (Motto)
★ Film rights sold

Over 80,000 copies sold



THE AUTHOR

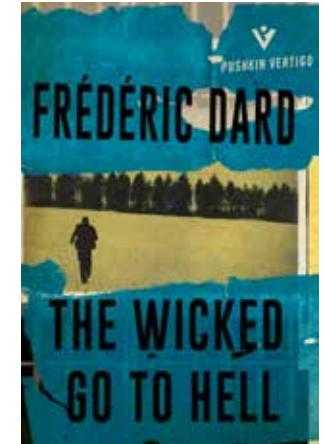
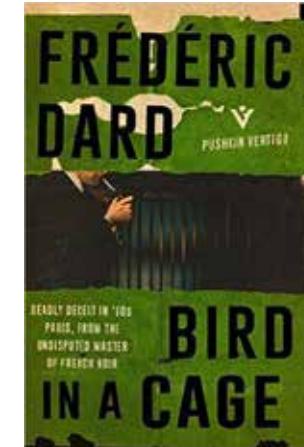
Author of novels, detective short stories and a children's book, **Sophie Loubière** also made a name for herself in the publishing community thanks to a unique literary program (*Parking at Night*, France Inter) and her reviews at France Info (Thriller Info).

NOIR • VINTAGE

FRÉDÉRIC DARD

THE AUTHOR

Frédéric Dard (1921-2000) wrote a great number of works, using either his own name or that of one of his numerous aliases – especially San-Antonio, with a total of over 220 million copies sold.



NOVELS OF THE NIGHT

29 titles available

★ Rights sold: UK (Pushkin Press), Sweden (Nilsson Förlag), the Netherlands (De Geus), Italy (Rizzoli), Spain (Siruela)
★ Film rights sold

- Genre : Psychological Suspense
- Recurrent Characters : Dual and captivating femmes fatales / Men mistreated by life
- Recurrent Topic : Manipulation
- Tone : Dark, even desperate

"Melancholy and atmospheric, with a twist worthy of Agatha Christie at her devious best, this brief tale has the hallmark of classic French noir."

THE GUARDIAN

"The "unknown" French master of noir."

THE OBSERVER

Also available:

BLACK ANGEL'S CONFESSIONS KAPUT, A KILLER SAN-ANTONIO

★ Rights sold: Italy (E/O), Romania (Univers)

A series of 175 noir novels published from 1949 to 2001 written by Frédéric Dard under the pen-name San-Antonio, that is also the name of the main character, a bon-vivant and seductive police chief who tells his investigations. It has become cult thanks to a specific universe and language.

THRILLER • CRIMINAL CASES

HERVÉ JOURDAIN

SURVEILLANCE

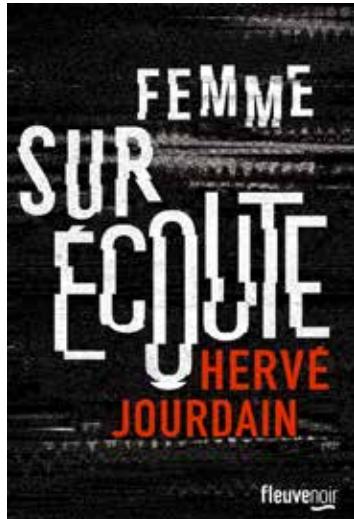
13 April 2017

Sex, politics and security.

Manon Legendre is a stripper and escort girl in search of respectability. But this was before her life has been hacked into, her son kidnapped and the father of her child killed.

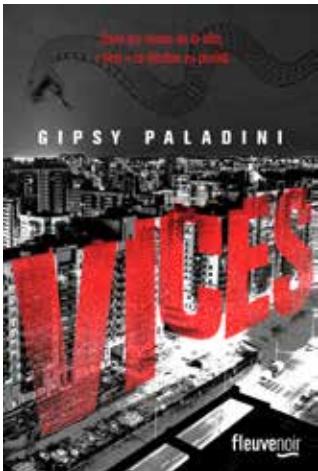
April 2017: A few weeks before the presidential elections, the police headquarters are being transferred in their new offices in the Batignolles neighbourhood. Hervé Compostel, the head of the criminal squad, has his plate full: a member of his team is regularly missing, details of their investigations seem to directly reach the press, and the daughter of a candidate has succumbed to an OD. Compostel will have to shed light on the connection between all of these cases, while trying to find explanations on his son's suicide.

- Phone surveillance, power games, conflicts of interests are intertwined in this sprawling and realistic noir novel.



THE AUTHOR

Hervé Jourdain used to work for the police. He has written three other thrillers including *Sang de la trahison* awarded the 2014 Quai des Orfèvres Prize.



GIPSY PALADINI

WICKED

9 November 2017

No rest for the wicked when faced with young victims.

The Young Victims Unit deals exclusively with cases involving children, teenagers and young adults: suicides, bullying, disappearances, rapes...

Marie, the latest to have joined the unit, seems frail and has to stand out among her colleagues. Her affair with Zolan, a cop from the unit, doesn't help as he wants to protect her from the wickedness of the outside world.

First episode: a young girl has been found hanged with a jump rope. To her fundamentalist Catholic family, this is unforgivable but is it really a suicide?

Second episode: in the same council block, a teenager is missing and the burnt body of an old woman is found. African magic seems to be the common element.

- A new series! Every episode can be read separately. The only constant characters are the cops.
- Difficult subjects are tackled: bullying at school, suicide, rape, abuse of power...

THRILLER • PSYCHOLOGICAL

LOUISE MEY

OCEAN SPRAY

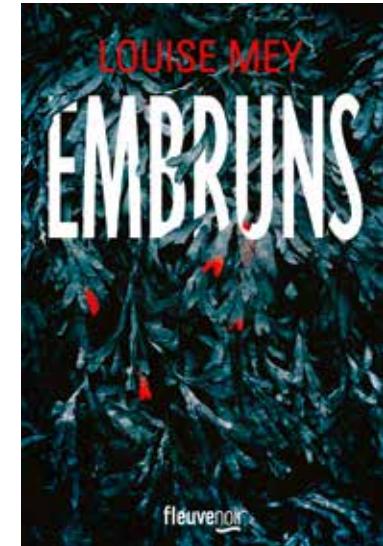
11 May 2017

Taste of one's own medicine.

Béa, Chris, Bastien and Marion Moreau are all smart, beautiful and athletic and very close to each other. They have the chance to spend a long weekend together on a secluded island off the coast of Brittany that is also an opportunity for Marion to overcome her fear of water.

On returning from a stroll in the storm, Béa, Chris and Bastien find the house empty. The search for the young girl starts on the muddy island and the paradise on earth shows another face: a small patch of land where the few inhabitants are united, hardened to storms and invulnerable. And where young girls shouldn't go missing.

- Family keeps us stronger... whatever happens
- A successful huis-clos: with a great sense of details (even the hydrangeas are creepy), and vivid dialogues, this novel will stay in your memory thanks to its unexpected finale.



THE AUTHOR

See **Louise Mey** on page 7.



THE AUTHOR

Michel Moatti is an academic and a journalist. His first two books, historical novels, were well received by the critics.

MICHEL MOATTI

THE DESERTERS

22 March 2018

Shortlisted for 2018 Landernau Polar Prize

August 1918. Vasseur and Jansen decide to flee, to leave the battle front of the Somme. As they move away under false identities, the two lieutenants seal their fates.

Vasseur and Jansen are two lieutenants, they don't know each other very well when they decide to desert to avoid dying in the last assaults of this never ending war. Quickly, Jansen realizes that his accomplice is a psychopath who takes an unbearable pleasure in the crimes they must commit to escape.

They find refuge in a strange property sheltered from war and the world, where live an old ruined industrialist, his daughter Mathilde, and the very secretive Nelly Voyelle, their servant. But François Delestre, aka «the Bloody Dog», a captain of gendarmerie, deserter's tracker, is searching for them and he has the reputation of never letting go of his prey...

JÉRÔME CAMUT & NATHALIE HUG

ISLANOVA

12 October 2017

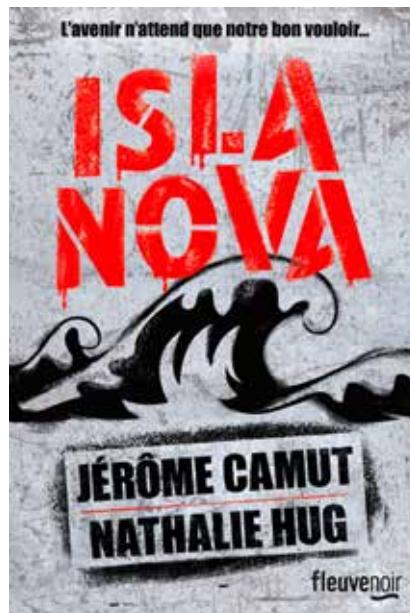
Does a fight stop being legitimate when violence is the only resort ?

When Julian and Wanda discover their children's relationship, Leny, 18 and Charlie, 16 run away from home. Even though they're not related, Leny being Wanda's son and Charlie, Julian's daughter, the parents disapprove of their love story within their reconstituted family. The teenagers take refuge on the Oléron Island where they join a "Zone to Defend", intended to prevent the expansion of a luxurious hotel complex. There, wishful dreamers live together with eco-terrorists who believe that violence is the only way to be heard.

Enthralled by their idealism, Charlie wants to join them and fight. Leny is more skeptical, especially since he discovered a body on the territory. Worried about their children, Julian and Wanda try to save them. But isn't it too late already?

Indeed, after an exceptional violent assault, the leader of the paramilitary branch of the Zone, declares its independence and the creation of a new state: Islanova.

- A fast-paced thriller with many different reading levels: reflection on family, society, freedom, fighting for a fair cause with violent means, the increasing scarcity of water resources, radical ecology...
- Don't get too attached to the main characters, you may be disappointed!



THE AUTHORS

Jérôme Camut and **Nathalie Hug** are the authors of 12 novels together that have sold nearly 500.000 copies.

ANTOINE PAJE

FLOWERS OF SILENCE

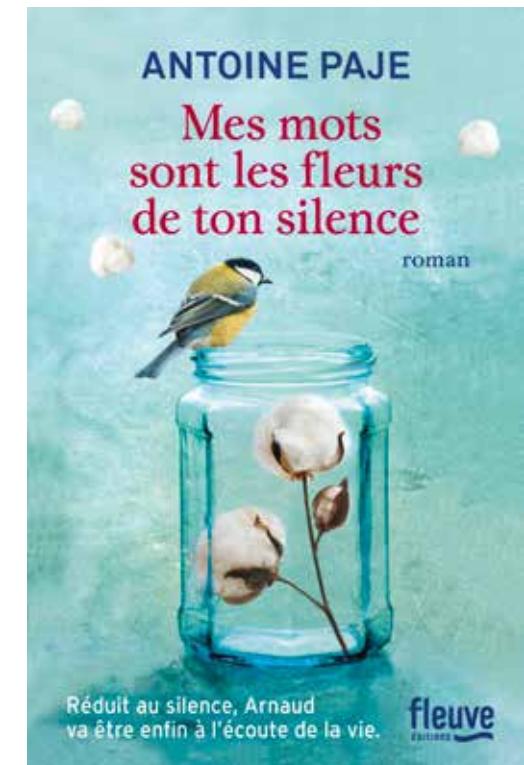
9 March 2017

Reader's report available.

Life can change if one only listens.

A nice wife, children he only saw at breakfast, mistresses at the ready, this was Arnaud's life. When a car accident puts him in a coma, silence falls on him. He has never listened to anyone but himself before, and now hearing is his only link to the rest of the world. His loved ones come one by one to his bed, disclosing their true colours, sharing hidden secrets and joyful surprises.

- "The biggest revelation is silence." Laozi
- How is the link between us and our loved ones? Antoine Paje invites his readers to an uncompromising examination for a liberating realization.



THE AUTHOR

Antoine Paje managed a business and worked abroad for several years until he realized that he wasn't happy. This is how he decided to learn to get to know himself. His books are based on his personal experiences and aim at helping others.

Also available:

AND SHE SPOKE TO ME
OF MAPLE TREES, THE SMILE
OF WATER AND ETERNITY

AND HE SPOKE TO ME OF CHERRY TREES,
DUST AND A MOUNTAIN

WOMEN'S FICTION

ARMELLE GUILCHER

MY FAMILY, MY ISLAND

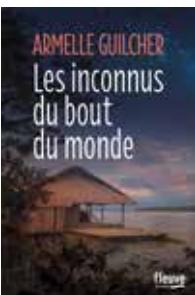
21 January 2016

Nearly 90.000 copies sold.

Family secrets on a small island in Brittany.

Marine Le Guellec is coming back as a GP to the island where she was born and that she left after the death of her parents. As months go by, her practice is not thriving and she faces the inexplicable hostility of the people, until she decides to face her past and discovers what really happened to her parents.

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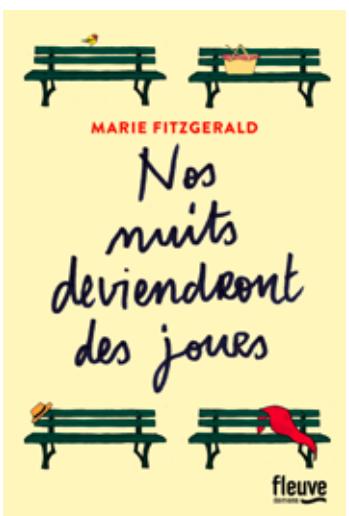


STRANGERS IN CAYENNE



THE AUTHOR

Armelle Guilcher is retired and lives in Brittany. She lived in Guiana for five years. She has written two novels.



MARIE FITZGERALD

CHASING MIRACLES

* Rights sold: Germany (Piper), Czech Republic (Argo)

12 May 2016

Reader's report available

Friendship has no age, it is always young.

Claude, an 80 year-old blind man, lives alone and has finally decided to do whatever he likes. Corentin is angry at his overwhelming mother and cannot wait to be of age and flee from home. Alain is a sixtysomething whose life has gone adrift. The 3 men will find one another and decide to rescue Corinne who is beaten by her husband.

During a trip to Spain, these four lonesome souls will perhaps find the will to start things over.

THE AUTHOR

See Marie Fitzgerald on page 8.

EXPLOSIVE AND SURPRISING

NADINE MONFILS

ELVIS CADILLAC

11 May 2017

A comedy-crime drama in the vein of *Fargo* by the Coen brothers.

On his way to a small village in Normandy, where he has been invited to sing at a funeral, Elvis Cadillac takes a hitchhiker. A surprise awaits him the day after when he sees that the corpse is actually the hitchhiker! And the surprise doesn't stop here, when the bodies of two girls are found some days later. What is happening in that seemingly quiet village?

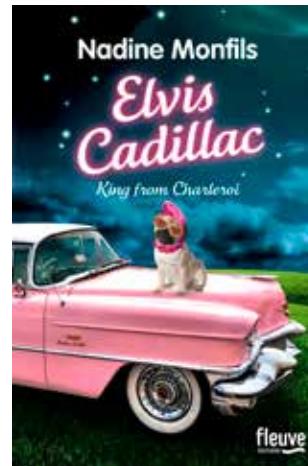
- Keywords : Suspense and Humour!
- A fierce social critique filled with tenderness and the inimitable "Belgian surrealism".



THE AUTHOR

Nadine Monfils is an artist, writer and director. She has written over forty novels. Her first feature film is called *Madame Edouard* and her next one is to come.

Also available:



SF FANTASY

SEAN PLATT AND DAVID WRIGHT

THE AUTHORS

Sean Platt and David Wright launched Yesterday's Gone in 2011 with one episode published per week on Amazon that sold more than 400,000 copies.

YESTERDAY'S GONE

★ Rights sold: Italy (Fanucci)

Digital: 17 December 2015, Paper: 10 March 2016

English manuscripts of the first 5 (out of 6) seasons available

On October 15 2011 at 2:15 a.m., everyone on Earth vanished. Well, almost everyone.

A scattered few woke in a world where there are no rules other than survival... at any cost.

A journalist wanders the wretched reality of an empty New York, in search for his wife and son.

A serial killer must hunt in a land where prey is now endangered species.

A mother shields her young daughter from danger, as every breath fills her with terror.

A bullied teen is thrilled to find everyone gone. Until the knock on his door.

A fugitive survives a fiery plane crash. Will he be redeemed, or return to what he's best at: the kill?

An eight year old boy sets out on a journey to find his missing family. What he finds will change him forever.

And there's a few people who aren't surprised that this happened at all. In fact, they've been dreaming about this day for years.

These survivors aren't alone...

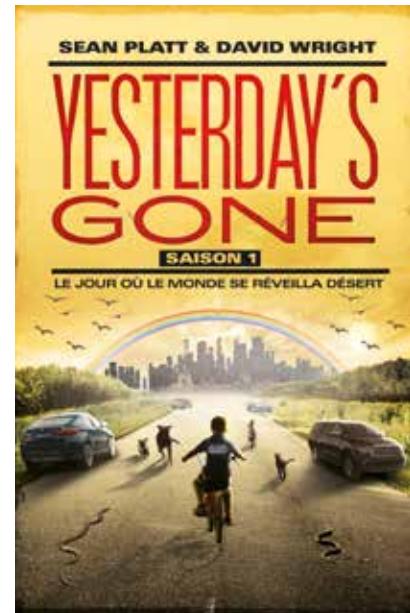
Someone, or something, is watching them.

And waiting...

Strangers unite.

Sides are chosen.

Will humanity survive what it never saw coming?



READERS' REVIEWS

"Stephen King meets Lost."

"If you love the mile a minute action and adventure of Doctor Who, the suspense and shock of The Walking Dead, the "oh Hell" and "you've got to be kidding" of Lost, AND the "What the Hell was that?!" of Fringe, then this is the book for you."

100% DIGITAL • SERIAL

CAMILLE-LAURE MARI

AWAKENING

The first digital and apocalyptic series published in real time!

Martin Hurston is a doctor and researcher in neuropsychiatry. He wakes up from a coma whose real causes are unclear and consequences huge and disturbing. Is he an Awake? But who are the Awakes exactly?

- 21 episodes were posted (without DRM) from 1st to 21st December 2012, rumored date for the end of the world.

THE AUTHOR

Camille-Laure Mari is 23, she's an Arts student. She has won a writing contest organised with the website WeLoveWords.



SHORT CRIME NOVELS

A hundred noir novellas.

Most of the texts by Sophie Loubière have been broadcasted during the author's radio program on France Inter. Those by Gérard Moss are original titles.



SHORT EROTICAS

A series dedicated to sexy breaks.

Very short (4,500 characters) to short (up to 40,000 characters), these 27 easy-to-read and easy-to-access short stories are declined in different colors depending on the erotic content :

- 1 - Sweet Pleasures
- 2 - Spicy Pleasures
- 3 - Hot Pleasures

HISTORICAL CRIME

THIERRY BOURCY & FRANÇOIS-HENRI SOULIÉ

COURT INTRIGUES

1 September 2016
3 volumes available.
★ Rights sold: Czech Republic (Argo)

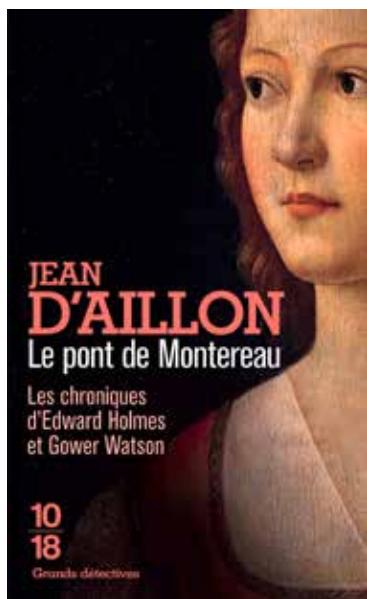
Follow Joseph Kassov and his nephew Mattheus at Rudolph II of Habsburg and Elizabeth I's courts where they have to navigate in between the intrigues and resolve suspicious death.

- In the vein of S.J Parris and C.J Sansom.

THE AUTHOR

Thierry Bourcy is an author and a scriptwriter, he has written a successful historical crime series set during WWI.

François-Henri Soulié is a theatre producer and a dialogue writer.



JEAN D'AILLON EDWARD HOLMES AND GOWER WATSON

5 February 2012
5 volumes available
Over 40,000 copies sold

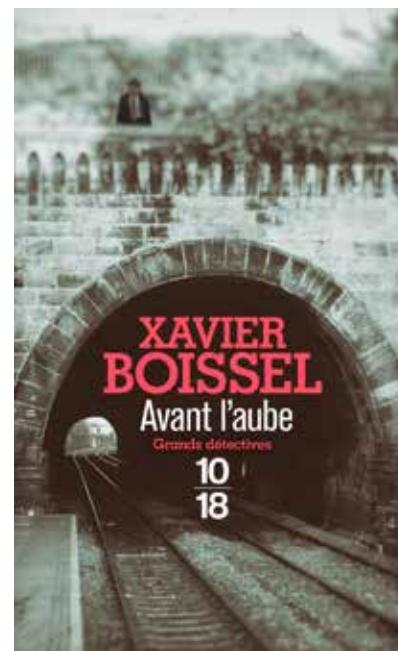
When Paris was under English control.

The clever reinterpretation of the Holmes and Watson myth, set in Paris governed by the English, during the Hundred Years' War.

THE AUTHOR

Jean d'Aillon is the cult author of historical crimes. He has written 5 series and 35 novels with 750,000 copies sold.

HISTORICAL CRIME



XAVIER BOISSEL

BEFORE DAWN

5 October 2017

A disillusioned cop faced with murder and political corruption.

1966. The mutilated body of a young woman is found. Philippe Marlin, a widow and ex-resistant, is new to the Criminal Squad and put in charge of the investigation. He will be confronted to political corruption and the Gaullist militia, a parallel and underground police.

- A dark novel narrated by the cop in the vein of James Ellroy's *L.A. Quartet*.

THE AUTHOR

Xavier Boissel is a French teacher and author of three novels.

MICHAËL MENTION

THE SECRET VOICE

5 January 2017

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THE AUTHOR

Michaël Mention is the author of 2 awarded novels and a scriptwriter. *La Voix secrète* is his third book.

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THE AUTHOR

Of Irish-Italian origin, **Viviane Moore** is completely French, despite her name. Her first novels were published in 1997, to immediate success.

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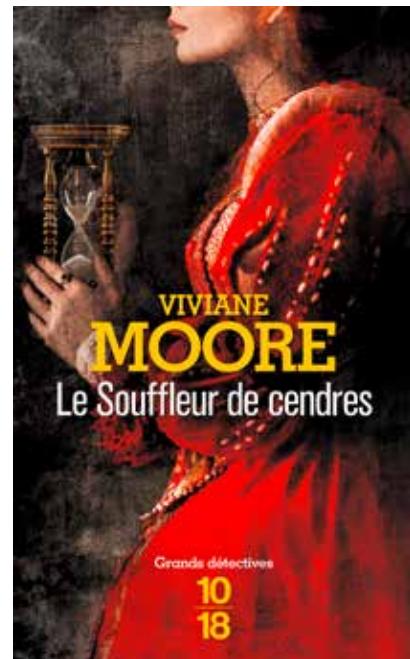
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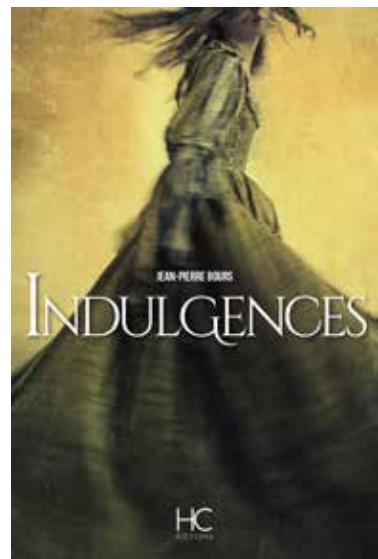
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THE AUTHORS

After years of being a midwife, **Agnès Ledig** is now a best-selling author, translated in twelve countries. **Jack Koch** used to be a teacher and is now an illustrator.

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QUIRKY DOCS

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JAPAN OR THE SENSE OF EXTREMES

17 August 2017

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THE AUTHOR

François Laplantine is a Professor Emeritus who founded the anthropology department of Lyon 2 university.

JEAN-MICHEL ESPITALLIER

THE AUTHOR

Jean-Michel Espitallier is a writer, poet and musician.

FAME

2 February 2012

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OLIVIER MAGNY

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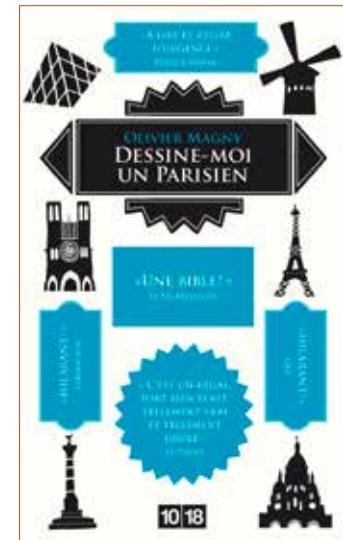
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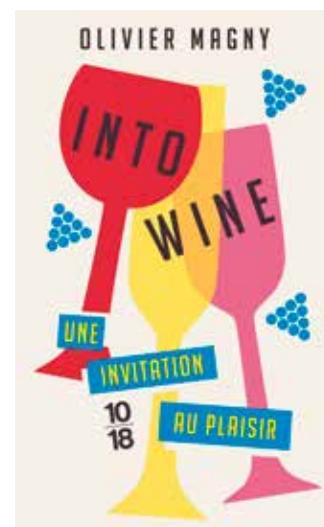
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THE AUTHOR

Olivier Magny founded his own wine-tasting company that has taught French wine to 50,000 people. A native Parisian himself, he lives part-time in the United States. When he is in Paris, you could easily find him in his wine bar, Ô Chateau located 68 rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau.

NON FICTION • POPULARISATION

THIERRY MAILLET

THE AUTHOR

Thierry Maillet is a marketing consultant, a columnist at *Le Nouvel Économiste* and a teacher. He also leads a seminar at the Science-Po University in Paris. As early as 2001, he invented the terminology "consum'actor", which is now commonly used.

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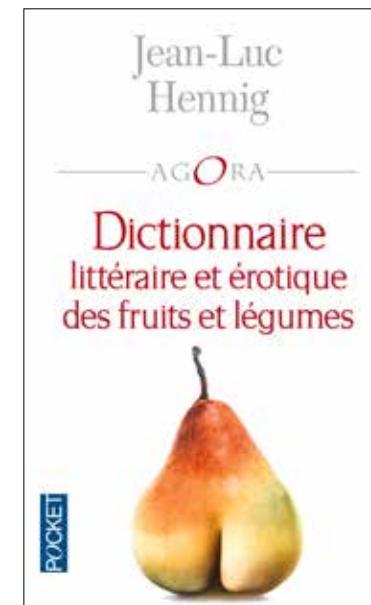
Jean-Luc Hennig used to be a journalist at *Libération* and *Rolling Stone*. He has written thirty books, both fiction and non-fiction.

THE LITERARY AND EROTIC DICTIONARY OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

25 August 2016

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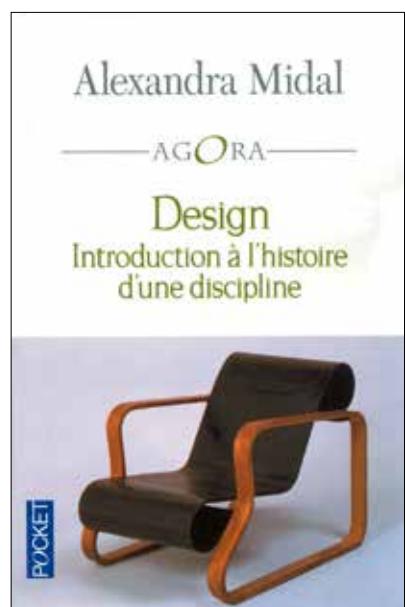
THE AUTHOR

Jean-Philippe Domecq is a novelist and an essayist.

WHAT SPEED TELLS US

26 September 2013

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ALEXANDRA MIDAL

THE AUTHOR

Alexandra Midal is a design historian and theoretician. She has diplomas from both the Sorbonne and Princeton University School of Architecture. She used to be an assistant to Dan Graham. She is now a professor at the Geneva University of Art and Design.

DESIGN

5 November 2009

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FABRICE MIDAL

THE AUTHOR

Painter, editor and poet, PhD in Philosophy, **Fabrice Midal** teaches at the University of Paris VIII.

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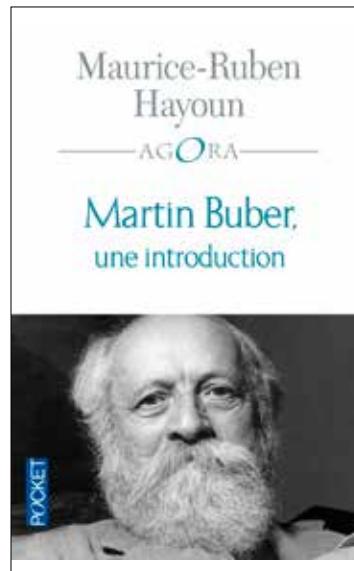
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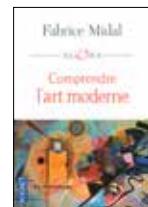
THE AUTHOR

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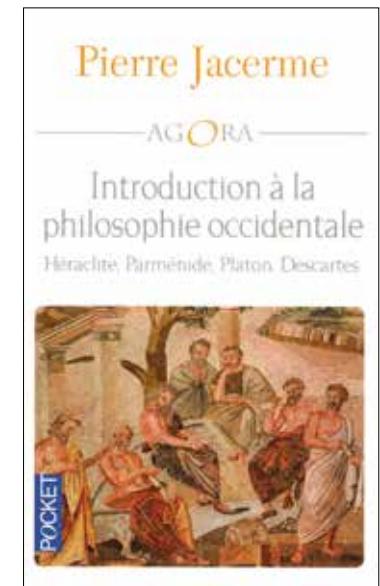
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