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A FOOTBALL STAR NAMED MBAPPÉ

Mbappé, le phénomène

The first complete biography by an insider

Time Magazine chose him in October 2018 to illustrate their international cover titled “Next Generation Leaders”. At less than 20, King Pelé’s inheritor became more than a soccer player: a world icon. The one who brandished the FIFA World Cup in Moscow on July 15th. Who could have foreseen such a rise for that young boy? Kylian MBappé was born in Bondy, Paris suburb, where he first played soccer (and also transverse flute) before joining the Clairefontaine Soccer Academy. Then Monaco where he became professional and won his first French championship. Summer 2017: an outstanding transfer. He left Monaco to Paris Saint-Germain against 180 M€. Question is now to guess if the one who breaks every record is unstoppable?

This thorough biography reveals the real Kylian Mbappé. Did his first educators imagine such a rise? What do his teammates think about him? Who is he in the real life? How does he live? How much does he earn? This biography includes many interviews of former partners, coaches and managers, original anecdotes and exclusive news to depict this outstanding player – who is also an intelligent and generous guy.

May 2019 – 180 pages

ARNAUD HERMANT

Arnaud Hermant is a journalist at L’Équipe, the French sports daily, where he follows Paris Saint-Germain football club. He previously wrote several essays on soccer and financial links between Paris Saint-Germain and Qatar. He is the coauthor of The Second Star (L’Archipel, 2018), an inside account of the 2018 FIFA World Cup.
PAUL BOCUSE

A biography of the most famous “French cuisine” Chef who passed away one year ago

For every cook, Paul Bocuse (1926 – 2018) was a patron saint, a godfather, a “Chef”. He made of his name a real brand for excellency, including for those who never tasted his truffle soup or his Bresse chicken.

The king of culinary arts, he made cooks, previously confined in back rooms, become real stars. But his undisputed know-how would be nothing without his natural marketing sense.

He transformed a cheap hotel restaurant, with paper tablecloths and stainless-steel tableware, into a three-stars that he kept more than half a century; he created the “Bocuse d’Or”, the Olympic games of cooking; and conquered the whole world, from Florida to Japan where he became an idol.

To narrate the epic of this ambassador of French cuisine, Robert Belleret investigated the great chefs, the crew and friends of “Monsieur Paul”. Behind the man, as simple and shy as outrageous and facetious, he depicts history of the great French cuisine.

Fulls of delicious anecdotes and testimonies, a biography we read like a novel»
Femme Actuelle Senior

ROBERT BELLERET
A former journalist for Le Monde, Robert Belleret is the author of biographies of French singers: Leo Ferré (Actes Sud), Jean Ferrat, Charles Aznavour (L’Archipel), Edith Piaf (Fayard)...

January 2019
16-page photo section – 272 pages
MILAN KUNDERA

The first biography of one of the most essential contemporary writers, who turns 90 in April 2019

Born April 1st, 1929, bound to become a musician (as his father, a notorious piano player), he became a communist poet. A brilliant ironist, he criticized the regime in his first novels, with a disenchanted humor. He taught cinema for more than 20 years in the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague and took up boxing as an amateur. Excluded from the Party after Prague Spring, he left Czechoslovakia in 1957 to move in France. There he published his hot novel The Unbearable Lightness of Being and chose, in 1995, French as his unique writing language.

Jean-Dominique Brierre retraces his literary, intellectual and political contrasting path, and gives an historical enlightenment by basing on Kundera’s writings and new testimonies from celebrities and close relationships. Paradoxical, complex, secret, absent from media, Milan Kundera is considered today as one of the best writers of that half-century, besides Philip Roth or Ismail Kadare.

March 2019 – 336 pages

JEAN-DOMINIQUE BRIERRE

A journalist and music historian, Jean-Dominique Brierre wrote many studies about folk and stars, such as Leonard Cohen par lui-même (Le Cherche-midi, 2014) and Bob Dylan. A Life As A Poetry (L’Archipel, 2016).
BORIS VIAN

The famous French writer passed away 60 years ago

On June 23th, 1959, Boris Vian died just after the screening of J’irai cracher sur vos tombes (I Spit On Your Grave), a film adapted from his novel.

Between shadow and light, Boris Vian was doubtless one of the most talented writers of his times. Engineer, writer, poet, inventor, composer and interpret, he remains, six decades after his death, a free spirit of French literature. Boris Vian, had also a particular smile, and a specific look on creation. A state of mind, unique and plural, but definitely uncategorizable.

Based on archives and sixty original testimonies (Michelle Vian, Juliette Gréco, Danielle Delorme, Jean-Jacques Pauvert...), this biography encompasses a short but tremendously rich life.

June 2019 – 30 pages

VALÈRE-MARIE MARCHAND

A writer and a journalist, Valère-Marie Marchand made many interviews and reports in arts and culture media.
PROFESSION: DICTATOR

Those governing despots

They are megalomaniac tyrants, irremovable old men, false democrats and real despots... The current dictators, even if they are not less cruel than past ones, learnt to disguise the dictator-craving-for-power persona.

They are heirs and often get their legitimacy from a family that harmed in their country for decades; they are nostalgic of the Soviet model and its methods; they are African autocrats and looted their people's resources... But they all understood that to last, nowadays, they need to change their method; knowing how to play with democratic rules and being a good communicator (social networks, fake news...).

Facing those regimes, is Europe so sure to be vaccinated against despotism temptation? Our increasing fascination for strong men has to interrogate us.

Kim Jong-Un, Bachar el-Assad, Raúl Castro, Loukachenko, Obiang Nguema, Omar el-Béchir..., this portraits gallery helps us to understand what a dictatorship is and how to fight against. Because masks of dictatorship are often reassuring, subtle... and misleading.
A MEGALOMANIACS DICTIONARY
Le Dico des Mégalos

Their fame may come from politics, show-business, media, sport, they all fascinate, intrigue such as they provoke. Our times is full of megalomaniacs whom distinguish themselves by their excesses, attitudes, behaviors, acts or speeches. They arouse passion or hatred, respect or mockery, curiosity or disdain… but leave nobody indifferent.

Megalomaniacs live in a perfect symbiosis with our current society, full of social networks, TV news and reality shows. This book analyses 50 megalomaniacs, quoting their speeches. From A, for the Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich, to W, for the fashion diva Anna Wintour, including Beyoncé, Salvador Dalí, Elon Musk, Mark Zuckerberg…. A Megalomaniacs Dictionary is as informational as humoristic. A dictionary in line with our times, where selfies are everywhere.

February 2019 – 240 pages

RENÉ CHICHE
A journalist, writer and TV producer since 1988, René Chiche was editor-in-chief for TV shows. Since 2005, he runs his own press agency.
CHARACTEROLOGY.
WE ARE ALL CHARACTERS

Caractérologie. Nous sommes tous des caractères

Three human factors define us: Emotion, Activity and Time (or Duration). Eight characters that are defined by characterology: passionate, choleric, phlegmatic, hot-head, sentimental, nervous, amorphous, apathetic.

But Characterology does not only concern character traits. Its first function is to find openness and freedom. Preaching self-knowing and others-knowing, it identifies everyone as a human being. Building our character is controlling our emotionality, our activity and our time. Characterlogy tries to restore to everyone its deep and intimate being.

In our times, a personality path is depicted, different for each one but common for everyone: vital, minimal, individual, concrete.

March 2018 – 208 pages

ROGER DADOUN

A philosopher and psychanalyst, Roger Dadoun published many books, including a biography of Sigmund Freud in 2015.
SEXUS ISLAMICUS

Love and sex in Maghreb: the impact of religion and traditions

In Tunis, Alger or Marrakech, there is still no sexual revolution. Love and sex are forbidden, unmentionable, sometimes violent, always complicated.

In this book, confessions of young girls, mature women or men are terrible, such as the frustrations are huge. In the street, no lovers holding hands. Some hide even in landfills because hotel rooms are forbidden to unmarried couples.

The young married couples often discover sex during their wedding night. Then there are many disappointments, because sexuality is often nourished, for men at least, with X-rated movies. Homosexual men and women hide, because they are the victims of a homophobia shared by the whole society. In Maghreb, the society pressure is overwhelming, the social control is a real lead blanket: reputation and shame are stronger than love.

This book narrates stories of these lovers. The real stories, non-fictionalized, of those who try to love freely, defying conventions. Women, men, married or single, gays, prostitutes… speech taboo-less of love and sex, confess their tragic stories such as their funny ones – because they need cunning and ingenuity to love.

To dare speak of sexuality and love in Maghreb, it is denouncing conservatism and machismo in a more honest and radical way than a political speech could do.

April 2019 – c. 300 pages

MICHAËLLE GAGNET
Living in Tunisia, Michaëlle Gagnet directs documentary films for TV channels such as Arte, France 2, M6. She is also the author of La Mort apaisée, an account about daily life in an intensive care unit.
Pakistan was born in blood and tears, as a result of one of the biggest 20th century traumatisms: the partition of British India into two independent states, India and Pakistan. Since 1947, those two countries live in a mutual hatred, in spite of attempts of conciliation.

India and Pakistan are two nations that host two opposite religions, Islam and Hinduism – while they live together in the mogul Empire. As a unique political and cultural construction, the mogul Empire built an original and “Indian” Islam, symbolized by many monuments: Agra’s Taj Mahal, Delhi’s Red Fort, the palates of princely States…

However, it is Pakistan, a Muslim State, that established itself as the cultural and political heir of that glorious ancestry. Its geographic and cultural situation makes it a bridge between Iran and Indian worlds. Nowadays, in spite of extreme religious conflicts throughout its history, Pakistan lives a real evolution. It will become, in ten years, the second most populated muslim country in the world.
AMAZING STORIES OF FRENCH HISTORY
Étonnantes histoires de l’Histoire de France

When History is more Romanesque than fiction

Henry IV’s last trip… Marie Tudor, a pitiless queen who dreamt to give birth… Blanche of Castil, an angry queen mother… Napoleon and Josephine who fell in love at first sight… Beaumarchais secret agent of His Majesty… Marie Mancini, Louis XIV’s first love… Charles VI, the mad king who jeopardized France… Theodora, a feminist who saved the Emperor…

Plots and enigmas, violent crimes, forbidden loves, abandoned queens and crowned mad men… The Great History is full of little stories, surprising, famous or unknown. Amélie de Bourbon-Parme is a perfect storyteller, using as much faith as humor in so different short chapters.

May 2019 – c. 240 pages

AMÉLIE DE BOURBON-PARME

Born in Paris in 1977, Amélie de Bourbon-Parme is Prince Michel de Bourbon-Parme’s daughter, and the offspring of Louis XIV. An History lover, she wrote two novels published by Gallimard.
100 CLICHÉS AND FUN FACTS ABOUT SPACE CONQUEST

There were only 29 secs of gas left when Apollo 11 landed on the moon… Buzz Aldrin was praying just before walking on the moon… Russian cosmonauts landed in forest full of wolves… In 1997, two ships collided in space… Alan Shepard played golf on the moon… ISS toilets were blocked for a few days… An Italian cosmonaut almost drowned in space… We can listen to whales' song on disc of Voyager 2…

As extraordinary they are, all these facts are true. This book invites us to discover the backstage of space conquest, full of stories and astonishing facts.
FOOD: CHANGE EVERYTHING!
TO GET THE GOOD HABITS

Alimentation. Il faut tout changer !
Adoptez les bon réflexes

Learn to eat again

We do not know what to eat anymore!

Biting into an apple or tasting grapes means absorbing toxic products. And we do not even talk about ready-to-eat meals provided by food industry!

What is the true toxicity of pesticides, insecticides and food additive that we swallow every day? Are GMO dangerous for our health? Can we accept animals’ factory farming? Must we favor organic food? Do we have to avoid gluten?

Resulting from years of observations and reflections, this book examines our popular misconceptions. Gérard Pacaud invites us, with his method “85/15” (85% of vegetables and fruits, 15% of meat or fish), to change our food habits and to implement three essential principles: eating fresh, local and diversified.

February 2019 – 400 pages

Dr Gérard Pacaud

A biologist, Dr Gérard Pacaud is a former teacher at Medical University and wrote more than twenty essays and guides (Albin Michel, Presses du Châtelet…), including Diabetes 2nd Type (Presses du Châtelet, 2011).
THE GOLDEN MONTH
THOSE AMAZING 30 DAYS
FOLLOWING BIRTH
Le Mois d’Or. Ces 30 jours merveilleux après l’accouchement

How can a mother fully enjoy the 30 days following childbirth, one of the most important experiences in a woman’s life?

Discovering a new life, lack of sleep, tiredness, body hurts, baby blues… Physically just as mentally, this month is a difficult changeover for the mother as well as for the baby. However, in many cultures, this period of time is well known and is subject to specific treatments and adapted diets.

This guide unveils the reality of that crucial moment in the life of a mother and a couple. It explains how to get prepared with specific practices, and is useful in preventing many new-mother troubles: protecting from baby blues and post-birth difficulties, lowering risks of depression and burn out, overcoming negative emotions, avoiding physical problems, maintaining the couple far from the conflicts…

This guide, illustrated with drawings, includes exercises from yoga, meditation, shiatsu and various techniques.

May 2019 – c. 240 pages

CÉLINE CHADELAT – MARIE MAHÉ-POULAIN

Céline Chadelat is a journalist specialized in religions and spirituality. She is the co-author of a biography of Thich Nhat Hanh (Presses du Châtelet, 2016).

Marie Mahé-Poulain is a psychologist specialized in supporting pregnant women and young mothers. Also a yoga teacher, she is very active on internet where she federates a community of young mothers.
THE HEALING WORDS Series

GO! THE SPIRIT AND THE PRACTICE OF THE BEATITUDES

The Beatitudes are eight blessings recounted by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew. Proclaimed by a Galilean rabbi more than 20 centuries ago, are they still up to date?

The aim is not an improved but still mortal man; but an open man, wide awake about what he does and what transcends him, what Gospel calls the Kingdom or the reign of God.

WELCOMING OTHERS. A TALMUD’S COMMENTARY

Four mystical Jews from the Talmud travel to heaven. The first one dies, the second one gets mad, the third one loses faith, but the fourth one comes in and leaves peacefully.

This book gives an enlightenment and an explanation to this fundamental text of Judaism. Facing a real mystical experience, what do the speculations we did alive become? Reading the sacred texts in the proper way is essential, but also everything around us, the events of our life such as the great topical moments.

March 2019 – 96 pages

JEAN-YVES LELOUP

A writer, philosopher and theologian, Jean-Yves Leloup is the author of many books about Christianity origins and encounters of religions, translated in several countries. He made also translations and original interpretations of Gospel, Epistles and Jean’s Apocalypse.

March 2019 – 96 pages

FRANK LALOU

A calligrapher, Frank Lalou is also the writer of spiritual books. He is the author of more than 40 books, including Le Grand Livre du Cantique des Cantiques and Les Psaumes (Albin Michel).
WITHOUT MY SHADE
Sans mon ombre

Two twins. One killer.

Alice just killed Célia, her twin. Her reflect, her inverted alter ego whose golden life she envied. While Alice, single, makes a scarce living by teaching philosophy, her twin, a fulfilled wife and mother, experiences the idle life of fortunate people in a splendid villa by the sea.

Célia’s death will enable Alice to take her place. At least so she believes.

Because in “wonderland”, it is not happiness but disappointment that awaits her to. Alice’s life through the looking-glass may become a nightmare... until she realizes – but too late – that the beautiful mirror was only a smoke screen...

April 2019 – 440 pages

EDMONDE PERMINGEAT

Edmonde Permingeat was a teacher of German. She always had a passion: writing. Her three previous novels sold 80,000 copies.
EVEN IF THE SUN GOES DOWN

Même si le soleil se cache

A trustworthy mother?

When Emilie meets Eric, during a trip in Martinique, she is only 18. She stems from a wealthy family, he is an irresistible man working for the Club Méditerranée. Soon, this holidays love becomes a passionate relationship. A baby named Alice is born. From now on, nothing but happiness lays ahead for them...

But, one morning, Emilie discovers strange marks on the body of her daughter. Since then, everything goes from bad to worse: suspicious doctors, accusations...

While family secrets come up, Emilie is threatened by madness. She has to fight against legal machine and live again traumas she thought forgotten. Did she voluntarily hurt her baby? Is she victim of Munchausen syndrome by proxy?

June 2019 – c. 260 pages

ANNE DE BOURBON-SICILES

Related to most of European courts, Princess Anne de Bourbon-Siciles lives between the sparkle of Paris and the peaceful eden of Martiniques. She was fashion editor, then public relations manager, before turning to writing. Her two first novels, Pipiri’s Song and I’ve Something To Tell You (rights still available) are available in massmarket paperback.
Half a century after the 1962 independence, three young Algerians frustrated, but full of humor, talk without any taboo in a barn or by a cemetery: Ahawi, a Kabyle music rising star, his friend Zar, an engineer, and Zof, a shepherd. The two first ones are disappointed by a country, Algeria, that suppresses creativity and hope: after they fought vainly against power and Islamism, they get in touch with the Corporal, a perfidious and confusing smuggler; while Zof, an uncompromising patriot, refuses to follow them. Captives of a cynical and corrupt system, the engineer and the singer will have to fight desperately.

Allah In The Country Of Lost Children depicts a futureless youth that suffocates and has no other perspective than obscurantism or exile.

“Karim Akouche knows how to tell what he needs to say, without fear nor frills. Very rare are the people who involve themselves, intellectually, morally and politically, in the fight against intolerance, fanaticism, nationalism and other follies that make peoples’ misfortune.”

Boualem Sansal
ONCE UPON A TIME…
JAMES BOND
Il était une fois… James Bond

The first biography of the “hero in tuxedo”.
Release of the next James Bond film:
8th May 2020.

Everybody knows his name. Everybody knows his number. But do we really know the man behind Her Majesty’s spy? What do know about the character born from the fertile imagination of a misogynist English dandy: Ian Fleming?

007 likes the hearty breakfasts, regrets that he had to leave his Beretta .25, thinks that the perfect woman can “make Sauce Béarnaise as well as love”, deplores to have to kill on duty… but accepts easily for England. Naturally suspicious, he is not friendly except if it is required by his mission. Meticulous, sometimes cynical, he remains professional under all circumstances. He is not only one of the best MI-6 components but also the most devoted.

Once upon a time James Bond… The first biography of the hero in tuxedo.

Book’s release: April 2020
First proofs: July 2019

GUILLAUME EVIN
Guillaume Evin, the French specialist of 007, unveils one of the most famous fiction characters, while the 25th James Bond film’s international release is planned on 8th May 2020 – the fifth and probably the last one with Daniel Craig.
BACKLIST
A TRIBUTE TO LIFE
Plaidoyer pour la vie

A Nobel Peace Prize 2018 awarded to Dr Denis Mukwege

The “man who repaired 30,000 women” reached worldwide fame for his work with victims of sexual violence during the war that has plagued for decades the Eastern Congo. Dr Mukwege appeared before the UN General Assembly and received the prestigious Olof Palme Prize in Sweden and the Sakharov Prize for Peace.

Born in 1955 in ex-Belgian Congo, Denis Mukwege first studied medicine in Bukavu, before specializing in gynaecology in Angers (France). He was shocked to witness in his country complications of childbirth experienced by women who had no access to specialized healthcare.

This gynaecologist became a symbol of hope and peace in ex-Belgian Congo. So much so that many people gave him their support for a potential presidential mandate, and called him to “the new Mandela”.

Originally published by Weyler förlag (Stockholm) and cowritten with Berthil Akerlund, this autobiography covers Dr Mukwege’s life from his miraculous birth in Bukavu (Congo) to several assassination attempts he survived, the latest in 2014.

Rights sold in Germany (Brunnen Verlag), Japan (Asunaro Shobo), Spain (Peninsula), Netherlands (De Geus), Italy (Garzanti),

Czech Republic (Alpress), Vietnam (Hochiminh City Culture), India (Olive Publications).
October 2019 – 8-page photo color section – 288pages

DR DENIS MUKWEGE
Today, Dr. Dennis Mukwege, 63, still keeps running his hospital, taking care with his staff of victims of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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ROMY SCHNEIDER
Romy Schneider intime

Confessions of a star

“During all her life, recalls Alice Schwarzer, Romy Schneider tried to break out from the clichés cast over her: the cute Virgin Sissi, the love affair with Delon, her repentant German mother... No biography of Rosemarie Albach-Retty alias Romy Schneider ever was so close to her real self.

December 12, 1976. Alice Schwarzer and Romy Schneider are crouching on the bed of Alice’s tiny penthouse. As the evening sky darkens and night falls, Romy is talking and talking. Sometimes she says: «Stop the tape recorder!» And sometimes she begins to weep. She tells Alice, «I want you to make something really grand out of our encounter. I want you to get back at them all!»

Never published outside Germany, this book reveals things which Romy never told anyone: her conflict between love and acting; her mother, who – as Romy believes – «slept with Hitler»; her stepfather «who wanted to sleep with me and not only once».

In the fall of 1976, when Romy was shooting Group Portrait with a Lady in Berlin, the German media did not stop hassling her, ransacking her trash can and gleefully counting the empty bottles of champagne. In France, Romy was a much-admired star, «la Schneider». Yet in Germany she remained the eternal Sissi. Germans did not forgive her for «running off with that Frenchman Alain Delon».

Alice Schwarzer would wait many years until she published this book. «I wanted to tell the true Romy. She was a great actress. And a never really tamed «garçon manqué». She was humble and quick-tempered, full of complexes and proud at the same time. » The book is also an essay explaining Romy’s secret of immortality. A reflection on «femininity» and the rebellion of women against their role.

Rights sold in Bulgaria (Labyrinth)

“This book is a captivating interview full of upsetting confessions”
Le Parisien

“On this night, she wants to tell her truths et seems ready to face her past”
Le Journal du dimanche

“When the mic is muted, she confides to Alice her own bisexuality. And she says explicitly having been in love with Simone Signoret...”
Gala

ALICE SCHWARZER
Born in 1942, Alice Schwarzer, editor of monthly magazine Emma, publisher and author, lives in Berlin.
BRIGITTE MACRON
Brigitte Macron, l’affranchie

The first biography of the French First Lady

“A cougar in the Élysée” (The Times, UK), “the most unusual First Lady ever” (The Independent, UK), Emmanuel Macron’s “principal adviser” (The New York Times, US), “Jane Fonda’s nice friend” (Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany), “the president’s electoral ticket” (El País, Spain), one of Chinese social medias’ favourites... Brigitte Macron fascinates the whole world.

But behind her smiles, Brigitte Macron hides many pains, from the dramas of her childhood to the consequences of a love affair with a pupil named Emmanuel Macron, who was 16 when they first met.

With such a personal history, she should be a very different First Lady. She names herself the “little soldier” of her husband, but she actually is the president first advisor. Élysée counsellors admit – even unwillingly: Emmanuel Macron’s wife is his “non-negotiable part”.

What are the First lady’s motivations? Beyond gossips on the age gap, her taste for Louis Vuitton dresses and her rich-and-famous friends, Maëlle Brun unveils the woman behind the appearances.

More than a hundred testimonies have been collected for this biography of Brigitte Macron, the first to appear in France.

Top20 “Best-selling essay” list of Livres Hebdo

Excerpts sold to Sunday Times

Mass-market paperback edition

Rights sold in Italia (Minerva), China (JIC Publisher), Greece (Kritiki), Serbia (Samizdat D.O.O.), Albania (UEGEN) and in Bulgaria (Millenium), and in Vietnam (Hanoi Books)

January 2018 – 216 pages

MAËLLE BRUN
A former contributor to Elle, Grazia and Biba, Maëlle Brun now works for weekly magazine Closer. She is the author of a biography of George Clooney (Éditions du Moment, 2016).
THICH NHAT HANH
THE MASTER OF FULL CONSCIOUSNESS

Thich Nhat Hanh, une vie en pleine conscience

The exclusive biography of the Master

The author of 70 essays (including The Miracle of Mindfulness), translated into 20 languages, this renowned Zen master also is a poet and a peace activist. This is the first biography of one of the brightest Buddhist minds of our time, the most famous spiritual guide after the Dalai Lama.

Born on 11th October 1926 in Hué (Vietnam), Thich is ordained “thay” (monk) at 23. As of 1963, he fights against Vietnam War, travelling through United States, Europe, Asia. His peaceful struggle will make him Martin Luther King’s choice for the 1967 Nobel Peace Prize.

Thich Nhat Hahn teaches the art of fully-living and emphasizes watchfulness and attention. He lives in the Buddhist Center of Plum Village, in Thénac (Dordogne), which he launched in 1982, in order to deliver his teachings to the world. He celebrated his 90th birthday in October 2016.

A biography approved by Plum Village’s “Mother Superior”:

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Jean Philippe, a long time journalist with Nice-Matin, has known Zinédine Zidane since his beginnings in AS-Cannes in the late 80s. He participated in the documentary Une équipe de rêve, shot in 2006 with Zidane. Patrick Fort has been the correspondent of AFP in Madrid for five years.
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AMÉLIE NOTHOMB
MICHEL ROBERT

Amélie Nothomb was born in Japan of Belgian parents in 1967. She lives in Paris. Since her debut on the French literary scene a little more than a decade ago, Amélie Nothomb has published a novel a year, every year. Her edgy fiction, unconventional thinking, and public persona have combined to transform her into a worldwide literary sensation. She has been awarded numerous prizes including the French Academy’s 1999 Grand Prix for the Novel, the René-Fallet prize, the Alain-Fournier prize, and the Grand Prix Giono in 2008. Amélie’s books have been translated into over fifteen languages, including English (Faber&Faber, Europa Editions), German (Diogenes Verlag), Italian (Voland Edizioni), Spanish (Anagrama Edición)…

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