

A person's face is partially obscured by dense green foliage. Only their eyes, which are a striking yellow color, and their dark hair are visible. The person has a serious, intense expression. The background is a lush, vibrant green forest scene with various shades of green leaves and brown branches.

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7 HISTOIRES POUR LIRE CHAQUE JOUR

| SERIES

By Various Authors

**THEMES:** DAILY LIFE / HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP**KEYWORDS:** SCHOOL / BIRTHDAY

7 stories to spark the joy of reading every day, throughout the week! Octave, the new little hero for beginner readers, accompanies children into a familiar everyday world enhanced by imagination.

This new series has been created to encourage daily reading habits. Each book includes bonus activities that extend the stories, as well as a playful, reinvented nursery rhyme offered as a final reward at the end. Octave's adventures are told from the point of view of a six-year-old child, capturing

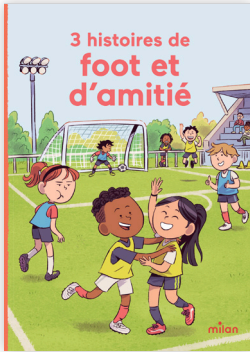
all the naivety, boundless imagination, and delightfully offbeat humor that come with that age. As a tender and mischievous mirror character, Octave embodies children's dreams while addressing the questions and worries of kids his age.

PUB DATE: January 2026
EXTENT: 128 pp
FORMAT: 145 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 3

3 HISTOIRES DE FOOT ET D'AMITIÉ

By Various Authors



THEMES: FRIENDSHIP / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: FOOTBALL

A collection of 3 stories for young football fans eagerly waiting for the World Cup!

This collection brings together "Full Speed Ahead!", "An Unusual Final", and "One Ball for Two", three stories that shine a light on every facet of football—from thrilling matches to gender equality, team spirit, and pushing yourself beyond your limits. Created by passionate and acclaimed

author-illustrator duos Jérémy Rouche & Yann Cozic, Annabelle Fati & Camille Roy, and Cécile Alix & Lucie Bryon, this fully illustrated volume offers three progressively challenging tales that young readers aged 6–7 can enjoy confidently and independently. ■

PUB DATE: May 2026
EXTENT: 96 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 190 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €9.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 1

LA POULE QUI POND DES PATATES

By Grégory Elbaz & Michel Piquemal



THEMES: HUMOR

KEYWORDS: MISCHIEF / FARM / ANIMALS



A new edition of this bestseller, with 62,000 copies sold

When a clever little hen refuses to end up in the cooking pot, it sparks a funny, fast-paced adventure in the henhouse. This new edition features vibrant, humorous illustrations by Grégory Elbaz, breathing fresh life into a title that has become a classic in our catalogue. With its lively farm setting, playful animals and charming scenery, the story offers an ideal backdrop to spark young readers'

imagination—perfectly timed for the Easter season. Part of the 'Roman Milan 6+' series, these early chapter books help children discover the joy of reading through richly illustrated stories and diverse fictional worlds, complete with two bonus pages of questions to encourage discussion about the story.

THE AUTHOR:

Grégory Elbaz is an eclectic illustrator born in 1980. Sometimes realistic, sometimes dreamlike, his artwork always retains a sense of sensitivity, even when it leans toward humor. In addition to children's publishing, Grégory Elbaz also works in animated film, comic books, and illustration for young audiences.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

After completing a PhD in literature and studying educational sciences, **Michel Piquemal** worked as a primary school teacher before becoming a children's author (he has written around 200 titles). At Albin Michel Jeunesse, he has headed, among others, the collections *Carnets de sagesse* and *Paroles*, and is the author of the series *Les Philo-fables* and *Piccolophilo*, as well as the picture books *La Robe rouge de Nonna*, *La Voix d'or de l'Afrique...*

PUB DATE: March 2026

EXTENT: 40 pp

FORMAT: 145 x 200 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €6.50

GARE À LA MAÎTRESSE !

By Blandine Aubin & Candela Ferrández



THEMES: SCHOOL LIFE / HUMOR / FANTASY

KEYWORDS: WOLF / MISCHIEF



Fairy-tale heroes are heading back to school too! A new edition of a bestselling title.

This playful and funny story brings together all the classic fairy-tale characters and ends with a delightful twist—perfect for getting ready for the back-to-school season. Now part of the 'Roman Milan 6+' collection, this new edition features fresh illustrations by Candela Ferrández, one of Milan's signature artists. A long-standing

bestseller with more than 150,000 copies sold, it joins a series of richly illustrated early chapter books designed to help children discover the pleasure of reading, complete with two bonus pages of questions to spark discussion around the story. ■

■ THE AUTHOR:

***Blandine Aubin** has three very lively children who inspire all her wonderfully imaginative stories. In Blandine's tales, there's always a touch of delightful madness... much to the readers' enjoyment*

■ THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Candela Ferrández is a freelance illustrator based in Barcelona. As a child, she loved searching for insects and small creatures in gardens—subjects she now brings to life through her drawings. Children, flowers, plants, and animals shape her artistic world, which she also explores through ceramic creations. Her work has appeared in publications from Milan Presse, Éditions Larousse, Fleurus, and Penguin Random House.

PUB DATE: June 2026
EXTENT: 40 pp
FORMAT: 145 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.50

UN CHIEN POUR TOI

SERIES

By Catherine Kalengula & Sarah Khalaf



THEME: EMOTIONS & FEELINGS / FRIENDSHIP / HUMOR / FAMILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: DOGS

At the shelter run by Sally and her older brother Gabriel, there is a dog for every child, whatever their personality or needs may be!

This new series is a warm and irresistible series about dogs, children's favorite companions—both in life and in books—as shown by the sales success of *Gurty* (736,000 copies sold) and *Chien Pourri* (1,475,000 copies sold). Each volume equals one meeting between a child facing a specific challenge (emotional, family-related, etc.) and a dog

chosen especially for them.

Catherine Kalengula's lively, reassuring tone captures children's everyday lives and emotions. Full-color illustrations filled with tenderness, plus a final nonfiction page packed with fascinating facts about dog breeds.

THE AUTHOR:

Catherine Kalengula is fascinated by Anglo Saxon literature. She likes to draw inspiration from it to create stories full of energy and modernity. She is the author of numerous picture books for young children, as well as novels for teenagers and adults, published by Hachette Jeunesse, Flammarion Jeunesse... With *Is It Love? - Mystery Spell Chronicles*, she begins her very first collaboration with Pocket Jeunesse.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Sarah Khalaf is a character designer who notably worked on *Petit Ours Brun*.

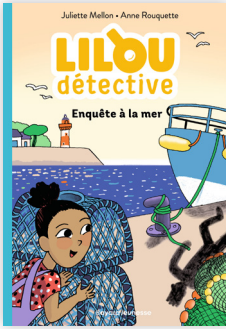
PUB DATE : March 2026
FORMAT : 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €6.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 3

LILOU DÉTECTIVE

SERIES

By Juliette Mellon-Poline & Anne Rouquette



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / HUMOR / FAMILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: HOLIDAY

Lilou Detective, a heroine enthusiastically embraced by readers of the magazine *Mes Premiers J'aime Lire*, makes her debut in a new series of short mystery novels!

A new series, ideal for beginning readers, featuring a heroine from *Mes Premiers J'aime Lire*, already well known to children: Lilou, a young girl who solves mysteries with her grandmother. This duo offers a warm portrayal of intergenerational bonding that will appeal just as much to young readers as to their parents and grandparents. Juliette

Mellon-Poline imagines adventures told from a child's point of view; Anne Rouquette illustrates them with humor and energy. Together, they create stories with finely tuned suspense—perfect for young apprentice detectives!

THE AUTHOR:

Juliette Mellon-Poline studied literature and began writing for children when she had her own. She now lives in Châteaudun (Eure et Loir), where she teaches French at middle school level. While she is equally passionate about both professions, Juliette says that telling stories is more fun than giving spelling tests!

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Anne Rouquette is an illustrator and comic book artist. A graduate of the École supérieure des arts décoratifs de Strasbourg, she works for the children's press, creates very chic invitation cards for Hermès, and continues her work in comics alongside Anne Barrois and Hélène Ezvan..

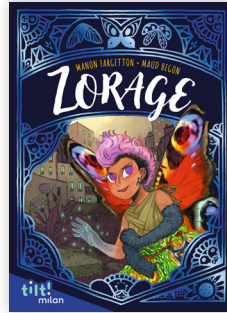
PUB DATE : May 2026
EXTENT : 32 pp
FORMAT : 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €5.20

NUMBER OF TITLES: 2

LUMILANE

| SERIES

By Manon Fargetton & Maud Begon

**THEME:** FANTASY / IMAGINATION / HUMOR**KEYWORDS:** FAIRY / GRIEF / NATURE

Lumilane is a scatterbrained fairy—she won't deny it. So how can she make sure she doesn't forget her dearest friend?

After *Zorage* and the highly acclaimed *Ombrelaine*, here comes the third and final installment of Manon Fargetton's Fairy Trilogy. In *Zorage*, Manon Fargetton explores self confidence; in *Ombrelaine*, she addresses incest. In *Lumilane*, she tackles a third sensitive and necessary topic: the loss of a loved one.

On every page, the playful and poetic illustrations by Maud Begon bring this third fairy's world to life, in close connection with nature. A story to be shared as a family.

THE AUTHOR:

Manon Fargetton now devotes herself fully to writing. She received the Imaginales Award for her fantasy novel *L'Héritage des Rois passeurs*, as well as the Prix Renaudot des Écoliers and the Chronos Award for the fantasy series *Les Plieurs de Temps*. Her YA thriller *Le Suivant sur la liste* has won sixteen literary awards. In 2024, her novel *Nos vies en l'air* was adapted into a TV series by France Télévisions.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Maud Begon set sail to devote herself fully to her lifelong passion: telling stories through drawings. Since the publication of her first graphic novel, *Antigone*, in 2010 with publisher Manolosanctis, she has had the pleasure of drawing and coloring several projects close to her heart, including *À la table des Lumières*, written by Rutile and published by Le Lombard.

PUB DATE : April 2026
EXTENT : 96 pp
FORMAT : 135 x 185 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €11.90

LE JOURNAL DES BFF

SERIES

By Ségolène Valente



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: DIARY / GIRLS / HOLIDAY

After a turbulent year, Romy and Anna-Bella head off to summer camp with an unexpected guest tucked in their suitcase: their shared diary!

Le Journal des BFF is a proven hit, with 4,000 copies of the first volume sold in just six months. This new installment whisks readers away from school and homework to a whole new setting—beaches, camp counselors, new friends, and spooky stories. Presented as a lively, two-voiced diary, it blends personal anecdotes, doodles, notes, quizzes, and top-three

lists that capture the everyday life of two ten-year-old girls. The project is helmed by Ségolène Valente, a bestselling author and true specialist of stories about girls' friendships.

THE AUTHOR:

Ségolène Valente is a children's author. She was born on February 18, 1973, in Paris, and now lives in the Paris region. After studying literature, she spent three years teaching French and began publishing her work. Her first novel, *Ma première boum*, was released by Rageot and became a great success. It launched the "Vive la sixième !" series, followed by "Vive la cinquième !". Ségolène Valente is also well known for her *Vampirette* series, published in *J'aime Lire* and released by Bayard.

PUB DATE : June 2026

EXTENT : 192 pp

FORMAT : 135 x 200 mm

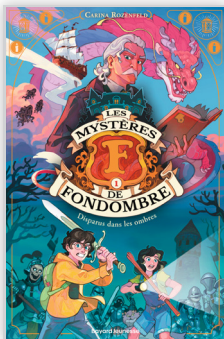
RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 3

LES MYSTÈRES DE FONDOMBRE

| SERIES

By Carina Rozenfeld

**THEME:** FANTASY / ADVENTURE / FAMILY LIFE**KEYWORDS:** IMAGINARY / LEGACY

At Fondombre Manor, the lights are never turned off. Within its walls, the shadows hide worlds that are as wondrous as they are dangerous. When their grandfather suddenly disappears, cousins Ambre and Gaspard are willing to brave the darkness in order to find him.

This gripping novel is built around a powerful central theme: family. The characters are driven by bonds that withstand countless trials, including grief, divorce, and remarriage. These enduring ties form the backbone of a deeply emotional and immersive adventure. The story features a memorable cast of bold and endearing characters.

Ambre and Gaspard are fearless cousins, united by an unshakable sense of family duty. Their grandfather, Philibert, is a loving man prepared to do anything for his wife, while Horace, the quick-witted butler, brings both intelligence and charm to the tale.

THE AUTHOR:

Carina Rozenfeld was born in Paris in 1972 and lives there still with her son and her cat. She is an editor-journalist on a young people's newspaper. She published *Lucille et les Dragons sourds* with Kryos in 2004. Nevertheless the book received the *Lutin d'Or Prize* in 2004, the *Mélusine Prize* in 2006 and was translated into German. *La Quête des Livres-Monde*, the first volume of a trilogy, was published by Intervista in August 2008. It was awarded the *Prix Imaginales des collégiens* in 2009 as well as the *Prix des Incorruptibles 2009-2010*.

PUB DATE : January 2025**EXTENT :** 304 pp**FORMAT :** 138 x 210 mm**RETAIL PRICE :** €15.90

LA BRIGADE DES GOURMANDS DÉTECTIVES

| SERIES

By Maëlle Desard

**THEME:** MYSTERIES & DETECTIVES**KEYWORDS:** COOKING

When thefts start piling up at Dubattier Bakery and the mystery thickens like a good cake batter, there's only one team to call: the Gourmet Detectives Brigade!

The first volume of a cosy mystery trilogy with sharp humor, for readers aged 9 and up—mixing a sugary investigation, unlikely new friendships, a three legged cat, and sculptures carved from lumps of butter.

This gentle novel takes readers on an emotional roller coaster, addressing important themes such as friendship (and the end of a friendship), parents who no longer get along but don't divorce, sibling love, and more.

A first foray into middle grade fiction for Maëlle Desard, a well established author known for her playful, punchy style, with novels such as the Les Tribulations d'Esther Parmentier series, À un cheveu.

THE AUTHOR:

Maëlle Desard is originally from Alsace and now lives in Switzerland, on the shores of Lake Geneva. Holding degrees in marketing and communication, she began her writing career in 2015. She is notably the author of Les Tribulations d'Esther Parmentier and L'École de Minuit, published by Rageot. With Slalom, she wrote À un cheveu (2022) and Dents de Soie (2023).

PUB DATE : April 2026
EXTENT : 240 pp
FORMAT : 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 1

LE JOURNAL QUI PUE DE MARCELLIN | SERIES REBLOCHOU

By Claire Renaud & Vincent Caut



THEME: FAMILY LIFE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: CHEESE / MOVING OUT

Warm, funny, contemporary, and delightful, this illustrated diary introduces readers to Marcellin, a ten-year-old boy growing up in a lively, larger-than-life family of cheesemakers.

The Reblochau family returns in an even more immersive format, inspired by the hugely popular illustrated diary genre, in the spirit of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* or *Dork Diaries*. This first volume is entirely narrated from a child's point of view, as Marcellin Reblochau recounts his family's move from the countryside to the city and the upheavals that come with it. Written with tenderness and wit, Claire Renaud's voice combines warmth with a sharp-edged sense of humor. She is the acclaimed author of *Les Quatre Gars*,

winner of the Prix des Incorruptibles, and *Les Mamies attaquent*, which received the Children's Crime Novel Award at the Quais du Polar festival. This funny and heartfelt story explores the clash between cultures and generations, capturing family life in all its chaos, affection, and absurdity.

THE AUTHOR:

Claire Renaud was born and lives in Paris. After studying philosophy, she became a children's editor at Fleurus, then began writing for children herself—publishing with École des Loisirs and Bayard—as well as for adults (Stock, Fleuve). At Sarbacane, she is the author of picture books (*Barbichette*, *Harry Cover*) and of tender yet sharp novels such as *Les Mamies Attaquent* (Children's Crime Novel Award at Quais du Polar, Lyon 2020; Chronos Award 2020).

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Vincent Caut received the “Blog Revelation” Award at the Angoulême International Comics Festival in 2009. He is also a children's illustrator and comic book author, and is published by Makaka, La Boîte à Bulles, Dargaud, and BD Kids. He is best known as the illustrator of *Avni* (BD Kids). He contributes regularly to the children's press, from *Astrapi* and *J'aime Lire* to *Toboggan* and *Moi je lis...* For Bayard Éditions, he illustrated 100 % BD and *Max fou de foot* in the *Petit à petit, je lis* collection.

PUB DATE : June 2026
EXTENT : 100 pp
FORMAT : 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €9.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 3

SÉBASTIANE GRANDÉLICE

| SERIES

By Thomas Verdois



THEME: FANTASY / ADVENTURE
KEYWORDS: COOKING / MAGIC / MANGA



Dive back into the whirlwind adventures of Sébastiane, the apprentice gastronomage, in a dazzlingly kawaii novel-manga where culinary artistry meets spellbinding magic !

This story unfolds within an imaginative culinary world reminiscent of manga greats like Toriko, Food Wars, and Hell's Kitchen, all infused with a touch of Miyazaki's magic. At its heart lies a gripping investigation to uncover the conspiracy brewing behind the scenes of a new gastronomagic fast-food chain, while dynamic manga illustrations by 3D

artist Gaëlle Autin immerse readers in the vibrant, whimsical kingdom of Savoria, a realm devoted entirely to food..

THE AUTHOR:

Thomas Verdois lives in Bordeaux, where he teaches English at engineering and business schools. For many years, he ran the comic blog *Excuse me teacher*—which reached around 300,000 visits—chronicling his teaching adventures in comic-strip form. In 2014, he decided to leave comics behind and dedicate himself to writing *Dragon Park*, his first novel.

PUB DATE : Jan 2026
EXTENT : 400 pp
FORMAT : 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €13.90

NUMBER OF TITLES: 2

LES RUES FANTASQUES

| SERIES

By Edouard H. Blaes

**THEME:** MYSTERIES & DETECTIVES / FANTASY / ADVENTURE**KEYWORDS:** PARIS / MAGIC

On the fringes of the shadows, where no one looks, lie the whimsical streets of Lost Paris, roamed by wizards, goblins, and a few shaggy fairies.

This extravagant, socially conscious urban-fantasy novel unfolds across two parallel Parises—Sad Paris, the world as we know it, and Lost Paris, a hidden realm inhabited by society’s and magic’s outcasts, from trolls and goblins to fairies and forgotten wizards. Celebrating diversity and difference through its deaf heroine, the story explores powerful themes such as abandonment, courage, disability, and bullying, offering a heartfelt

tribute to friendship and to the family we choose. As the first volume of a dazzling duology, it invites readers into the wondrous, illusion-filled world of Lost Paris, where the heroes embark on a journey of discovery and transformation.

THE AUTHOR:

Edouard H. Blaes always loved creating stories. He entered the world of speculative fiction with a widely noticed publication: the anthology *Féro(ce)cités*, which won an award at the 2022 Imaginales Festival. Following this first short story, he published *Le Silence des carillons*, his debut novel, a standout work of speculative fiction released by Actu.SF. *Les Rues fantasques* is his first novel for young readers.

PUB DATE : Feb 2026
EXTENT : 384 pp
FORMAT : 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €15.90

Océan, Beurre Salé, Cœur Brisé

By Elizabeth Barféty



THEME: EMOTIONS & FEELINGS / FAMILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: FIRST LOVE / ORIENTATION / SEA / SELF-KNOWING

Clara is 15 years old. She lives in a great environment and knows exactly what she wants to do with her life. She has everything planned—except for one thing: her parents announce that they are moving to the Morbihan, where the family has spent their holidays every year!

Written by bestselling French author Elizabeth Barféty—known for her hit series 20, *Allée de la Danse* (Nathan), with over 225,000 copies sold—this feel-good small-town novel for readers aged 11–12 explores family, school, friendships, first love, the future, and even the bond with a pet, all through a realistic lens that leads to an uplifting ending. At its heart is the unexpected romance between Clara, a chic Parisian and top student dreaming of higher education, and Renaud, a

laid-back Breton boy from Carnac training to become a chef; complete opposites whose differences make their story all the more compelling. Told in the lively first-person voice of a thoroughly contemporary teen—the very definition of “that girl”—the novel captures adolescence with remarkable accuracy and charm.

THE AUTHOR:

Born in 1982, **Elizabeth Barféty** lives in the Paris region. After studying modern literature, she worked in publishing for nearly ten years. Since 2013, she has devoted herself full time to writing and translating from English. Novels, graphic novels, gamebooks, adaptations, and documentaries—Elizabeth Barféty’s works are published by numerous children’s and young adult publishers, including Nathan, Hachette Jeunesse, Rageot, Jungle, Les Livres du Dragon d’Or, and Milan.

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EXTENT : 320 pp

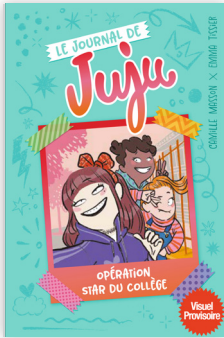
FORMAT : 140 x 205 mm

RETAIL PRICE : €14.90

LE JOURNAL DE JUJU

| SERIES

By Camille Masson & Emma Tissier

**THEME:** HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP**KEYWORDS:** PUBERTY / DIARY / MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Juju novel series is finally here! This unfiltered, humorous heroine is set to become every preteen's best friend.

With Juju, readers build self-confidence, learn to navigate everyday life without stress, and open up conversations about puberty, all while benefiting from the huge and active community of Julie magazine, which brings together 26,000 subscribers, 77,000 website users, 33,000 TikTok followers, and over 2 million listens to the SOS BFF podcasts. This first installment tackles one of middle-school girls' biggest worries—popularity, and what it really

means to be or not be popular—through a vibrant scrapbook-style layout filled with full-color illustrations and engaging extras, including a quiz and a collectible tips sheet offering five practical pieces of advice on the theme.

THE AUTHOR:

Camille Masson works for Julie magazine at Milan Presse, while also writing stories for young readers. As a staff writer for Julie magazine, maintains a writing style that is always closely connected to her readership, with accuracy and respect.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Emma Tissier studied applied arts, then fashion at Studio Berçot in Paris. In 2018, she published *Rien ne se passe jamais comme prévu* with Lucile Gorce (Dargaud), a graphic novel that tells the obstacle-filled journey of a woman who wants to start a family. Her loose, stylish drawing style tackles this deeply feminine subject with great humor, as well as tenderness and delicacy. She is the creator of the character Juju, her two BFFs, and her family.

PUB DATE: June 2026
EXTENT: 192 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

FIANCÉE MALGRÉ MOI AU DÉMON DU CHAOS

By Anne Schmauch



THEME: EMOTIONS & FEELINGS / FANTASY / ROMANCE

KEYWORDS: LOVE / MAGIC

Macha can handle almost anything life throws at her: the endless teasing about her last name, her chronic bad luck in love, and even her constant money troubles. But being forced into marriage with a completely unhinged faun? That is absolutely out of the question.

This novel offers romance like you have never read it before. It is a hilarious story that gleefully turns dark romance on its head, driven by a sharp-tongued heroine who has no intention of letting herself be pushed around. Classic romance tropes such as enemies to lovers, academic rivals, and more are cleverly subverted with humor, making this book a refreshing breath of fresh air in the romance market. Anne Schmauch's

biting, irreverent tone—already praised in her YA novel *Gorilla Girl*—is combined with her deep knowledge of Harlequin-style romance, resulting in a deliciously explosive and highly entertaining romantic cocktail.

THE AUTHOR:

Anne Schmauch lives in Paris. After studying literature and art history, she taught French for several years. She writes children's and YA novels published by Bayard Éditions Jeunesse, Milan, Sarbacane, and Rageot. She is the author of the thriller series *Maléfice sur Rome* and of novels published in the *Je'aime Lire* collection at Bayard Éditions Jeunesse.

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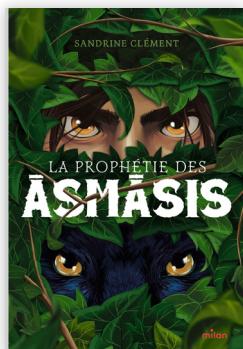
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FORMAT: 138 x 210 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €17.90

LA PROPHÉTIE DES ASMASIS

By Sandrine Clément



THEME: FANTASY / EMOTIONS & FEELINGS / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: QUEST / NATURE / ANIMALS



Dive into a fantastical world where some humans are bound to the soul of an animal... A gripping fantasy epic set between the modern world and the wild.

This novel immerses readers in a rich, meticulously crafted universe where three clans—humans, the Asmasis bound to an animal companion, and the soulless Todima—quietly wage a hidden conflict, all against the backdrop of strong friendships, first loves, and a powerful journey of self-discovery. Aimed at readers aged 12–14, it echoes the emotional depth of the hit film *The Animal Kingdom* (*Le Règne animal*), celebrating the profound bond between

humans and animals while introducing a cast of main and secondary characters who are surprising, complex, and deeply engaging. Written by talented Swiss debut author Sandrine Clément, the story unfolds at a gripping pace, elevated by precise, poetic prose touched with humor. ■

THE AUTHOR:

Sandrine Clément was born in 1979 in the Lausanne region of Switzerland. She holds a master's degree in History and worked in the pharmaceutical industry for nearly twenty years before devoting herself entirely to writing. The year 2026 will see the publication of three of her works, with *Rivka*, *Milan*, and *Scrineo*.

PUB DATE: April 2026
EXTENT: 416 pp
FORMAT: 155 x 230 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €17.90

TOUT CE QUE TU N'AS PAS DIT

By Maxime Girardeau



THEME: EMOTIONS & FEELINGS / FRIENDSHIP / MYSTERIES

KEYWORDS: SCHOOL LIFE / BULLYING



Matteo, 15, has lost his best friend, who took his own life. With the help of AI, he tries to understand what happened. A novel with a bold and original narrative voice.

Artificial intelligence is explored as a new subject of reflection in young adult literature, portraying AI as a genuine fictional character—a digital friend capable of interacting with the hero in real time—and inviting each reader to form their own opinion about this emerging technology. The book stands out for its original creative approach: all the AI character's lines, generated using generative AI, appear in italics and have not been edited in any way. At the same time, the story takes the

form of a psychological thriller that addresses sensitive themes resonating with teenagers, such as bullying, grief, and the search for identity. This is the first YA novel by Maxime Girardeau, a technology enthusiast and the author of three crime novels for adults, who also shared behind-the-scenes insights into his writing process with a tenth-grade class at Geoffroy-Saint-Hilaire High School in Étampes.

THE AUTHOR:

After two decades working in new technologies—including ten years at Microsoft and later at Contentsquare, where **Maxime Girardeau** led Atomic Labs, the company's startup incubator—he now works at Caggemini on transformations related to artificial intelligence. Alongside this, he pursues a writing career in which he explores, through the lens of psychological thrillers, the impact of technology on our intimate and collective lives. He is the author of *Persona* (2020) and *EGO* (2022), published by Fayard, followed by *Je te mens* (Istya, 2024).

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EXTENT: 342 pp
FORMAT: 155 x 230 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €16.90

UPCOMING TITLES / BACKLIST

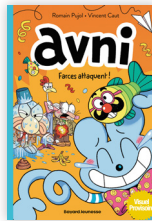
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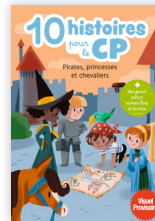
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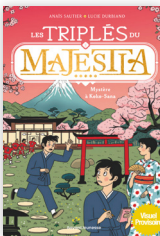
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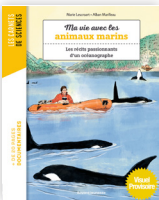


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The Bayard Jeunesse and Milan editors

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FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS



5 HISTOIRES POUR... | SERIES

By Annabelle Fati & Thierry Manes



THEME: BUILDING VOCABULARY

KEYWORDS: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / LEARNING

Collections of 5 stories to better understand how “big school” works.

KEY POINTS

- 1st grade: a big change that is both exciting and scary.
- Answers to kids’ questions: how does it feel to be the youngest at school again? Why do you have to raise your hand before speaking? How does the school cafeteria work?
- Each story includes a double-page spread of practical tips for kids, written alongside a pediatrician.
- Stories for kids, based on popular themes (pirates, firefighters, etc.), to read as a family or alone from the middle of 1st grade.

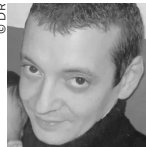
THE AUTHOR:



Editions Milan.

Annabelle Fati worked in children’s magazines before writing. She’s an author for Actes Sud, Sarbacane. She has written early reading novels, published by

THE ILLUSTRATOR:



Milan...

Thierry Manes is illustrator for children books. He has been published by Fleurus, Hachette Enfants, Casterman, Gründ, Éditions

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AGATA MÈNE L'ENQUÊTE | SERIES

By Paul Martin & Camille Roy



THEMES: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: INVESTIGATION

The adventures of Agata in Matouville are now available in novel format: each volume features an illustrated investigation set in a fictional universe inspired by *Mes premières énigmes à tous les étages*.

Business isn't going great for Agata, the youngest detective in Matouville. Luckily for her, a crime-free city doesn't exist! Agata soon finds herself chasing a new thief who seems to operate... only on the rooftops.

Accessible and fun investigations for early readers, a segment that has proven its worth in bookstores with 100,000 copies sold since 2020.

THE AUTHOR:

Paul Martin was a longtime writer for Astrapi and now makes a living from his pen. He writes children's novels (*Les enquêtes archi-secrètes de Brumm et Irving*), comic book scripts (*Kiki et Aliène, Docteur Enigmas*), and puzzles (*Énigmes à tous les étages* with Bayard)... He lives in Lille with a very lazy cat! He won the 2019 Grand Prix of *Le Journal de Mickey* readers for his novel *Violette Hurlevent et le jardin sauvage* (*Sarbacane*)

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Camille Roy illustrates numerous children's books and is the creator of the characters in the series *Le manoir Croquignole* and *Agata Crispy détective*. Creating characters and inventing worlds is what excites her most about her work. She loves inventing monsters, drawing animals, and creating scenes rich in detail.

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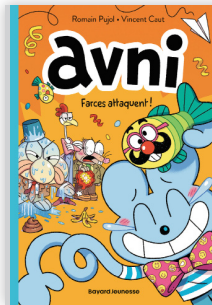
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AVNI | SERIES

By Romain Pujol & Vincent Caut



THEMES: SCHOOL / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: HERO / BACK TO SCHOOL

Avni, the cheeky little hero and BD Kids favorite, is making his debut in novels!”

An original exploration of childhood emotions, brought to life by a hilarious character with amazing powers! The hero Avni experiences some adventures in its daily life. In the first volume, Avni dives into the excitement of school photo day – a milestone full of charm, surprises and unexpected moments in every child’s life. Then, our hero shrinks down to a tiny size and embarks to a

exciting adventure. Such a playful and thrilling journey through a world seen from a whole brand new perspective.

Avni, a hero in top form! 10 years old in 2023 and 170,000 copies sold — a 38% increase between 2022 and 2023.

THE AUTHOR:

A graduate in applied arts, **Romain Pujol** lives in the Toulouse region. He is both an illustrator, as seen in Ubisoft’s series *Rabbids*, and a writer, as in *Avni*. This dual role is a real asset for such a highly talented creator!

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

In 2009, **Vincent Caut** received the ‘Blog Revelation’ award at the Angoulême Festival. He is also a children’s book illustrator and comic book author, published by Makaka, La Boîte à bulles, Dargaud, and BD Kids. He is notably the illustrator of *Avni* (BD Kids). He regularly contributes to the press, from *Astrapi* to *J’aime lire*, including *Toboggan* and *Moi je lis*. At Bayard Éditions, he illustrated 100% BD and *Max fou de foot* from the ‘Petit à petit, je lis’ collection.

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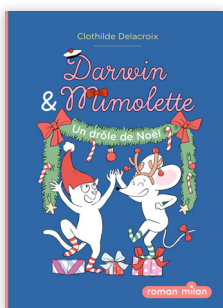
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DARWIN ET MIMOLETTE | SERIES

By Clothilde Delacroix



THEMES: DAILY LIFE / HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: HOLIDAYS / DIFFERENCE / DIARY

A new series of early reader novels featuring a delightful duo: a mischievous mouse and a lazy cat.

Mimolette is a studious and very self-assured mouse. Now that the holidays have started, she is determined to convince Darwin, her best friend, to join her on an expedition: the little mouse wants to go camping! But Darwin is a lazy cat who has no desire for adventure; he

just wants to sunbathe all summer! Mimolette is stubborn and pushes her friend to try the experience... who knows, maybe he'll like it? The two friends share their thoughts and dreams through their funny diaries.

THE AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR:

Clothilde Delacroix is a children's author and illustrator who has been working in the press and publishing for over twenty years. She makes children dream and laugh with universes full of humor, tenderness and color.



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ÉMILE ET MARGOT | SERIES

By Anne Didier, Olivier Muller & Olivier Delyoye



THEME: HUMOR

KEYWORDS: FRIENDLY MONSTERS / ADVENTURE

Prince Émile and Princess Margot live in a castle surrounded by funny monsters! Lucky for them, because royal life isn't always fun, especially if all you want to do is have fun and get into mischief...

How boring it is to be a prince or a princess! Siblings Émile and Margot aren't allowed to play with their monster friends, who may have a bad influence on their good education... much to their governess' everlasting despair! Fortunately, they always have tricks up their sleeves to deal with the most desperate situations!

Émile and Margot, the two main characters in the bestselling *BD Kids series* (400,000 copies sold) are back in a series of novels, with all their monster friends to get up to even more trouble in the castle! Discover brand new Émile and Margot stories.



THE AUTHORS:

Siblings **Anne Didier** and **Olivier Muller** live near Paris. Together, they invent the adventures of Anatole Latuile and Émile et Margot. But each sibling also writes alone stories for Bayard Presse for publication in Mes premiers J'aime Lire, J'aime Lire and J'aime Lire Max..



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Born in 1979 in Saint-Malo, **Olivier Delyoye** grew up in Africa and Reunion Island, then he studied in Paris at a school of visual communication. He works for children's and adult press, and published a comic adaptation of Oliver Twist (Delcourt). He lives near Bordeaux.

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LE OUF-CLUB MÈNE L'ENQUÊTE

By Elizabeth Barféty & H  l  ne Canac

| SERIES



THEMES: DAILY LIFE / INVESTIGATIONS

KEYWORDS: DOGS / HELPING ONE ANOTHER

Discover the investigations of three clever dogs determined to meddle in the lives of the humans in their residence.

A gentle giant, a clever little dog, and a hopeless foodie... Three endearing canine heroes brought to life by H  l  ne Canac's tender and dynamic linework—a style reminiscent of certain manga.

A story full of twists and turns, in a genre that never fails to captivate young readers: solving everyday

mysteries, all told with a touch of humor.

The new series Roman Milan 6+ by Elizabeth Barféty, author of the bestselling series 20, all  e de la danse (460,000 copies sold).

THE AUTHOR:

After studying modern literature, *Elizabeth Barféty* worked in publishing for nearly ten years. Since 2013, she has devoted herself entirely to writing and translating from English. Novels, comics, choose-your-own-adventure books, adaptations, and documentaries—Elizabeth Barféty's works are published by numerous children's publishers, including Nathan, Hachette Jeunesse, Rageot, Jungle, Les Livres du dragon d'or, and Milan.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

H  l  ne Canac began her artistic career in animated film, notably working on the series *Wakfu* and *Dofus*. At the same time, she worked in children's illustration for game companies, novels, activity books, and collaborated with a wide range of publishers such as Fleurus, Rageot, Larousse, Nathan, Milan Presse, and Bayard Presse. Since 2017, she has also illustrated numerous children's comics. Between *Snow and Wolf*, written by Agn  s Domergue and published by Jungle, received the Angoul  me Festival Schools Prize in 2021.

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LES AVENTURES DE NOÉ ET AZOTE

By Mim, Benoît Bajon & Aurélie Guillerey

| SERIES



THEMES: FRIENDSHIP / ADVENTURE

KEYWORDS: MAGIC / TROLLS

Noé, 7 years old, quite lonely and very shy, becomes friends with a rather whimsical mountain troll who brings some spice into his life.

An irresistible duo: Noé, a shy only child, and Azote, a mountain troll... and imaginary friend

Recipes for overcoming fears and tackling problems, in a universe that blends everyday life with the imaginary world—featuring powerful themes and hilarious scenes.

A revival of the successful series Noé et Azote, previously published by Magnard (over 50,000 copies sold). Volume 2 will be an original story to be released in the spring.

THE AUTHOR:

Camille Kohler, also known as *Mim* is a translator (notably of Benji Davies's *The Child and the Whale* trilogy) and children's book author, she also writes radio fiction for France Culture and France Inter—particularly *The Thrilling Life of Brigitte Tornado*, whose stage adaptation earned her the Molière Award for Best Comedy in 2020. At Éditions Milan, she is notably the author of the *Nino Dino* picture book series.

After earning a degree in Russian, *Benoît Bajon* discovered linguistics and began studying speech therapy. He now works in this field in the Paris region. In 2014, he began co-writing with Mim the adventures of Noé and Azote, a series of short novels published by Magnard Jeunesse. Since then, they have regularly co-authored four-handed novels for young readers.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Aurélie Guillerey studied at the École supérieure des arts décoratifs in Strasbourg, in Claude Lapointe's studio, and obtained her illustration diploma in 1999. Since then, she has been working in her studio in Rennes for the press, publishing houses, and theater companies.

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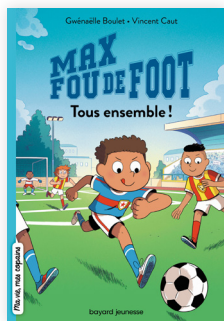
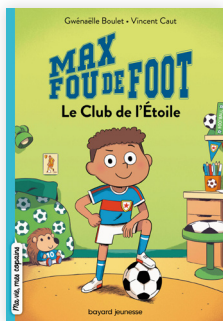
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MAX FOU DE FOOT | SERIES

By Gwénaëlle Boulet & Vincent Caut



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: FOOTBALL / FRIENDS / SOLIDARITY

Max is a soccer-mad boy. He's always the first to jump on the ball and challenge his friends to a game.

Max loves soccer. His dream? For his parents to sign him up to a soccer club. But they always say no... Until he gets a big surprise on his birthday!

In book 2, Max plays his first soccer match. But when he decides to go for goal alone, the other team steals the ball and scores. At half-time, the players

gather around the coach. He reminds them that soccer is a team sport, and the only way to win is to play together.

Little Max has won over young readers with popular and current themes: team spirit, solidarity, acceptance, difference, etc. The series has already sold 50,000 copies. ■



THE AUTHOR:

Gwénaëlle Boulet worked on the *Phosphore* and *Astrapi* magazines, before becoming editor-in-chief of *Pomme d'Api* and *Popi*.

She writes picture books and novels for children.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Vincent Caut received the "Revelation blog" prize at the 2009 Angoulême International Comics Festival.

He works in children's publishing and contributes to the press on a regular basis.

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 **Bayard Jeunesse**

JE LIS TOUT HAUT! | SERIES

By Mim & Benoît Bajon



KEYWORDS: READ-ALoud / IMAGINATION / ILLUSTRATIONS

A new series to encourage kids to read aloud. The pages unfold so that the reader and listener can discover the illustrations at the same time.

KEY POINTS

- Helps with understanding
- Develops memory skills
- Builds self-confidence
- Encourages a love for reading

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THE AUTHOR:

Mim is a children's book author, as well as a journalist and radio fiction writer, such as *La Vie trépidante* de Brigitte Tornado (50 episodes on France Culture), which was adapted for the theater and won the "Molière de la Comédie" in 2020.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Benoît Bajon studied linguistics in university. Since 2014, he has worked with Mim on *Les aventures de Noé et Azote* and several novels for young readers.

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MILAN POUSSIN | SERIES

By various artists



KEYWORDS: EVERYDAY LIFE / BUILDING VOCABULARY / SHORT ADVENTURES / HUMOR

Funny and easy-to-read stories that will make children love words, followed by a fun nursery rhyme at the end!

KEY POINTS

- Three different parts: a quick warm-up with fun games, the story itself, and a nursery rhyme to unwind.
- The characters are introduced to the young reader on one flap, while difficult words are explained on the other.
- Written and illustrated by renowned children's books authors and artists.



Vivid illustrations to better enjoy the story and stimulate the child's imagination.

One flap to explain difficult words (highlighted in the text) and build vocabulary.

One flap to introduce the characters.



PUB DATE: 2014-2024
EXTENT: 24 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 190 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €4,99

NB OF TITLES: 47
SALES:
FRANCE: 777,700 cps

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MILAN BENJAMIN | SERIES

By various artists



KEYWORDS: HUMOR / EVERYDAY LIFE / SCHOOL / ADVENTUR

A rite of passage from parental reading to semi-autonomous reading. Children discover the meaning of the written word through short and highly illustrated stories.

KEY POINTS

- Short stories with vivid illustrations which integrate elements of the text in the style of a comic book.
- Chapters that preserve the story's pacing.
- Short exercises at the end of the book to make sure that the child understood the story well.



9 h 20, chambre de Bouh

Le sol de la chambre du fantôme est couvert de poussière!

La Puce remarque :
— Étrangement bizarre! On voit nos empreintes, mais pas celles du coupable.

Super-Ouaf réfléchit :
— C'est donc... que le coupable vole!

Il sort alors sa loupe pour observer les tenues de Bouh :
— Hmm, ces cœurs verts, ce n'est ni de l'encre ni de la peinture... Voyons si nous trouvons d'autres indices dans votre chambre, Drafala.

Illustrations help the kids to identify which character is speaking.

Glossary.

Main characters/
thematic/location
are introduced here.

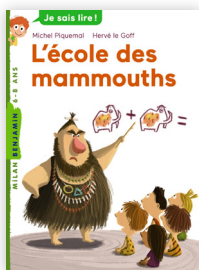


PUB DATE: 2013–2024
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FORMAT: 130 x 180 mm
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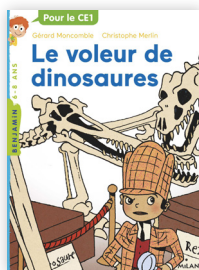
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SALES:
FRANCE: 4,453,200 cps
INTL: Breton, Korean,

Chinese (Simplified)
SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:
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RAN ET LES MAMMOUTHS: 2 titres



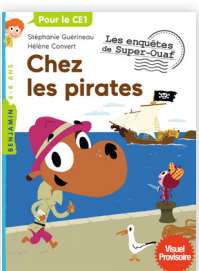
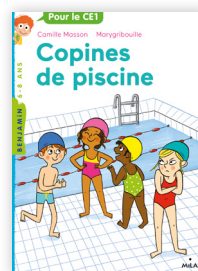
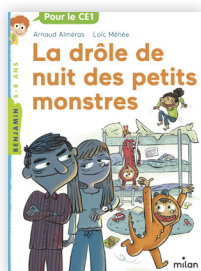
FÉLIX: 7 titres



SUPER-OUAF: 6 titres



LA MAÎTRESSE: 7 titres



FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS 6+

ROMAN MILAN 6+ | SERIES

By Various Authors & Illustrators



KEYWORDS: EVERYDAY LIFE / SHORT ADVENTURES

First novels to accompany readers from 6 years old, according to their appetite (short or long story, illustrated or not...) and their tastes (humor, investifation, fantasy...).

KEY POINTS

- Richly illustrated series or stories from a variety of themes.
- 4 to 5 chapters and, as a bonus, two pages with questions to open discussion around the story.

A paperback format slightly larger than the usual pocket format.



Large cover illustration focusing on the characters.

PUB DATE: September 2024

EXTENT: 40-48 pp

FORMAT: 140 x 200 mm

ETAILED PRICE: €6.50

NB OF TITLES: 6

INTL: Lebanon (French),
Türkiye

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

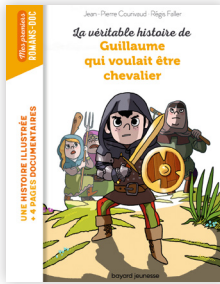
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MES PREMIERS ROMANS-DOC

By various authors and illustrators

| SERIES



THEME: HISTORY

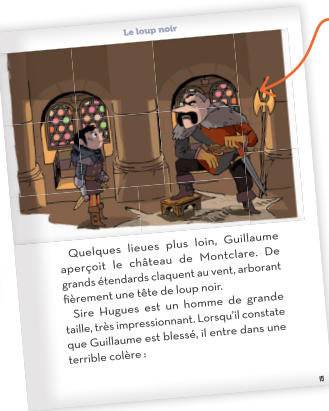
KEYWORDS: DISCOVERY / LEARNING / ADVENTURE

A sub-series of Romans-Doc Histoire, presented in a new edition of the bestselling Mes Premiers Romans-Doc series.

KEY POINTS

- Easy to read for young readers under the age of 7
- Introduces little ones from the age of 6 to historical events and inventions, with themes kids love
- Made up of suspense-filled stories
- 2 non-fiction double-page spreads to accompany the story

Simple sentences to help children's reading process



Large and colorful illustrations to attract the eyes of little ones and help their imagination

PUB DATE: 2023-2024
EXTENT: 48 pp
FORMAT: 145 x 190 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:
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FRANCE: 314,000 cps

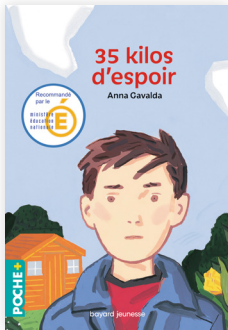


MIDDLE GRADE



35 KILOS D'ESPOIR

By Anna Gavalda



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: SCHOOL / GRANDPARENTS / COMING-OF-AGE

“Everything at school is all Greek to me. It goes in one ear and out the other.” The sensitive issue of academic failure explored with great sensitivity and care, proving that anyone can succeed if they find their calling...

Grégoire hates school so much that by middle school, he's already two years behind everyone else. The only place he feels good is in his grandad Léon's shed, his refuge. They spend hours on end pottering around together. There, Grégoire can freely work with his hands, invent, create. But when Grégoire is

expelled from school, Léon is furious. He gives up trying to help his grandson, who doesn't want his sympathy anyway. Maybe it's time for Grégoire to grow up...

A beautiful and moving story to broach the topic of academic failure and finding one's way.



RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.



THE AUTHOR:

Anna Gavalda is an award-winning French teacher and author.

Her books have sold over 6 million copies and been adapted into several movies.

PUB DATE: 2019 (last pub)
EXTENT: 112 pp
FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

SALES
FRANCE: 656,000 cps
INTL: Chinese (simplified),
Russian, German, Hungarian,

Slovenian, Romanian,
Ukrainian

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Jeunesse**

36 HEURES DANS LA BRUME

By Nathalie Somers



THEME: MYSTERY / ACTION & ADVENTURE / SIBLINGS

KEYWORDS: AMNESIA / GANGSTERS / SAN FRANCISCO

A half-drowned teenager wakes up with amnesia. His only memory: a girl with her hair blowing in the wind, about to jump off a bridge. And a sense of urgency. He has to save her and time is running out...

In San Francisco Bay in 1934, fishermen rescue a half-drowned boy. The teenager, Matt, has a gunshot wound to the head and seems to be suffering from temporary amnesia. He is haunted by an image: a girl about to jump off a bridge. But who is she? All he knows is that he recognizes her, loves her and has to save her. He can feel a sense of urgency, so he embarks on a frantic

race through San Francisco in search of memories. Over the next few hours, he meets a girl from Chinatown who helps him, gets mixed up in a gang war, and has to confront gangsters working for Al Capone himself. The girl he remembers is his twin sister, who has been kidnapped by gangsters to try and free their leader. Will Matt be able to foil their plan in time? ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Nathalie Somers writes fantasy, real-life novels, and picture books for children. She has been published by Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse, etc.

PUBDATE: September 2022

EXTENT: 160 pp

FORMAT: 138 x 210 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €13.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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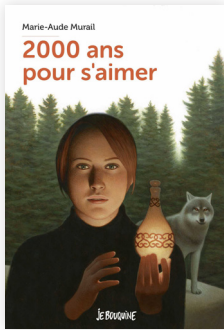
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Jeunesse**

2000 ANS POUR S'AIMER

By Marie-Aude Murail



THEME: ROMANCE / HISTORY

KEYWORDS: MAGIC / LEGENDS / ROMANCE

It's a perfume bottle. It doesn't look like much, but the perfume inside is said to have stunning powers which only ever work in the presence of a wolf. A little perfume bottle, six different eras, and the timeless love stories around it.

The protagonist of this novel is a small bottle. What does it contain? Perfume. It holds miraculous powers that only work in the presence of a wolf...

Over the centuries, it mysteriously disappears and reappears at just the right moment.

Combining fantasy and realism, Marie-Aude Murail takes us on a journey through two millennia in six stories. Each

chapter plunges the reader into a great historical moment, from Ancient Rome to the modern era.

Published as a serial in *Je Bouquine* magazine, the stories form a magnificent novel that adventure lovers, history buffs and hopeless romantics alike will love!

A beautiful novel about the eternity of love in the face of the fragility of life.

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THE AUTHOR: Marie-Aude Murail

writes stories for children
published by Bayard,
Gallimard, Nathan and
L'École des Loisirs.

PUB DATE: April 2021 (last pub)

EXTENT: 230 pp

FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €6.50

SALES:

FRANCE: 5,380 cps

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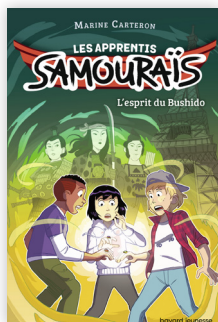
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Jeunesse**

LES APPRENTIS SAMOURAÏS | SERIES

By Marine Carteron



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: MARTIAL ARTS / TIME TRAVEL

Three martial arts aficionados travel back to 16th century Japan, where they must find the weapons of legendary Samurai and thwart an evil ninja's terrible plans!

Sakura, Léon and Logan are fervent practitioners of Kendo, Judo and Karate respectively. When they're invited to a martial arts training course by famous master Saburo, they find an old black-lacquered box with a mysterious star-shaped origami and three magic rings inside. These objects belonged to Hiro, Eiko and Ako of the Minamoto

clan, Samurai warriors who were tasked with guarding a treasure. When the children slip the rings onto their fingers, they find themselves transported back to 16th century Japan. To go back home, they must find Eiko's weapon, inside which her soul was trapped. But a terrible black ninja seeks it too...

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THE AUTHOR:

Marine Carteron is a teacher and writes books for teenagers. Among her novels, *Les Autodafeurs* and *Génération K* in particular have received a very warm welcome.

PUB DATE: 2021-2022
EXTENT: 250 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €11.90

NB OF TITLES: 2
SALES:
FRANCE: 12,100 cps
 (First edition)

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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ARMANDE CORNIX SAUVE LE MONDE (ENFIN, PRESQUE)

By Guillaume Nail



THEME: MYSTERY / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: IMMIGRATION / VACATIONS / MOTHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP

—
An off-the-wall and funny investigation led by an antiheroine with an explosive personality. This vigilante with an overflowing imagination is almost always... completely wrong.
—

A novel that subtly explores discrimination in terms of sexuality, immigration or disability. The lively text includes diary pages, word clouds, play extracts, movie synopses, posters,

tables, ratings, notes and even fake passports... Guillaume Nail's talent enables him to lightly tackle sensitive subjects. —



— THE AUTHOR:

After working as a journalist and translator, **Guillaume Nail** became a screenwriter and author. He is well-known

for his books for kids. A strong advocate of equality and diversity issues, he is committed to better recognition for children's book authors.

PUB DATE: May 2023
EXTENT: 160 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €11.90

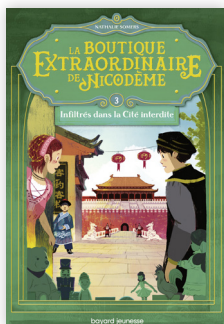
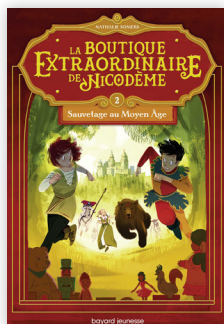
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LA BOUTIQUE EXTRAORDINAIRE DE NICODÈME | SERIES

By Nathalie Somers



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: SUPERNATURAL / TIME TRAVEL

When twins Axel and Mina touch a wooden cat in their cranky great-uncle's house, they find themselves in Ancient Egypt. Could this be related to their mother's disappearance?

After their mother disappears under mysterious circumstances, 11-year-old twins Axel and Mina are sent to stay with their great-uncle Nicodème. The old man is a bit eccentric, very grumpy, and has a strange collection of old toys at the back of his store... one of which awakens their time-travelling powers.

Transported back through time and into different eras, the twins soon find out that there are greater things at play than they could ever have imagined... and that their missing mother might well be involved.

An exciting series that kids who grew up reading *The Magic Tree House* will love!

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THE AUTHOR:

Nathalie Somers writes fantasy, real-life novels, and picture books for children. She has been published by Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse, etc.

PUB DATE: 2020-2022
EXTENT: 144 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

NB OF TITLES: 3
SALES:
FRANCE: 7,000 cps

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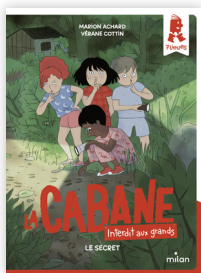
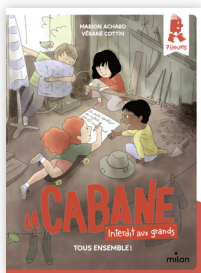
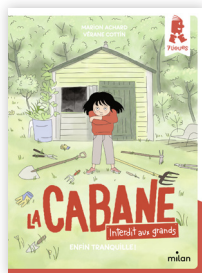
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LA CABANE INTERDIT AUX GRANDS

| SERIES

By Marion Achard & V erane Cottin



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: HUT / CRAFTS

What child has never dreamed of living alone in a little cabin, without their parents to bother them?

Fun adventures about returning to the wild.

A series that values both independence and living together.

Charline's parents are in the middle of a divorce. To force them to speak to each other, she moves into her grandma's garden shed, where she can live like

Robinson Crusoe without risking her life!

To make her den more comfortable and live independently (make it cozy, less humid...), Charline has to get creative! Adventures that value autonomy, friendship, nature and discovery... The perfect mix!

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THE AUTHOR:

Marion Achard was born in Dijon in 1976 and is a circus performer and author. She lives and works in the Drome.

In 2012, she published her first literary novel with Actes Sud. In 2018, she also began writing comic books and novels for kids..

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

V erane Cottin is an illustrator and graphic designer. She lives in Paris. She has contributed to many projects in the fields

of education, ecology, sport... in various media, such as press, video, poster, multimedia. She also animates workshops for children in museums.

PUB DATE: March 2022
EXTENT: 72 pp
FORMAT: 130 x 180 mm
RETAIL PRICE:  6.70

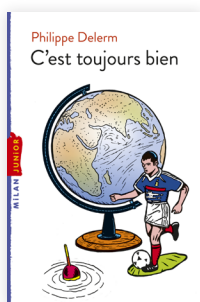
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C'EST BIEN | TRILOGY

By Philippe Delerm



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: FEELINGS / DAILY ADVENTURES

Making a volcano out of mashed potatoes, choosing one's ice cream flavor... Because it's all about the little things, a poetic panorama of childhood little joys and emotions.

Moments of childhood happiness in the shape of sixty texts—short, but all the more sincere—by award-winning author Philippe Delerm. The author draws up a sensible picture of a 10-year-old child's everyday little delights,

feelings and reactions—buying candy at the grocery store, driving down the highway at night, listening to scary stories... Happy, poetic and sensitive texts to enjoy as a family.



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THE AUTHOR:

Following the huge success of *La première gorgée de bière et autres plaisirs minuscules* in 1997, **Philippe Delerm** has become a high-profile author with a large readership.

PUB DATE: 1991–2020 (Last pub)

EXTENT: 96 pp

FORMAT: 120 x 180 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €5.70

NB OF TITLES: 3

SALES:

FRANCE: 233,360 cps

INTL: Germany (French language)

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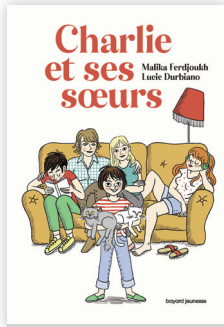
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CHARLIE ET SES SŒURS

By Malika Ferdjoukh & Lucie Durbiano



THEME: FAMILY LIFE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: SISTERS / ORPHANS

Short and never-before seen adventures in the daily life of Enid, Hortense, Geneviève, Bettina and Charlie.

Fights and secrets, heartache and true love, laughter and tears... Welcome to the Vill'Hervé house, where five orphan sisters live under one roof! Five girls and their fears, longings

and questions... Not to mention two cats, some ghosts, a boiler and Aunt Lucrece. No day is the same at Vill'Hervé!



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THE AUTHOR:

Malika Ferdjoukh was born in 1957 in Algeria. She writes novels for children, such as the *Quatre Sœurs* series and Broadway Limited, published by *L'École des loisirs*. She also writes for film and TV.



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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Lucie Durbiano is a French illustrator and comics illustrator. She is published by several publishers, such as Gallimard, Nathan etc.

PUB DATE: 12/10/2022
EXTENT: 100 pp
FORMAT: 150 x 220 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

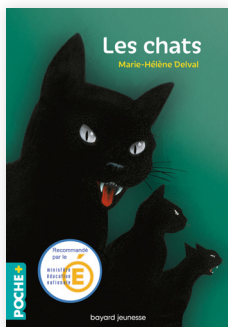
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LES CHATS

By Marie-Hélène Delval



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / FANTASY

KEYWORDS: CATS / INVESTIGATION

When Sebasto arrives at his Grandpa's for the summer, a strange cat with silver eyes seems to be waiting for him. Day in, day out, the cat sits there and watches. Until comes another cat... and another. Then the nightmares begin.

One morning, Sebasto finds a black cat outside his adopted grandpa Da's house. Nothing out of the ordinary, right? But the animal makes him feel uneasy. Could it be the strange metallic spark in its eyes? Or the dead animal bodies that keep appearing? A pigeon, followed by other animals, each one larger than the last. But when a second cat turns up, and then a third, Sebasto's concerns soon turn into fear...

This novel is an introduction to the fantasy genre, whisking young readers into a troubling world of uncertainty and strangeness. A sense of unease rises from page to page, in a perfectly controlled suspense. The deep affection shared by the two main characters and an element of fear add depth to this novel, creating a powerful reading experience.



RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.



THE AUTHOR:

Marie-Hélène Delval is a bestselling author and translator. She has translated *The Inheritance Cycle* as well as *The Wardstone Chronicles*.

PUB DATE: 2020 (last pub)

EXTENT: 160 pp

FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

SALES:

FRANCE: 174,600 cps

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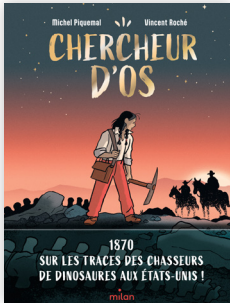
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CHERCHEUR D'OS

By Michel Piquemal & Vincent Roché



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE

KEYWORDS: FAR WEST / DINOSAURS / PALEONTOLOGY

Join Tokala on his adventures as he travels through the USA in search of dinosaur bones!

A story about a young Native American boy, Tokala, in search of freedom - and dinosaur bones - plunging readers into the heart of the United States in 1865. Dinosaur fans will love this initiatory journey set against a backdrop of major palaeontological discoveries.

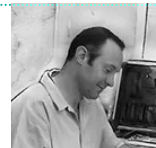
Michel Piquemal, a bestselling children's book author, strikes the perfect balance between a little-known historical story and a moving coming-of-age tale. His novels *Le Jobard*, which has sold 145,000 copies, and *Le Trésor des poilus*, both feature on French recommended school reading lists.



THE AUTHOR:

Michel Piquemal is a teacher and spends all his time surrounded by books. Sometimes reading with wonder, and sometimes bravely

writing... He wrote *Le Jobard* (145,000 cps sold) published by Milan Éditions.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Vincent Roché is a freelance graphic designer and illustrator. He studied communication and has worked for five years as an art

director for a graphic design studio.

PUB DATE: August 2024

EXTENT: 144 pp

FORMAT: 140 x 190 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €12.50

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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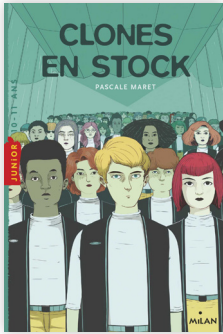
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CLONES EN STOCK

By Pascale Maret



THEME: SCIENCE-FICTION / ACTION & ADVENTURE

KEYWORDS: CLONING / DYSTOPIA

Quatre Bleu lives a peaceful life, until he finds out that he's in fact a clone, raised to supply spare organs should "the original" need some. Horrified, he runs, and must learn to live in the world outside.

Nothing. Quatre Bleu knew nothing of his life. He didn't know that he was a clone. He didn't know that his role, like millions of others, was to provide spare organs if needed. But now he knows. And that makes everything different.

When he finds out about the truth of his existence, Quatre Bleu decides to turn his back on his fate and face the unknown. With help from Alaya, a girl from Africaland, he tries to escape from his pursuers and conquer his humanity.

The perfect introduction to the science-fiction genre. ■■■



AWARDS:

2001 PRIX GOYA.

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THE AUTHOR:

Pascale Maret is a professor of Modern Literature. She has lived and worked in Africa, Asia and South America, and currently teaches at the University of Caracas (Venezuela). *Clones en stock* is her first novel.

PUB DATE: 2018 (last pub)
EXTENT: 142 pp
FORMAT: 120 x 180 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €5.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 36,900 cps
INTL: Korean

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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COMMENT JE VAIS DEVENIR ÉCRIVAIN (SI TOUT VA BIEN)

By Anne-Gaëlle Balpe



THEME: HUMOR

KEYWORDS: WRITING / MIDDLE SCHOOL

Samuel's never been particularly fond of reading or writing. But when a writing workshop by a famous author turns out to be surprisingly captivating, Sam steals her notebook... and finds his life turned upside-down.

"I put the notebook in a drawer as soon as I get home, under a pile of paper. To hide it, but mainly also, to forget it. To forget that I'm the idiot who stole an author's notebook for no reason, just because I felt guilty for taking a peek inside. And now, it's in my house. What should I do with it? I can't exactly throw it away! What if it holds all of Pauline Sauterterre's ideas? What if, because of me, she can never write again? For the rest of her life?"

This is how Samuel, a student in middle-school, discovers his love for writing. But how do you admit, at the age of eleven, that you are a thief and a budding author?

A back-to-school story full of humor that middle-schoolers will relate to.

A funny yet informative guide to writing, full of hidden advice, revealing that creativity is a muscle and writing is like a journey... A novel within a novel.

A book for reading and writing lovers.

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THE AUTHOR:

Anne-Gaëlle Balpe is a former schoolteacher who spends all her time writing, meeting her readers and running creative writing workshops. She's published over twenty books, and works for magazines as well.

PUB DATE: Sept. 2020
EXTENT: 200 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio

INTL: Lebanon (French),
Türkiye



LE DESTIN DE LINUS HOPPE

By Anne-Laure Bondoux



THEME: SCIENCE-FICTION

KEYWORDS: ANTICIPATION / REBELLION / DYSTOPIA

The breathtaking story of 14-year-old Linus Hoppe, who refuses to accept the comfortable life that's been planned for him by the Great Authority. No, Linus wants to choose his life by himself. But freedom comes at a cost...

Linus Hoppe lives in Sphere 1 with his parents and his sister Miege. In three months, he must appear before the Great Authority, a pivotal moment in his life. He will either remain in Sphere 1, a perfect and elitist world where a peaceful life with his family awaits him, or move down to Sphere 2 or 3, far from his loved ones, in a difficult environment. According to his parents, the exam is a

mere formality. But Linus doesn't want someone else to determine his future... How could a life that you don't choose be better than a life of freedom and risk? So along with his friend Chem, a computer whizz, Linus makes a different choice.

A novel that subtly questions what society expects of us, the life we choose, and the price of freedom. ■



AWARDS: 2000 PRIX FRISONS DU VERCORS – 2002 PRIX DE L'ASSOCIATION RÉGIONALE DES DOCUMENTALISTES DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT PRIVÉ D'ILE DE FRANCE – 2003 PRIX DES COLLÉGIENS DE LA VILLE DE VANNES – 2003 PRIX RTL - MON QUOTIDIEN.



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THE AUTHOR:

Anne-Laure Bondoux has published around fifteen novels, which have been translated into over twenty languages, and have won numerous awards in France and abroad. She enjoys meeting and interacting with her young readers.

PUB DATE: 2019 (last pub)
EXTENT: 424 pp
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FRANCE: 42,200 cps

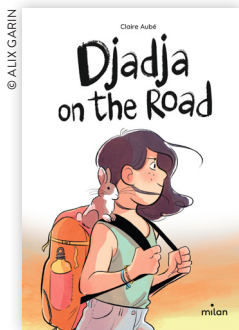
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DJADJA ON THE ROAD

By Claire Aubé



THEME: ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: RUNNING AWAY / OUT OF THE ORDINARY / GROWING UP

This book explores the theme of teen runaways from another angle, focusing on the journey, encounters and discoveries, rather than the act of running away.

A coming-of-age road-movie for Djadja, 13 years old, and her rabbit. The clandestine journey begins in the luggage compartment of a bus heading to Geneva, where she hopes to find

her father... Djadja is on a mission to better understand her life and grow. A feel-good, refreshing novel, with an unlikely and fun trio. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Claire Aubé worked as a journalist and wrote two self-help books before moving into fiction for children's books. She likes to show that there is

good in everyone and plunges her characters into funny and absurd situations. She writes novels, screenplays and plays, which always have a happy ending, to make people laugh.

PUB DATE: June 2023
EXTENT: 300 pp
FORMAT: 155x 230 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

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LES DRAGONS DE NALSARA | SERIES

By Marie-Hélène Delval

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THEME: FANTASY / ACTION & ADVENTURE / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: SIBLINGS / SUPERNATURAL

When Cham breaks the rules to bond with a baby dragon and Nyne meets a mysterious water creature, the siblings embark on a journey fraught with magic, danger... and evil.

As the kingdom's Great Dragon Breeder, Antos lives in a magical and mysterious world. Every year, after the eggs hatch, he watches over the dragons until they are sent to Nalsara, to serve in the king's army. This year, his children, Cham and Nyne, assist with the hatching of three eggs for the first time.

But when Nyne finds a mysterious water creature and Cham breaks every rule to bond with one of the hatchlings, the small family embarks on a journey they'd never have dreamed of, filled with kings, conspiracies, betrayals, magic, and most of all, dragons! Adapted into comic books.



THE AUTHOR:

Marie-Hélène Delval is a bestselling author and translator. Her novel *Les Chats* features on the Ministry of National Education's reading list, and she has translated *The Inheritance Cycle* as well as *The Wardstone Chronicles*.

PUB DATE: 2008–2024

EXTENT: 90–96 pp

FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €6.20

NB OF TITLES: 20

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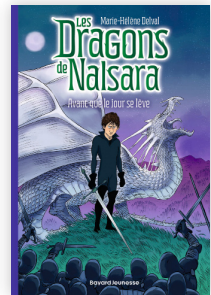
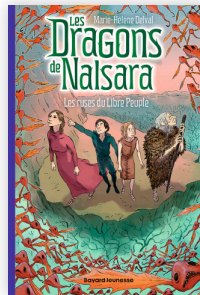
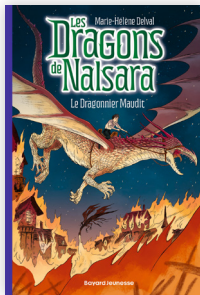
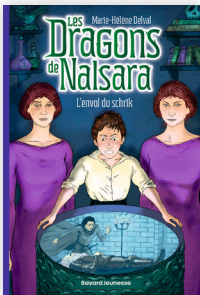
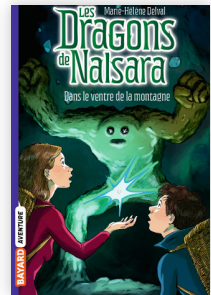
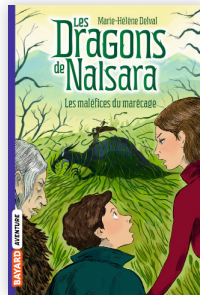
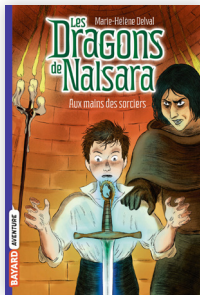
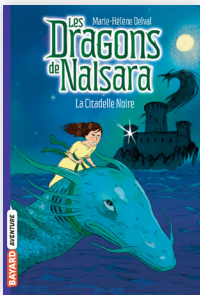
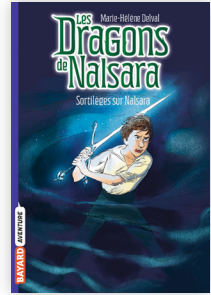
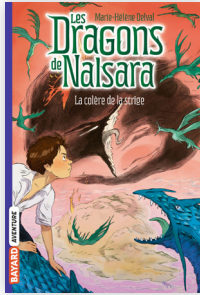
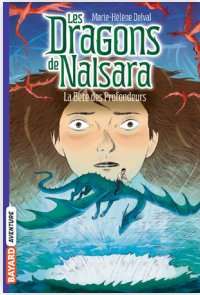
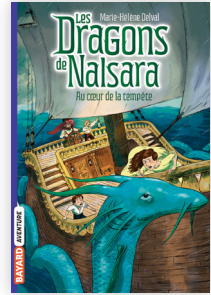
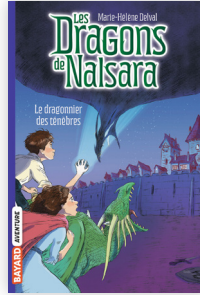
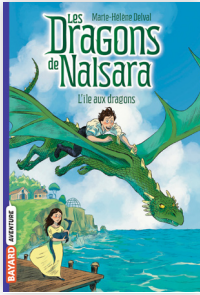
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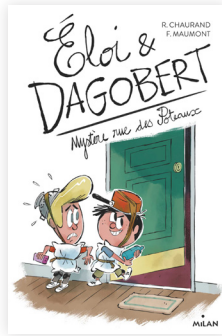
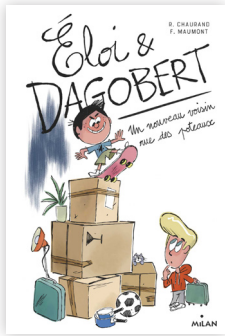
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ÉLOI & DAGOBERT | SERIES

By Rémi Chaurand & François Maumont

**THEME:** HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP**KEYWORDS:** DAILY ADVENTURES / DIFFERENCES

When rowdy Dagobert meets studious Éloi, it's the start of a beautiful friendship. Follow the crazy adventures of this unlikely duo as they get up to all sorts of shenanigans.

Dagobert's mom is a concierge in a Parisian apartment building. It's not always easy, being the only child at home, but everything changes when a new family moves in. And they even have a son his age! Unfortunately, the new kid is a bit weird and not someone Dagobert would usually be friends

with. But since his parents are always busy, they end up spending a lot of time together and despite their differences, become the most unlikely of friends...

A fun new series featuring lively and highly enjoyable stories, and a rambunctious duo thanks to whom disaster is never far away!

**THE AUTHOR:**

Rémi Chaurand is a graphic designer and copywriter for *Åstrapi* magazine. He is also a children's book author, colorist, and a musician.

**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

François Maumont is an illustrator with an offbeat sense of humor and a lively stroke.

PUB DATE: 2019–2020
EXTENT: 80–96 pp
FORMAT: 130 x 195 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €7.50

NB OF TITLES: 3
SALES:
FRANCE: 10,000 cps

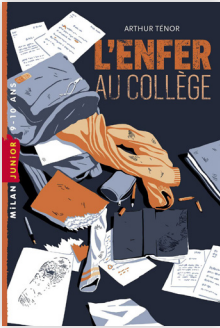
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L'ENFER AU COLLÈGE

By Arthur Ténor



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: EDUCATION / SCHOOL / BULLYING / VIOLENCE

On Gaspard's first day at his new school, Anthony immediately dislikes him. Soon, the mean teasing escalates into verbal and physical violence, until Gaspard can't take it anymore. A poignant call to awareness against bullying.

It's Gaspard's first day at his new school. An opportunity to make new friends? Not really. Anthony, the class' loudmouth, has decided to make Gaspard's life hell, just for laughs, because Gaspard looks like the brainy type and he just doesn't like him.

It all starts with dirty tricks, nothing too serious. But then it turns vicious and cruel, until Gaspard is completely cornered with no way out.

A heart-wrenching book to broach the sensitive topic of bullying and school violence.

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THE AUTHOR:

Arthur Ténor has written many novels.

He often visits schools and book fairs.

An "explorer of the imaginary", he writes stories that blend action, suspense, tender feelings, humor and fantasy.

PUB DATE: 2019 (last pub)

EXTENT: 96 pp

FORMAT: 120 x 180 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €5,70

SALES:

FRANCE: 31,000 cps

INTL: German, Korean



ENQUÊTES À LA MONTAGNE | SERIES

By Claire Bertholet & Maud Riemann



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: MOUNTAIN / DAILY LIFE

Clara lives in a peaceful village in the Alps. But when animals start to go missing and fingers point at her wolfdog Kanala, it's time to investigate and clear her friend's name.

An all-new series featuring short investigations against a backdrop of mountains. Clara, her wolfdog Kanala and her friend Walter investigate to understand the incidents disturbing their peaceful alpine village. Dive into everyday life in Marcoz, a village in

the Alps, alongside these endearing characters and their friends, as well as the refuge, pastures, skiers and hikers... A relaxing (and sometimes eventful!) moment to be relished. The spirit of *Heidi* lives on in this exciting series, with a modern twist!

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THE AUTHOR:

Claire Bertholet is an author and translator. She loves writing detective stories and funny tales, as well as coming down her mountain

to meet her young readers and imagine stories together!

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Maud Riemann graduated from the *Émile Cohl* School in 2004 and won the *Figures/futur* award at the Montreuil Book Fair that very same

year. She's been working for children's books and magazines ever since.

PUB DATE: 2019–2020
EXTENT: 64 pp
FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.50

NB OF TITLES: 7
SALES:
FRANCE: 33,300 cps
 (first 3 volumes)

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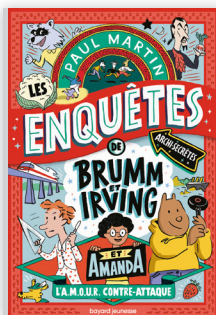
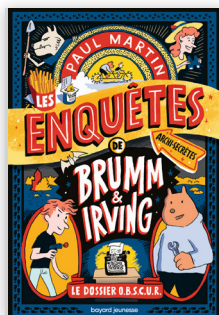
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LES ENQUÊTES ARCHI-SECRÈTES DE BRUMM & IRVING | SERIES

By Paul Martin

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THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

KEYWORDS: INVESTIGATION / ANIMALS / ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Brumm and Irving, with the help of Amanda, set out to investigate and thwart the dangerous trafficking of enhanced animals created by artificial intelligence to serve humans.

A gripping new graphic series by Paul Martin, the king of comics and mysteries, that mixes adventure and humor. Discover an endearing trio made up of two children who want to be detectives and a huge bear who

likes to nap and eat snacks.

An exciting, illustrated adventure, full of fantasy and mystery. The heroes' mission reports are documented with drawings, maps, charts, ads, articles, and much more. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Paul Martin, a former editor at Astrapi, writes novels for kids, comic books (Kiki et Aliène, Docteur Enigmus), and brain teasers (Énigmes à tous les étages). He was awarded the 2019 'Grand Prix des Lecteurs' by the Journal de Mickey for his novel *Violette Hurlevent et le jardin sauvage* (Sarbacane).

PUB DATE: 2023-2024
EXTENT: 200-240 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

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- Audiovisual

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L'ÉPOPÉE DE LA FORÊT

EN CENT ÉPISODES

By Bertrand Fichou & Nikol



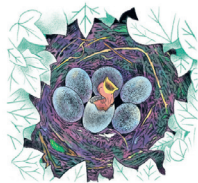
THEME: NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

KEYWORDS: FOREST / SCIENCE

Bertrand Fichou embarks the reader on a new scientific journey into the mysterious and fascinating realm of the forest.

The story of an oak tree's life from birth to death, over an 800-year period: the human and microscopic life around it, its relationship with other trees, what happens under its roots, on top of its branches, in its trunk...

An accessible and sound scientific book, to read aloud or share at home or in a classroom. Through the narrator's voice and the immersive illustrations, the story of the forest takes on the form of a myth. A new odyssey of life!



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THE AUTHOR:
Bertrand Fichou is the editorial director of two scientific magazines for kids (Youpi and Images doc). He is also the author of many successful books published by Bayard (over 233,000 copies sold).



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THE ILLUSTRATOR:
Nikol is a French illustrator. He graduated at the Beaux-Arts d'Epinal and at the Arts Décoratifs de Strasbourg. He works for the youth press and books (Bayard, Milan, Nathan Pop Corn, etc...) and the adult press (xxi).

PUB DATE: May 2022
EXTENT: 304 pp
FORMAT: 232 x 265 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €19.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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- Audio

 **Bayard Jeunesse**

L'ESPIONNE | SERIES

By Marie-Aude Murail & Églantine Ceulemans



THEME: HUMOR / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

KEYWORDS: DAILY LIFE / SPIES

When she gets older, Romarine will be a secret agent. It's a good thing then that there are many mysteries to solve around her! A fun, light-hearted series with a resourceful heroine

When Romarine grows up, she wants to be a secret agent! Figures, her life is full of mysteries...

L'espionne fonde son club: Romarine sets up a spy club at school with five friends. Their first mission—to find out their teacher Mrs. Maillard's first name! Romarine is determined to discover the truth before Angelo, her nemesis...

L'espionne déclône: Romarine has been invited to Marie-Eugénie's birthday party. She buys a Diva doll to play with the other girls, but it's a dangerous clone! Turning Marie-Eugénie's party into a decloning operation...

Comic book adaptation to come. ■



■ **THE AUTHOR:**
Marie-Aude Murail

writes stories for children published by Bayard, Gallimard, Nathan and L'École des Loisirs.



■ **THE ILLUSTRATOR:**
Églantine Ceulemans

is a children's illustrator. She works in animation and advertising, as well as in publishing.

PUB DATE: 2021-2024
EXTENT: 100-112 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

NO OF TITLES: 4
SALES:
FRANCE: 15,000 cps
(first series)

INTL: Italian
SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:
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Bayard Jeunesse

LES ÉTOILES MONTANTES

By Mabrouck Rachedi



THEME: FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: SELF-ESTEEM / CINEMA / SCHOOL

Four lost middle schoolers with nothing in common take on a challenge that gives their lives new meaning... and introduces them to the art of cinematography.

When their teacher, Ms. Tayeb, encourages four teenagers to take part in a screenwriting competition, they're determined to prove themselves...

This funny and moving novel, full of humanity, explores important themes from several points of view: How do you keep going in the face of adversity? How can you trust in yourself and others? How can you overcome restrictive thinking?

Teen social issues also run throughout the novel, such as racism, bullying, and single-parent families, as well as references to movies.

Mabrouk Rachedi has already been published by L'École des Loisirs and Actes Sud Junior, and this novel is his first book with Milan.

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THE AUTHOR:

Mabrouck Rachedi is a writer and columnist. He is the author of *Le Poids d'une âme* (Lattès, 2006), *Éloge du miséreux* (Michalon, 2007). In 2009, he

was selected for the International Writing Program at the University of Iowa. He also runs writing workshops for schools and out-of-school groups.

PUB DATE: August 2024

EXTENT: 200 pp

FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €14.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LE FARFAFRICHE ET AUTRES CONTES DU QUARTIER

By Joséphine Lebard



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

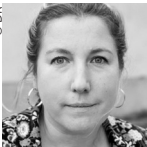
KEYWORDS: TALE / FRIENDS / MAGIC / SUBURB

A modern version of Pierre Gripari's *The Tales of Brocac Street*, whose ambition is to turn the outskirts of big cities, which are all too often confined to realistic stories, into a space for dreams and imagination.

Three modern tales set in very real locations: apartment blocks, industrial wastelands, canals, buses, etc. The author brings out the extraordinary of these places through everyday characters, who represent inner-city youth;

children whose background or skin color is irrelevant, and who have adventures everywhere they go. The author uses her knowledge of the subject to create a book that highlights the richness of the French suburbs.

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THE AUTHOR:

Joséphine Lebard is a journalist and author. She works for *Arte*, *Le Monde* among others, on the topics of society, culture, education.

She published *Une année à Clichy*, co-written with Bahar Makooi.

PUB DATE: October 2023

EXTENT: 128 pp

FORMAT: 120 x 180 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €5.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LA FILLE QUI SOURIT

By Laurence Gillot



THEME: ROMANCE

KEYWORDS: HAPPINESS / ACCIDENT /
FATHER-DAUGHTER RELATIONSHIP / PHILOSOPHY

Smile and life will smile back at you... This is Adèle's mantra, as she spreads happiness wherever she goes. But is it possible to still smile when you fall in love with a boy who is broken from head to toe?.

Adèle is 16 years old. She hasn't spoken to her dad since the divorce and her mom is always busy. The only other people in her life are Louise, her best friend, and her little brother. She's spent every evening for the past few months at hospital, where her brother is being treated for a dumb pelvis fracture. Adèle likes to see the bright side of life and is full of joy and imagination. Because life is nicer that way.

One day, while visiting her brother, she meets a boy her age, Pierre, who is plastered from head to toe. He was in a car accident with his parents. His dad died instantly, and his mom is in a coma. As for him... he's here. How can you keep smiling in those circumstances? How can you make someone else smile again? Should you always smile? Adèle has so many questions as she discovers love.

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THE AUTHOR:

Laurence Gillot has been a children's book author for 25 years. She wrote the Lulu-Grenadine series (Nathan) and the storylines for P'tit Boule et Bill (Dargaud). She is a journalist in Nancy and a postcard artist. She runs creative and letter writing workshops.

PUB DATE: May 2022
EXTENT: 208 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LA FILLE D'EN FACE

By Malika Ferdjouxh



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / DAILY LIFE AND SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: DISABILITY / MEETING PEOPLE

Sick and stuck in bed, Casimir can't go outside. His only distraction? The new girl across the street. Why does she never leave the house? Why does she move so strangely? A mystery in the same vein as Hitchcock's *Rear Window*.

Casimir is stuck in bed with tonsillitis. One day, he notices a new neighbor moving into the house across the street. When he sees the girl from his window, something inside him changes. He can't go out, so he watches her with his binoculars. Who is this girl who never leaves the house? Why does she move around so strangely? Casimir comes up with a plan to meet her.

The mystery soon turns into an obsession as Casimir, sick and with nowhere to go, spends his days waiting.

Through captivating writing and Hitchcock-style suspense as well as a combination of mystery and emotion, *La fille d'en face* is a novel somewhere between a thriller and a life story.

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THE AUTHOR:

Malika Ferdjouxh was born in 1957 in Algeria. She writes novels for children, such as the *Quatre Sœurs* series and *Broadway Limited*, published by L'École des loisirs. She also writes for film and TV.

PUB DATE: Sept. 2020 (last pub)

EXTENT: 64 pp

FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €6.50

SALES:

FRANCE: 5,500 cps

INTL: Lebanon (French)

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LES FEUILLETONS MYTHOLOGIE

EN CENT ÉPISODES | SERIES

By Murielle Szac

RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH
MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.



THEME: MYTHOLOGY / HISTORY

KEYWORDS: FREEDOM / NATURE / TALES

A best-selling series by Murielle Szac, showcasing famous figures in Greek mythology. Fabulous stories that shed light on today's world, to be read aloud in class or at home.

This series revives the founding myths' oral tradition, drawing on an inexhaustible reservoir of emotions and passion. Each book is divided into short, suspense-filled episodes, full of twists, turns and intrigue. Accessible to everyone, including non-readers and beginners, each hero's epic adventure provides answers to the questions of life

that trouble children and adults alike, through powerful symbolic representations and relatable figures.

The serialized format keeps the reader on the edge of their seat and encourages them to imagine what happens next. Books that bring the young and old together, for a shared reading experience, full of adventure!

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THE AUTHOR:

Murielle Szac spent many years as editor-in-chief of *Popi*, *Tralalire* and *Les Belles Histoires* magazines. She now acts as a liaison between Bayard's magazines and teachers. She is also the director of children's books collections.

PUB DATE: 2006–2024
EXTENT: 100–288 pp
FORMAT: 230 x 265 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €13–20

SALES:
FRANCE: 579,000 cps
INTL: Chinese (Simplified),
English (World), Italian, Korean

NB OF TITLES: 6
SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:
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LES FORMIDABLES

By Ève Pourcel & Various Illustrators



THEME: HISTORY

KEYWORDS: CHANGING THE WORLD / SOCIETY

100 portraits of “formidable” people who changed the world in their own way. Whether historical figures or everyday heroes, each one is a source of inspiration at a time when the future of our society is called into question.

They were writers, actors, environmentalists, doctors, nurses, builders, bakers or simple passersby... They came from all over the world and all walks of life. The common denominator? They all shared the same desire to change the world and believed in solidarity and tolerance.

This beautifully illustrated book brings together their inspiring stories: Wangari Maathai, Novak Djokovic, Norma Romero, Léon Tolstoï, Nicholas Winton, Leymah Gbowee, Paul Watson, Mary Edwards Walker, José Alberto

Gutierrez Sandoval, Joséphine Baker, Jane Goodall, Maria Montessori, Stanislav Petrov, Miguel Angel Estrella, Charlie Chaplin, Sarah Breedlove, Greta Thunberg, Jadav Payeng and many more!

Four talented illustrators create a unique graphic universe for these exceptional and inspiring figures who changed the world throughout the centuries. 50 portraits of men, 50 portraits of women... so that each and every young reader knows that all of us can be amazing!

THE AUTHOR:

Ève Pourcel developed an interest in true stories, about extraordinary lives, from an early age. A documentary filmmaker, she believes that children need to feel that they can make a difference in the world, especially today.

PUB DATE: 2020
EXTENT: 312 pp
FORMAT: 260 x 218 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €14.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 5,000 cps

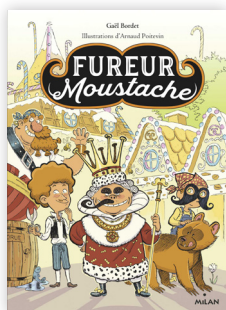
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FUREUR MOUSTACHE

By Gaël Bordet & Arnaud Poitevin



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: REBELLION / FAIRYTALE PARODY

Don't be fooled by this kingdom made out of candy... The Emperor, Fureur I, is a tyrant who forces everyone to grow a half-moustache like him. Luckily, two brave children decide to start a revolution!

Fureur I, the tyrannical Emperor of Zanzivar, loves his moustache, even after an attack robbed him of half of it. So, everyone, be they men, women, or children, must now sport a half-moustache! Or face the dictator's wrath...

Azuela, the tyrannical Empress of Zanzivar, hates pirates. They all have to hand over their boats and become hair-dresser-barber-moustachers, which is useful in a kingdom with so many moustaches. Balthazar's father is one of them, until one fine day, he fails to style a bun

in the shape of an emperor penguin and is sent, along with his crew, to a flooded dungeon full of mussels, leaving Balthazar all alone in the world.

Luckily, Balthazar meets Zélie, who is the same age as him. She doesn't have a half-moustache but wears a mask in the shape of a moustache. And she has a plan... To start a revolution and overthrow the Empire!

An adventure novel and fairytale parody, subtly fighting against all forms of tyranny. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Gaël Bordet is a sociologist who has always had an interest in writing. His work has won awards such as the "Prix NRP de littérature de

jeunesse", and is featured on the French Ministry of Education's recommended reading list.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Arnaud Poitevin is an assistant producer and storyboard artist. He is best known for his comic books, such as Les

Spectaculaires series and Le Marin, l'Actrice et la Croisière.

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LES GAMINES DE PARIS | SERIES

By Anne-Marie Desplat-Duc & Sophie Noël



THEME: HISTORY / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: PARIS / FEMALE EMANCIPATION

Paris, 1860. As the Belle Epoque revolutionizes society, the five Nodès girls are determined to make their dreams come true. Join each heroine as she tries to find her place.

A well-documented and fictional immersion into Paris during the Belle Epoque: Haussmann's renovations, a new transport system, compulsory schooling, the creation of department stores... Each adventure explores female emancipation. Amélie, an apprentice hat maker, dreams of working in a big department store. Marthe discovers the bohemian side of Mont-

martre, with its artists and cabarets. Joséphine The five characters are very different but close, reminiscent of Dr March's four daughters. A novel by Anne-Marie Desplat-Duc, the bestselling author of *Les Colombes du Roi-Soleil*. The covers are illustrated by Margaux Motin, renowned for her girly illustrations, with 406,000 followers on Instagram.



THE AUTHOR:

Anne-Marie Desplat-Duc has written several award-winning stories. Her career took off with her first novel, *La dame de Privas*

(*La Mirandole*). She particularly enjoys talking to her young readers.



THE AUTHOR:

Sophie Noël is a teacher and storyteller. Her first children's novel was published in 2013. She also writes fantasy, and more contemporary stories. She

has won several awards.

PUB DATE: 2023-2025
EXTENT: 192-200 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

NO OF TITLES: 5

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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 **Bayard Jeunesse**

GRAINES DE CHAMPIONS | SERIES

By Nathalie Somers & Célia Nilès



THEME: FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: SPORT / ACCIDENT / RIVALRY

A new series about sports and a group of friends. In each book, one of the friends plays a different sport while dealing with the pressure and the stress of competition...

Yasmina is one of the best gymnasts at her sports school. But one day, she injures herself during training! Can she still take part in the competition? Her friends Sara, Leo, Lucas, and Emma are determined to help her. Endearing, discreet, and shy, Yasmina must learn how to make her voice heard and overcome adversity.

Lucas is so excited! Next weekend,

his idol is coming to give the athletics competition winners their medals! But between his math homework and Jiho, his newly adopted puppy, Lucas isn't sure he'll be ready in time.

Luckily, his friends are always there to help him! Lucas is determined to prove his dedication and commitment, but he has to learn to channel his energy.

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THE AUTHOR:

Nathalie Somers writes fantasy, real-life novels, and picture books for children. She has been published by Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse, etc.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Célia Nilès is a children's book illustrator and set designer for animated films. She works for Okapi, and as a layout artist.

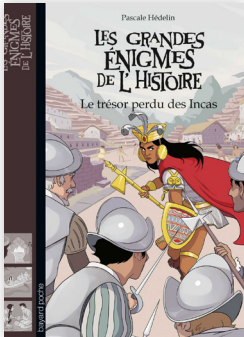
PUB DATE: March 2025
EXTENT: 100 pp
FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

NB OF TITLES: 6
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LES GRANDES ÉNIGMES | SERIES DE L'HISTOIRE

By various artists



THEME: HISTORY / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / ACTION & ADVENTURE

KEYWORDS: INVESTIGATION / FANTASY / MYTHOLOGY

The Bermuda Triangle, Jack the Ripper... Between fiction and illustrated documentary, a series of fascinating books for kids to learn about the world's greatest unsolved mysteries.

What mysteries does the Bermuda Triangle, where boats and planes are swallowed up by the ocean, hold? Hundreds of vessels have disappeared there without a trace... Could some dark forces be at work in this part of the Atlantic Ocean? Does the 4-meter-long marine reptile fossil exhumed on the Scottish island of Skye belong to the Loch Ness monster?

From Egypt to Greece to Peru, this series explores the greatest mysteries of history, which fascinate children, in the form of a docu-fiction. Fact pages at the end, in the style of a logbook, provide more information about real-life historical figures and the different time periods.

PUB DATE: 2013–2020
EXTENT: 96 pp
FORMAT: 145 x 190 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €7.20

NB OF TITLES: 2
SALES:
FRANCE: 90,700 cps
INTL: Chinese (simplified)

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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 **Bayard Jeunesse**

MA GRAND-MÈRE AGENTE SECRÈTE

By Alexandra Garibal & Gabrielle Berger



THEME: INVESTIGATIONS / MYSTERY

KEYWORDS: SPYING / GRANDMOTHER

An illustrated mystery novel packed with clues for sharp-eyed readers.

Archi's grandmother is anything but ordinary: she lives at night and loves mysteries. But when she manages to solve a real case, Archi starts to wonder — could she actually be a secret agent?

An illustrated mystery novel packed with clues and for sharp-eyed readers, featuring a charming and unusual duo — a grandmother and her grandson.

A refreshingly original duo bursting with humor and creativity.

This is a proven and powerful concept in the market: just look at *The Anatole Bristol Mysteries*, with 64,000 copies sold.

THE AUTHOR:

Alexandra Garibal lives in the Paris region. She has written numerous stories for Bayard Jeunesse magazines such as *Mes Premières Belles Histoires* (where she is the author of the hit series *La fée Fifolette*, under the pen name *Mimi Zagarriga*), *Pomme d'Api*, and *Les Belles Histoires*. She is also the author of many picture books published by Gallimard, Glénat, Albin Michel, and Casterman.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Raised on Miyazaki films and the books of Claude Ponti, and taken from one exhibition to another before she could even walk, *Gabrielle Berger* developed a strong love for visual storytelling. With a degree in 2D animation, she got into the habit of sketching on her screen, always driven by the desire to tell stories through images. She began her illustration career in 2018. Today, she works with various publishers (Gallimard Jeunesse, Fleurus, Nathan) and enjoys the diversity of her projects, ranging from fairy tales to biographies.

PUB DATE : July 2025
EXTENT : 208 pp
FORMAT : 135 x 200

RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

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LA GRANDE AVENTURE DE NOTRE-DAME DE PARIS

By Évelyne Brisou-Pellen & Djilian Deroche



THEME: HISTORY

KEYWORDS: CATHEDRAL / MONUMENT / PARIS

A new book in the '100 Episodes' series, marking the reopening of Notre-Dame. From its beginnings as a Celtic temple to the fire that ravaged the cathedral, Evelyne Brisou-Pellen looks back over 2,000 years of history.

It all began in 62 BC, when the Druids built a new temple in the heart of the city of Lutetia, using an oak tree to support the doorway. The tree-turned-pillar has witnessed many major historical events: when the city was conquered by the Romans, Viking invasions, royal coronations, revolutions... The temple became a Roman fanum, then a church, and, finally, the cathedral as we know it today. The tree also tells the story of a family that, from generation to

generation, has always had close ties with this Parisian monument.

Evelyne's experienced writing (3 million copies sold) embarks readers on a journey through the centuries from an original viewpoint: that of a tree used to build the very first temple. Djilian Deroche's illustrations embellish the text by plunging readers into precise, well-documented images with strong symbolic meaning.

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THE AUTHOR:

Évelyne Brisou-Pellen is an award-winning author of historical fiction for children. Her passion is to recreate kingdoms and eras long gone, for which she does extensive research.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Djilian Deroche is an illustrator and engraver. He works for various magazines and illustrates children's books.

PUB DATE: October 2024

EXTENT: 304-320 pp

FORMAT: 230 x 265 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €20.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LES GRANDES GRANDES VACANCES

By Michel Leydier & Émile Bravo

| SERIES



THEME: HISTORY / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: WW2 / SIBLINGS / ADVENTURE

The adventures of two children, Ernest and Colette, during the Second World War, as they learn to navigate these difficult times.

1939, war is declared. Ernest and Colette go to stay with their grandparents. Their father has been called up and their mother, who has tuberculosis, is sent to a sanatorium. The first book tells their first year in Grangeville with their grandparents and new classmates, as well as their fears and worries at being separated from their parents... A new life, full of surprises and discoveries. In the second book, the children join the exodus, alongside thousands of

other French people trying to reach the free zone. In the third, they are faced with wartime shortages and the difficulties of German Occupation. Finally, in the fourth, they discover the Resistance with their friends and experience the Liberation of France.

At the end of each book, a non-fiction booklet provides further information. A series of novels (200,000 copies sold) and comic books (50,000 copies sold).



THE AUTHOR:

Michel Leydier writes books for children and teens. He also adapted *Foot 2 Rue*, from Hachette's 'Bibliothèque Verte' collection, into a novel.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Émile Bravo illustrates *J'aime Lire* novels and works for Astrapi. He was awarded the Prix Gosciny (Angoulême Festival 2002)

PUB DATE: May 2024
EXTENT: 112 pp
FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €7.50

NB OF TITLES: 4
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SALES:
FRANCE: 240,000
INTL: China

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GRANDES VACANCES AU MINI-VIETNAM

By Jean-Luc Marçais



THEME: HISTORY / FANTASY

KEYWORDS: COLONIZATION / ADVENTURE / IMMIGRATION

Jean-Luc is on vacation at his grandparents' house when a ghost entrusts him with a mission: to find his lost love.

Jean-Luc is going on vacation to Vietnam. At least, that's what he thinks. He's actually going camping with his grandparents to a little Vietnamese village recreated in southwestern France by "repatriates from Indochina" in the 1950s. Jean-Luc and his cousin go on all kinds of adventures! Then, one day, a dead chicken starts talking to him. It's the ghost of a French soldier who fell in love with a Vietnamese woman and deserted the army, dying before he could reach her. The ghost asks Jean-Luc

to complete a mission: to find his love and give her a message so that he can finally leave in peace. The woman must be one of the old ladies living at the camp, but how can he find her? And so, begins an investigation that stirs up ghosts of the past. A whimsical adventure with light, funny writing that embarks readers to the heart of Vietnamese culture, inspired by the author's own life!

The novel is currently being adapted into an audiovisual project. ■

THE AUTHOR-ILLUSTRATOR:

Jean-Luc Marçais works as an illustrator for Parisian museums, children's publishing, and the press. He also works on animation projects. *Grandes vacances au mini-Vietnam* is his first novel as an author and illustrator.

PUB DATE: June 2024
EXTENT: 96 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LE GRENIER MERVEILLEUX | SERIES

By Mim & Joe Lillington



THEME: HISTORY / ACTION & ADVENTURE / SCIENCE FICTION

KEYWORDS: DISCOVERY / TIME TRAVEL / TRUE STORY

Join Lilas and Tiago, little-known heroes who contributed to the great advances of humanity.

Tiago and Lilas, 8 years old, visit Mr. Lucien and his marvelous museum. Inside, they discover a huge collection of unusual objects, paintings and souvenirs... as well as a strange window against the wall. This mysterious object has the power to make Tiago, Lilas and

Pikto, the dog, travel in time and space!

Through this unique museum, Lilas meet historical figures who shaped humanity. The Lascaux caves, the first woman to run in the Boston marathon... Join the characters and discover mankind's greatest historical feats.

THE AUTHOR:



Mim is a translator and children's book author, as well as a journalist and radio fiction writer, such as *La Vie trépidante* de Brigitte Tornade (50 episodes on France Culture),

which was adapted for the theater and won the "Molière de la Comédie" in 2020.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:



Joe Lillington was born in London and graduated from the University of Falmouth. Early in his career as an illustrator, Joe was noticed for his books on dinosaurs and ice age creatures.

Although he specializes in non-fiction, he is always ready to apply his gift for detail to fictional projects.

PUB DATE: 2022-2025
EXTENT: 72 pp
FORMAT: 130 x 180 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €7.50

NO OF TITLES: 7

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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- Audiovisual



HANA THIERRY, LES HIRONDELLES ET AUTRES NOMS D'OISEAUX

By Touria Arab-Leblondel



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / BIOGRAPHICAL

KEYWORDS: IDENTITY / DIVERSITY / SOCIAL INTEGRATION

Funny, kind, but uncompromising stories about the reality of life in schools in disadvantaged areas.

Hanna's middle school is in the next town over, in the Hironnelles neighborhood. There, she discovers poverty, exile, undisciplined kids, but above all, friendship, amazing life stories and a buzzing energy. As Hanna navigates between Morocco and France, her name and her appearance, her family

and school's culture, how people see her and who she is deep down, she finds the space she needs to be happy.

A true ode to diversity that reveals the beauty, liveliness, humor and potential of teenagers from difficult neighborhoods, who are often stigmatized.



THE AUTHOR:

Touria Arab-Leblondel lives in Angers. She is French, with Moroccan origins, and sees her double culture as a real asset. She works as a training officer for local governments to fight all forms of exclusion. She has always loved reading and began to write about real life at a very early age. She is inspired by social diversity, discovering others and sharing.

PUB DATE: February 2022
EXTENT: 192 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

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J'AIME LIRE | SERIES

By various artists

KEYWORDS: IMAGINATION / BUILDING VOCABULARY / SHORT ADVENTURES

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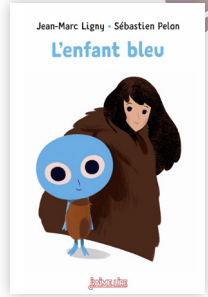




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LES HISTOIRES ÇA NE DEVRAIT JAMAIS FINIR

By Esmé Planchon



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

KEYWORDS: FAN FICTIONS / LITTERATURE

The Invisible Worlds fan community is shocked when mystery author, Maria Zumai, announces that she is ending her famous saga. So, Lucien—Zora on the Internet—decides to try and uncover his idol's true identity.

Lucien is 16 years old. He uses his female pseudonym, Zora, to share his undying passion for *The Invisible Worlds*, the famous fantasy saga by mystery author Maria Zumai, on fanfiction forums. Lucien prefers his imaginary world to life. His story with reality begins when Maria Zumai announces that she will not release the long-awaited fourth book in the series. So, along with two

other Invisible Worlds fans, Lucien decides to try and unmask the author. An investigation in books to find the truth in life.

A modern and rich novel exploring very contemporary themes: virtual friendships, fan communities, forums, chats, fanfictions and the divide between online and real life.



THE AUTHOR:

Esmé Planchon stages musicals, organizes happenings in galleries, night clubs, etc., and tells stories in every possible way. She is the author of *Faut jouer le jeu*, published in 2014 (*L'école des loisirs*), and *On habitera la forêt* in 2019 (*Casterman*).

PUB DATE: March 2022

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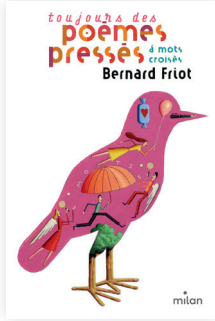
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LES HISTOIRES DE BERNARD FRIOT | SERIES

By Bernard Friot



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SINCE 2002.
(Encore des
histoires
pressées)

KEYWORDS: POETRY / CHILDHOOD / FREEDOM / FAMILY

Short, vivid, intense stories that never fail to surprise readers young and old. Childhood condensed into pages filled with the unexpected, violence, emotion, and imagination.

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The principle: draw on the imagination of readers to give a few pages of real reading pleasure! The stories in each title are for everyone, both children and adults. With stories that tell the relationships between children (or teenagers) and adults, adopting the point of view sometimes of the former, sometimes of the latter.

Histoires à la carte

One beginning, three endings... or maybe more? Over 71K copies sold of these interactive short stories written by Bernard Friot to help kids learn to love reading.

Histoires minute

Poetic, fun, cruel... short stories to enjoy in a rush or savor slowly.



THE AUTHOR:

Bernard Friot considers himself a public writer: he needs contact with his young readers to find within himself the emotions and images required to write his stories. He's also a translator from German and Italian.



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FORMAT: 120 x 180 mm
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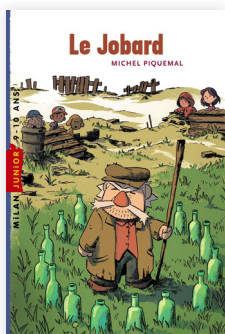
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LE JOBARD

By Michel Piquemal



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: PREJUDICE / EXCLUSION / TOLERANCE

Jobard is the village oddball, an eccentric. The kind of guy the adults avoid and the children make fun of. But things aren't always as they appear, as young Brice, who once led the kids tormenting the old man, finds out one day...

Jobard, an eccentric recluse and quite possibly an alcoholic, lives in a shack on the wasteland by the town's housing project. Every day, he roams the neighborhood on his old moped, collecting empty bottles.

Everyone thinks he's crazy and avoids him like the plague. The local kids make fun of him, until one day they discover the real Jobard... An old man trying to bring his lifelong dream to life—to turn the wasteland into a magical place for children, using old glass bottles.

The kids decide to help him and embark on a wonderful adventure... The hunt for bottles is on!

So begins a beautiful friendship between Brice, the leader of those kids who once tormented the old man, and Jobard, who teaches them all to believe in even their wildest dreams!

A moving story, based on true values that are more relevant today than ever before—respect, tolerance, solidarity, and living together. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Michel Piquemal is a teacher and spends all his time surrounded by books. Sometimes reading with wonder, and sometimes bravely writing...

PUB DATE: 2020 (last pub)

EXTENT: 144 pp

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SALES:

FRANCE: 120,000 cps

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LE JOURNAL DES BFF

By Ségolène Valente



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / DAILY LIFE / DIARY

KEYWORDS: SECRET / PERSONAL STORIES

The birth of a friendship through a shared notebook: the illustrated daily life of the whimsical Romy and the sensitive Anna-Bella.

Anna-Bella and Romy are two ten-year-old girls who couldn't be more different: one is a perfectionist, the other is clumsy. Nothing seemed to predestine them to become friends. Yet, thanks to a notebook left behind on the classroom table, the two girls will get to know each other by exchanging little notes—turning it into their shared diary.

Two lovable heroines that young girls will easily identify with: Romy,

energetic, clumsy, and unable to focus, and Anna-Bella, charismatic, fragile, and perfectionist.

A shared diary, brought to life and illustrated, where personal stories, little notes, drawings, quizzes, and top 3 lists blend together to capture the daily life of two 10-year-old girls, balancing lighthearted moments with deeper themes (separation, failure, etc.).

THE AUTHOR:

Ségolène Valente was born in Paris in 1973, where she still lives. After studying modern literature, she taught French for three years. Today, she is dedicated to writing. She has published several youth series with Rageot, including Vive la 6e and Vive la 5e. She also enjoys meeting her readers in libraries and schools.

PUB DATE : Feb 2025

EXTENT : 192 pp

FORMAT : 135 x 200

mm

RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

NB OF TITLES : 2

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Jeunesse**

JOURNAL D'UNE DÉBROUILLARDE

By Nathalie Somers & Océane Meklemberg



THEME: SCHOOL / DAILY LIFE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: TRUST / BAD GRADES / DIARY

It's not easy being a misunderstood genius. I'm hilarious, I can devour 10 cakes in under a minute, and I can fix any leak with a single turn of a wrench. As for one or two zeros in math, that's not important, right?

Victoire is worse than terrible at math. She has tried everything, but nothing works—she's completely hopeless, much to her parents' despair. Armed with a wrench, she can work wonders, but no one cares about that—being a plumber isn't a real job.

When her parents start talking about boarding school, Victoire panics. What? Boarding school? Far from her best friend Yacer, Nana's delicious makrouts, and Scheherazade, her adorable sand rat? And all because of three measly zeros?

The only way to escape it: get a passing grade in math before the end of the year...

A highly graphic novel in the form of a diary, brought to life by the irresistible style of Océane Meklemberg, in the vein of *Journal d'un dégonflé* (3.5 million copies sold).

Universal themes tackled with humor: finding one's path, asserting oneself against parental expectations, and proving one's worth in the face of school pressures.

THE AUTHOR:

Nathalie Somers was first an engineer and then a teacher, before dedicating herself entirely to writing, much to the delight of her young readers. At Bayard Éditions Jeunesse, she is the author of the hilarious novels *Nulle en maths* and *Nul en sport*, as well as the adventure series *La boutique extraordinaire de Nicodème*. She also publishes with *Fleurus*, *Didier Jeunesse*, and *Talents Hauts*. Her fantasy series *Roslend* won the *Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire* in 2019.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Océane Meklemberg is a graduate of the *École Supérieure d'Art et de Design* in Amiens. She brings her lively and colorful style to numerous publishing houses and press outlets for both children and adults. Her work can be seen across various fields: in the press, publishing, and communication (*Bayard*, *Eyrolles*, *Hachette*, *Laboratoire Boiron*, *Le Chêne*, *Milan*, *Père-Castor-Flammarion*, *La joie de Lire*, etc.).

PUB DATE : April 2025

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FORMAT : 135 x 200

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RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

INTL: Chinese (simplified),

Türkiye

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LE JOUR OÙ J'AI RENCONTRÉ WALTER

By Jo Hoestlandt



THEME: HISTORY / ROMANCE

KEYWORD: WW2 / LOVE / INTERGENERATION

When Lily takes in Walter, her elderly neighbor's dog, she discovers an 80-year-old secret. Could the old lady's tough exterior be hiding a war-torn heart?

When Lily's neighbor is forced into a retirement home, Lily ends up looking after the old lady's dog. She's always dreamed of having a dog! But the animal seems sad to be separated from its mistress and refuses to eat. To help it get better and win its trust, Lily decides to find out more about her grouchy old neighbor. Who is this woman who barely says hello? What happened to her to make her so wary of the outside world?

Why does she only talk to her dog? Lily discovers that people's past stories sometimes intertwine with history, in particular the Second World War and Occupation. And that people can fall in love during wartime, even if they're on opposing sides.

A tender novel by a multi-award-winning author shortlisted for the *Je Bouquine* Grand Concours des Jeunes Écrivains.



THE AUTHOR:

Jo Hoestlandt is an award-winning author whose bestselling titles feature in the "Bibliothèque Idéale" of the "Centre National de la Littérature pour la Jeunesse" (BnF).

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EXTENT: 256 pp
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LES LARMES DE L'ASSASSIN

By Anne-Laure Bondoux



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: COMING-OF-AGE / REDEMPTION

A man murders a couple and adopts their child. When a scholar from the city walks into their lives, the three learn about love, freedom, and redemption. Three characters, three destinies deep in the wildest expanses of Chile.

On the afternoon when Angel Allegria arrives at the Poloverdos' farmhouse, he kills the farmer and his wife. But he spares their child, Paolo—a young boy who would later claim this as the day on which he was born. Together, the killer and the boy begin a new life on this remote and rugged stretch of land in Chile.

Then, Luis Secunda, a well-to-do and educated fellow from the city, descends upon them. Paolo is caught in the pater-

nal rivalry between the two men. But life resumes its course... until circumstances force the three to leave the farm. In doing so, Angel and Luis confront their pasts as well as their inevitable destinies—destinies that profoundly shape Paolo's own future.

An award-winning, poignant western fraught with themes of love, redemption and freedom.

Also adapted in comic book in 2011.



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THE AUTHOR:

Anne-Laure Bondoux has published around fifteen novels, which have been translated into over twenty languages, and have won numerous awards in France and abroad. She enjoys meeting and interacting with her young readers.

PUB DATE: 2023 (last pub)

EXTENT: 224 pp

FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €7.90

SALES:

FRANCE: 98,000 cps

INTL: English, Spanish,

Chinese (simplified),

German, Italian, Danish,

Turkish, French (Lebanon)

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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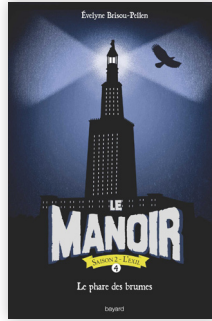
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**Bayard
Jeunesse**

LE MANOIR | SERIES

By Évelyne Brisou-Pellen

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500,000
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AWARDS:

2013 PRIX GULLI.
2015 PRIX
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THEME: FANTASY / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: TIME TRAVEL / SUPERNATURAL

Recovering from a serious illness in a mysterious manor filled with even more mysterious guests, Liam realizes they're all ghosts, and he's the only one who can help them pass on.

A frightening yet beautiful journey through time, in which friendship and love overcome fear... Liam, a 15-year-old boy, is recovering from a serious illness in a secluded manor. The house, shrouded in mystery, is also home to other guests, such as Cléa, and even ghosts! Liam is the only one who can

help them pass on, but he must understand what is holding them back first, and the only way to do that is to travel back in time...

A bestselling series full of twists and revelations, which cleverly mixes fantasy and history.



THE AUTHOR:

Évelyne Brisou-Pellen is a celebrated and beloved author of historical fiction for children. Her work spans centuries of French history, and has won several awards such as the 1984 "Grand Prix du Livre pour la Jeunesse".

PUB DATE: 2013-2019 (last pub)
EXTENT: 400-450 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €15.90

NB OF TITLES: 12
SALES:
FRANCE: 514,000 cps
INTL: Russian

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio

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MARCEL LE PÈRE NOËL ET LE PETIT LIVREUR DE PIZZAS

By Julie Rembauville & Nicolas Bianco-Levrin



THEME: HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: SUBURBS / SOLIDARITY

One Christmas Eve, Abdou, a pizza delivery boy, meets Marcel, otherwise known as Santa Claus. But the old man is tired and ends up crashing a motorcycle...

A modern musical tale, and a funny and tender adventure.

On Christmas Eve, Marcel, a tired Santa Claus, meets Abdou, a freezing pizza delivery boy. They bond over their similar jobs and become friends. The boy is fascinated by Santa Claus and his sled. Whereas Marcel has always dreamed of riding a motorcycle. Abdou lends him his ride, but Marcel immediately crashes and can't finish delivering his gifts. With the help of Abdou and some colorful

characters from his neighborhood, everyone gets their presents. And Christmas is saved!

A novel adaptation of an animated film broadcast on Canal+ Kids in December 2023 and coming to movie theatres in Fall 2024! It was awarded the "Prix Jeune Public" and "Prix Familial" awards at the Paris International Animation Film Festival in 2023.



THE AUTHOR:

Julie Rembauville is an author, director and producer. After studying literature, she published several children's books and directed short and

feature-length animated films.



THE ILLUSTRATOR: Nicolas Bianco-Levrin

is a director, producer, graphic designer and author-illustrator. He has published some twenty albums, alone

or in duo with Julie Rembauville, and has directed several animated films.

PUB DATE: November 2024

EXTENT: 80 pp

FORMAT: 130 x 195 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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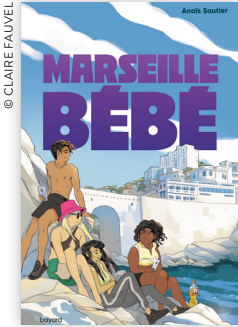
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MARSEILLE BÉBÉ!

By Anaïs Sautier



THEME: ROMANCE / FRIENDSHIP / DAILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: MARSEILLE / MODERN SOCIETY / SOCIAL MEDIA

A modern romance set in the heart of Marseille, from the poorest neighborhoods to the most beautiful beaches.

This novel tells the story of a summer romance and explores lots of contemporary adolescent themes: social media, urban culture, rap, life after Covid... The main character, a strong female figure, navigates social anxiety, which is rarely discussed but affects lots of teenagers,

particularly in our increasingly digital world. A new teenage novel by Anaïs Sautier, a critically acclaimed young author who also wrote *Danse avec les choux* and *Amour, gloire et ballet* published by L'école des loisirs. ■



THE AUTHOR:

Anaïs Sautier has worked at Emmaüs alongside migrants for many years. She spends her free time going to the movies, reading novels and, of course, writing. She draws inspiration from dance performances,

afternoons strolling around Paris, or architectural details.

PUB DATE: June 2023
EXTENT: 300 pp
FORMAT: 138 x 210 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €13.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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- Audio



MILAN CADET | SERIES

By various artists

KEYWORDS: IMAGINATION / HUMOR / SHORT ADVENTURES

A gentle transition to autonomous reading thanks to the complementarity of narrative and illustration, the high editorial quality of the texts, and relatable themes.

KEY POINTS

- The chosen themes are close to children's concerns to help them get into the stories.
- Humor as the best way to teach children ages 7 and up to enjoy reading.
- Stories to travel through space and time.



RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION
(LE CHAT DE L'EMPEREUR DE CHINE).

High quality illustrations.



Texts that allow children to get closer to novel reading level.

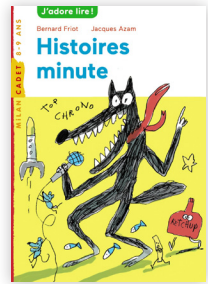
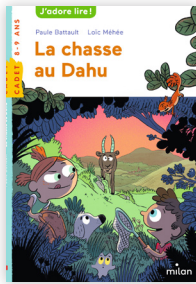
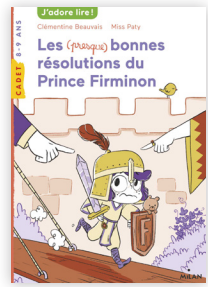
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PUB DATE: 2008–2024
EXTENT: 40 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 180 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €5,90

NO OF TITLES: 19
SALES:
FRANCE: 3,429,000 cps

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:
 Ebook
 Audio





MARTHE ET LES FRÈRES FRIMM

By Gaël Bordet & Grégory Elbaz



THEME: ADVENTURE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: FANTASTIC / MONSTER

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A new adventure, full of humor and magic, for our star duo: an intrepid girl with a sharp tongue and a wise, debonair monster.
■

Reality has once again collided with the world of fairy tales and magic, and the cursed Frimm brothers are not to blame... Marthe, Mastok, the faithful Tarasque, and a few friends will have to cunningly invent, fight and dare everything to restore balance. In this breathless quest, Marthe meets Luce, a shady girl who looks strangely like her and who lives in the world of fairies...

While a strange instrument somewhere between a rattle and a weathervane, the Wind of the Globes,

seems capable of awakening fairy tales, a mysterious legend, "La Clé d'or" ("The Golden Key"), gets mixed up with reality... And our world finds itself engulfed in a snowstorm.

It looks as if a clash between the forces of good and evil is brewing in the magical forest...

These are just some of the ingredients for a new adventure from Marthe and Mastok, one that's wild and wild, and as surprising as ever!



■ THE AUTHOR:

Gaël Bordet trained as a sociologist, he has always been interested in writing. His first novel, "Le Cas Rubis C", won the NRP prize for children's literature. Shortlisted for a number of other prizes (including the Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire), it is on the list of titles recommended by the French Ministry of Education.

■ THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Grégory Elbaz is an eclectic illustrator born in 1980. Sometimes realistic, sometimes dreamlike, his drawings remain sensitive, even when they veer into humor. In addition to children's publishing, Grégory Elbaz also works in animation and comics.

PUB DATE: November 2024

EXTENT: 256 pp

FORMAT: 135 x 185 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €12.50

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

Ebook

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MOI, FÉLIX, SANS PAPIERS

By Marc Cantin



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: CHILDHOOD / IMMIGRATION / DIVERSITY

The story of a young immigrant's clandestine journey. More than 43 000 copies sold in France.

When Felix is 10 years old, he travels with his mother, brother and sister from Ivory Coast to France, stowed illegally on an old cargo ship. And so, begins a life full of obstacles, wandering from one

place to the next and running away...

An accurate and non-judgmental story about illegal immigration and a child who has to make a life for himself in a new country.



RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.



THE AUTHOR:

Marc Cantin was born in Brittany and now lives in Columbia. He has been writing novels for children for the past twenty years,

as well as illustrated books and comic scripts. He also works for several children's magazines (Milan, Bayard, Disney, Fleurus).

PUB DATE: 2001
EXTENT : 352 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €11.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 121,000 cps

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio



MOI PÉPITO, CHAT HEUREUX

By Ingrid Thobois & Karensac and Julien Lelièvre



THEME: HUMOR

KEYWORDS: CAT / MOVING HOUSE

A new funny and endearing Garfield.

Pepito likes eating chips, watching TV and spending time with his girlfriend Josephine. Nothing could disturb this dream cat's life... Right?! Until his owners Colin and Coline decide to move and mess up all his plans. So, with the help of Josephine, Pepito does everything he can to stop the move – scare

the estate agents, create arguments, cause accidents... And even partner up with a dog!

A funny and touching story about a cuddly, food-loving cat called Pepito, and his determination to not move away, so that he can stay close to his beloved. ■■



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THE AUTHOR:

Ingrid Thobois spent five years abroad, from Afghanistan to Central Asia via Moldavia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Kazakhstan... after studying literature. She writes adult literature (*Phébus, Zulma, Buchet- Chastel*) and novels for young people (*Sarbacane, Thierry Magnier, Mijade*). She is the author of *Juste de l'autre côté de la mer*, published by Bayard in September 2018.

PUB DATE: November 2021

EXTENT: 192 pp

FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €11.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

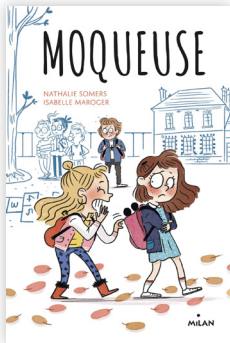
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MOQUEUSE

By Nathalie Somers & Isabelle Maroger



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: BULLYING / TOLERANCE

Valentine just started at her new school, and already, she's being relentlessly bullied by Lorie, whose favorite pastime it is to mock her classmates. Together with Paul, Lorie's former victim, Valentine decides to strike back.

A sharp and subtle novel showing that anyone can fall prey to bullies. As the new girl at school, Valentine immediately becomes the target of the local bully, Lorie. Standing in the shadows is Paul, a former victim who doesn't dare to interfere. But enough is enough, and soon, Valentine and Paul decide to ally

and have to get creative to fight back. Their attempts are more or less successful, but how far can they go before turning into bullies themselves?

Isabelle Maroger's beautiful bicolored art brings to life two endearing characters to broach a difficult topic with an easy and fun reading experience.



NOMINATED FOR THE 2021 PRIX LIRE EN POCHE DE LITTÉRATURE JEUNESSE.



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THE AUTHOR:
Nathalie Somers writes both fantasy and real-life novels and is published by Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse, etc.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:
Isabelle Maroger regularly illustrates children's magazines and books (Milan, Hatier, etc.) and runs art classes for kids.

PUB DATE: Sept. 2020
EXTENT: 128 pp
FORMAT: 130 x 195 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €8.20

INTL: Türkiye
FRANCE: 5,000 cps

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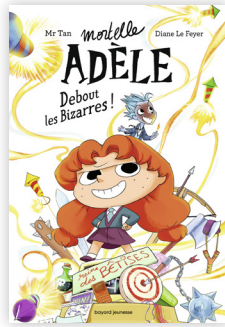
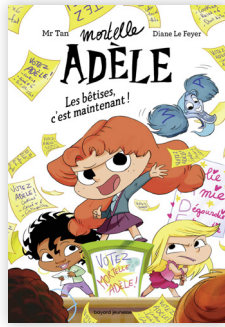
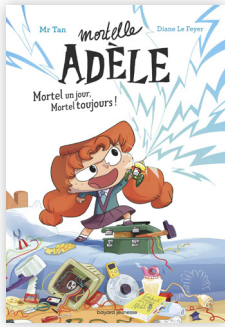
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MORTELLE ADELE | SERIES

By Mr Tan & Diane Le Feyer

OVER
10M
COMIC BOOKS
SOLD!



THEME: HUMOR / DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY
KEYWORDS: MISCHIEF / EMPOWERMENT

A dollop of black humor and a dash of tenderness... Fasten your seatbelt, you're in for quite a ride! With over 10 million comic books sold, Adèle returns in a brand-new novel series!

Whether it's driving her parents mad, conducting lots of weird experiments or breaking Geoffroy's heart, Adèle's never short on ideas to wreak havoc everywhere she goes...

Follow her as she builds a Detector of Awesomeness as a way to help in her quest to recognize her fellow bizarre and extraordinary people, or when she

decides to run for class representative so as to abolish conjugation and make chatter mandatory. The time has come, and Adèle will rule!

A new way to get to know Adèle thanks to this new novelization of the bestselling comic book series!

Also published in comic book format.



THE AUTHOR:
Antoine Dole, alias **Mr Tan**, is an award-winning author of comics and novels for teenagers and young adults.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:
Diane Le Feyer began her career in video games and cartoons and has been the artist for the Mortelle Adèle series from volume 8 on.

PUB DATE: 2020-2021
EXTENT: 96 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.5

NB OF TITLES: 3
SALES:
FRANCE: 1,117,550 cps
INTL: Italian, Spanish,

Catalan
SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:
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LE MOT INTERDIT

By Nicolas de Hirsching & Claire de Gastold



THEME: FAMILY LIFE / MISCHIEF

KEYWORDS: FORBIDDEN / MANIPULATION / GIFT

Bestseller and classic J'aime lire, recommended by the French National Education, a story that blends humor and suspense, keeping young readers on the edge of their seats until the very end.

His parents have forbidden him from making phone calls in their absence, but Thierry is neither very well-behaved nor very obedient. While playing a prank on the phone, he stumbles upon a mysterious company that gives away free gifts—every single day! In exchange, Thierry must not say any words ending in “-OR”. But one day, he

forgets the rule... and that's when the trouble begins.

221,000 copies sold in the J'aime lire collection.

A plot woven with magic and suspense that keeps the reader on the edge of their seat.

THE AUTHOR:

Nicolas de Hirsching is a school teacher who writes children's stories. His students are often his first audience. His novel “Le mot interdit” is on the list of books recommended by the French Ministry of Education.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Claire de Gastold was born in Paris in 1978. From an early age, she dreamed of creating comics and went to Brussels to study at the Institut Saint-Luc. The following year, she joined the École Nationale supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris. Since then, Claire has illustrated numerous books and works in children's publishing, the press, and visual communication.

PUB DATE : April 2025
EXTENT : 48 pp
FORMAT : 127 x 190 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €6.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 155, 000
INTL: Lebanon (French)

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio

LE MYSTÈRE DE GREENWOOD

By Malika Ferdjouxh



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / ROMANCE

KEYWORDS: MONSTERS / SPOOKY

A monster stalks the forest of Greenwood, preying on man and beast alike. Nobody dares go outside anymore. When Jeremy takes it upon himself to investigate, the dark secrets of the past start to unravel.

Greenwood, 1967. Terror reigns. A terrible monster is wreaking chaos and fear, leaving several people dead. Nobody dares go outside at night. So, Jeremy, a brave and adventurous boy, decides to investigate. In William's workshop, the village taxidermist, he discovers a stuffed tiger with blood-stained claws.

Several clues set William out as the ideal suspect, but Jeremy is not so sure. Especially when Miss Charlotte, Major Pettigrew's blind daughter, tells him about her tragic love story with William.

And so, Jeremy finds himself in the middle of a tumultuous story of love and revenge.

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THE AUTHOR:

Malika Ferdjouxh was born in 1957 in Algeria. She writes novels for children, such as the *Quatre Sœurs* series and *Broadway Limited*, published by L'École des loisirs. She also writes for film and TV.

PUB DATE: May 2021
EXTENT: 50 pp
FORMAT: 130 x 180 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.50

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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LA NAISSANCE DU MONDE

By Bertrand Fichou & Florent Grattery



THEME: HISTORY / NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

KEYWORDS: HUMANITY / SCIENCE

A beautiful book in the same spirit as *Sapiens*, but intended for children ages 8+ and with gorgeous illustrations, for an overview of 14 billion years of history of the world, through 100 fascinating and erudite episodes!

How did the world come to be? How did the stars, the galaxy, and the Earth appear? What do we know about the first moments of life? Did it really come from the sea? What strange species roamed the deserts before the first dinosaurs appeared? How did humans learn how to make fire, invent language and discover love?

Drawing on the most recent scientific discoveries, this book takes us through

time, from the formation of the first atoms to the dawn of the first civilizations.

A complex story told in an optimistic and accessible manner for readers aged 7 to 77. The great story of evolution defined by the adventure of life and how it always reinvents itself in a succession of surprises, failed attempts and successful inventions.

Understanding where we come from gives more meaning to life. ■



AWARDS:

2021 PRIX GOÛT DES SCIENCES (FRANCE)



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THE AUTHOR:

Bertrand Fichou is the editorial director of two scientific magazines for kids (*Youpi* and *Images doc*). He is also the author of

many successful books published by Bayard (over 233,000 copies sold).

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Florent Grattery is a film director and an illustrator. For Bayard, he illustrated *La fabuleuse histoire de Seth et Osiris* and produced the cover of *Anne-Laure Bondoux's* famous *Tears of the Assassin*.

PUB DATE: May 2020
EXTENT: 304 pp
FORMAT: 235 x 260 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €19.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 24,500 cps
INTL: Vietnamese,
 Arabic (Tunisia), Chinese

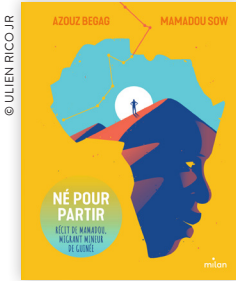
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NÉ POUR PARTIR

RÉCIT DE MAMADOU, MIGRANT MINEUR DE GUINÉE

By Azouz Begag & Mamadou Sow



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / HISTORY

KEYWORDS: MIGRATION / JOURNEY / BIOGRAPHY

Mamadou Sow left home alone at the age of 15 and completed a grueling 10,000 km journey between Guinea and France. Azouz Begag, a renowned French-Algerian author tells his moving story.

Discover the story of Mamadou Sow, a young Guinean who left his home alone in order to find medicines in France to treat his father, who has cancer.

His journey, like that of many other migrants, was a terrible one. He crossed Guinea, Mali, Algeria and Libya in unacceptable conditions before arriving in France: in a car with nine people, in overcrowded coaches, in old rotting lorries crammed with more than eighty people, on foot in the middle of the desert...

He will come across ransoming bandits, human traffickers, slavers, child soldiers and many traitors, but also a few kind and generous, welcoming and sincere people. Thanks to his courage and tenacity, he manages to bring his story to a positive conclusion.

This four-handed documentary novel, written by an acclaimed author, has given birth to a moving story: a tale of reality, testimony to a significant life journey in the great history of our world. The book is documented by photos and maps.



THE AUTHOR:

Azouz Begag is a French politician, author, diplomat, and researcher at the CNRS. He taught at the Ecole Centrale de Lyon.

He has published several books with Seuil and Fayard, among others.

THE AUTHOR:

Mamadou Sow is a young Guinean who arrived in France three years ago.

PUB DATE: 2023

EXTENT: 128 pp

FORMAT: 160 x 202 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €13.90

INTL: Brazilian, FSL

(Germany)

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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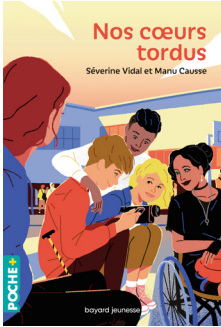
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NOS CŒURS TORDUS

By Séverine Vidal & Manu Causse



AWARDS:

2024 PRIX COLLÈGES OF
THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANGOULÊME
2018-2019 SELECTED
FOR PRIX DES INCORRUPTIBLES.
2017 PRIX GULLI

THEME: ROMANCE / FRIENDSHIP / DAILY LIFE AND SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: DISABILITY & SPECIAL NEEDS

Disabled from birth, Vlad and his new friends, all of them crazy about cinema, decide to participate in a short film contest. A story about life, love, and overcoming challenges.

Vlad is the new kid at his middle school. His knees knock together, and his uncoordinated movements make him look like a floppy puppet. Disabled from birth, he loves movies and is funny, sensitive, generous and outspoken. Lou likes him from the moment they meet, and he falls in love with her. But Lou is dating the good-looking Morgan...

Told in alternating points of view, this series is full of poetry and humor, and broaches the themes of difference and disability without making the reader feel guilty about it. At its core, it remains, first and foremost, a beautiful love story about life and adolescence.

A comic strip version published in 2023.



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THE AUTHOR:

Séverine Vidal is an award-winning author of novels, comic books, picture books, and texts for the press. She also runs writing

workshops for all ages.



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THE AUTHOR:

Manu Causse co-wrote *Nos cœurs tordus*. He has also written short stories, plays, as well as bilingual (Fr./Eng.) novels.

PUB DATE: 2017-2020
EXTENT: 300 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 15,000 cps
INTL: Hungarian, Korean,
French language in Germany

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio

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NUL EN SPORT

By Nathalie Somers & Océane Meklemberg



THEME: HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: SCHOOL

Nobody's perfect, that's a fact of life. In this hilarious graphic novel in the style of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, a duo of endearing characters learns to accept and conquer their weaknesses.

Yacer is the first to admit that he's no good at PE. Not very flexible. Not very agile. Average hand-eye coordination. Which probably explains why he's always picked last for team races. The only problem is, his crush loves PE.

A novel chock-full with relatable but hilarious situations and misadventures, and characters whose friendship helps them overcome all kinds of challenges!



THE AUTHOR:

Nathalie Somers writes fantasy, real-life novels, and picture books for children. She has been published by Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse, etc.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Océane Meklemberg graduated from the Amiens School of Art and Design. She lends her bubbly, colorful stroke to books and magazines for children and adults alike.

PUB DATE: 2019–2020
EXTENT: 208 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €11.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 5,000 cps
INTL: Turkish, Ukrainian

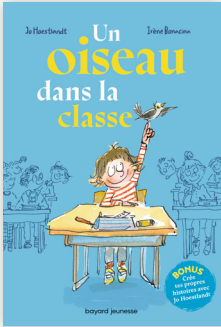
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UN OISEAU DANS LA CLASSE

By Jo Hoestlandt & Irène Bonacina



THEME: POETRY / WRITING

KEYWORDS: SCHOOL / TEACHER / RESCUE

A bird falls out of its nest and adds a touch of poetry to a 3rd grade class...

A novel with multiple points of view in a class that readers will wish they were in. Jo Hoestlandt accurately and sensitively conveys the children's voices, while Irène Bonacina's charming and tender illustrations bring them to life.

Children's reflections on friendship, freedom and solidarity. A book that lends itself particularly well to creative writing workshops at school and which includes a section for teachers.



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THE AUTHOR:

Jo Hoestlandt is an award-winning author whose bestselling titles feature in the "Bibliothèque Idéale" of the "Centre National de la Littérature pour la Jeunesse" (BnF).



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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Irène Bonacina enjoys exploring different creative worlds by playing with various materials and techniques, from drawing to engraving, black and white or color, small notebooks to large sheets of paper...

PUB DATE: May 2023
EXTENT: 96 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

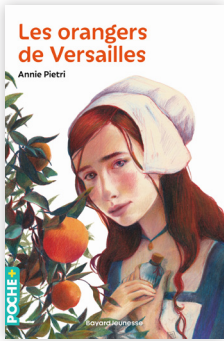
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INTL: Türkiye

 **Bayard Jeunesse**

LES ORANGERS DE VERSAILLES

By Annie Piétri



THEME: HISTORY / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

KEYWORDS: VERSAILLES

When Marion becomes the perfumer of none other than Louis XIV's mistress herself, she uncovers a deadly conspiracy against the queen, and must protect both the kingdom and her own life.

When Marion Dutilleul entered the service of the Marquise de Montespan, she never imagined that her ability to identify scents and blend them into delightful perfumes would win her the favor of Louis XIV's mistress.

Eager to please and hopeful that her talent will win her recognition, Marion creates memorable fragrances, only for

the credit to be attributed to somebody else.

And when Marion unwittingly discovers that a terrible plot is being engineered against Queen Marie-Thérèse herself, she must protect both her sovereign and her own life.

A vivid depiction of the Court of Versailles under the Sun King's reign. ■



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THE AUTHOR:

Annie Piétri is a trained speech therapist who's passionate about the Château de Versailles. She started writing for children after reading books to her young patients, and has never stopped since.

PUB DATE: August 2020
EXTENT: 208 pp
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FRANCE: 240,000 cps
INTL: English

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PANIQUE SUR MARS

By Christophe Lambert & Yann Cozic



THEME: SCIENCE-FICTION / HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP
KEYWORDS: SPACE ADVENTURES / PRETEENS / CAT

Two pre-teens and a cat stuck on Mars... Things couldn't get any worse, could they? Unless the robots rebel and they run out of oxygen!

A hilarious and thrilling science-fiction adventure in six mini-episodes, embarking the reader on a journey to the first colony on Mars!

Christophe Lambert is a *Star Wars* and science-fiction fan. He was awarded

by the *Prix ActuSF de l'Uchronie* (2014) and the *Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire* (2015). He is a bestselling children's book author and loves setting his stories in futuristic or off-the-wall worlds.



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THE AUTHOR: Christophe Lambert

has directed short movies, worked in television and taught high school video workshops. Nowadays, he spends most of his time writing and has published novels in a wide range of genres. He won a lot different prizes for *Swing à Berlin*, *Prix Chronos de Littérature*, *Prix des Dévoreurs de livres*, *Prix du roman historique jeunesse*



THE ILLUSTRATOR: Yann Cozic

studied graphic design, animation film, and 3D. His first comic book, *Les Démons de l'asphalte* was published by Monsieur

Popcorn in 2017.

He worked for *Astrapi* magazine (Bayard).

PUB DATE: May 2024
EXTENT: 388 pp
FORMAT: 140 x 205 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €13.90

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LE PETIT GARÇON QUI FAISAIT DES ARABESQUES

By Michel Carabœuf & Nob



THEME: POETRY / HISTORY

KEYWORDS: CHILDHOOD / PHILOSOPHY

The poetic story of a childhood in Marseille, beautifully illustrated by Nob!

The main character, who is never referred to by name, is an 8-yearold boy who loves roller skating on La Plaine in Marseille, a lively square full of children playing and grown-ups walking. He enjoys daydreaming and getting lost in

his imaginary world... Until one fine day in May 1968, everything changes.

A universal text that will touch both children and parents, about childhood and the moment you grow up without realizing... ■



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THE AUTHOR:
Michael Carabœuf is a general practitioner who has lived in Marseille for thirty-five years. After completing his studies, he worked as a freelancer for “Panorama du Médecin”, for several years. He started with short stories, tales and detective stories featuring his friends and the animals in his garden.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:
Bruno Chevrier, aka Nob, created his first fanzine in high school and won first prize at the Grenoble Comics Festival at the age of 16, as well as a prize at the Angoulême Festival’s school competition. He is also behind the bestselling BDKids series, La Cantoche.

PUB DATE: November 2021
EXTENT: 80 pp
FORMAT: 174 x248 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €13.90

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LES PODCASTS DE LA LOSE

By Guillaume Nail



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: SOCIAL MEDIA / PERSONALITIES / BULLYING

Not easy being a loser, especially in middle school. This book helps middle schoolers learn to embrace themselves and love who they are!

For this project, Mindy, the top student, is stuck with Farika, who's so quiet no one has ever heard her speak, and Roger, who still drags his stuffed animal to class. Not exactly the dream team. Mindy is a know-it-all, and Roger and Farika aren't thrilled to be paired with her. But they're about to surprise everyone.

Behind their quiet exteriors, each one has a strong personality. Little by little, the trio starts to bond. Their first podcast? A total disaster, with a burned

kitchen and lost work. Then, Mindy accidentally causes another student to be bullied.

To make things right, they start the "Losers' Podcast," sharing their biggest embarrassments and secret passions. Through their mistakes, they learn to embrace what makes them unique, fight bullying in their school, and become the darlings of their classmates.

THE AUTHOR:

After working as a journalist, translator, and even taking on a few acting roles, *Guillaume Nail* is now a screenwriter and author. He is known for his numerous works for young readers, published by publishers such as Glénat and Le Rouergue. A passionate advocate for issues of equality and diversity, he is committed to better recognition of children's authors, particularly through his leadership in the Charter of Authors and Illustrators for Youth, which he chaired in 2019 and 2020.

PUB DATE : Feb 2025

EXTENT : 224 pp

FORMAT : 140 x 205

mm

RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

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Audio



UNE PLACE EN FINALE

By Julien Perrin & Yeseul Kim



THEME: FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: FOOTBALL / DISABILITIES / EMOTIONS

How do you come to terms with losing the use of your legs when you're a young soccer prodigy? Milo is about to embark on a painful and salutary journey, as he is forced to reinvent himself.

Milo loves soccer and dreams of playing for a big club. One day, he scores an amazing goal that sends his team to the finals. But after the match, his life turns upside down in a matter of seconds...

This book explores positive values, such as inclusiveness, diversity, solidarity, perseverance, and resilience. With the help of his friends, united by a love of soccer, Milo learns to live with his disability.

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THE AUTHOR:

Julien Perrin is the author of several picture books published by Alice Jeunesse. He has written twenty or so stories for

the magazines *Mes premiers j'aime lire*, *J'aime lire*, and *J'aime lire Max*.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Yeseul Kim is an illustrator.

She grew up on several continents and draws on her multicultural experiences to feed her creativity and imagination. She has also worked in animation. For Bayard, she has drawn for *J'aime Lire Max*, *Je Bouquine*, *Phosphore...*

PUB DATE: March 2024

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FORMAT: 127 x 190 mm

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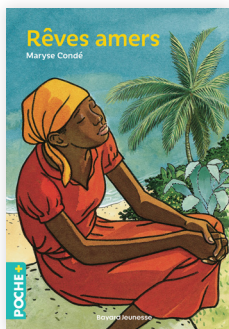
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RÊVES AMERS

By Maryse Condé



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: HAITI / SLAVERY / POVERTY

Rose-Aimée's family lives happily in a small but poor Haitian village. At 13, she goes to seek a job, only to become little more than a slave. She and Lisa, another maid, find solace in each other, but can they find freedom?

A love song to Haiti, a moving story, and a hard look at inequality and fraternity.

Rose-Aimée lives happily with her family in her village in Haiti.

But at 13, she realizes that her parents can't feed her anymore. Rose-Aimée has no choice: she must depart for the capital and take her future in her own hands. Her hopes of going to school and seeing the sights are quickly dashed upon reaching her destination, when she's hired as a maid by a tyrannical

woman who, little by little, makes her little more than a slave.

Trapped in a hopeless situation, Rose-Aimée finds solace in the friendship of Lisa, another servant girl. Together, they seek their freedom. But can they ever find it?

A poignant portrayal of life in Haiti under Jean-Claude Duvalier's presidency, depicting the harsh reality of inequalities, violence and corruption generated by misery and political unrest, but also child labor and emigration. ■



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THE AUTHOR:

Maryse Condé was born in Pointe-à-Pitre in 1937. She has taught in Sub-Saharan Africa and at Columbia University. She is President of the Committee for the Remembrance of Slavery.

PUB DATE: 2017 (Last pub)

EXTENT: 80 pp

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RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

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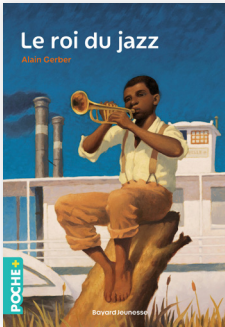
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LE ROI DU JAZZ

By Alain Gerber



THEME: HISTORY / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: MUSIC / SOCIAL ISSUES

In early-20th-century New Orleans, two young boys, one black, one white, share a dream to become jazz musicians. A beautiful novel of friendship and music that portrays the injustice reigning in post-slavery America.

New Orleans in the early 20th century. Leon and Noel are best friends. Despite their differences—one is black, the other white, one goes to school, the other doesn't, and one is poorer than the other—they share the same dream... To buy the horn proudly displayed in the music shop's window and become jazz musicians. When Noel is given the horn as a birthday present, he immediately passes it on to Leon, who quickly learns how to play.

But when Leon is accused of theft, he thinks that his best friend betrayed him. They part ways on a misunderstanding...

A unique children's novel by a renowned jazz specialist who has been awarded several literary prizes for his adult novels. Alain Gerber's passion for jazz music shines through the text and is clear to see even for the youngest readers.

The book's subject matter is inspired by the eventful life of the greatest trumpeter of all times, Louis Armstrong. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Alain Gerber is a renowned jazz specialist and reinvented the lives of the greatest jazz musicians, from Louis to Miles, from Chet to Lady Day. He was awarded the "Grand Prix du Roman de la Ville de Paris" for his work.

PUB DATE: 2017 (last pub)

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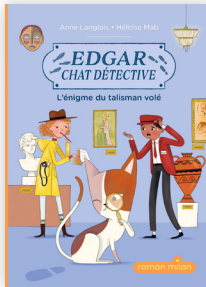
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ROMAN MILAN 7+ | SERIES

By Various Authors & Illustrators



KEYWORDS: EVERYDAY LIFE / ADVENTURES

“Roman Milan 7+”, first novels for 7-9 year-olds ready to dive into richer stories!

KEY POINTS

- Texts in a variety of genres, with illustrations that keep the pace of reading. Bonus: two pages for creating your own reading notebook.
- First novels in a wide range of genres: investigation, thriller, SF, fantasy...

Illustration on the cover to highlight the universe.



Paperback format with flaps.

PUB DATE: September 2024

EXTENT: 56-96 pp

FORMAT: 145 x 200 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €7.50-

8.50

NB OF TITLES: 3

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ROMANS-DOC | SERIES

THEME: HISTORY

KEYWORDS: BIOGRAPHICAL / DISCOVERY / INSPIRING CHARACTERS

Dive into history and mythology to learn more famous scientists, artists, political figures and adventurous ones.

The *Romans-Doc Histoire* are based on emotion, adventure and identification with a renowned historical figure or at a particular time in history.

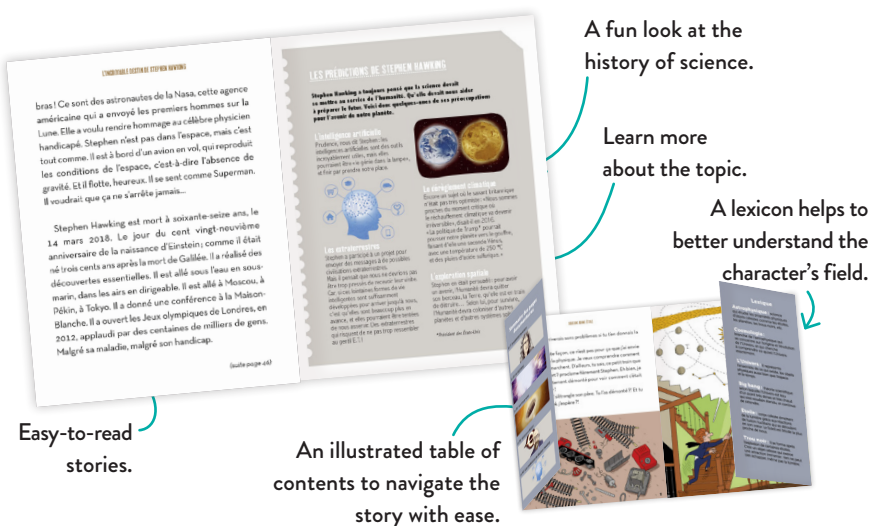
The *Romans-Doc Artistes* plunge kids into the art world and explores the life of history's greatest artists through a balance between action and adventure.

The *Romans-Doc Science* take a fun look at the history of science through the life of scientists and the birth of their vocation in all its rich and varied forms!

The *Romans-Doc Mythologie* are built around reflection, emotion and identification with stories of tormented-gods and goddesses.

The *Romans-Doc Engagés* tell the incredible stories of famous people who changed history by their actions.

The *Carnets de Science* are told by different scientists in each book. With non-fiction pages to learn more.



A fun look at the history of science.

Learn more about the topic.

A lexicon helps to better understand the character's field.

Easy-to-read stories.

An illustrated table of contents to navigate the story with ease.

PUB DATE: 2017-2025

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FORMAT: 145-165 x

190-210 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €6-12

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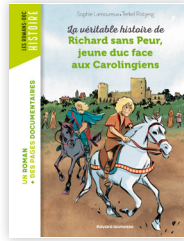
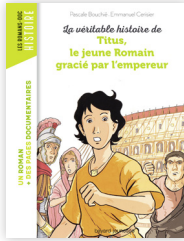
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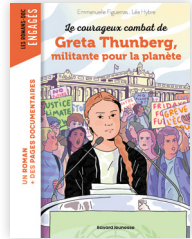
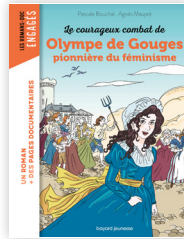
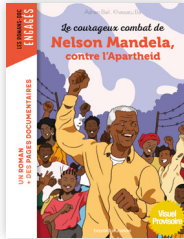
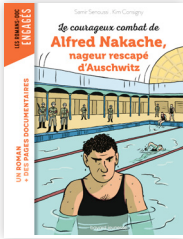
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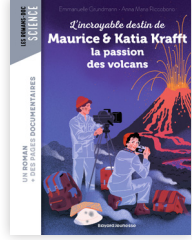
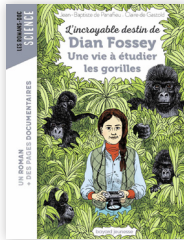




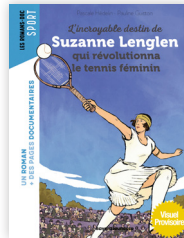
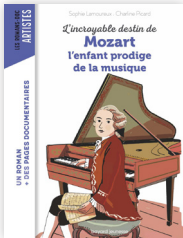
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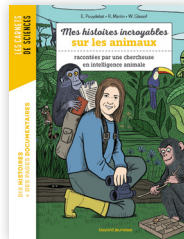
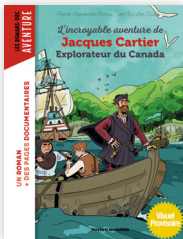


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LE QUINZE D'ARTHUR

By Aymeric Jeanson & Mary Gribouille



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: SPORT / RUGBY / FAMILY / FRIENDS

Arthur, 7, plays for the Fursacq Athletic Rugby Club. His aim? To ground the ball as well as his big brother Yannick, a rising rugby star. But he'll have to dodge a lot of tackles first...

Dive into the scrum and become a rugby expert alongside Arthur, as he discovers rugby, and his big brother Yannick on his journey to becoming a pro. Playing together to live better together: this is the message conveyed. The 2023 Rugby World Cup will be held

in France. More than 9.6 million people in the world, 28% of which are women, play rugby. After the environment, discovering the world, happy degrowth, and inspiring figures, the 7 Lieues series highlights the positive values of sport!

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THE AUTHOR:

After studying literature, **Aymeric Jeanson** naturally turned to books, especially comic books. He's a rugby fan and a second row player on the pitch. He published *Les Avions* in the *Les Grands Docs* series.

Avions in the *Les Grands Docs* series.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Mary Gribouille is an illustrator. She mainly works in publishing (Bayard, Milan, Belin Education, La Martinière Jeunesse), kids' magazines (*J'aime Lire* and *I Love*

English), and advertising.

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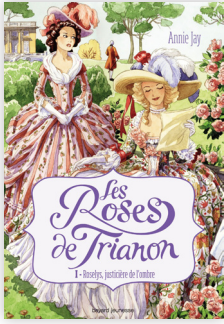
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LES ROSES DE TRIANON | SERIES

By Annie Jay



THEME: HISTORY / ACTION & ADVENTURE

KEYWORDS: ROYALTY / MYSTERY

It's no fun for debutante Roselys to switch her sword and breeches for an ornate dress, but the Court and its plots may just turn out far more exciting than she thought.

Roselys d'Angemont makes for a most uncommon noble lady: she grew up by the countryside, learning to climb trees, ride and fence. Alas! Her parents decide it's time she led a young lady's life. No more men's clothes and escapades.

In Paris, Roselys earns a position as the Queen's attendant, but life at Court is more complicated than it seems. The

powerful scheme and intrigue, and when Roselys finds out about the existence of a secret society dedicated to bringing justice to the people, she won't stop until she's joined their ranks. Even if her contact there is none other than the taciturn Étienne de Valsens, a gentleman far too disagreeable for her taste.



THE AUTHOR:

To **Annie Jay**, writing period novels is like leading an investigation to take a peek behind the scenes of history. A pioneer in the genre, she's published over thirteen novels.

PUB DATE: 2014-2018
EXTENT: 300-310 pp
FORMAT: 135 x 200 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €14.90

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SALES:
FRANCE: 58,000 cps

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ROUGE

By Clémentine Beauvais



THEME: DAILY LIFE / ANXIETY

KEYWORDS: PHOBIA / REALITY TV SHOW

A powerful and intelligent novel by Clémentine Beauvais that explores social phobia through the fear of blushing (erythrophobia).

A powerful and intelligent novel by Clémentine Beauvais that explores social phobia through the fear of blushing (erythrophobia).

Text : A compelling and novelistic take on the subject, told through the friendship of two teenage girls with erythrophobia who join a reality TV show to travel to the U.S. for surgery — with one goal: to never blush again!

An enriched project, in partnership with the 2025 National Great Cause dedicated to mental health: an interview with a psychiatrist specializing in social anxiety, a special feature on phobias in OKAPI magazine, a partnership with the association UNAFAM.

THE AUTHOR:

Clémentine Beauvais is a French author and translator living in York, UK, where she works as a lecturer and researcher in the sociology and philosophy of childhood. She has won several awards in children's literature, including the 2016 Prix Sorcières for her novel *Les Petites Reines*. Clémentine Beauvais has translated into French the free verse novels of Sarah Crossan (*Rageot*), the works of Elizabeth Acevedo (*Nathan*), and *The Ickabog* by J.K. Rowling (Gallimard Jeunesse).

PUB DATE : Sept 2025
EXTENT : 75 pp
FORMAT : 135 x 200

RETAIL PRICE : €9,90

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SÉBASTIANE GRANDÉLICE ET LES MYSTÈRES DE LA GASTRONOMAGIE

By Thomas Verdois



THEME: ACTION / ADVENTURE

KEYWORDS: COOKING / MAGIC / MANGA

This novel blends prose with manga panels and shows the adventure of a teenage girl in the spectacular world of gastronomagic!

Trained in her grandmother's inn, Sébastiane dreams of joining one of the five great gastronomagic establishments in the Kingdom of Savoria. But after an unexpected incident, she is suddenly propelled into an apprenticeship at the Golden Tower—the most prestigious of them all. There, competition is fierce among gastronomages, pâtimages, and mirmitons.

The young girl must quickly learn the rules of this fascinating yet ruthless world. But how can she find her place when everyone around her seems

suspicious? And what secrets lie behind the glumens, those magical ingredients reserved for the wealthiest?

Between magic, mystery, and pastry-making, Sébastiane is in for more surprises than she ever imagined...

Colorful characters: a lovable and rebellious heroine trying to find her place in the ruthless world of high-end restaurants; a hot-tempered master chef; onion-shaped creature assistants; and a pet lizard...)

THE AUTHOR:

Thomas Verdois teaches English at an engineering and business school. He ran the comic blog "Excuse me teacher" for a long time (which had about 300,000 visits), where he shared his adventures as a teacher through comics. He also contributed to the collective website 30joursdebd.com as the publication manager for the strips. In 2014, he decided to stop making comics and started writing "Dragon Park," his first novel.

PUB DATE : March 2025

EXTENT : 432 pp

FORMAT : 135 x 200

mm

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Jeunesse**

SOS ANIMAUX | SERIES

By Emmanuelle Grundmann & Virginie Vidal



THEME: NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: ECOLOGY / ENDANGERED SPECIES / ANIMALS

Join Elinor and her cousin Nils as they travel the world with her mom, a researcher, and her dad, a wildlife photographer, embarking on incredible adventures with wild animals along the way!

In the first book, Elinor and Nils join an anti-poaching patrol in the Kyrgyzstan mountains. Their mission: to save two baby snow leopards from poachers and catch the culprits!



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THE AUTHOR:
Emmanuelle Grundmann

is a biologist, primatologist and ethnologist. She works for the preservation of species and draws inspiration

for her stories from real-life adventures. She is a renowned children's book author on the theme of animals: 70,000 copies sold and twenty or so titles.



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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Virginie Vidal studied graphic design and comics in France, Germany and Belgium. Originally from Toulouse, she is based in

Lille where she illustrates comics and children's books for various publishers (Bayard, Deux coqs d'or...).

PUB DATE: 2022-2024

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INTL: English (USA)

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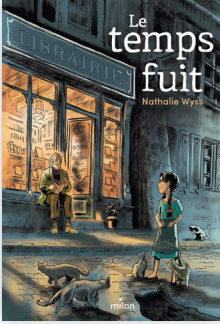
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LE TEMPS FRUIT

By Nathalie Wyss



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: LONELINESS / SHARING / BOOKS

In a small mountain village, untouched by time, an old bookseller and a young girl overcome their loneliness and grief together. A moving story of friendship between two unique people.

Solange is 12 years old. When she sees a job advertised by Alec, the bookseller, she decides to apply. The task is simple: read to him while he works in the shop.

Alec has lived alone with his books since his true love died many years ago. His bookshop is open every day and night.

Solange also lives alone, since her parents' accident. Even though everyone in the village pretends to believe in the grandmother she made up to

be left alone. The young girl survives by exchanging jars of capers, from the now closed family cannery, against other products for her and the village cats, who she takes care of. She often stops in front of Alec's shop window full of books.

Little by little, they get to know, understand and appreciate each other. A unique and precious friendship forms that enables them to free themselves from the ghosts of the past.



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several novels for children. She lives in Switzerland, in Poliez-Pittet (1041).

THE AUTHOR:

Nathalie Wyss began writing ten years ago and hasn't stopped since. She became a bookseller to never be short of books, and is the author of

PUB DATE: October 2022
EXTENT: 144 pp
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TERREUR SUR LE LAC

By Sandrine Beau



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE,

KEYWORDS: HORROR / BULLYING / HUT / MALIGNANCY

Linus, 12, is the scapegoat of his classmates. To escape his bleak daily life, he takes refuge in an abandoned cabin near the lake. But one day, three men have taken possession of the premises.

For twelve-year-old Linus, life is hell. Not a very bright pupil, shy and slightly overweight, he is the victim of his classmates' bullying, led by Sixtine, the richest girl in the school. Until the day when Linus flees for the lake and its abandoned cabin, which has become his hideout. But when Linus arrives, he's not the only one there. Three men are already on the premises, intent on carrying out a machiavellian plan. And there's no way

they're going to let a kid ruin everything.

This is the new thriller from Sandrine Beau, an author already well-versed in crime fiction (*Toute seule dans la nuit* : Prix Traquées, Prix Margot).

Her breathless story is diabolically well-written, giving us the opportunity to follow the point of view of several characters, including the antagonists, and finely pointing out that everything is never black or white. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Sandrine Beau wrote many stories for Milan Presse and Bayard Presse. Her children's books have been published by Oskar Editions, L'Élan vert and

Grasset Jeunesse. *Le Petit Chaperon qui n'était pas rouge* is her first picture book.

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EXTENT: 256 pp

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LE TOUR DU MONDE DE LA FAMILLE ROLLMOPS

| SERIES

By Anne Schmauch & Camille Roy



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / FAMILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: STEPFAMILY / TRIPS

Join the Rollmops family on a trip round the world in a minivan!

The Rollmops (part Rollier, part Mopsin family) are a funny, inventive and adventurous blended family! Not to forget the last family member... their minivan!

Running into poisonous frogs, ants and dangerous gold panners at

the heart of the Amazon Rainforest. Getting lost on Shanghai's sprawling highway interchange. Swimming in San Francisco Bay... Adventures to help kids discover the world and current issues (ecology, society, etc.).



THE AUTHOR:

Anne Schmauch was born in 1978 in Metz and lives in Paris, where she studied History of Art many years ago... She writes stories, for the most part funny, for Bayard Presse, as well as for Rageot and Sarbacane.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Camille Roy has contributed to several titles in Milan's Mes années pourquoi collection. She also illustrates the Le

Manoir Croquignole series.

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FRANCE: 10,000 cps

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TOTALLY SPIES! | SERIES

By Lou Allori

THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: ESPIONAGE / MISSION / SECRET

The Totally Spies are back with even more humor and girl power! Brave spies, cool gadgets, and action-filled adventures...

Sam, Alex, and Clover, three Beverly Hills high schoolers, are recruited as top-secret agents under the word Changer logo BEJ ers of the WOOHP organization to stop the world's worst criminals from carrying out attacks.

As high school students and spies, the girls lead a double life, juggling their teenage problems with saving the planet! And so, with their cool gadgets and weird inventions, Sam, Alex, and Clover take on all the evilest villains.

The first two episodes of the new season adapted into a novel, illustrated in color: the Spies face a giant panda robot in the streets of Singapore and an evil influencer in Seoul!

A Totally Spies book in which you are the hero: become a spy for WOOHP and embark on a high-risk mission to save the Spies who have just been kidnapped. *Totally Spies* has been adapted in TV shows, movies, and games!

THE AUTHOR:

Lou Allori is a children's author. She publishes novels with Bayard jeunesse, 404 éditions and Livres du Dragon d'Or. As a big fan of *Totally Spies!* from the start, she was delighted to dive back into this universe for the release of the new season in 2024. As well as adapting the episodes, she creates new stories inspired by the adventures of Sam, Alex and Clover.

PUB DATE:

EXTENT: 96 / 112

FORMAT: 23x178mm /

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RETAIL PRICE: €5.90

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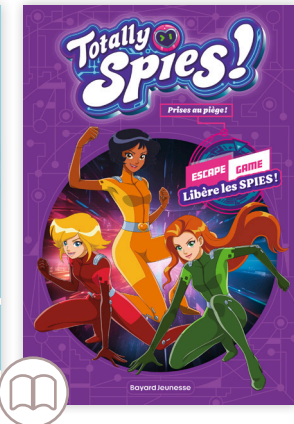
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 **Bayard
Jeunesse**



TOUT LE MONDE VEUT DES AILES

By Laurence Bouvard



THEME: FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: HANDICAP / INTERNET

Angèle, Clara and Vincent are 15 years old. They're best friends but they've never actually met.

Angèle, Clara and Vincent are 15 years old. Every night, they meet on the Internet to collaboratively write the story of Imago. Over the past year, they've built a solid friendship around their love of writing. And yet, they've never met in real life. But one day, Angèle doesn't connect to the forum. Her mother does... and tells them that Angèle is

dead. "A lie is a horrible poison that hurts far more than the truth."

A hypersensitive debut novel about virtual friendship in the age of internet chat rooms, between truth and lies, fiction and reality. An ode to accepting others and yourself, with three contemporary and endearing main characters.



THE AUTHOR:

Laurence Bouvard has translated forty-two English and German novels for children (published by Bayard, Gallimard Jeunesse, Pocket Jeunesse, Magnard Jeunesse and NordSud) and has written three of her own, as well as a picture book.

PUB DATE : Aug 2021
EXTENT : 500 pp
FORMAT : 138 x 210 mm
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- Audio



TOUTOU TOUT FRISÉ | SERIES

By Claire Renaud & Thomas Baas



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP
KEYWORDS: DOG / HUMOR / NEIGHBORHOOD

Everyone in the neighborhood knows Toutou, and Toutou knows everything about everyone! Figures, his mistress owns the Admira'tif hairdressing salon.

Everyone in the neighborhood knows Toutou. The dog belongs to Miss Emma, the owner of the Admira'tif hair salon. Toutou loves eavesdropping on the customers' stories, reading celebrity magazines, eating cheese and onion chips, and of course, his beloved mistress. There's no time to get bored with neighborhood gossip! Why is the

General always so miserable? What can they do to cheer him up?

Toutou and his friends set out on a mission in the name of love!

A series of funny adventures set in a hair salon, with a colorful mix of dogs and humans. The lively, modern black-and-white illustrations bring this unique little dog to life—Toutou loves trinkets, gossip, and the weather.



THE AUTHOR:
Claire Renaud is the author of *Les quatre gars* (selected for the "Prix des Incos") and *Les mamies attaquent*, awarded the "Prix du polar jeunesse" at the Quais du Polar festival.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:
Thomas Baas is an illustrator and poster designer. He works in children's publishing (*Actes Sud Jeunesse*, *Nathan*, *Glénat Jeunesse*), and for kids' magazines (*Pomme d'Api*, *Belles Histoires...*).

PUB DATE: April 2024
EXTENT: 100 pp
FORMAT: 138 x 210 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

NB OF TITLES: 2
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 Audio

 **Bayard Jeunesse**

LE TRÉSOR DES POILUS

By Michel Piquemal



THEME: HISTORY / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE

KEYWORDS: WORLD WAR ONE

Could a diary from the war hold the key to a mystery? A novel combining history and mystery, that children and teachers will love!

When Ludo finds a secret diary belonging to a WWI soldier, he has no idea that he's found a real treasure map... Just like Ludo, the hero of the story, the reader is plunged into the everyday life of a young WWI soldier, through the diary of Léonce. His fate and that of his friends is shrouded in mystery, keeping the reader on the edge of their seat.

With more than 200 books to his name, Michel Piquemal is a reference in children's publishing. *Le Jobard* written 32 years ago has been a long and best seller in Milan's list and has been recommended by the French Ministry of Education for years.



THE AUTHOR:
Michel Piquemal is a teacher and spends all his time surrounded by books. Sometimes reading with wonder, and sometimes bravely writing...

PUB DATE: October 2021
EXTENT: 128 pp
FORMAT: 120 x 180 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €5.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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- Audio



LES TRIPLÈS DU MAJESTIA | SERIES

By Anaïs Sautier & Lucie Durbiano



THEME: ACTION & ADVENTURE / INVESTIGATIONS

KEYWORDS: SIBLINGS / HOLIDAYS / SHIVERS

This new series follows the whirlwind investigations of a trio of triplets solving mysteries in hotels around the world!

Cookie, Elvis, and Vanille are kids like any others. Well, almost. Along with their butler father, the triplets move from place to place, living in hotels—but not just any hotels. They stay in the prestigious establishments of Majestia, the world-famous luxury hotel chain. In just a few days, the grand opening of

the most magnificent of them all, L'Hôtel du Levant, will take place on a paradise island. Pop star Riyonca and the world-renowned psychic, the Black Mage, will be in attendance. But mysterious incidents are disrupting the meticulously planned event...

THE AUTHOR:

Anaïs Sautier has worked at Emmaüs for several years, specifically tasked with helping migrants. She dedicates her free time to cinema, reading novels, and of course, writing. Sometimes, it's when she attends dance performances or strolls through Paris, her eye caught by architectural details, that entire chapters of her novels seem to write themselves, almost without her noticing.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Illustrator and comic book creator, Lucie Durbiano has notably published *Quatre sœurs* with Bayard, and *Le rouge vous va si bien* and *Autres histoires* with Gallimard, as well as *Trésor* (Official Selection of the 2009 Angoulême Festival). She also publishes *Lulu Grenadine* with Laurence Gillot, with Nathan editions.

PUB DATE : April 2025
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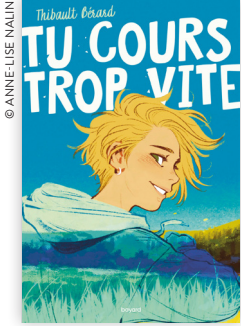
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TU COURS TROP VITE

By Thibault Bérard



THEME: ROMANCE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: JEALOUSY / BOYS AND GIRLS / SECONDARY SCHOOL

Rudy hates the new, stuck-up Parisian girl, who's also a remarkable cross-country runner and dating his best friend, Damien.

The tragic story of a farmer's son, jealous of a girl to whom everything seems to come easily.

Rudy comes from a family of farmers and lives in a village in Provence, surrounded by hills. He's not very good at school, but his classmates respect him because he's tall, can drive a tractor and doesn't hesitate to use force when necessary. His best friend Damien is the opposite: bright, kind and generous.

When Damien falls in love with Lena, Rudy's world falls apart. Lena is everything he's not, and life seems easy for her. She wins the poetry contest, aces the school cross-country race, which Rudy has won every year since kindergarten... And now, he's ready to fight back.



THE AUTHOR:

Thibault Bérard was born in Paris in 1980. He studied literature and became a journalist and then an editor. After heading up a Parisian publishing house's

fiction list for fifteen years, he recently decided to devote himself entirely to writing from his new home in the Alps.

PUB DATE: March 2023

EXTENT: zz pp

FORMAT: 138 x 210 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €12.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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Audio

 **Bayard Jeunesse**

UN TUEUR À MA PORTE

By Irina Drozd



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: MURDER

Daniel witnesses a murder. The thing is, he was blinded in a ski accident, so he couldn't see the murderer. They, on the other hand, saw him just fine. And they have no plans to leave behind any witnesses.

Blinded during a ski trip, Daniel is recovering at home when he's startled awake by a scream and groaning in the streets below. Did someone get hurt? Daniel hurries over to the window and sees absolutely nothing! The murderer, on the other hand, saw him just fine. And they certainly don't plan on leaving any witnesses behind...

Trapped in a terrifying chase by an enemy he can't see, Daniel must activate all his senses and rely on the strength of friendship to survive.

A thrilling detective novel which does not focus on violence, but rather on emotions and suspense through alternating points of view.



RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.

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THE AUTHOR:

Irina Drozd is a trained nurse. In her spare time, she writes stories for children and television scripts. She also runs creative writing workshops in a middle school in the Paris region.

PUB DATE: 2024
EXTENT: 80 pp
FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €6.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 360,000 cps
INTL: Italian

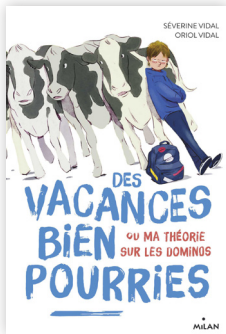
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Jeunesse**

DES VACANCES BIEN POURRIES (OU MA THÉORIE SUR LES DOMINOS)

By Séverine Vidal & Oriol Vidal



THEME: HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP,
KEYWORDS: FEELINGS / COMING-OF-AGE

What started off as the worst summer ever leads Nils to the friendship of a lifetime. Because even a series of seemingly never-ending disasters can result in a positive outcome once you come out the other side.

Why is this his life? Nils was supposed to spend the summer at surf camp, but instead he'll be stuck at his Aunt Bou's house, in the middle of Nowhere, France. Nils is sure of it: this is going to be a disaster.

A sometimes moving and often funny story in which a series of apparent catastrophes and coincidences come

together to make what should have been the worst summer of Nils' life into an unexpected adventure. Because sometimes, it's only in retrospect that you realize that the little things held a huge meaning all along.

A light-hearted yet deep novel, enhanced by world-famous illustrator Oriol Vidal's subtle art.

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THE AUTHOR:

Séverine Vidal writes teen novels, comic books, picture books and texts for the press. Her books have been translated into several languages and awarded multiple prizes. She also runs writing workshops for all ages.

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THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Oriol Vidal is a Catalan illustrator, who works with publishers around the world. He lives in Barcelona, where he draws beautiful illustrations for Milan Presse's Toboggan and J'apprends à lire magazines.

PUB DATE: 2019
EXTENT: 96 pp
FORMAT: 130 x 195 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €8.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 4,700 cps

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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- Audio



VAMPIRETTE | SERIES

By Ségolène Valente & Emmanuel Ristord



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: SCHOOL

Discover the bestselling series about an unlikely friendship between a human girl and a vampire, in paperback format!

Step into the world of vampires and folklore with this funny and endearing encounter between a modern-day girl and a vampire. The heroine first appeared in *J'aime Lire* magazine (more than 2.6 million readers every month) and her adventures were then adapted into 6 books, selling over 25,000 copies. Written by Ségolène Valente, bestselling author

of *Vive le CM1/CM2/la 6e/la 5e* (more than 400,000 copies sold), and illustrated by Emmanuel Ristord, best known for his *Je suis en CP/CE1/CE2* series published by Flammarion. *Vampirette* is also being developed into an audiovisual format.



THE AUTHOR:

After studying modern literature, **Ségolène Valente** worked as a French teacher for three years. Today, she devotes herself to writing. She has published several series for children with Rageot.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Emmanuel Ristord studied at the École supérieure de l'image in Angoulême. He now lives in Nantes, where he works in a large studio called

La baie noire!

PUB DATE: September
2024
EXTENT: 48 pp
FORMAT: 123 x 178 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €5.90
NB OF TITLES: 3

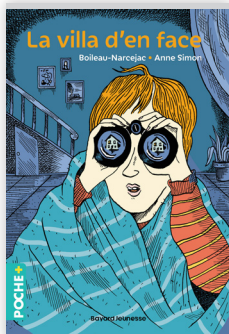
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LA VILLA D'EN FACE

By Pierre Boileau, Thomas Narcejac & Anne Simon



THEME: INVESTIGATION / ADVENTURE / IMAGINATION

KEYWORDS: ESPIONNAGE / MYSTERY

A classic from the Bayard catalog, written by a major name in detective literature, widely recommended in French schools.

“What to do when you have bronchitis?” wonders Philippe in his room. Watching the villa across the street with Dad’s binoculars is fun. But this game can become dangerous if the neighbors are hiding a gangster. Philippe and his sister Claudette are a little too eager to uncover the mystery of the house across the street. And the gangster does not like nosy people at all.

330,000 copies sold in the “J’aime lire” collection.

An ideal first thriller, with unrelenting suspense, written by the duo Boileau and Narcejac, making it a model of the genre.

THE AUTHORS:

Pierre Boileau (1906-1989) teamed up with Thomas Narcejac in 1948 to write around fifty detective novels that achieved great success, many of which were adapted for the screen. They received numerous awards, including the Louis Delluc Prize, the Critics’ Prize, and the Black Humor Prize.

Thomas Narcejac (1908-1998) teamed up with Pierre Boileau in 1948, with whom he would go on to write around fifty detective novels.

THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Anne Simon studied at the Beaux-Arts in Angoulême and the École des Arts Décoratifs in Paris. She contributed to the creation of Misma publishing and the magazine Dopotutto. Today, she works for children’s press and publishing. She illustrates numerous children’s books, and her drawings appear in various women’s and youth magazines (Okapi, Astrapi, Je bouquine). She is also active in advertising illustration.

PUB DATE : April 2025
EXTENT : 48 pp
FORMAT : 127 x 190 mm
RETAIL PRICE : €6.90

SALES:
FRANCE: 134,000

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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- Audio

**Bayard
Jeunesse**

VOISINES

By Aliénor Debrocq



THEME: FRIENDSHIP / DAILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: FEELINGS / SECRET

Who hasn't dreamed of living across the street from their best friend? Yet life is rarely a straight path, and even the strongest friendships can evolve over time...

Lou and Lila have been best friends forever—just like their mothers before them. Together, the neighbors form a close-knit chosen family: they're always inseparable. Until one day... everything stops. Complete silence. From now on, it's each to their own. A tender and touching contemporary novel that delicately explores the theme of transformation in all its forms: a birth, a loss, a separation, the first stirrings of love...

Aliénor Debrocq, a rising literary voice to watch, was awarded the Francophone Literary Prize of Marseille for her novel *Maison miroir*. She is also involved in numerous creative projects across fiction, journalism, and theatre.

THE AUTHOR:

Aliénor Debrocq is an author, journalist and teacher of creative writing at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Brussels. Author of several short stories, including the collections *Cruise Control* and *À voie basse*, for which she was awarded the Franz de Wever Prize in 2017. Debrocq places her characters face-to-face with the doubts surrounding motherhood and the ambivalence of bringing a new life into the world. Through this kaleidoscopic vision of childbirth, her characters emerge more or less bruised.

PUB DATE : Sept 2025

EXTENT : 208 pp

FORMAT : 135 x 200

mm

RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

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 **Bayard
Jeunesse**

WESH LA FÉE!

By Rachel Corenblit



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: HYPERACTIVITY / MAGIC / DYSLEXIA / BULLYING

The funny and sensitive meeting between a boy facing difficulties (dyslexia, victim of bullying) and a hyperactive fairy, who will help each other overcome their fears.

At 11 years old, Charlie dreams of escaping his daily life—struggling at school, dealing with his depressed father, and avoiding a menacing rat near his building’s garbage bins. But everything changes when he meets Wesh, a hyperactive fairy who’s been expelled from the Fairy Training Institute. Dyslexic and clumsy, Charlie unexpectedly finds a kindred spirit in her. Together, they will learn to overcome their doubts and prove they are far more capable than they believe. With humor, magic, and friendship, Wesh, the Fairy is a lively and heartfelt story that celebrates differences and perseverance.

A very touching relationship between an 11-year-old boy and a fairy, who discover a shared difficulty in conforming to the norm.

A contemporary and humorous novel that addresses social and cultural themes close to young people: learning difficulties (dyslexia, ADHD), bullying, self-confidence, communication issues within families, and solidarity...

THE AUTHOR:

Rachel Corenblit studied philosophy before turning to teaching and writing. Her first children’s book was published in 2007 by Éditions du Rouergue. Since then, she has published numerous youth novels, including Shalom Salam maintenant and 146298.

PUB DATE : January
2025

EXTENT : 160 pp

FORMAT : 135 x 200 mm

RETAIL PRICE : €12.90

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 **Bayard
Jeunesse**

YÉTI, Y ES-TU?

By Nathalie Somers, Muriel Zürcher & Pauline Pernette



THEME: HUMOR

KEYWORDS: HOLIDAYS / WINTER SPORTS

Emma and Gaspard want to enjoy their winter break at the Kifftonski Hotel. Easier said than done with a yeti hanging around...

Emma and her friend Gaspard are spending their vacation at the Kifftonski Hotel, where Emma lives. But everything seems to be going wrong at the old hotel—the electricity isn't working properly, one of the guests is always complaining and shouting, and a stern inspector keeps threatening to shut the place down...

Amid the chaos, the two friends take

in an injured yeti they find hiding in their bedroom. And who might just bring everything tumbling down...

Can Emma and Gaspard save the yeti, the hotel, and their vacation?

This wacky comedy features fun, quirky characters, and a fast-paced adventure with a happy end and a touch of romance...

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THE AUTHORS:

Nathalie Somers writes fantasy, real-life novels and picture books for children. She has been published by Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse, etc.



Muriel Zürcher writes lots of stories in the form of picture books, novels, non-fiction, and comics. She is published by Milan, Didier Jeunesse, Philippe Picquier, Nathan, etc.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

Pauline Pernette is a comic book author and illustrator who loves telling stories about adventures, friendship, and role-playing.

She mainly works on books and magazines for kids.

PUB DATE: January 2024

EXTENT: 104 pp

FORMAT: 130 x 195 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €8.20

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ZORAGE / OMBRELINE / LUMILANE

By Manon Fargetton & Maud Begon



THEME: FANTASY / ACTION & ADVENTURE / HUMOR

KEYWORDS: FAIRIES / MODERNITY / NATURE / IMAGINATION

The Fairy saga blends magic, humor, and poetry while tackling powerful themes. In *Zorage*, the Rebel Fairy, adventure and courage take center stage, while *Ombreline*, the Night Fairy sheds light on a difficult subject: incest.

Zorage is a brave heroine who embodies self-confidence, respect for nature, and imagination. When her friends start disappearing, she questions, thinks, and acts—ultimately uncovering the unthinkable. In a captivating world, *Zorage*'s determination and energy inspire her fairy community as she investigates from her hol-

low house to the library of suspended thoughts, facing mysterious spirits and humans along the way.

Ombreline, the night fairy, helps children fall asleep. But when falling asleep becomes dangerous, what can you do? This second part of the fairy saga tackles the difficult subject of incest. ■



THE AUTHOR:

Manon Fargetton was born in 1987. She loves theatre and fantasy literature. She was first published in 2005 and wrote *Aussi livres qu'un rêve* and the trilogy, *June*, for Mango. In 2022, she published a comforting picture book, *Le très grand câlin*, with Milan Editions.



THE ILLUSTRATOR:

After studying graphic design, **Maud Begon** decided to tell stories with pictures. Since publishing *Antigone* in 2010 with Manolosanctis, she has drawn and colored several picture books, including *À la table des Lumières* and the series *Bouche d'Ombre*. In 2020, she co-wrote and illustrated *Coronaaah : c'est quoi*.

PUB DATE: 2023

EXTENT: 80 pp

FORMAT: 135 x 185 mm

RETAIL PRICE: €10.90

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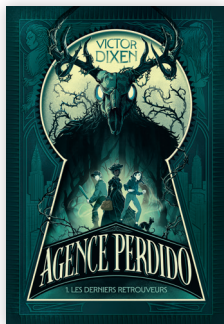


YOUNG ADULT



AGENCE PERDIDO | SERIES

By Victor Dixen



THEME: INVESTIGATIONS

KEYWORDS: THRILLS / MONSTERS / NEW YORK

The universal bogeyman myth used to be address the theme of loss and grief. A new multi-format saga by a French master of fantasy: Victor Dixen

Lucy's life is turned upside down when her mother mysteriously disappears.

The 15-year-old orphan is forced to leave her house in the Catskills and go live in New York City with her aunt Doris, who forces her to steal on trains to pay her rent. Then, one day, Lucy meets Rita Perdido, a woman shrouded in secrets, who offers Lucy the chance to join her unusual agency, specialized in the art of "finding". Lucy discovers that she is part of an endangered caste: finders. Since the dawn of time, these humans have possessed the power to enter the "oubliettes" where boogeymen live, tasked with retrieving lost

objects, people, and memories. Convinced that her mother has been kidnapped by a boogeyman, Lucy sets out to find her with the help of Jasper, a young finder who has also lost everything.

But it's not just the fate of her family that hangs in the balance: as the last of the finders die out, boogeymen are growing in power and plotting a horrific revenge against those that live on the surface...

PUB DATE: October 2024
EXTENT: 480-576 pp
FORMAT: 138 x 210 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €16.90

NB OF TITLES: 2

INTL: Spain (Castilian)

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THE AUTHOR:

Victor Dixen double winner of the Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire, is one of the leading voices in fantasy literature, and his books are translated into a dozen languages (*Animale*, *Cogito*, *Extincta*, as well as the *Phobos* and *Vampyria* series). Born to a Danish father and a French mother, he has lived in Paris, Dublin, Singapore, and New York. He now resides in Washington D.C.

in an old Victorian house with creaky floors, full of dark corners and squeaky doors.

A real haunted house, where Victor suspects the presence of a... boogeyman.. In *Perdido Agency*, Victor Dixen tackles this major figure of our nightmares. Far from being monsters invented to scare children, boogeymen really exist and keep stealing objects, people, and memories from the surface. That is why Victor always leaves a light on when he goes to bed... As for his two sharp-eyed cats, they are trained to signal any boogeyman intrusion into his writing workshop.



BRASASKOVEN | SERIES

By Alix Garnier-Ågren



THEME: FANTASY / COMING-OF-AGE STORY

KEYWORDS: MAGIC / ROMANCE

A royal couple assassinated, an ambiguous friendship triangle, an investigation at the crossroads of politics and magic, and a princess facing her destiny — a new YA duology rooted in Norse mythology.

A rich and vibrant worldbuilding rooted in Nordic folklore: a symbolic element (fire), three guilds of artisans, a magical tradition to find one's Lankäde (Companion), and a Council that safeguards ancient rules and historical secrets.

A thrilling investigation amidst political conspiracies and magical rules in a world full of hidden secrets!

Strong and deeply endearing characters, bound by nuanced and complex relationships: Freja, the grieving princess asserting her independence; Lukas, the confident young blacksmith; and Matias, the wild and defiant hunter...

THE AUTHOR:

Alix Garnier-Ågren was born in Grenoble, grew up in Moselle, lives in Paris, and often spends her holidays in Sweden.

There's not a month that goes by without her picking up a new passion, but her two oldest loves are reading and music.

After earning a science baccalauréat, studying literature, and attending business school, she has spent several years working in marketing for publishing houses.

Now, she steps to the other side of the page with her debut novel Brasaskoven — a tribute to the many books that shaped her imagination and to the Norse mythology that has always fascinated her.

PUB DATE: Sept 2025
EXTENT: 504 pp
FORMAT: 153 x 228 mm
RETAIL PRICE: €19.90

SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio

 **Bayard
Jeunesse**

ENTRÉE FRACASSANTE DES ACTRICES

By Esmé Planchon



THEME: FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: CINEMA / GHOSTS / MYSTERY

A theatre workshop by the sea and a fantastical, colorful investigation, as two friends follow in the footsteps of a Hollywood movie as mythical as it is mysterious.

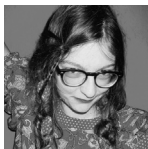
Two old friends reunite in a seaside town for a theatre and film workshop, based on the work of Robert Kelly, the great Hollywood filmmaker.

Louise and Myrna play the two heroines in *The Travellers' Hotel*, the filmmaker's most bizarre movie. As they run through their lines, the girls gradually notice parts of the film come to life, and the two actresses emerge as ghosts.

As they discover themselves through acting, the girls decide to investigate and untangle the truth from the false and reality from myths.

Sparkling, original, and modern writing explores acting, movies, friendship, the relationship between the real and imaginary, LGBTQIA+ culture, and feminism.

This burlesque feel-good book stands out from traditional teen novels with its modern and lively composition combining different genres: a multi-perspective novel, play, screenplay, and investigation, brought to life with illustrations (maps, movie tickets, handwritten poems).



THE AUTHOR:

Esmé Planchon stages musicals, organizes happenings in galleries, night clubs, etc., and tells stories. She is the author of

Faut jouer le jeu, published in 2014 (*L'école des loisirs*), and *On habitera la forêt* in 2019 (*Casterman*).

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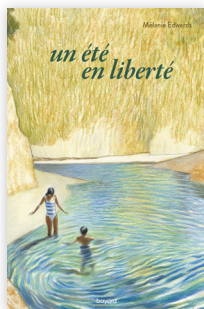
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UN ÉTÉ EN LIBERTÉ

By Mélanie Edwards



THEME: ROMANCE / DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: COMING-OF-AGE / SIBLINGS

When their distant parents send her and her siblings to the country for the summer, Violette, 14, discovers freedom. There, in this tiny haven ensconced deep in the countryside, her life is turned upside-down when she meets Bosco.

1989. This summer, just like every other year, Violette's parents are too broke and too busy to take their four children on vacation. So she and her siblings, Brune, 17, Paul, 16, and Elise, 6, have no choice but to spend the summer by themselves in their mother's hometown. It's a tiny, tiny place, lost in the middle of nowhere. But there, far from their harried mother and unstable father, the four children discover freedom

again... and Violette, for her part, discovers something entirely new when she meets, Bosco, a boy her age who rides his moped along the sunny paths...

A beautiful summer coming-of-age novel permeated with sunlight and the quiet chirping of birds and crickets, featuring the excitement of first love, the conflictual relationship between parent and child, and the deep bond shared by the siblings.



AWARDS:

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THE AUTHOR:

Mélanie Edwards is a children's book editor and an author of picture books and novels. She notably penned several volumes of the *C'est la vie, Lulu* series. She loves illustrations, collages, reading and travelling.

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J'AI DÛ M'EN ALLER

By Mélanie Edwards

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THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FAMILY LIFE

KEYWORDS: FIRST LOVE / FATHER-SON RELATIONSHIPS / TEENS / EXILE

While on vacation, a father and his two teenage sons get to know and talk to each other again. An encounter with a migrant, and then first love, changes the two brothers forever...

Dimitri and his brother Tom set off on vacation to Greece with their father, Vincent. They plan on renting a boat and island hopping. Dimitri hopes to get closer to his quiet father. But things don't go as planned. First, they meet Seydou, a migrant from Mali trying to reach his wife and baby in Italy. Then Dimitri falls in love with Penelope, a bright girl he meets along the way. And finally, Vincent can't stop

thinking about his friend who died years ago.

A magnificent, emotional journey on the Aegean Sea. The author's sensitive writing captures the beauty of the Mediterranean landscapes, as well as the intensity of the boys' emotions, with a tragically moving ending. The novel explores topical and universal themes with great accuracy: first love, communication issues, mental health, pain, and exile. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Mélanie Edwards is a children's book editor and an author of picture books and novels. She notably penned several volumes of the *C'est la vie, Lulu* series. She loves illustrations, collages, reading and travelling.

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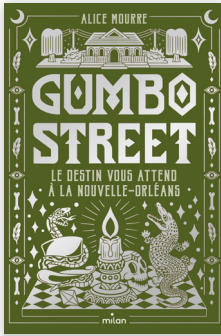
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GUMBO STREET

By Alice Murre



THEME: WITCHCRAFT / MAGIC

KEYWORDS: ACCOMPLISHMENTS / FAMILY SECRETS

After running away to New Orleans, Sandy finds herself caught in a power struggle between witches, voodoo spirits, and the mafia.

Sandy, a spirited young woman yearning for freedom, escapes her latest foster family and follows a hunch that leads her to New Orleans—a city as enchanting as it is mysterious. There, she’s taken in by Tantine and Rosalyne, two strong-willed witches who live in a grand, mood-shifting Creole house that seems to have a will of its own. At the same time, Sandy meets Rémi, a secretive and captivating young man. She soon discovers that their meeting was no coincidence—it was orchestrated by Rosalyne through voodoo rituals. But why? That’s a mystery Sandy has yet to unravel.

As the lines between truth and illusion blur, Sandy is unwillingly drawn into a dangerous quest filled with chaos, power, vengeance, and magic. When Rosalyne rebels against her grandmother, she forces Sandy and Rémi to carry out a theft that spirals out of control—especially when local deities and the vengeful hand of the mafia get involved.

Sandy becomes a pawn in a game far beyond her understanding... ■

■ THE AUTHOR:



Born in 1977, *Alice Murre* is a librarian. Passionate about creative activities—from knitting and drawing to sewing and rubber stamp carving—she began writing seriously in 2018 to give life to the characters that had long been wandering through her mind.

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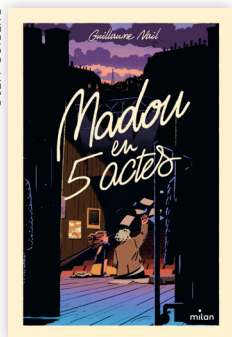
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MADOU EN 5 ACTES

By Guillaume Nail

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THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: YOUTH / SELF-DISCOVERY / WRITING

How can you picture your life as an adult? How can you find the missing piece when you don't know what it is? Join Madou as she sets out to find herself, in 5 acts...

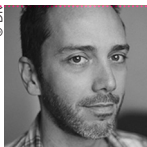
Madou has to make big decisions for her future early on before she knows who she is. Between her parent's misguided hopes and a fantasy dreamlife that doesn't reflect reality or her innermost needs, Madou loses her way... only to find herself again in the final act.

This 5-act immersion into the world of theatre and art depicts a teenager torn between a longing for self-fulfillment and a fear of not fitting in. This coming-

of-age novel reflects the doubts and anxieties that many high school students feel about their future careers.

This book touches on the glamour of the stage, appearances, and the need to create... Guillaume Nail (Prix Vendredi 2022 finalist for *Ton absence*, published by Rouergue) draws on the world of theatre to mirror the challenges kids face when moving into adulthood.

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THE AUTHOR:

After working as a journalist and translator, **Guillaume Nail** became a screenwriter and author. He is well-known

for his books for kids. A strong advocate of equality and diversity issues, he is committed to better recognition for children's book authors.

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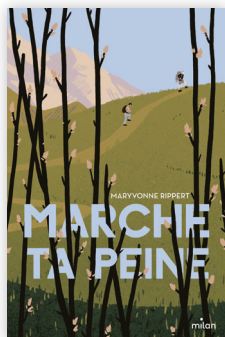
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MARCHE TA PEINE

By Maryvonne Rippert



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: BULLYING / TRAVELLING / FORGIVENESS

To avoid spending time in a juvenile detention center, Ulis sets off on an intense two-month-long hike with a social worker. Just what he needs to take a step back and think about his actions...

To make a new start, Ulis signs up to the “Walk your sentence” program: a two-month hike through France, with André, a gruff and quiet man, who stood in for the original social worker at the last minute. Two months for the boy to think about what he did to Noah. Little by little, step by step, Ulis fills in the diary the judge asked him to keep. He goes through the past and his memories, the insults and humiliations

that drove Noah to suicide. Ulis also gets to know André, a mysterious man, who introduces him to people from his past who share the same secret. Could André and his friends’ secret help Ulis see his own past differently? Could this journey help him move on?

A road trip full of suspense, with two profound characters who, each in their own way, carry the heavy burden of a secret on their shoulders...

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THE AUTHOR:

After several years in Paris working for a major weekly newspaper, **Maryvonne Rippert** moved to Lyon and focused on writing children’s books and crime novels. *Difference, learning to be free and separation* are themes that are close to her heart.

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LA NEIGE AU RENDEZ-VOUS

By Esmé Planchon



THEME: ROMANCE / CHRISTMAS

KEYWORDS: HOMOSEXUALITY / GRIEF

24 chapters: Amélie is determined to save Christmas for her broken family. Stella hates the holidays. Brought together for a weather-themed Christmas Eve party, will the two teens clash in a stormy feud—or spark a sunny romance?

A refreshing and timely novel: two girls with clashing personalities, a found family gathered for a cozy, themed Christmas, an inclusive cast of lovable characters, and a heart-melting queer “enemies to lovers” romance.

This 24- chapter teen romance will immerse yourself into the magical,

heartwarming spirit of Christmas. Esmé Planchon, a rising and essential voice in contemporary fiction, explores powerful and deeply moving themes such as grief, depression, and homophobia.

THE AUTHOR:

Esmé Planchon is an actress, performer, storyteller, and children’s author. Her character, the Dust Grain Fairy, was born in 2018 when she was invited to create roaming performances for the “Enfances” and “On Air” exhibitions at the Palais de Tokyo. She later brought the show to various festivals before reimagining it as a graphic novel. As an author, she has written two children’s novels: Faut jouer le jeu, published by L’École des loisirs in 2014, and On habitera la forêt, released by Casterman in 2019. Her third novel is forthcoming from Bayard Éditions. In her poetic writing, she blends everyday life with fiction, giving voice to raindrops and inviting us to taste cloud jam.

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LA PASSERELLE DES DAMNÉES

By Charlotte Bousquet, Christine Féret-Fleury & Fabien Fernandez



THEME: FANTASY / PARANORMAL

KEYWORDS: WITCHCRAFT / HALLOWEEN

What if the fate of the world rested in the hands of three strangers, on a highway rest stop? A chilling and poignant horror novel, offering a one-way trip to the fringes of the paranormal...

As a violent snowstorm erupts, three teenagers find themselves stranded at a highway rest stop on Halloween night. Despite their differences, fate has brought them together on the same road, the A6. Though they seem worlds apart, they are united by the weight of their past.

As the tension rises in the crowded gas station, strange occurrences begin to unfold... The veil between the world of the dead and the living seems to thin, as if a dark force is gradually taking over the place. Is this storm truly

a natural phenomenon? Could the old, abandoned museum on the other side of the highway, showcasing the history of witches burned in the Middle Ages, have something to do with it?

In this night that feels like the end of the world, will Maxance, Nadia, and Hadrien be able to join forces and confront their demons?

A young adult horror novel that slowly immerses the reader into pure paranormal terror, as the characters confront their own inner demons.

THE AUTHORS:

*Philosopher by training, **Charlotte Bousquet** is a committed and eclectic author who has published more than fifty titles for adults and teenagers. She masters both the genres of speculative fiction and historical fiction, as well as documentaries, mirror novels, and comics.*

***Christine Féret-Fleury** is an author and editor (currently an external editor for Hachette Livre). Since her first children's book, *Le Petit Tamour* (1996), she has published over a hundred novels for both children and adults.*

***Fabien Fernandez** is an author, screenwriter, and game designer who has published role-playing games and gamebooks. He has written several novels and also scripted comic books. His favorite writing theme is human nature, from the worst to the best.*

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PËPPO

By Séverine Vidal



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FAMILY

KEYWORDS: FEELINGS / COMING-OF-AGE

When his older sister runs away from the family caravan, Pëppo must look after his twin nephews. He can hardly take care of himself, but as he takes on raising a pair of toddlers, Pëppo might well find more than he expected.

Pëppo's life is a bit complicated. He lives in a caravan with his sister and one-year-old twin nephews, and when he's not at the beach, he's helping his uncle run his shabby campsite.

But his life is turned upside-down when one morning, Pëppo finds a note from his sister saying that she ran away, leaving her children behind. He's in high school and can barely take care of himself, but Pëppo must now face what may

well be the biggest challenge of his life: raising a pair of toddlers. As if it wasn't enough, he's suddenly confronted with another huge change when he meets the mysterious Marie-Lola, who intrigues him more and more every day. Maybe his sister running away isn't such a bad thing, after all...

A beautiful coming-of-age novel featuring funny and endearing characters.

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THE AUTHOR:

Séverine Vidal writes novels for teenagers, comic books, picture books and texts for the press.

Her books have been translated into several languages, and awarded multiple prizes. She also runs writing workshops for all ages.

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UN PEU PLUS PRÈS DES ÉTOILES

By Rachel Corenblit



THEME: ROMANCE / DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: COMING-OF-AGE

A teen who was worn down by life and gave up on friendship as a result learns to open up when his father starts work at a hospital for reconstructive surgery. There, he finds the love and friendships of a lifetime.

Over the past ten years, Rémi moved nineteen times. Tired of losing friends, haunted by the chilling fear that he inherited his mother's illness, he doesn't even try to fit in at his new schools anymore, instead choosing to listen to the tapes his late mother left him—listening to her voice and favorite songs day in, day out. He's only 15, but Rémi's already worn down by life.

But his world is turned upside-down when his father starts working at a hospital which specializes in reconstructive

surgery, and he meets seven disfigured teens. Among them is Sara, a girl whose face is severely scarred, and whose eyes burn with pride. Against all odds, he gets to know them all, and, ever so slowly, Rémi the loner finds that he doesn't want their world to go on without him...

An emotionally-packed novel about a teen who learns to open up to others, and to overcome his fears so as to look beyond the surface and see things for what they truly are.



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THE AUTHOR:

Rachel Corenblit studied philosophy before turning her attention to teaching and writing. She has penned several novels for children, including *Shalom Salam maintenant* and *146298*.

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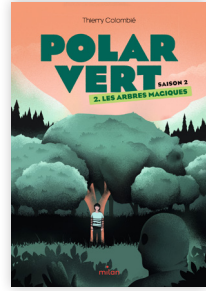
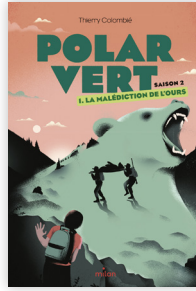
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POLAR VERT | SERIES

By Thierry Colombié



THEME: MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT

KEYWORDS: ECOLOGY / MURDER

When her boyfriend's fish-trafficking family land her brother, a fervent environmental activist, into a coma, Klervi, 17, learns the harsh reality of the fight between those who defend nature and those who seek to profit from it.

Klervi lives in Brittany and is madly in love with Lucas. His family traffics an endangered species of baby eels, which sell on the black market. Klervi also has a twin brother, but they've drifted apart ever since he became obsessed with protecting the environment. But when Klervi finds him

covered in toxic green algae that plunge him into a coma, she discovers that one of Lucas' family's employees is to blame. And she could also get 7 years in jail for her indirect involvement. There's only one solution... To work for the police and spy on Lucas' family.

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THE AUTHOR:

Thierry Colombié is an expert in organized crime. He is a documentary maker, screenwriter and author of novels and essays, such as the acclaimed *Stars et truands* (Fayard).



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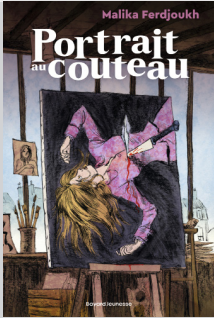
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PORTRAIT AU COUTEAU

By Malika Ferdjough



THEME: FANTASY / INVESTIGATION / LOVE

KEYWORDS: PAINTING / CRIME

—
A fantastic crime novel set in the world of art, masterfully crafted by Malika Ferdjough!
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Winter 1910. Marie Legay poses for Odilon Voret, a dark and sinister painter. As she leaves his studio, she is stabbed to death five times. Spring 2010. Antonin Vertov, a young art student, meets a young model, Flavie, who has a scar in the shape of a bird on her chest... A few days later, they meet again at the Musée d'Orsay in front of a painting by Odilon Voret. The painting, entitled "The Torn Heart", shows a

young woman being murdered... and the stab wounds are exactly the same shape as Flavie's scar. Antonin and Flavie decide to investigate. They get swept up in a whirlwind of strange and disturbing events, full of false leads and twists and turns... Including a paintbrush painting by itself, letters written in blood, and a usurpation that holds the key to the mystery!

— THE AUTHOR:

Malika Ferdjough was born in 1957 in Algeria. She writes novels for children, such as the *Quatre Sœurs* series and *Broadway Limited*, published by L'École des loisirs. She also writes for film and TV.

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LE ROYAUME DÉTRAQUÉ

By Thomas Bérard



THEME: SCIENCE-FICTION / FRIENDSHIP

KEYWORDS: DYSTOPIA / BULLYING / VIDEO GAMES

A dystopia where two parallel worlds collide, with a group of unpopular friends, and an unexpected final twist.

A powerful narrative concept: four teenagers in an ordinary provincial town on one side, four cyborgs/mutants in a video game universe on the other, and one question: what connects them?

A *Stranger Things*-inspired aesthetic for an original universe that blends dystopia, video games, and

coming-of-age narrative, tackling very contemporary themes: bullying, identity quest, and love.

A poignant and timely novel with poetic writing. An ode to hope and creativity in a world that keeps self-destructing.

THE AUTHOR:

After studying literature, *Thomas Bérard* became a journalist and then an editor. For nearly fifteen years, he was in charge of the fiction department at Sarbacane Editions before deciding in 2022 to “take the leap” and devote himself entirely to writing. He has already published several books for both adults and young readers.

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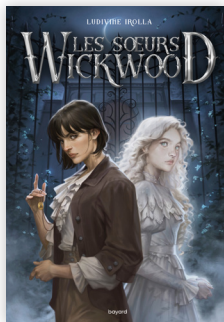
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LES SŒURS WICKWOOD

By Ludivine Irolla

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THEME: FANTASY

KEYWORDS: SISTERS / MAGIC / THE OCCULT

Two very different sisters who would do anything for each other... Set in Victorian England, in a neo-Gothic atmosphere.

The Wickwood sisters have been living in poverty and oblivion for years. Their family was the prestigious Royal Occultists, a title as grand as it was mysterious. But ten years later, all that is left is Medora and her sister Allegra, forgotten by all. Medora steals to survive, while Allegra tries to unlock the secrets of the occult. They were never trained or experienced the Transmission, the final stage before learning the secrets of the occult. The sisters are a little strange and intimidate everyone. Except their neighbor, Cornelius. Although he is afraid of the hot-tempered Medora, he loves spending time with Allegra, sometimes forgetting

that she is a ghost and that she died years ago.

One day, he brings them a letter that changes everything: a royal summons. All the words in the Book of Dark Worlds (the occultists' grimoire) have disappeared! If the sisters can solve the mystery, King Aloysius promises to restore their family's name and make them Royal Occultists once again.

Desperate, the sisters set off in search of the book, but they are about to discover far bigger and more personal secrets. Their quest turns out to be a search for their own identity, during which they uncover terrible secrets about the Wickwood family.

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THE AUTHOR:

After studying literature, **Ludivine Irolla** worked as an editor before devoting herself fully to writing. She has published children's novels with *Poulpe Fictions*, *Livres du Dragon d'or* and a teen novel with *Slalom*. Her universe is populated by cats, references to her favorite authors and female figures ready for battle.

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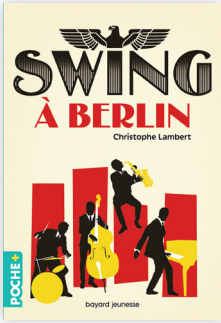
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SWING À BERLIN

By Christophe Lambert



THEME: HISTORY / SOCIETY / MUSIC

KEYWORDS: NAZISM / RESISTANCE / SECOND WORLD WAR

This novel is gripping musical fiction set against the backdrop of resistance to Nazism and based on a true story.

Berlin, 1942. The war is dragging on, and the Germans are beginning to sense that victory is slipping away. Joseph Goebbels, the Minister of Propaganda, is searching for a way to lift the population's morale. And what could be more uplifting than jazz? But jazz, labeled as "degenerate music" or "Negro music," is banned by the regime. So the minister orders the creation of a "rhythmically accentuated dance music"—a version of jazz that

would promote Aryan ideals. Veteran pianist Wilhelm Dussander has been retired ever since the Jewish members of his band were arrested. Though he believes politics should have no place in music, he has never liked the Nazis. Yet when Goebbels personally calls on him to assemble the group he envisions, Dussander has no choice but to comply...

THE AUTHOR:

Christophe Lambert is passionate about cinema, which he studied at university before starting his career on television. His love for films also inspired him to write detective novels, and he became an author in the late 1990s. Since then, he has published over sixty novels across various genres: thriller, adventure, science fiction, history, and more. At Bayard Éditions Jeunesse, he is notably the author of historical novels such as "Swing à Berlin," "Lever de rideau sur Terezin," "Soul Breakers," and "Calamity." He also novelizes the series "Yakari."

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LA VARIANTE DU DRAGON

By Christophe Lambert



THEME: HISTORY

KEYWORDS: WW2 / CHESS / STRATEGY / ENEMIES

During the Second World War, a chess match between a young Jewish boy and a high-ranking Nazi official could change the future of the world.

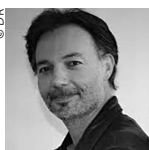
Washington, 1943. Markus Eisenberg is an eighteen-year-old Jewish boy from Germany who emigrated to the USA with his mother and aunt after his father was killed on "Kristallnacht". Markus has dreamt of revenge ever since. He joins the army and waits to be sent to Europe. But his superior has other plans for him...

He tells him about a prison camp near Washington, Camp 11-42, where German soldiers and scientists are

being held. The Military Chief of Staff has decided to use a gentle method to extract information from them, by sending in young men to befriend them and get them to talk.

Markus is assigned Officer Hans Reinhardt, a high-ranking member of the German secret service, who was captured on board a submarine in the Caribbean. He has only one passion in life: chess. Just like Markus. ■

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THE AUTHOR:

Christophe Lambert has directed short movies, worked in television and taught high school video workshops. Nowadays, he spends most of his time writing and has published novels in

a wide range of genres. He won a lot different prizes for *Swing à Berlin*, *Prix Chronos de Littérature*, *Prix des Dévoreurs de livres*, *Prix du roman historique jeunesse*

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WELCOME SARAH

By Véronique Foz



THEME: DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY

KEYWORDS: TRANSDENTITY / DIFFERENCE / BULLYING

A novel about Sarah's brave journey to make people accept her identity and overcome bullying. Contemporary and full of hope.

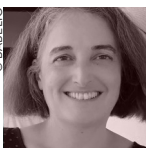
Sarah loves to dance and play with her friends. She's just like any other girl, only officially, Sarah's name is Arthur and she was born in a boy's body.

A luminous, sensitive novel, and a source of hope, about trans identity and a child's struggle for her gender identity

to be recognized and accepted by her family, friends, and society.

Drawing on current events and the tragic consequences of bullying, this young adult novel will appeal to teens and adults alike, as readers follow Sarah's journey from the age of 3 to 18.

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THE AUTHOR:

Véronique Foz shares her time between writing, translating, and iconography. *Welcome Sarah* is her first YA novel.

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OUR AUTHORS

ANNE-LAURE BONDOUX



ANNE-LAURE BONDOUX is a great French children's author. She has published around fifteen novels for teenagers and adults.

She was chosen to represent children's literature at the 2017 Frankfurt Book Fair, when France was the guest of honour.

Her novels have been translated into over twenty languages and have won numerous awards in France and abroad.

Meet and greets enable her to put her novels into perspective with the times, and question her relationship with readers. She believes that literature should transcend reality, serve to explore otherness and convey a message that will remain relevant years later. Her challenge—to continue questioning herself and the world ten, twenty years later...



AWARDS:

Les larmes de l'assassin:

"Prix France Télévision" (France) 2004

"ALA Best Book for Young Adults" (US) 2007

"Mildred L. Batchelder Honor Book" (US) 2007

"Prix Andersen" (Italy) 2009

Le temps des miracles:

"Prix Libbylit" (Belgium) – 2009

"Mildred L. Batchelder award" (US) 2011

"ALA Best Book for Young Adults" (US) 2012

"German High School Students Award" (Germany) – 2012



Le destin de Linus Hoppe:

Recommended by the French Ministry of National Education



10+ | 2019 | 424 pp



J'aime lire | 7+ | 2023 | 48 pp



J'aime lire | 7+ | 2019 | 48 pp



10+ | 2023 | 224 pp



10+ | 2024 | 320 pp

ÉVELYNE BRISOU-PELLEN



ÉVELYNE BRISOU-PELLEN is an award-winning author of children's books. She began writing for *Pomme d'Api* magazine, before penning her first novel, *Le mystère de la nuit des pierres*, in 1980. She has been writing ever since. Her books are published by Bayard, as well as Pocket Jeunesse, Nathan, Gallimard, Rageot, Hachette, etc.

With more than thirty novels under her belt, Évelyne Brisou-Pellen is an internationally successful author and is especially well-known for her historical fiction. She has won several awards for her children's stories and novels.



AWARDS:

Le Manoir:

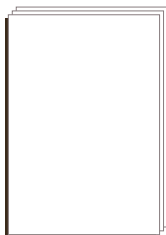
"Prix Gulli" – 2013

"Prix les Incorruptibles" – 2015



Le chat de l'empereur de Chine:

Recommended by the French Ministry of National Education.



8+ | 2019–2022 |
144 pp



Milan cadet | 8+ |
2019 | 80 pp



9+ | 2021 | 92 pp



10+ | 2016 | 250 pp



10+ | 2011–2019 |
416–494 pp



12+ | 2013–2019 |
400–450 pp



12+ | 2020–2022 |
585 pp

CLAIRE CLÉMENT



CLAIRE CLÉMENT-GÉRY was born in Paris. Her mother, a librarian, and her father, a born storyteller, passed down their love of reading and writing when she was very young.

She was a feature editor with Bayard's *J'aime lire Max* magazine, and is the author of the series *Essie*, and of the novels, *Loulette*, *La Petite Caillotte*, *Sami*, *Goliath*, *Oscar*, *Ousmane et les autres...* She has received many literary prizes for her books.

Children and parents alike love her stories, to be read, sung or counted. She regularly meets her readers. These moments of exchange and sharing help her continually improve her stories, so that they perfectly reflect her readers' desires, expectations and needs.



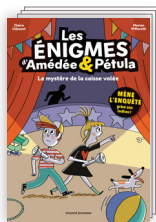
AWARDS:

La petite Caillotte:

2011 Prix Bouquin Malin

Surtout, n'ouvre pas la porte:

2012 Prix incorruptibles CP



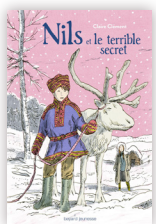
8+ | 2023 | 48 pp



Yupi, je lis | 6+ |
2017



Yupi, je lis | 6+ |
2009-2020 | 32 pp



6+ | 2017 | 288 pp



8+ | 2022 | 128 pp



10+ | 2016 | 176 pp

MARIE-HÉLÈNE DELVAL



MARIE-HÉLÈNE DELVAL is a bestselling author and translator. Her work has appeared in *Les Belles Histoires* and *J'aime lire* magazines, and her novel *Les chats* features on the Ministry of National Education's recommended reading list, while her series *Les dragons de Nalsara* is a bestseller and a unique addition to the fantasy genre for young readers. Among others, she's translated *The Inheritance Cycle* and *The Wardstone Chronicles*.

Whether translating series or writing her own novels, Marie-Hélène Delval enjoys exploring the metaphysical dimension of fear. She strives to help children put their emotions or fears into words, instead of silencing them. Children love her characters and their struggles, which they can relate to. "Stories—even the quirkiest ones—are only interesting when they talk about us!"

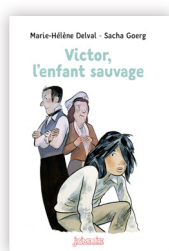


Les chats:

Recommended by the French Ministry of National Education



Tu lis, je lis | 6+ |
2015–2020 | 32 pp



7+ | 2017 | 48 pp



8+ | 2008–2020
| 96 pp



10+ | 2011–2019 |
112 pp



10+ | 2023 | 160 pp

BERNARD FRIOT



BERNARD FRIOT used to teach Literature and has always been interested in children and teens' reading habits.

He defines himself as a "public writer".

His stories are born from regular contact with his young readers, which inspire emotions and images. This relationship with readers is also at the heart of his reflection on writing. He believes that reading, like writing, is an act of creation. A text should therefore encourage young readers to carefully and freely construct their own interpretation. Bernard Friot also translates into French from German and Italian.



AWARDS:

Nominated for the 2021 Astrid Lindgren Award.



Histoires pressées:

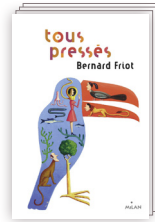
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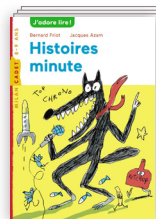
7+ | 2017 | 40 pp



8+ | 2017 | 96 pp



7+ | 2002-2020 | 112 - 144 pp



7+ | 2016-2019 | 80 pp



10+ | 2019 | 160 pp



10+ | 2019 | 160 pp

MARIE-AUDE MURAIL



MARIE-AUDE MURAIL grew up with a love of literature. Her children's stories have been published by Bayard, Gallimard, Nathan and l'école des loisirs. A renowned author, she is well-known for her engaged and militant style.

She has written more than eighty novels, which have won a dozen prizes and been published around the world. At the age of 50, she was awarded the highest French distinction, the Legion of Honour, for her work in literature and education.

Marie-Aude Murail is a true chameleon who explores a multitude of themes—sexuality, family, illness, madness, politics, death, violence—and genres in her books, from fantasy to detective novels, or even fairy tales.



AWARDS:

Jésus, comme un roman...

Prix Jeunesse 1998
du Syndicat des libraires
de littérature religieuse.

L'oncle Giorgio:

Prix Lire en Poche
de Littérature jeunesse 2018
Prix Hans Christian Andersen
2022



5+ | 2021-2022 |
100 pp



| 6+ | 2019 | 48 pp



10+ | 2021 | 144 pp



7+ | 2019 | 48 pp



8+ | 2018 | 48 pp



12+ | 2021 | 230 pp

CHRISTOPHE LAMBERT



CHRISTOPHE LAMBERT has two passions in life that feed into each other: movies and writing. He has made several short films and worked for TV. He has written sixty or so novels for children and adults in a wide range of genres—historical novels, thrillers, fantasy, and science fiction—for a variety of publishing houses (Bayard, Hachette, Syros, Nathan and Fleuve Noir).



AWARDS:

Swing à Berlin:

2012 Prix NRP littérature jeunesse

2013 Prix des dévoreurs de livres

2013 Prix du roman historique
jeunesse

2014 Prix Chronos de littérature



10+ | Sept. 2020 |
272 pp



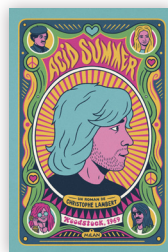
10+ | 2024 | 388 pp



12+ | 2020 | 286 pp



14+ | 2017 | 600 pp



14+ | 2019 | 240 pp

NATHALIE SOMERS



NATHALIE SOMERS, a prolific author, has written more than forty novels and picture books for children, published by Bayard, Fleurus, Didier Jeunesse and Talents Hauts, among others.

Whether fantasy worlds, everyday life or history, she always writes with the same accuracy, playfulness and humor. Nathalie Somers' characters are strong, whatever the theme or genre, and explore topics that children hold dear and can easily relate to. Her novels have been awarded several prizes.

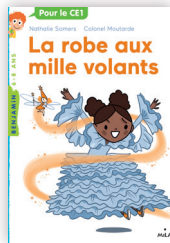
She has a close relationship with her readers and enjoys visiting schools or running creative writing workshops.



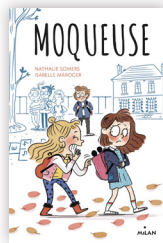
AWARDS:

Moqueuse:

Nominated for "Prix Lire en Poche de Littérature jeunesse" 2021



6+ | Avril 2021 | 32 pp



8+ | Sept. 2020 | 128 pp



10+ | 2019 | 208 pp



10+ | Oct. 2020 | 208 pp



10+ | 2020-2022 | 119-144 pp

MURIELLE SZAC



MURIELLE SZAC, an author and journalist, was also editor-in-chief of the magazines *Popi*, *Tralalire* and *Belles Histoires*.

She has written over twenty books and enjoys meeting her readers in their classrooms. She regularly organizes workshops around *Les Feuilletons mythologie* and is therefore familiar with the school environment and the world of childhood. She loves stories that encourage readers to dream, but also those that make you cry, think or feel angry. In other words, stories that explore essential themes and make you want to change the world.

Her strong, endearing and complex characters embark young and old readers alike on a fabulous adventure into Greek mythology.



Le feuilleton de Thésée:

Recommended by the French Ministry of National Education



8+ | 2006–2024 |
256–288 pp

SÉVERINE VIDAL



SÉVERINE VIDAL's first children's book was released in 2010 (Talents Hauts). She also writes novels for teenagers (Le Rouergue, Grasset, Oskar), comic books, picture books (Sarbacane, Frimoussa) and features for the press.

She has written thirty or so novels that have been translated into lots of languages and won several awards.

She also runs creative writing workshops and stays in close contact with her readers through her blog. Her stories explore sensitive themes and subjects such as disability, poverty, divorce, violence, abandonment or shyness, but they also convey an optimistic message, full of joy, love and humor.

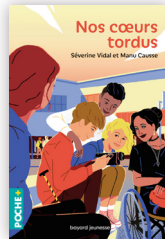


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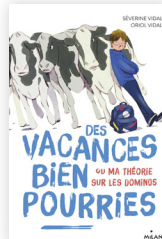
Nos cœurs tordus:

"Prix Gulli" - 2017

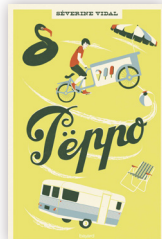
Selected for "Prix des Incorruptibles 2018-2019"



10+ | 2023 | 300 pp



8+ | 2019 | 96 pp



12+ | 2018 | 176 pp