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**FICTION**

2024



## ROMAN MILAN 6+ | SERIES

By Various Authors and 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, investigation, 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.

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Large cover illustration focusing on the characters

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## ROMAN MILAN 7+ | SERIES

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“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.
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# 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!*

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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!

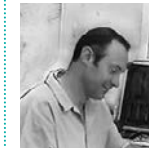
A story about a young Native American boy, Tokala, in search of freedom - and dinosaur bones - plunging readers into the heart of the United States in 1865. Dinosaur fans will love this initiatory journey set against a backdrop of major palaeontological discoveries.

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 Bayard 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.

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# MARCEL LE PÈRE NOËL ET LE PETIT LIVREUR DE PIZZAS

By Julie Rembauville & Nicolas Bianco



**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** 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.

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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.

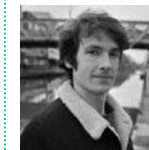
It all began in 62 BC, when the Druids built a new temple in the heart of the city of Lutetia, using an oak tree to support the doorway. The tree-turned-pillar has witnessed many major historical events: when the city was conquered by the Romans, Viking invasions, royal coronations, revolutions... The 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.



**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.



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

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# 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.



## 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.

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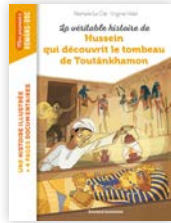


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FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS 5+



MILAN POUSSIN  
5+ | 72 pp



MES PREMIERS ROMANS-DOC  
6+ | 48 pp



JE LIS TOUT HAUT  
6+ | 32 pp



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Vol. 3, 4  
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TOTALLY SPIES  
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MIDDLE GRADE 7+



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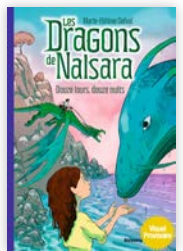
LE QUINZE D'ARTHUR  
Vol. 4  
7+ | 72 pp



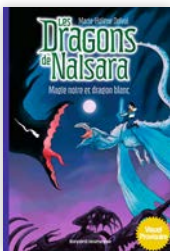
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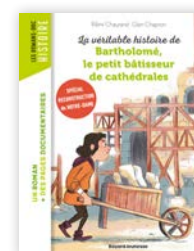
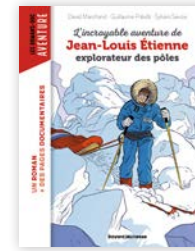
LES DRAGONS DE NALSARA  
Vol. 13, 14  
8+ | 96 pp



TOUTOU TOUT FRISÉ  
Vol. 2  
8+ | 100 pp



LES GAMINES DE PARIS  
Vol. 4  
10+ | 192 pp



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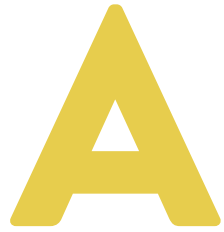
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major player in publishing in France as well as abroad, Bayard Group's children's list features a number of international fiction bestsellers, such as *Eragon*, *Goosebumps*, *Six of Crows*, etc.

But fiction at Bayard is also made up of a sustained and qualitative range of French creations. Our editors are always on the lookout for young French talents, who innovate in both their writing style and contemporary approach to social issues. Our catalog showcases some of the best French literary authors, such as **Anne-Laure Bondoux**, **Malika Ferdjoukh**, **Bernard Friot**, **Anna Gavalda**, and **Marie-Aude Murail** ("Hans Christian Andersen Prize" 2022), **Insa Sané**. (...) So, what do all these writers have in common? What makes up the DNA of this French production? First of all, they share a quality of language, a rich, intimate and poetic vocabulary. But they also emphasize values centered on listening, they encourage introspection to help children express their emotions, they take on strong social topics such as grief or disability, for an inclusive, diverse, tolerant and benevolent representation of society, and of course they imagine adventures and tales to embark young minds on a journey!

Our catalog also embraces multiple formats as most of our content is available as an e-book or sometimes audio version. We take a 360° approach to all our immersive worlds.

Within the **Bayard Jeunesse** brand, we develop illustrated fiction formats that provide a gateway to reading for the most reluctant children, thanks to our know-how in comics and illustrations. We strive to ensure that every child finds the right fit, through both the format and level of closeness.

■ The *Nos cœurs tordus* trilogy, written by **Séverine Vidal** and **Manu Causse**, delights parents, teachers and children with a narrative from multiple points of view and a sensitive approach to disability.

■ Finally, don't miss out on our bestselling series, *Les Dragons de Nalsara*, **900,000 copies sold**, by **Marie-Hélène Delval**, for a journey into a world where children train dragons.

At **Milan**, we find it paramount to keep a firm grip on reality and to observe the major changes in our world. Our books question the environmental impact of human activity, our socio-economic models, our relationship with technology and the use of data, and our multiple, non-standard family structures. Our literature is engaged and engaging, at a child's level, for all age groups.

■ *Les Histoires pressées*, **1,400,000 copies sold**, radiate **Bernard Friot's** love of words and turn children into writers. He won several prizes in Italy ("Premio Andersen" 2009, 2016, "Premio Liber Miglior libor" 2019) and in France ("Prix des dévoreurs de livres" 2016, "Prix Poésie des lecteurs" "Lire et faire lire" 2017).

■ *Polar Vert*, a breath-taking series that combines adventure, suspense and ecology.

We hope that you will enjoy the titles and series we have selected for you as much as we did. They may well become your children's bedside table books...

*The Bayard Jeunesse and Milan editors*

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# HOTLIST



## 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

- 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade.



**THE AUTHOR:**  
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 Editions Milan.



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

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## ÉMILE ET MARGOT | SERIES

By Anne Didier, Olivier Muller & Olivier Deloye



**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 Deloye 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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## 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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## COMMENT J'AI (UN PEU) SAUVÉ LE MONDE

By Sophie Chabanel



**THEME:** NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT / HUMOR

**KEYWORDS:** ECOANXIETY / YOUTH / ACTIVISM / CONTEMPORARY

The planet is on the brink of extinction, my mom still thinks I'm 5, my dad is in love with his motorcycle, and I only have one friend at school. The world's in bad shape...

Rose has been living with her mom ever since her parents got divorced. Her dad only cares about his motorcycles. At high school, Rose is keen to make a difference and join a feminist organization or Youth for Climate. After a competition organized by the city and an unexpected encounter, she decides to set up a poster in her building. Because little things can make a big difference. But not everyone in the building is ready to change their ways. And some seem determined to make things difficult for her...

A contemporary teen novel that takes a positive and constructive approach to eco-anxiety—how can you take action on a small level? How can you find your voice when you're a quiet, shy girl?

The heroine perfectly embodies a young voice and takes a lucid and funny look at the world, tackling important issues, such as relationships with parents and others, standing up for what you believe, and intergenerational friendships.



**THE AUTHOR:**

**Sophie Chabanel** works in the non-profit sector. After twelve years in the field, she decided to start writing. She has written several thrillers published by Editions du Seuil and an ecology essay.

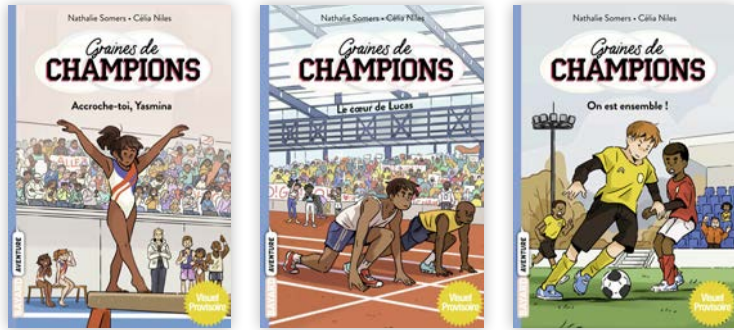
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# GRAINES DE CHAMPIONS | SERIES

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.



### 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:

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

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# LES GRANDES GRANDES VACANCES | SERIES

By Michel Leydier & Émile Bravo



**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 Goscinny (Angoulême Festival 2002).

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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

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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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## 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.



### 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*...

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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 orders 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.

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# TOUTOU TOUT FRISÉ | SERIES

By Claire Renaud & Thomas Baas



**THEME:** ACTION & ADVENTURE  
**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* attentif, 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...*).

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# 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... ■



**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.

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# ENTRÉE FRACASSANTE DES ACTRICES

By Esmé Planchon & Manon Bucciarelli



**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*).



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
**Manon Bucciarelli** is a graphic designer who mainly works in publishing. She enjoys creating impactful designs for each project, whether a kid's book, novel, general knowledge book, or cookbook.

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# J'AI DÛ M'EN ALLER

By Mélanie Edwards



**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.



**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.

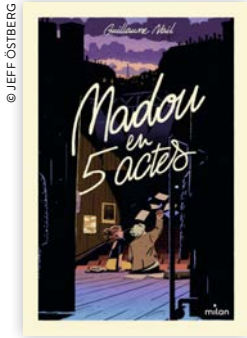
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# MADOU EN 5 ACTES

By Guillaume Nail



**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.



**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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# LES SŒURS WICKWOOD

By Ludivine Irolla



**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.



**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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# 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. ■



**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. ■



**THE AUTHOR:**

**Véronique Foz** shares her time between writing, translating, and iconography. *Welcome Sarah* is her first YA novel.

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# UPCOMING TITLES / BACKLIST

FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS 5+



MILAN POUSSIN  
5+ | 24 pp



MILAN BENJAMIN  
6+ | 32 pp

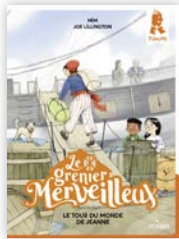


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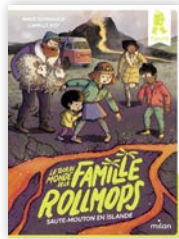


MES PREMIERS ROMANS-DOCS  
6+ | 48 pp

MIDDLE GRADE 7+



LE GRENIER MERVEILLEUX  
Vol. 5  
7+ | 72 pp



LE TOUR DU MONDE  
DE LA FAMILLE ROLLOPS  
Vol. 6  
7+ | 72 pp



SOS ANIMAUX  
Vol. 5  
7+ | 96 pp



DRAGON PARK  
Vol. 5  
10+ | 128 pp



J'AIME LIRE  
Vol. 6  
7+ | 48 pp



HISTOIRES PRESSÉES  
Vol. 6  
7+ | 64 pp



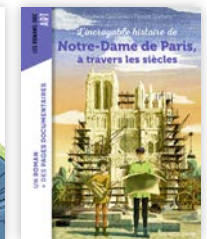
MILAN CADET  
7+ | 40 pp



LE FEUILLETON  
DES JEUX D'OLYMPIE  
Vol. 5  
8+ | 100 pp



ROMANS-DOCS  
8+ | 48 pp



# FIRST CHAPTER BOOKS



# 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.



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**NB OF TITLES:** 47  
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# MILAN BENJAMIN | SERIES

By various artists

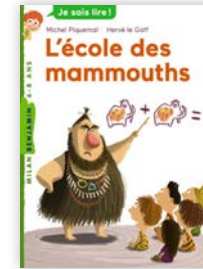


**KEYWORDS:** HUMOR / EVERYDAY LIFE / SCHOOL / ADVENTURE

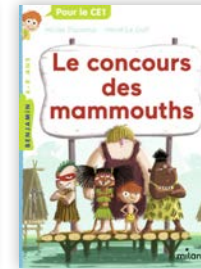
A rite of passage from parental reading to semi-autonomous reading. Children discover the meaning of the written word through short and highly illustrated stories.

## KEY POINTS

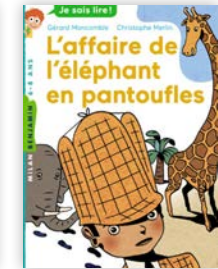
- Short stories with vivid illustrations which integrate elements of the text in the style of a comic book.
- Chapters that preserve the story's pacing.
- Short exercises at the end of the book to make sure that the child understood the story well.



RAN ET LES MAMMOUTHS: 2 titles



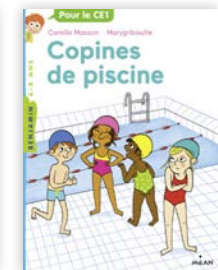
FÉLIX: 7 titles



SUPER-OUAF: 6 titles



LA MAÎTRESSE: 7 titles



Illustrations help the kids to identify which character is speaking.

Glossary.

Main characters/ thematic/location are introduced here.

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, Dratula.

**PUB DATE:** 2013–2024  
**EXTENT:** 112 pp  
**FORMAT:** 130 x 180 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.70

**NB OF TITLES:** 74  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 4,193,000 cps  
**INTL:** Breton, Korean,

Chinese (Simplified)  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio



# PETIT À PETIT, JE LIS | SERIES

By various artists

**KEYWORDS:** HUMOR / EVERYDAY LIFE / FRIENDSHIP / ADVENTURE

Short, well-written texts, packed full with suspense, mystery and humor for kids who are learning to read.

## KEY POINTS

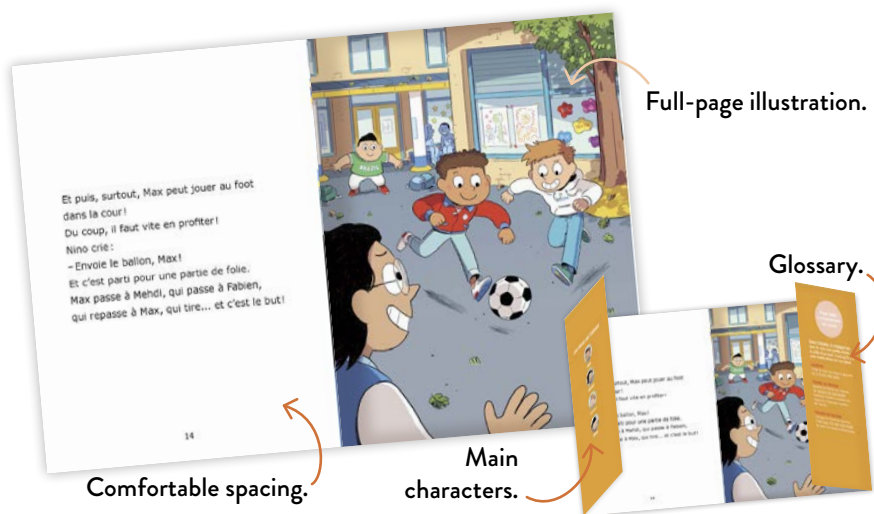
- Each author worked with the help of a primary school teacher who established guidelines taking the learning process into account.
- Each story has been tested by children in their first year of schooling.
- The games at the end of the books also make sure children have understood the story completely.
- Vibrant universes full of crazy adventures and fun characters for kids to develop their reading skills.



LES ENQUÊTES DU CP: 7 titles



MAX FOU DE FOOT: 9 titles



**PUB DATE:** 2017-2021  
**EXTENT:** 32 pp  
**FORMAT:** 145 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 26  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 129,600 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio



# TU LIS, JE LIS | SERIES

By various artists



**KEYWORDS:** HUMOR / SCHOOL / EVERYDAY LIFE

Short stories to read with two voices for a smooth transition from picture books to novels, and to offer beginners the pleasure of a shared reading experience with an autonomous reader.

## KEY POINTS

- Airy typography for a real reading comfort.
- While an autonomous reader takes care of the narration, the apprentice takes care of the dialogue lines, which are indicated by pictograms representing the character speaking.
- Strong characters and universes by renowned authors like Mr Tan or Marie-Hélène Delval.



LE MANOIR DE MÉLINE: 3 titles



**PUB DATE:** 2015–2020  
**EXTENT:** 32 pp  
**FORMAT:** 145 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 6  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 475,000 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (simplified except)

Taiwan, Hong-Kong and Macao, Korean,  
 Spanish (Spain and Latin America)  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  Audio



# YOUPI, JE LIS! | SERIES

By various artists

**KEYWORDS:** HUMOR / EVERYDAY LIFE / IMAGINATION / BEING SOMEONE ELSE

The perfect series to dive into autonomous reading. Short, simple, well-paced stories written by literacy specialists. Bright and captivating illustrations to help with the reader's understanding and enjoyment of the story.

## KEY POINTS

- Each story has been tested by children in their first or second year of schooling.
- Big names of the children literature world such as Paul Martin or Anne-Laure Bondoux.
- Over 300,000 copies sold.
- Essie, a delightful subseries by Claire Clément in which children get to play their favorite game: pretend!



**PUB DATE:** 2009–2021  
**EXTENT:** 32 pp  
**FORMAT:** 145 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 28  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 855,650 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio



ESSIE: 12 titles



# 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

**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 Tornade (50 episodes on France Culture), which was adapted for the theater and won the "Molière de la Comédie" in 2020.

**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.

**PUB DATE:** 2023-2024  
**EXTENT:** 32 pp  
**FORMAT:** 160 x 210 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €9.90  
**NB OF TITLES:** 7  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 10,000 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio  


# MES PREMIERS ROMANS-DOC | SERIES

By various authors and illustrators



**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  
**NB OF TITLES:** 7

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio  
 Audiovisual  


## LES WEEK-ENDS DE POLKA | SERIES

By Thibault Bérard & Charles Dutertre



**THEME:** HUMOR

**KEYWORDS:** CHILDHOOD / IMAGINATION / LAUGHTER

Polka is 5 years old. She likes getting into trouble, listening to loud music, saying bad words and imagining the best... and the worst! When Polka feels strong emotions, her imagination takes over and lets off steam! Highly relatable and guaranteed giggles.

### KEY POINTS

- A colorful character brought to life by Thibault Bérard's lively writing style and Charles Dutertre's fun illustrations
- Between a picture book and first chapter book
- To share as a family and for kids taking their very first steps towards independent reading



#### THE AUTHOR:

After studying literature, **Thibault Bérard** became a journalist and then an editor. He headed up a Parisian publisher's

fiction list for fifteen years before becoming a full-time author.



#### THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Charles Dutertre** studied arts in Caen and Rennes. He works for the press and illustrates children's books. In 2008,

he won the Bologna Ragazzi award, in the Fiction category.

**PUB DATE:** 2023-2024  
**EXTENT:** 88 pp  
**FORMAT:** 150 x 215 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 3  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 3,600 cps

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- Ebook
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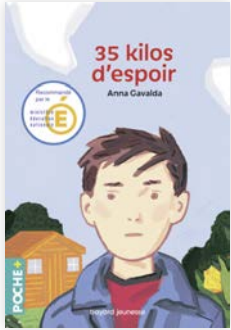


# MIDDLE GRADE



# 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:** 650,000 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (simplified), Russian, German, Hungarian,

Slovenian, Romanian  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio



# 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, 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?

**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:** September 2022  
**EXTENT:** 160 pp  
**FORMAT:** 138 x 210 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.90

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio  
 Audiovisual



# 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.



**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  
*(old version D'amour et de sang)*

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio



# LES APPRENTIS SAMOURAÏS | SERIES

By Marine Carteron



**THEME:** ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP  
**KEYWORDS:** MARTIAL ARTS / TIME TRAVEL

Three martial arts aficionados travel back to 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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...



**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:** €10.90

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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!



#### 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

#### SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

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# LA CABANE INTERDIT AUX GRANDS

By Marion Achard & Vérane Cottin

| SERIES



**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! ■■



**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..



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

**Vèrane 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

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio



# LE CADEAU DE MAY

By Sophie Noël & Mini Ludvin



**THEME:** FRIENDSHIP

**KEYWORDS:** DISABILITY / SOLITUDE

A touching story of a friendship between a solitary fisherman and a disabled girl in contemporary China.

Shan the fisherman loves where he lives, but he's a bit of a loner. Until the day his dog Hoa Mi has three puppies! Thanks to one of them, Shan meets May, a disabled girl with a strong personality... At first, the fisherman and young girl only talk about their dogs

but little by little, the two endearing characters become friends. The fisherman discovers a generous young girl full of life and decides to take her under his wing.

A modern and touching fable about dogs, friendship and disability. ■■



**THE AUTHOR:**

**Sophie Noël** is a teacher and novelist. She draws inspiration from fairy tales and is the co-author of several poetry books, short stories and tales.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

**Mini Ludvin** studied drawing at Angouleme. She worked for 10 years in animation before returning to her first love, children's book illustrations and comic books.

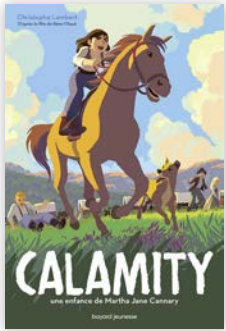
**PUB DATE:** September 2022  
**EXTENT:** 64 pp  
**FORMAT:** 127 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.70

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audiovisual



# CALAMITY

By Christophe Lambert



**THEME:** ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP / HISTORY  
**KEYWORDS:** WESTERN

At 11, Martha Jane is already in charge of her household. Stifled by responsibilities and social pressure, she dreams only of riding wild and free. Wrongly accused of theft, she embarks on an epic quest to prove her innocence.

A convoy of pioneers travels through the Wild West, in search of a better life.

Among them, the Cannary family, and 11-year-old Martha Jane, whose fiery personality tends to get her into trouble. She struggles with the expectations placed on girls in her community—she wants to go horse-riding, throw a lasso and switch her skirt for a comfortable pair of trousers.

So, when adventure comes knocking at her door, Martha Jane throws herself into a coming-of-age journey that leads her as far as the American frontier.

The extraordinary life of Martha Jane Cannary, or how a young girl with a rebellious streak becomes the legend known as Calamity Jane. A strong and inspiring female figure's coming-of-age. *Adapted from an animated film.*



**AWARDS:**

CRISTAL FOR FEATURE FILMS AT THE ANNECY ANIMATION MOVIE FESTIVAL. NOMINATED FOR THE 2021 ANIMATED FEATURE CESAR AWARDS.



**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*

**PUB DATE:** Sept. 2020  
**PAGES:** 272 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 200 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12.90

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 4,600 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio (except Denmark)



# C'EST BIEN | TRILOGY

By Philippe Delerm



**THEME:** DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY  
**KEYWORDS:** FEELINGS / DAILY ADVENTURES

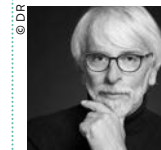
Making a volcano out of mashed potatoes, choosing one's ice cream flavor... Because it's all about the little things, a poetic panorama of childhood little joys and emotions.

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.



**RECOMMENDED BY** THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.



**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)

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio



# 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 Lucrèce. No day is the same at Vill'Hervé!



**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.*



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

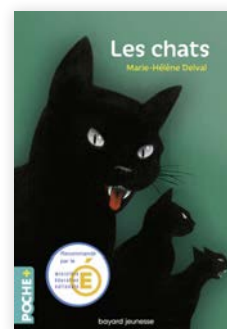
**PUB DATE:** 12/10/2022  
**EXTENT:** 100 pp  
**FORMAT:** 150 x 220 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12.90

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio  
 Audiovisual



# 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

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# CITÉ LES ARGONAUTES | SERIES

By Insa Sané



**THEME:** DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FRIENDSHIP  
**KEYWORDS:** HIGH SCHOOL / EVERYDAY LIFE

The Argonaute is just like any other housing project. High-rise concrete buildings in the middle of nowhere. Only nowhere doesn't exist. And Bounégueux, Jeanne, Mehdi, Erwan and Maya want to exist.

Five teens embark on an epic journey through life, from 5<sup>th</sup> grade to college, experiencing innocence, laughter and first kisses, but also racism, mistrust, revolt and violence...

Told from five points of view, this series is a five-volume saga mapping out each character's journey, intrinsically linked with their social backgrounds and

families, but without any form of miserabilism. Each grows in confidence in this environment that brings challenges and trials to overcome, choices to make, pitfalls to avoid... or not.

In *Cité des Argonautes*, Insa Sané gives a voice to characters often forgotten in literature, and strives to erase the idea that "others" are not like us.



**THE AUTHOR:**

*Insa Sané is an author, actor, screenwriter, songwriter, and performer. When he's not on stage or in a studio, Insa is writing novels. He is best-known for his novels Sarcelles-Dakar and Du plomb dans le crâne.*

**PUB DATE:** August 2021  
**EXTENT:** 160 pp  
**FORMAT:** 140 x 205 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.90

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio



# 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.



**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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 Audio



## LE COMBAT DES MAGES

By Antoine Lefranc & Marine Vernhes



**THEME:** FANTASY / FRIENDSHIP

**KEYWORDS:** SCHOOL / HEROES / BATTLES

Two apprentice sorcerers, plots to foil, power-hungry enemies, unexpected twists and turns... A thrilling debut fantasy novel!

Margot can't wait to become a sorceress! She is proud to be studying at the prestigious Academy along with her friend Vincent. But their

talent doesn't go unnoticed... This strong, fearless but measured heroine is a great example of a female character that all readers will love.



### THE AUTHOR:

**Antoine Lefranc** is a French author who writes short stories for kids and thrillers. He is the deputy station manager at Lyon

Part-Dieu and has written short stories on the theme of rail travel.



### THE AUTHOR:

**Marine Vernhes** works in character design for animation and video games, notably at Ankama and has

illustrated books in partnership with L'Équipe.

**PUB DATE:** April 2023  
**EXTENT:** 64 pp  
**FORMAT:** 127 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.70

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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.



### 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

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# 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 Mieg. 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.

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.**



**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  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €7.50

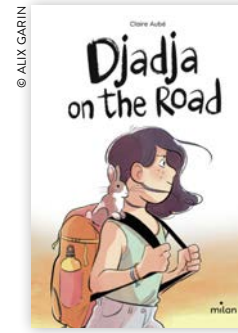
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 42,200 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
 Audio



# 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. ■



**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:** €14.90

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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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.



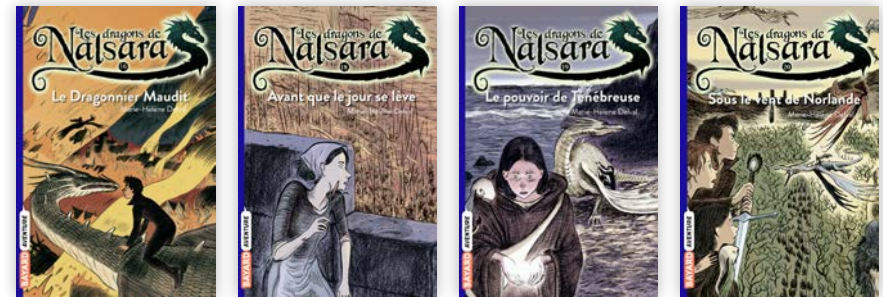
**THE AUTHOR:**

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  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 667,000 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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## DRAGON PARK | SERIES

By Thomas Verdois



**THEME:** FANTASY ADVENTURE / ACTION & ADVENTURE

**KEYWORDS:** SCHOOL / DRAGONS

Welcome to Dragon Park! An island in the middle of the North Sea that attracts visitors from all over the world...

Everyone's talking about the new theme park, "Dragon Park", where a scientist has brought several dragons to life. But then one day, the terrible Nemrogs, half dragon/half man mutants, attack the island...

Louison and her brother Nino's father, who has been missing for 5 years, created

the monsters. As for their mother, she's busy travelling the world. All they have is their best friend, Oscar. So, they set off on dragon-back, on a quest for truth, which is just the beginning of a long series of adventures...



**THE AUTHOR:**

Thomas Verdois is a teacher in a business and engineering school. For many years, he shared his experience as a teacher on his comic strip blog Excuse me Teacher (approx. 300,000 hits). In 2014, he decided to stop writing comic books and focus on his first novel, Dragon Park.

**PUB DATE:** 2022-2024  
**EXTENT:** 128-144 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**

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- Audio



## LES ÉCURIES DE VERSAILLES | SERIES

By Anaïs Sautier & Miss Paty



**THEME:** HISTORY / ADVENTURE

**KEYWORDS:** HORSE RIDING / VERSAILLES

When she finds herself an unexpected talent with horses, Mariette, 11, is hired as a groom by none other than Louis XIV himself, and discovers the merciless world of Versailles.

As she's looking for work to pay for her brother's medication, 11-year-old Mariette comes across a beautiful horse who won't let anyone close except for her. Mariette doesn't know much about animals, but she seems to have a natural connection with the magnificent beast, who turns out to belong to the king himself! Impressed by her talent, Louis XIV, who witnessed the

scene, offers her a job as a groom.

With her friend Marin by her side, Mariette enters a whole new world.

Dive into the fascinating and brutal world of the Court of Versailles as seen through the eyes of a young groom, in this series halfway between a detective series and the hugely successful *Saddle Club* series.

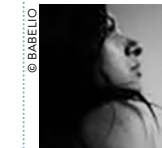


**THE AUTHOR:**

Anaïs Sautier is passionate about cinema, dance, and of course, writing. With *Les écuries de Versailles*, she wanted to move away from her usual contemporary genre.

**PUB DATE:** 2020-2022  
**EXTENT:** 96-112 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**NB OF TITLES:** 6  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 26,600 cps  
(first 2 volumes)



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

Miss Paty is an illustrator, she works with Milan Presse. She has participated in comic book collectives at CFSL ink and Dupuis.

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**

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- Audio



# 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 Astrapi 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:** €8.90

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

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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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.



**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

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# 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!

**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!

**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

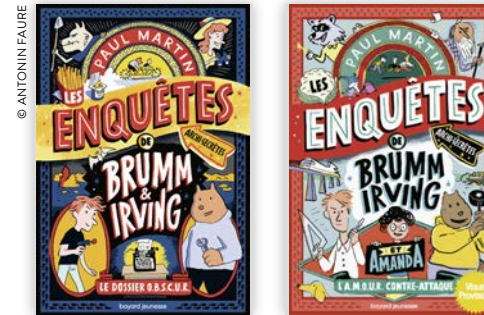
**NB OF TITLES:** 7  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 33,300 cps  
 (first 3 volumes)

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# LES ENQUÊTES ARCHI-SECRÈTES DE BRUMM ET IRVING | SERIES

By Paul Martin




**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.

**THE AUTHOR:**  

**Paul Martin**, a former editor at Astrapi, writes novels for kids, comic books (Kiki et Aliène, Docteur Enigma), 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:** €11.90

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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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!



**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:**  
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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# 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

**NB OF TITLES:** 4  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 15,000 cps  
(first series)

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# LA FAMILLE REBLOCHOU | SERIES

By Claire Renaud & Vincent Caut



**THEME:** HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP / FAMILY LIFE

**KEYWORDS:** MOVING AWAY

The Reblochous are cheese makers from father to son, but when the family decides to move away from the mountains and into town, you'd think aliens had just landed on Earth...

The Reblochou family lead a peaceful life in a mountain-top village... A little too peaceful. The mother is bored among all the cows, and dreams of opening a cheese shop in the nearby town. So, she convinces the rest of the family to move into an apartment above a cheese shop. Everyone is happy, except for Grandpa, who's never

lived anywhere but the mountains and wouldn't leave his goat Blanquette behind for the world. So he brings her along too. And the townsfolk had better leave him alone... Or else!

A generational culture clash, reflecting on the modern world and its excesses, against a cheese-loving backdrop! A funny and tender family series. ■

**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:**

**Vincent Caut** received the "Revelation blog" prize at the 2009 Angoulême International Comics Festival. A particularly prolific artist, he works in children's publishing and contributes to the press on a regular basis.

**PUB DATE:** 2021-2022  
**EXTENT:** 100 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 3  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 5,200 cps

**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. ■



**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 Makooli.

**PUB DATE:** October 2023  
**EXTENT:** 128 pp  
**FORMAT:** 120 x 180 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

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- Audiovisual



# 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!



**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:** 500,000 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (Simplified), English (World), Italian, Korean

**NB OF TITLES:** 6  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# LA FILLE D'EN FACE

By Malika Ferdjoukh



**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.



**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.

**PUB DATE:** Sept. 2020 (last pub)  
**EXTENT:** 64 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 5,500 cps

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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.



**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

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# LES FOLLES SEMAINES DE PIA! | SERIES

By Séverine Vidal & Benjamin Strickler



**THEME:** FAMILY LIFE / ACTION & ADVENTURE  
**KEYWORDS:** SIBLINGS / GHOST

Pia has two families, who are different in every way. Alternating between these two worlds helps her reflect and solve her adventures!

Pia is an only child with divorced parents. She spends one week at the lighthouse with her mother, the guardian. And the next with her dad, who lives in a studio apartment on the mainland. But he has some big news... he's getting married to Francesca who has nine

children, including twins and triplets! A radically different life awaits Pia in this big, whimsical and—luckily – welcoming family. From the very first week, she embarks on an adventure with her new brothers and sisters, to discover a mysterious manor house they'd like to move into...



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**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

Séverine Vidal writes novel 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 age.



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**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

Benjamin Strickler has been an illustrator since 2007. He studied at the Ecole Supérieure des Arts Saint-Luc Bruxelles, and has illustrated dozens of children's books: novels, picture books and non-fiction.

**PUB DATE:** October 2022  
**EXTENT:** 176 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 185 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12.50

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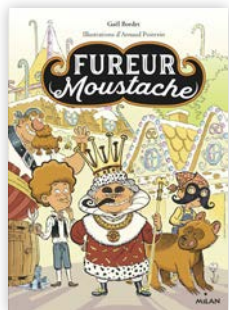






# FUREUR MOUSTACHE

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.



**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.



**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.

**PUB DATE:** March 2021  
**EXTENT:** 176 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 185 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12,50

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# LES GAMINES DE PARIS | SERIES

By Anne-Marie Desplat-Duc & Sophie Noël



**THEME:** HISTORY / FAMILY  
**KEYWORDS:** PARIS / FEMALE EMANCIPATION

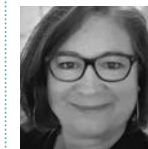
Paris, 1860. As the Belle Epoque revolutionizes society, the five Nodès girls are determined to make their dreams come true. Join each heroine as she tries to find her place.

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 ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 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:** 2023-2024  
**EXTENT:** 192-200 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 200 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12,90

**NB OF TITLES:** 3

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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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:** 9  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 90,700 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (simplified)

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**

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- Audio



# 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 Tornado (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:** 2022-2024  
**EXTENT:** 72 pp  
**FORMAT:** 130 x 180 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 5

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**

- Ebook
- Audio
- 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

#### SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:

- Ebook
- Audio



# LES HISTOIRES ÇA NE DEVRAIT JAMAIS FINIR

By Esmé Planchon



**THEME:** FRIENDSHIP / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE  
**KEYWORDS:** FAN FICTIONS / LITERATURE

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.



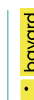
#### THE AUTHOR:

**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  
**EXTENT:** 400 pp  
**FORMAT:** 138 x 210 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €13.90

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- Audio



# LES HISTOIRES DE BERNARD FRIOT | SERIES

By Bernard Friot



**RECOMMENDED**  
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MINISTRY OF  
NATIONAL  
EDUCATION  
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.

*Histoires pressées*

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.



**NB OF TITLES:** 10  
**EXTENT:** 64-144 pp  
**FORMAT:** 120 x 180 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

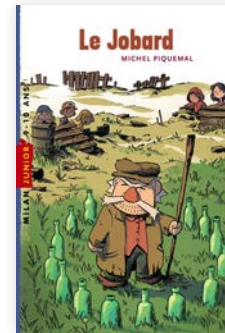
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 1,525,000 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (simplified), Greek, Italian, Occitan,

Russian, Slovenian, Turkish, German  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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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.



**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  
**FORMAT:** 120 x 180 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 120,000 cps

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# J'AIME LIRE | SERIES

By various artists

**KEYWORDS:** IMAGINATION / BUILDING VOCABULARY / SHORT ADVENTURES

First created in 1977, *J'aime lire* has since become children's favorite monthly magazine. Each month, over 2 million children ages 6-12 discover a new story penned by the finest writers of children's literature.

## KEY POINTS

- A broad range of literary and graphic styles—from humor to thrillers, from adventure to tales.
- Carefully crafted and rhythmically-structured writings by renowned and talented authors.
- Poignant or hilarious stories that leave a lasting impression in our readers' minds.
- Also available in English for magazine and digital formats.



**AWARDS:** VAMPIRETTE HAS WON THE 2016 BAYARD BONNEMINE D'OR.



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Vivid illustrations bring the story to life.

Easy-to-understand vocabulary to quickly develop literacy skills.

**PUB DATE:** 2017–2021 (last edition)  
**EXTENT:** 48 pp  
**FORMAT:** 127 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**NB OF TITLES:** 62  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 6,574,000 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (simplified)

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**CRAPOUNETTE:** 2 titles



**VAMPIRETTE:** 6 titles



# JO CHAMPION DE FOOT | SERIES

By Sylvain Zorzin & Timothé Le Boucher



**THEME:** ACTION & ADVENTURE / FRIENDSHIP  
**KEYWORDS:** SOCCER / RIVALRY / SELF-CONFIDENCE

When he's older, Johan will be a pro soccer player. But when he joins his new team, he finds a rival in Lionel, the talented forward who dreams of being the new Cristiano Ronaldo...

Johan is crazy about soccer, and dreams of becoming a pro player. When he moves into a new town with his mother, he immediately decides to join the local soccer club. But Lionel, their star player, is wary of this newcomer and intends to put Johan to the test...

Follow Johan in his many adventures with his soccer club, as he makes new

friends and rivals, and revels in his passion for the sport.

Combining action and adventure, this series, written by a soccer expert, portrays an endearing young hero and explores universal themes—overcoming your fears, making your dreams come true, and the power of team spirit...



**THE AUTHOR:**  
 Sylvain Zorzin is a children's magazine journalist and a soccer expert. He has been letting his imagination run wild in magazines and books since 2011.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 Timothé Le Boucher is a screenwriter, an artist and a colorist. He graduated from the Angoulême ÉESI and has already published several comics and graphic novels.

**PUB DATE:** 2018–2021  
**EXTENT:** 80 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 9  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 40,300 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# JOHN KESKESSE | SERIES

By Évelyne Brisou-Pellen & Juliette Bailly



**THEME:** FANTASY / HUMOR / FAMILY  
**KEYWORDS:** SUPERNATURAL / ANIMALS

Talie the mole finds a very strange youngling, furless and who walks on two legs instead of four. But John is very nice, and Talie will make a fine mole out of him, you'll see!

The irresistible adventures of a mole who adopts a very tiny human as her own and decides to raise him into a fine mole, even if the other moles find him weird! A wacky series chock-full with emotion, family and the search for identity. Although the underground seems like a strange place for a little humanoid like John to live in, he's smart and determined,

and slowly learns to find his place in this world.

This extraordinary adventure is also a fascinating nature book about the secret life of gardens and the animals living in them. John's adventures have been very well received by the press (*Journal de Mickey, J'aime lire Max, La Revue des livres pour enfants*, etc.) and bookstores both.



**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.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 Juliette Bailly is an illustrator and an animated film director. She illustrated, among other things, *Ça sert à quoi, l'école ?* for Bayard's *Des questions plein la tête* series.

**PUB DATE:** 2019–2022  
**EXTENT:** 144 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 200 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 2  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 12,100 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# LE JOUR OÙ LES PARENTS... | SERIES

By Mim & Diego Funck



**THEME:** HUMOR / FAMILY LIFE  
**KEYWORDS:** FAMILY DISPUTES

A hilarious series about the ups and downs of family life.

In this first book, a couple of exhausted parents go on strike, much to the delight of their children who set up camp in the living room! Who will be ready to negotiate first, the parents or the kids?

A series inspired by a popular podcast and play, that won a 'Molière de la Comédie' in 2020.

Camille Kohler, aka Mim, captures the universal essence of family relationships like nobody else, with almost sociological accuracy



**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 Tornado (50 episodes on France Culture), which was adapted for the theater and won the "Molière de la Comédie" in 2020.*



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
*Diego Funck lives in Brussels. His illustrations are regularly published in children's books and exhibited in galleries around the world.*

**PUB DATE:** October 2021  
**EXTENT:** 96 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 185 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.50

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio



# 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 Alegria 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.*



**20 AWARDS WON:** 2004 PRIX SORCIÈRES – 2004 PRIX FRANCE TÉLÉVISION – 2007 ALA BEST BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS (US) – 2007 MILDRED L. BATCHELDER HONOR BOOK (US) – 2009 PRIX ANDERSEN (ITALY).



**RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.**



**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:** €6.90

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 98,000 cps  
**INTL:** English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified),

German, Italian, Danish  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# UN LOUP PARMI NOUS

By Anne Schmauch & Loïc Locatelli



**THEME:** FANTASY / MYSTERY & DETECTIVE  
**KEYWORDS:** INVESTIGATION / WEREWOLF / THRILLER

A goose killer is terrorizing the inhabitants of Hortense and Romuald's neighborhood... Could it be a wolf? The two friends are determined to find out. Time to investigate!

One day, on her way to school, Hortense finds a decapitated goose on her doorstep. Horrified, she discovers that several geese in her neighborhood park have suffered the same fate... With her friend Romuald, she wonders what this strange creature could be, that leaves traces of blood everywhere and even ransacked a butcher shop! Especially since Hortense is starting to feel strange... Which is no surprise,

because every night she turns into a werewolf and is behind these bloody crimes! She does everything to hide her true identity, but it's not easy to curb your true nature, especially when you've acquired a taste for meat...

A light-hearted story between comedy and horror: blood, mystery, a werewolf... and lots of humor. Maybe being a werewolf isn't so bad after all!



**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:**  
 Loïc Locatelli is a young comic book author who currently works in Japan in the cartoon industry. He illustrated Perséphone (Delcourt), Pocahontas (Sarbacane) and also Vaincus mais vivants (Le Lombard).

**PUB DATE:** September 2022  
**EXTENT:** 64 pp  
**FORMAT:** 127 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.70

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# MALÉFICE SUR ROME | SERIES

By Anne Schmauch & Anne-Lise Nalin



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / ACTION & ADVENTURE / MYTHOLOGY  
**KEYWORDS:** SUPERNATURAL / ANCIENT ROME

Two orphans must free Rome from the clutches of Hecate, who seeks to usurp Jupiter's place and turn every single human into a zombie. An exciting thriller for younger readers!

Rome, 1<sup>st</sup> century BC. The god and protector of the city, Jupiter, has been kidnapped by Hecate, an evil goddess who wants to take his place. So, she turns the Romans into terrifying zombie-like creatures who obey her every command...

When Harald and Ursius' master falls under the goddess' spell, the two brothers

have no choice but to run away. Their only hope: to find the sibyl who can talk directly to the gods... Alone against the world, can they survive and save Rome?

Adventure, emotion and suspense abound in this Walking Dead for younger readers!

Comic book adaptation to come. ■



**THE AUTHOR:**  
 Anne Schmauch lives in Paris. After studying Literature and History of Art, she taught French for several years.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 Anne-Lise Nalin is a comic book author and illustrator. She created Journal d'un enfant de lune with Joris Chamblain (Les carnets de Cerise) for Kennes editions.

With the contribution of Nancy Pena et Estelle Vidard

**PUB DATE:** 2019-2020  
**EXTENT:** 80-112 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 5  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 19,300 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio





# MA MÈRE LA GUERRIÈRE

By Claire Clément & Léa Hybre



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVE  
**KEYWORDS:** MILITANCY / FEMINISM

A fast-paced family investigation and an introduction to feminism.

There's a mysterious vigilante in Timeo's town who spray paints anything that is sexist: company buildings, billboards... The police get involved and more specifically, Timeo's uncle. Which is terrifying! Because Timeo is sure that

the culprit is... his mom! She's always been committed to the feminist cause and loves taking risks... But how can he make sure she doesn't get into trouble with the police?



**THE AUTHOR:**  
 Claire Clément writes picture books and novels for young and older children. She has won a number of awards, including the "Prix Chronos" and "Prix des Incorruptibles" twice, and the "Prix Lire en fête". She also contributes to Bayard's children's magazines.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 Léa Hybre is a young illustrator living in Paris. In 2016, she graduated from Duperré school and published illustrations in different magazines such as Hobbies or Mode pratiques.

**PUB DATE:** February 2022  
**EXTENT:** 128 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 185 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.50

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# LE MANOIR | SERIES

By Évelyne Brisou-Pellen

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**AWARDS:**  
 2013 PRIX GULLI.  
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 RUPTIBLES.

**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

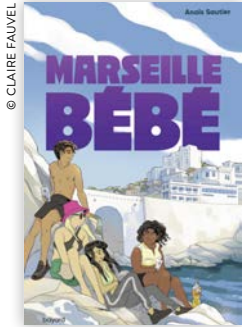
**NB OF TITLES:** 12  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 444,000 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
 Ebook  
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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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# MARTHE & MASTOK

By Gaël Bordet & Grégory Elbaz



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / HUMOR  
**KEYWORDS:** MONSTERS / FANTASY / IMAGINATION / ADVENTURE

Do you believe in monsters? They'd certainly do anything to prove to you that they exist! Even kidnapping Marthe's little brother Lazare? Maybe...

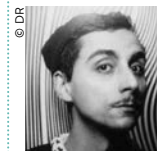
Discover the first book in a series of investigations led by a daring and quick-witted girl called Marthe, and a very old, placid, and wise monster named Mastok. This gently terrifying story takes place in a world where monsters live among us and rebel to make sure we know! Guaranteed goosebumps and giggles!

A novel by Gaël Bordet (the author of *Fureur Moustache*), an expert in whacky adventures and wonderful discoveries, who also explores essential questions: can you believe in something invisible?

The *TILT!* series has been well received, with almost 19,500 copies sold.



**THE AUTHOR:**  
 Gaël Bordet won the NRP Children's Literature Prize for *Le Cas Rubis C*. He has been short-listed for several other awards (*Grand Prix de l'Imaginaire*, etc.). He was one of the winners of *Emergences*, organized by the 'Charte des Auteurs et Illustrateurs de Jeunesse'.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 Grégory Elbaz is an eclectic illustrator who was born in 1980. His drawing style is both realistic and dreamlike, and remains sensitive, even when he uses humor. He works in children's publishing, as well as animation, comic books, and kids' illustrations.

**PUB DATE:** October 2023  
**EXTENT:** 232 pp  
**FORMAT:** 140 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 1

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# 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.

Harmonious blending of text and image.



**PUB DATE:** 2008–2024  
**EXTENT:** 40 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 180 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 19  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 3,414,000 cps

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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 Audio



# 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

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# MOI, FILS DE STAR

By Agnès Sontag & Agnès Maupré



**THEME:** DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY  
**KEYWORDS:** LIES / SINGLE PARENTHOOD / SHYNESS

A photo in a celebrity magazine and a misunderstanding will change Alex's life. But becoming the school's star doesn't come without its perks!

When shy Alex has his photo taken with the famous singer Thelma Edwards, his life at school changes dramatically! Pretending to be the son of a star, he finally dares to speak to Maya, the girl he's in love with, and even promises to introduce her to the singer. But the imposture is harder to maintain than it seems, and one lie often leads to another. Especially as Luca, Maya's ex, is determined to prove that Alex is just a liar. Will

Alex be able to tell Maya the truth and remain proud of who he really is? This tender and fair story deals with social precarity, single-parent families, shyness, the desire to shine and the temptation to lie, without being moralistic. A gallery of strong, moving female characters, from the idealistic teenager Maya to Alex's mother, not forgetting, of course, Thelma Edwards, the superstar herself!

#### THE AUTHOR:

**Agnès Sontag** has been a comic strip author and illustrator for over twenty years. Trained at the Beaux-Arts of Paris, drawing is her first love. But since 2012, she has also devoted herself to writing! She currently lives in Le Havre.



#### THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Agnès Maupré** is a comic book author and illustrator of books like *Petit traité de morphologie* (Futuropolis), *Tristan et Yseult* (Gallimard), *Au Bonheur des Dames* (Casterman), etc.

**PUB DATE:** October 2023  
**EXTENT:** 64 pp  
**FORMAT:** 127 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.90

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# 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.



**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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# MON CARNET DE SURVIE EN COLO DE L'EXTRÊME

By Erwan Seznec & Marie de Monti



**THEME:** HUMOR  
**KEYWORDS:** SUMMER CAMP / SURVIVAL / MOUNTAIN

When Antoine goes to summer camp in the mountains, he is far from imagining that the adventure will turn into an extreme survival course... The unhinged camp counsellor wants them to drink dew and roast field mice!

A survival camp in the mountains... Antoine expects a vacation in the middle of nature, sleeping in a tent, learning how to make a fire and taking part in fun activities. But Rufus, the trainee counsellor in charge of his group, has other ideas... A true survivalist must be able to overcome the dangers of nature and cross the mountain with nothing more than a Swiss Army knife in their pocket (if even). Luckily,

Antoine is not alone. There's also Norbert, the violinist who ended up at the wrong camp, Charlotte, a resourceful and sensible girl, and Stéphane, the head counsellor who tries to reason with Rufus. Their mission: to get to the other side of the mountain together without too many disasters!

A crazy comedy in the heart of the mountains with delightfully cartoonish and endearing characters!



**THE AUTHOR:**

**Erwan Seznec** is a journalist. He has published five investigative books and works for the economic and scientific press. He also writes for *L'École des Loisirs, Bayard Presse* and *Bayard Editions*.



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**

**Marie de Monti** is a cartoonist who lives in Angoulême. Her favorite subjects are history, civil rights and animals. She creates funny stories and works with lots of children's book publishers.

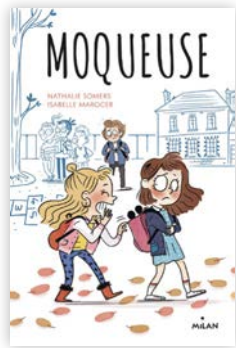
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# MOQUEUSE

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.**



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



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

**PUB DATE:** Sept. 2020  
**EXTENT:** 128 pp  
**FORMAT:** 130 x 195 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €7.50

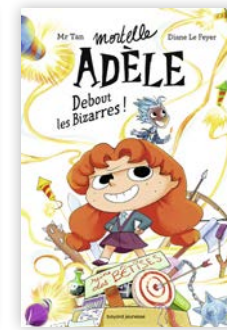
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 5,000 cps

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# MORTELLE ADÈLE | SERIES

By Mr Tan & Diane Le Feyer



**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

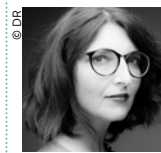
decides to run for class representative so as to abolish conjugation and make chatter mandatory. The time has come, and Adèle will rule!

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:** €9.95

**NB OF TITLES:** 2  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 160,000 cps

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# LE MYSTÈRE DE GREENWOOD

By Malika Ferdjoukh



**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 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.

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

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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

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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:** €12,50

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# NOS CŒURS TORDUS

By Séverine Vidal & Manu Causse



#### AWARDS:

2024 PRIX COLLÈGES OF

THE INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF ANGOULÈME

2018-2019 SELECTED

FOR PRIX DES INCORRUPTIBLES.

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**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.



#### 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.



#### 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:**

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## NULLE EN MATHS/NUL EN SPORT

By Nathalie Somers & Océane Meklemberg



**THEME:** HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP / FAMILY

**KEYWORDS:** SCHOOL

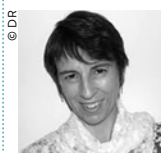
Nobody's perfect, that's a fact of life. In this hilarious graphic series in the style of *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, a duo of endearing characters learns to accept and conquer their weaknesses.

Book 1 – Victoire sucks at math. It goes in one ear and out the other, much to her parents' despair. She can do wonders with a monkey wrench, but nobody cares about that... Plumbing is no job for a girl. But when her parents start talking about boarding school, Victoire panics.

Book 2 – Yacer is the first to admit that he's not 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 series 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

**NB OF TITLES:** 2  
**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



### 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).



### 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

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# 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.

 **RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.**

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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  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

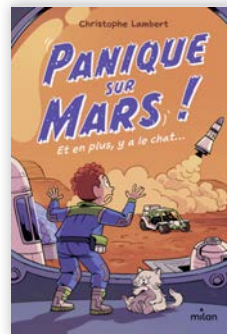
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 240,000 cps  
**INTL:** English

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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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# PANNE DE CŒUR

By Susie Morgenstern & Clotka



**THEME:** ROMANCE

**KEYWORDS:** TEACHING / SCHOOL

This is the story of Audrey, a teacher who dreams of true love in the small village of Grateloup. A love story against a backdrop of illiteracy, full of humor and sensitivity, that celebrates trusting others..

In a village, a young teacher living far away from her family and friends, feels depressed and struggles to teach her 4th grade class. Her house is a mess, just like her... Her students know that she's sad, but don't know how to help her. But then one day, she meets a gruff handyman, Serge, with a big secret:

he doesn't know how to read. So, he does work on Audrey's house, and she teaches him how to read. They fall in love. Audrey rediscovers a taste for life and her love of teaching. And just like in a fairy tale, all ends well with a beautiful wedding which, of course, her 4<sup>th</sup> graders are all invited to...



## THE AUTHOR:

**Susie Morgenstern** grew up in the USA. She lives in Nice, where she teaches IT English at the Faculté des Sciences. From picture books to novels, she hasn't stopped writing since 1979. She draws inspiration from everyday life, writing in French to reflect reality as closely as possible, and asks her friends and family to correct her texts.



## THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Clotilde Szymanski** alias **Clotka** studied at the École Professionnelle Supérieure d'Arts Graphiques. She then launched the blog "Damned", a first step that confirmed her desire to make comics. She produced as well numerous illustrations for Bayard, Milan and Nathan.

**PUB DATE:** April 2022  
**EXTENT:** 64 pp  
**FORMAT:** 127 x 190 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.90

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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...



## 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.



## THE ILLUSTRATOR:

**Bruno Chevrier, aka Nob**, created his first fazine 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*.

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# Portrait au couteau

By Malika Ferdjouxh



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / FANTASY / ROMANCE  
**KEYWORDS:** PAINTING / DEATH

Two women, born 100 years apart, are connected by a mystery. Why does one of them have a scar that looks like the other's stab wounds? An unsettling investigation in the Parisian world of fine arts.

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 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.

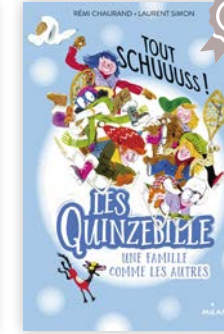
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# LES QUINZEBILLE | SERIES

By Rémi Chaurand & Laurent Simon



**AWARDS:**  
 2020 PRIX DU PTIT LIBRAIRE DES LIBRAIRIES DECITRE (VOL.1)

**THEME:** HUMOR / FRIENDSHIP / FAMILY LIFE  
**KEYWORDS:** CRAZINESS

Two adults, four children, two cats and one dog, all more whacky than the other... Dive into the zany world of the Quinzebille family, and prepare to have tons of fun!

The Quinzebille family is made up of two parents, four children, two cats and a dog. Just like any normal family! Except for one small detail. The Quinzebilles are all... completely crazy! Life with them is always eventful, whether they're getting ready for a ski trip, celebrating Christmas, or simply sitting down for dinner.

An irresistibly funny series about nine fun characters, from the mom Mireille and her pizza-pie, two name-switching cats, or Manille, who loves Swiss mythology... Not to forget Arthur, who keeps setting fire to the oven! There's never a quiet moment in the Quinzebille household! A series to show how eventful everyday life can be.



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



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
**Laurent Simon** works for *Hélium*, *NordSud*, children's magazines and newspapers. He also makes ads, posters...

**PUB DATE:** 2019-2020  
**EXTENT:** 80 pp  
**FORMAT:** 130 x 195 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €8.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 4  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 9,500 cps (first 3 Vols.)

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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!



**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.



**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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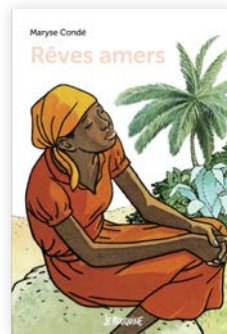
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**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 6,000 cps

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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.



**RECOMMENDED BY THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION.**



**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  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 69,500 cps

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# ROBIN DES GARRIGUES

By **Éric de Kermel** & **Antonin Faure**



**THEME:** NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT  
**KEYWORDS:** ECOLOGY / MAGIC

In the countryside, Robin meets some little creatures who take him on fabulous adventures around the world.

Robin and his mother have just moved to the country. One day, while walking in the scrubland, the little boy meets some strange magical creatures, the Milss. Their mission is to show the children of the Earth how

to protect nature. So, the Milss embark Robin on a journey to discover the wonders of our planet.

A dreamlike tale that celebrates the wonders of nature and encourages children to protect it!



**THE AUTHOR:**  
**Éric de Kermel** is a writer, journalist and director of the magazine *Terre Sauvage*. He is the author of the best-seller *La librairie de la place aux herbes* (Eyrolles, 2017), as well as *Les Jardins de Zagarand* (Flammarion, 2021).



**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
**Antonin Faure** is an illustrator and graphic designer. He spent many years drawing storyboards for adverts and feature films, before working for a set design agency. He is now a full-time independent illustrator.

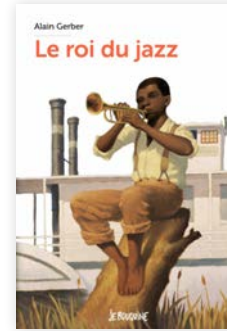
**PUB DATE:** 12/10/2022  
**EXTENT:** 200 pp  
**FORMAT:** 170 x 240 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.90

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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)  
**EXTENT:** 80 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 171,000 cps

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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!

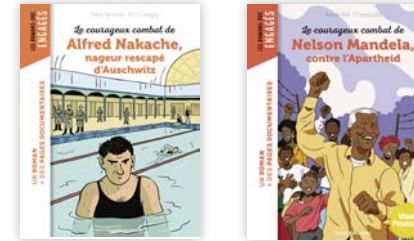
The *Romans-Doc Mythologie* are built around reflection, emotion and identification with stories of tormented-gods and goddesses.

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.



LES ROMANS-DOC HISTOIRE: 39 titles



LES ROMANS-DOC ENGAGÉS: 3 titles



LES ROMANS-DOC SCIENCE: 17 titles



LES ROMANS-DOC ARTISTE: 15 titles



LES ROMANS-DOC AVENTURE: 5 titles

LES CARNETS DE SCIENCES ROMANS-DOC: 2 titles

**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:** 2017-2024  
**EXTENT:** 48-120 pp  
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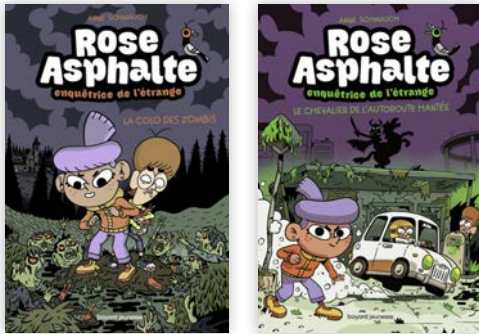
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**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 1,361,000 cps  
**INTL:** Chinese (Simplified)

**NB OF TITLES:** 68  
**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**  
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# ROSE ASPHALTE, ENQUÊTRICE DE L'ÉTRANGE | SERIES

By Anne Schmauch



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVES / ACTION & ADVENTURE / HUMOR

**KEYWORDS:** ZOMBIES / HORROR

Rose Asphalté is always rescuing something or someone... When she gets a call for help, she rushes towards the danger. Zombie children, radioactive slugs, horror camps... Nothing can stop her!

When her carrier pigeon brings her this message, Rose immediately signs up for this strange camp with her best friend Firmin. The place is full of mysteries... Much to their horror, Rose and Firmin soon discover what is really going on at this so-called "Winning Warriors" camp: the crazy ex-army woman and her daughter

are turning children into zombies by feeding them radioactive slugs and a sophisticated lobotomization technique. Who will save Rose and Firmin when they get turned into zombies? A new comedy-horror series with a heroine who investigates supernatural phenomena and who doesn't get scared easily.



## 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.

**PUB DATE:** Sept 2022  
**EXTENT:** 240 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 220 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €11.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 2

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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

**NB OF TITLES:** 6  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 58,000 cps

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## 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!



**THE AUTHOR:**  
**Emmanuelle Grundmann** is a biologist, primatologist and ethologist. 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.



**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  
**EXTENT:** 80-96 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

**NB OF TITLES:** 5

**SUBSIDIARY RIGHTS:**

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## LE TEMPS DES MIRACLES

By Anne-Laure Bondoux



**THEME:** DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FAMILY

**KEYWORDS:** WAR / IMMIGRATION / COMING-OF-AGE

Trapped in a war-torn country, a young woman embarks on a desperate journey to France, accompanied by a child she rescued from a trainwreck. A poignant tale of family and the quest for freedom and peace.

"When the customs officers found me, hiding in the back of a truck at the French border, I was twelve years old and all alone. I repeated "mynameis-blèzfortunéiamafrenchcitizenit'sthet-ruth" over and over again. I didn't know that my passport was fake, and apart from those few words, I could only speak Russian. I couldn't explain how I had come from Caucasia to here, the land of human rights and Charles Baudelaire.

And I had lost Gloria. Gloria Bohème, who had looked after me ever since my mother's death. I was free with her, despite the war, despite the borders, despite poverty and fear. I missed her terribly, but I held onto the hope that one day I would find this kind-hearted woman who brightened my life again."

A touching novel for its humanity, vitality and darkness, mixed with tenderness. Intense from beginning to end, it resonates with today's world.



**AWARDS:**

2023 PÉPITE D'OR (FRANCE) – 2017 PRIX VENDREDI (FRANCE) – 2012 A LA BEST BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS" (US) – 2011 MILDRED L. BATCHELDER AWARD (US) – 2009 PRIX LIBBYLIT (BELGIUM) – 2004 PRIX SORCIÈRES (FRANCE)



**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:** 2024  
**EXTENT:** 320pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.90

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 81,000 cps  
**INTL:** English, German, Italian, Danish.

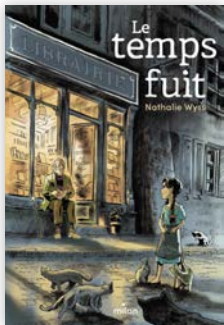
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## LE TEMPS FRUIT

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.



and is the author of 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,

**PUB DATE:** October 2022  
**EXTENT:** 144 pp  
**FORMAT:** 140 x 205 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €10.90

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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 hide-out. 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.



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

**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

**PUB DATE:** October 2023  
**EXTENT:** 256 pp  
**FORMAT:** 135 x 200 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €12.90

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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 Rollmop 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.

**PUB DATE:** 2022-2024  
**EXTENT:** 72 pp  
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**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.79

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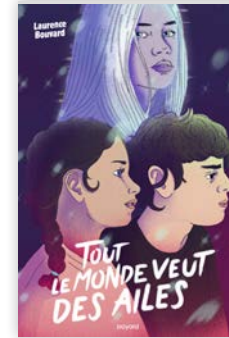
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# TOUT LE MONDE VEUT DES AILES

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

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  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €13.90

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## LES TRAQUEURS DE CAUCHEMARS | SERIES

By Marie-Hélène Delval



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / FRIENDSHIP / FANTASY

**KEYWORDS:** GOOSEBUMPS / COMING-OF-AGE

Guided by a cat, four middle-school friends figure out a way to enter into people’s worst nightmares and rescue them. Together, they become the “Nightmare Hunters”.

Four 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Matthieu, Inès, Margot and Jules, discover how to enter other people’s nightmares and rescue them. In the middle of the night, with Margot’s cat as their guide, they pass through a mysterious door and enter the most terrible imaginary worlds... They’re tempted to turn back, but they all swear, as members of the Nightmare Hunters, to help any tormented sleeper who asks...

A series of thrillers in which the main characters and the reader both must learn to overcome their fears. Marie-Hélène Delval creates a terrifying fantastical world, in which she explores current-world issues such as refugees or bullying...

A perfect series for *Goosebumps* lovers! ■



**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:** 2011–2019  
**EXTENT:** 112 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €5.90

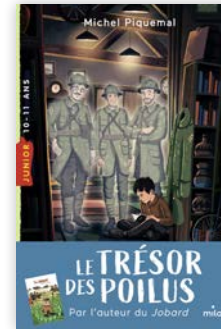
**NB OF TITLES:** 7  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 45,000 cps

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## 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

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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  
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**FORMAT:** 138 x 210 mm  
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## 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.**



### 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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## 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.



**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.*



**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

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## LES VŒUX DE CAM

By Elizabeth Barféty



**THEME:** DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY  
**KEYWORDS:** PARTY / FRIENDSHIP / LOVE

Cam can't wait to celebrate New Year's Eve. But who with? Her friends at a sleepover or on a date with her crush? It's up to the reader to decide! A novel with infinite possibilities.

For Cam, New Year's Eve on 31 December is THE night not to be missed. But which one? The sleepover with her girlfriends, the cool party with her crush (and her worst enemy), or dinner in her favourite restaurant with her parents? And what if it was up to the reader to choose for her? A feel-good novel with infinite possibilities in which you are the hero... all snug and warm! Cam's wishes is a story with multiple choices and a feel-good winter atmosphere! Ideal for relaxing over the festive season.

What will your wishes be? By guiding Cam's choices towards the ideal New Year, readers come face to face with their own desires.

Elizabeth Barféty provides an accurate account of teenage issues in this book. The author of *20, allée de la Danse*, published by Nathan (225,000 copies) also specializes in books in which you are the hero: *Les mystères dont vous êtes le héros* (+40,000 copies).



**THE AUTHOR:**  
*Elizabeth Barféty worked in publishing for nearly 10 years. Since 2013, she is a full-time author and translator. From novels to comics, books in which the reader is the hero, adaptations and non-fiction, Elizabeth Barféty's work is published by several children's book publishers, including Nathan, Hachette Jeunesse, Rageot, Jungle, Les Livres du dragon d'or, and Milan.*

**PUB DATE:** 2023  
**EXTENT:** 256 pp  
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**RETAIL PRICE:** €13.90

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 Audiovisual



# LES VOYAGEURS DE LA DANSE | SERIES

By Éliisa Villebrun & Marine Gosselin



**THEME:** SUPERNATURAL & FANTASY / FRIENDSHIP / HISTORY  
**KEYWORDS:** DANCE / TIME TRAVEL

Two children gain the ability to time travel, meet the greatest dancers in history and try to solve the mystery of a famous ballerina's disappearance...

Exciting stories to discover the world of dance throughout the ages.



**THE AUTHOR:**  
 Éliisa Villebrun publishes picture books in France and Africa and often does readings in school. She wrote the series Dégnan, Wiblêhou and Gaspard for Bayard Africa, combining adventure and discovery.

**THE ILLUSTRATOR:**  
 Marine Gosselin is an illustrator. Graduated in 2013, she works for several children books publishers and children's magazines.

**PUB DATE:** May 2021  
**EXTENT:** 90 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.50

**NB OF TITLES:** 6  
**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 13,000 cps

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# ZORAGE

By Manon Fargetton & Maud Begon



**THEME:** FANTASY / ACTION & ADVENTURE / HUMOR  
**KEYWORDS:** FAIRIES / MODERNITY/NATURE / IMAGINATION

The town fairies and forest fairies are gradually disappearing! When Zorage, the rebellious fairy, notices that her hands are becoming transparent, she is determined to find out where this curse is coming from.

Zorage is a courageous heroine, at the heart of a story that celebrates self-confidence, respect for nature, and the power of imagination. When her friends seem to disappear, she asks questions, thinks, gets impatient... until she discovers the unthinkable! A determined heroine in a fascinating universe thanks to her energy and powers of persuasion, Zorage the rebel will give her fairy community new courage. We follow her as she investigates, from her low house to the library of suspended

thoughts, from her confrontations with the Spirit-who-knew-everything to her encounters with humans.

A fascinating universe unfolds, between the marvellous and the modern, populated by a gallery of astonishing fairies. Valuable messages are spread throughout this richly illustrated short novel. The author is loved by readers : *Les Plieurs de temps* (21,000 copies sold). The illustrator's last comic book, *Le jardin secret* (Dargaud), was a great success (Book 1: 8,600 copies).



**THE AUTHOR:**  
 Manon Fargetton was born in 1987. She loves theatre and fantasy literature. She was first published in 2005 and wrote *Aussi libres 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 *Coronaah : c'est quoi*.

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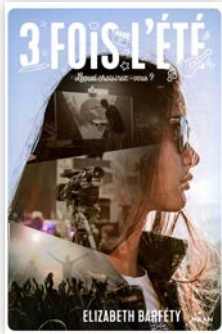
# YOUNG ADULT





## 3 FOIS L'ÉTÉ

By Elizabeth Barféty



**THEME:** ROMANCE / DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY  
**KEYWORDS:** FIRST LOVE / SUMMER / COMING-OF-AGE

After a rocky start, Maëlle's summer starts to look up with three dates on the same Saturday night. But what should she do? Who do you, the reader, think she should choose? A fun summer romance novel, and also a coming-of-age.

Maëlle knew this summer was going to beadrag, soshegotajobatthe local movie theatre. Things could be worse! Plus, her colleague, Matthieu, is very sweet. She still has lots of time on her hands, so she decides to start making little stop-motion videos to post on social media. Although they're not as popular as social media star Noa's, of course. Maëlle soon fills her days... and her evenings too! Especially when some new neighbors move in next door. Léo is very handsome and the complete opposite

of Maëlle... He hates technology! They start communicating with signs and Léo asks Maëlle out next Saturday... But Matthieu had already invited her to watch him play in a battle of the bands. Who should she choose? And to make things even more complicated, Noa contacts Maëlle, telling her that she likes her content and wants her to feature in one of her videos... next Saturday evening.

Three choices, three different endings to think about what is truly important. ■



### THE AUTHOR:

**Elizabeth Barféty** worked in publishing for nearly 10 years. She became a full-time writer in 2013 and translates from English to French. She's penned novels, comics, books in which the reader is the hero, adaptations, non-fiction.

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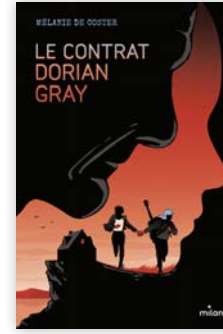
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## LE CONTRAT DORIAN GRAY

By Mélanie de Coster



**THEME:** SCIENCE-FICTION / ROMANCE  
**KEYWORDS:** TOTALITARIAN SOCIETY

Imagine you could look like you were 20 for the rest of your life! No physical changes, perfect health... But at what cost? A breathtaking novel that combines adventure, science-fiction and philosophy.

Morane is 17 years old. She lives in a totalitarian society where, at the age of 20, everyone signs the Dorian Gray contract and stops ageing until they turn 70. Then, they age instantly and die a few minutes later.

Morane lives in an isolated house by the sea with her father, who's trying to protect her from a dark secret. One evening, between distrust and generos-

ity, they take in a young girl in distress. Then everything goes wrong. The house is attacked. The girl is badly hurt and Morane's father disappears. The two teenagers set off to look for him in a world that has gone mad.

An adventure novel based on an age-old and current existential question: the cycle of life vs the temptation of eternal youth. ■



### THE AUTHOR:

**Mélanie de Coster** was born in 1977 in Belgium. She started writing her first novel at the age of 11, won her first writing competition at the age of 16, and has never stopped since. Mélanie De Coster moved to France when she was 18 years old. She studied, worked, fell in love... and never left. She has written tales for children, several novels for adults, and more recently, books for teens. She still has lots of stories to tell!

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## DE NOS PROPRES AILES

By Kinga Wyrzykowska



**THEME:** MYSTERY & DETECTIVE / FRIENDSHIP

**KEYWORDS:** SPORTS / COMING-OF-AGE

When one of their own is injured right before the championship, the girls from the volleyball team raise some funds to help her attend the finals anyway. But tensions arise when the money goes missing. A coming-of-age thriller.

The Saint-Éxupéry high school volleyball team's dreams have just come true... After five years of grueling practice, the girls have won the French Heaven Cup and qualified for the international finals! There are six of them, six inseparable friends... and Gladys, who just joined the team as a sub, and struggles to fit in. When Tina is injured and Gladys set to take her place on the trip, the other girls decide to pool some

money together so that Tina can come along too, injured or not. But money tends to bring out the worst in people. Some girls contribute too much, others not enough... Until it all comes to a head when the money goes missing... Who took it, and why?

Through multiple points of view, the novel gives a voice to each of the main characters, and accurately portrays the violence of feelings during adolescence.



### THE AUTHOR:

Kinga Wyrzykowska has been a translator, a teacher, a shoe salesperson, an actress, a door-to-door sales trainer, an interviewer, a playwright, and a documentary filmmaker. Her debut, *Memor, le monde d'après*, won several awards.

**PUB DATE:** 2017  
**EXTENT:** 350 pp  
**FORMAT:** 138 x 210 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €14.90

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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:

2023 NOMINATION PRIX DES INCORRUPTIBLES (FRANCE)



### 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.

**PUB DATE:** 2024  
**EXTENT:** 336 pp  
**FORMAT:** 123 x 178 mm  
**RETAIL PRICE:** €6.90

**SALES:**  
**FRANCE:** 5,300 cps

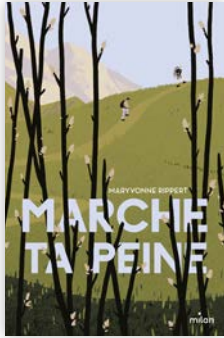
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# MARCHE TA PEINE

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...



**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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# PAS LA FIN DU MONDE

By Rachel Corenblit



**THEME:** FAMILY

**KEYWORDS:** INDUSTRIAL DISASTER / RECOVERY

A family tries to pick up the pieces and break the silence, set against an industrial disaster.

On 21 September 2001, ten days after 11 September, the AZF factory in Toulouse explodes, killing dozens of people and injuring thousands.

Meanwhile, Leon is 17 years old, heartbroken, and his family has been torn apart by his parents' divorce. His sister Frida is 22, in love with a girl and always angry. Between their grandmother's

house, their mother's flat, their untraceable father and the chaotic city, they struggle to piece their broken family back together.

Communication, acceptance of others, depression, break-ups... A sensitive and moving novel about the reunion and reconstruction of a disunited family.



**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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# PÈPPO

By Séverine Vidal



**THEME:** DAILY LIFE & SOCIETY / FAMILY  
**KEYWORDS:** FEELINGS / COMING-OF-AGE

When his older sister runs away from the family caravan, Pèppo must look after his twin nephews. He can hardly take care of himself, but as he takes on raising a pair of toddlers, Pèppo might well find more than he expected.

Pèppo'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, Pèppo 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 Pèppo 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.



**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.

**PUB DATE:** 2018  
**EXTENT:** 176 pp  
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**RETAIL PRICE:** €13.90

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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.



**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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## 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:

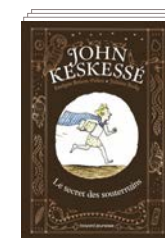
#### Le Manoir:

"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



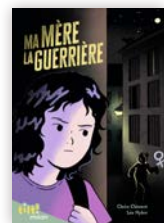
Youpi, je lis | 6+ | 2017



Youpi, 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



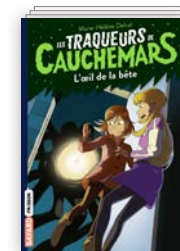
Tu lis, je lis | 6+ | 2015-2020 | 32 pp



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:

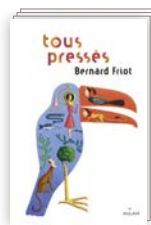
Recommended by the French Ministry of National Education since 2002.



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.

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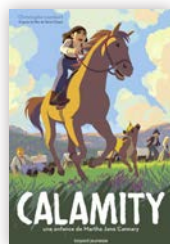
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**AWARDS:**

**Swing à Berlin:**

- 2012 Prix NRP littérature jeunesse
- 2013 Prix des dévoreurs de livres
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# 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.



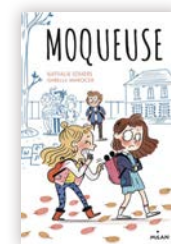
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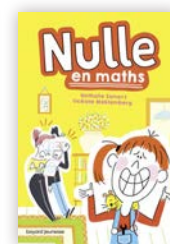
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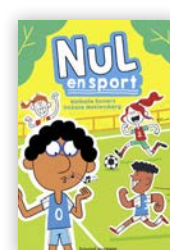
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## MURIELLE SZAC



**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.

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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.



**AWARDS:**

**Nos cœurs tordus:**

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