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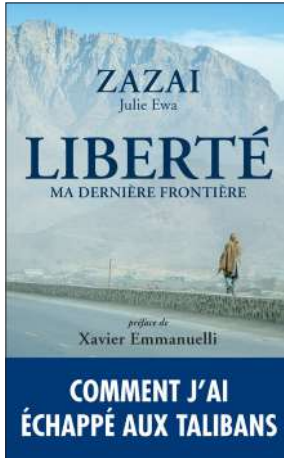
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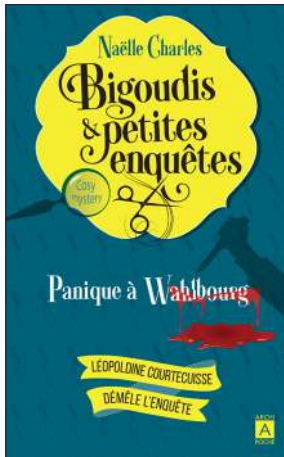
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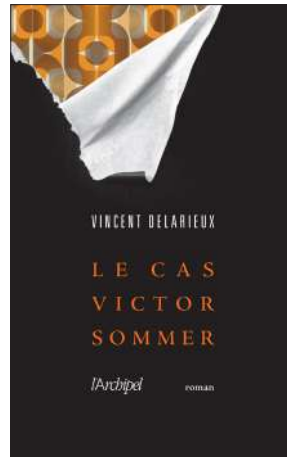
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NEW TITLES

FREEDOM, MY LAST BORDER

Liberté, ma dernière frontière

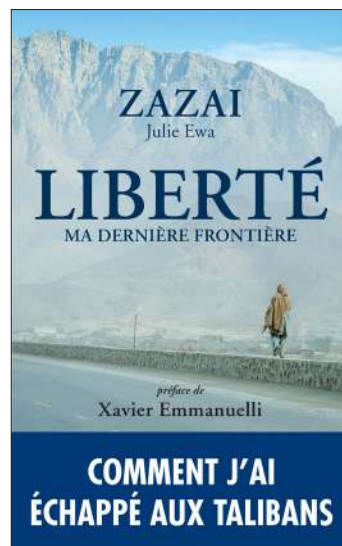
Foreword by Dr Xavier Emmanuelli

The 1,200 km journey of an Afghan boy

Born in Paktia, an Afghan village, Zazai lives with his father, a shepherd and religious teacher, his mother and his little brother Hilal. But he has to stop going at school since Talibans, occupying a large part of the country, hire boys out of schools. He is only 15 when his uncle decides he should flee Afghanistan. Here starts a long and dangerous 6-month journey to reach Western Europe along with untrustworthy smugglers.

He travels through Pakistan, where Zazai meets Wakas and Sohail, 13, both Pashtun refugees like him; then Iran, Turkey, where he is held hostage; Bulgaria, where he is jailed; Hungary, where he stays in a detention center; Italy and its juvenile welfare home; and finally, France where he settles down and starts a new life.

This book recounts his dangerous journey to freedom. Throughout their ordeal, Zazai and his two friends always remain hopeful – their only option to keep going on!



January 2022 – 272 pages

ZAZAI

Born in 1998, **Zazai** lived in Afghanistan before being threatened by Talibans, forcing him to flee at 15. Taken in charge by an association in Strasbourg, he got a refugee status and French citizenship. He now earns his living as a trained electrician.

Dr Xavier Emmanuelli cofounded Médecins Sans Frontières and founded Samu Social International.

SOLD! VICTIM OF STOLEN CHILD TRAFFICKING

Vendue ! Victime d'un trafic d'enfants volés

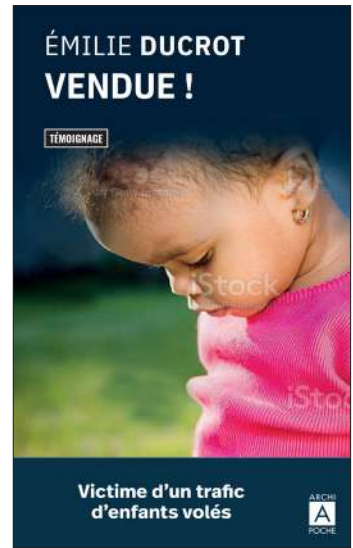
A worldwide scandal

"I'm nobody's child. My IDs are fake. No baby named Surangie was born in the Kalubowila hospital, near Columbo, on September 19th, 1985, nor before. Not even in another place nearby. The registration date on my certificate does not match with anything.

So I've been kidnapped. Or sold. Was I conceived for an illegal adoption network? Am I the result of a rape? In 1985, I was adopted by a French couple, in Sri Lanka. This book is my story."

*"A moving book"
Closer*

*"A touching enquiry about children trafficking"
Fémi9*



April 2022 – 220 pages

ÉMILIE DUCROT

Adopted in 1985, **Émilie Ducrot**, a former singer, founded Les Enfants de Ceylan, an organization aimed at helping children (11,000 were kidnapped in Sri Lanka in the 80s) join with their family.

SHE LEAVES HIM, HE KILLS HER

Elle le quitte, il la tue

Facing feminicide

“Ghylaine was my younger sister. Aged 34, the mother of Cloé, 7, she announced her fiancé she was leaving him. On September 2nd, after he beat her up, her husband threw gasoline on her and drew a lighter. Their flat caught fire. Cloé witnessed the whole scene. 92% burnt, Ghylaine was brought to an hospital with her husband, less wounded. Two days after, she died, never recovering from the artificial coma doctors had put her into.”

Following this tragedy, Sandrine, the victim’s sister, took part in the trial where she witnessed many malfunctions: the murderer kept holding parental authority; no consideration was given to many complaints filed; the murder was considered a “crime of passion”... Her story also is a tribute to her sister.



April 2022 – c. 272 pages

SANDRINE BOUCHAIT

After her sister’s death, Sandrine Bouchait founded UNFF (Union Nationale des Familles de Féminicides) in order to collect testimonies from victims’ close relationships and support them in their reconstruction. She also works with police officers and the Ministry of Justice to raise awareness.

TILL THERE STILL IS HOPE

Voyage au bout de l'espoir

My fight against Lou Gehrig's disease

January 2019. Leah Stavenhagen, 26, is about to join a big audit firm. She has just moved from New York to Paris with her fiancé, Hugo. The only cloud on the horizon: legs cramps disturbing her yoga practice. Leah cannot stop thinking about them as they start hampering her walking.

Many months will go by before doctors make their diagnosis: Lou Gehrig's disease – also known as motor neurone disease (MND). Two years of life expectancy. Leah and her fiancé's life is turned upside down. Spring 2020, while the whole world is quarantined, Leah can no longer walk. She needs to get used to her wheelchair. Her arms and legs are now affected.

But they decide to keep their chin up: parties, restaurants, trips - and get wed in Paris.

For 18 months, Leah has been treated in New York City with an experimental cure which she is the first to get. She keeps fighting against a disease she does not consider incurable; and, since the beginning of the cure, her disease stabilizes.

Leah Stavenhagen recounts her life and fight to go ahead: hope will never leave her!



May 2022 – c. 200 pages

LEAH STAVENHAGEN

Born in 1992, Leah Stavenhagen grew up in US, then in Denmark before moving to Paris with Hugo, her fiancé. In 2019, she starts a consultant career – alas stopped by her disease. Since then, paralysed of her upper and lower body, she dedicates herself to the association she founded to raise awareness on this disease which affects young women.

MEGHAN AND OTHER DESPERATE PRINCESSES

Meghan et le désespoir des princesses

*Meghan, Kate, Diana or Margaret:
when tears are shed in the royal family*

They are young, beautiful, wealthy... they live a perfect life! Their names are Meghan, Kate, Diana or Margaret. All little girls dream of experiencing their lives and marrying a Prince charming. But this is no fairy tale!

When she left Buckingham Palace unceremoniously, Meghan Markle revealed the reality behind closed doors. When Prince Harry met her in 2017, he immediately fell in love with this uncommon pedigree-less brunette. He followed her to Canada then United States, bidding farewell to his brother William, his father Charles and, even his grandma, the Queen!

In LA, Oprah Winfrey becomes the couple's confidante. Their critics about the royal family are watched by millions of TV viewers. Lies, betrayals, threats, revenge: the fiancés' secrets become a bombshell!

Meghan Markle, Diana Spencer, Kate Middleton, Camilla Parker-Bowles, Margaret and Elizabeth II: all princesses have shed tears in Buckingham palace. Elizabeth Gouslan unveils what lies behind the royal curtains.



February 2022 – 224 pages

ELIZABETH GOUSLAN

A journalist, [Elizabeth Gouslan](#) authored many biographies about personalities, including Jean-Paul Gaultier, Ava Gardner, François Truffaut and Marcello Mastroianni.

LOOKING FOR ELENA FERRANTE

Elena Ferrante.

À la recherche de l'Amie Prodigieuse

*Bestsellers translated into 42 languages,
5 million copies sold...
But who is My Brilliant Friend's author?*

My Brilliant Friend, her four-novel Neapolitan saga, was translated into 42 languages. Five million copies were sold in the world. The saga became a successful TV series. Yet, no filmed interview or signing sessions have ever taken place: the author preferred remaining anonymous. There still is a mystery: who is Elena Ferrante? Is it a famous author's nickname? An unknown writer refusing celebrity? Or is "Elena Ferrante" the pen name of translator Anita Raja as Italian journalist Claudio Gatti claims it?

Having interviewed translators, publishers and specialists, journalist Salomon Malka leads the investigation and lifts parts of the veil on this mystery.



February 2022 – 240 pages

SALOMON MALKA

Born in 1949, [Salomon Malka](#) is a journalist, writing for *L'Arche*, *La Vie*, *Le Monde des religions* and *Marianne*. He wrote many literary essays published by Albin Michel, Lattès, Le Cerf...

THE AUSCHWITZ SWIMMER

Le Nageur d'Auschwitz

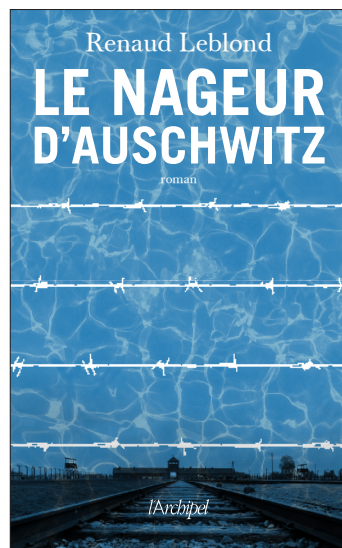
A true story

Alfred Nakache, a Jewish man from Constantine (Algeria), won many swimming races from 1938 to 1942. He survived Auschwitz then Buchenwald, and was rewarded in 2019 at the Swimming Hall of Fame, Florida, for virtues he embodied: bravery, humility, strength and resilience.

Excluded of pools during 1942 France championships, denounced in November 1943, he is arrested and deported in January 1944. In Auschwitz, Alfred Nakache defied Nazis by swimming, at his own risks, in camps water tanks. In 1945, while everybody thought he was dead, he came back and joined in his Toulouse swimming club. Hoping his wife Paule and his daughter Annie were alive, he managed to recover and won an amazing world record... before he learnt they both were gassed a few hours after they arrived in Auschwitz.

Alfred Nakache decided then to retire – but kept swimming every day in the Mediterranean Sea. Until the day, in 1983, when, while swimming, he had a heart attack ...

This novel recounts the life and times of an unsung hero.



May 2022 – c. 200 pages

RENAUD LEBLOND

A publisher, **Renaud Leblond** authored many history and investigation books. A sports enthusiast, he created a sports literature prize.

PURPLE REVENGE

Délivre-nous du mal

"What a dark, spirited and striking writing!"
Le Parisien

Lyon, nowadays. As Anaïs has not heard from her sister for a week, she finally goes to her place. Here, she discovers her cell phone and her keys: why would she leave without them? Now Anaïs is sure: Esther has been kidnapped.

After several months, police's investigation goes nowhere. And meanwhile, women disappear. Until one is found, hung in a shutdown factory, her tongue ripped off. Then, a second one... Is there a serial killer? Was Esther one of the victims?

Cults, mass poisoning, abuses, revenges... Chrystel Duchamp's suspense novel will grip you – and surprise you, from the first page until the stunning final twist!

About her previous novels:

"An investigation that approaches the performance art."

Le Point

"For her debut novel, Chrystel Duchamp sets high standards. The story is totally compelling but wait for the unexpected final!"

Mediapart

"Chrystel Duchamp mixes crimes madness with modern art follies in a gripping and intense thriller."

20 Minutes

"A candy-like thriller!"

Gérard Collard

(*"Le Mag de la Santé"*, *"L'Info du Vrai"*)



January 2022 – 304 pages

CHRYSTEL DUCHAMP

Since her youth, **Chrystel Duchamp** is an addict of fantastic, horror, science fiction and thriller literature. She wrote *L'Art du meurtre* (*The Art of Murder*, 2020) and *Le Sang des Belasko* (*Belasko's Blood*, 2021), both published by l'Archipel (massmarket paperback edition: Archipoche).

EVEN BIRDS GET DIZZY

L'Oiseau qui avait le vertige

The first thriller of an author awarded the Michel Déon Prize of the Académie française

A remote island near la Pointe du Grouin, in Brittany. A building built on a cliff: l'Hôtel des Flots, including spa and thalassotherapy for upper-class clients.

Emir Karlovic arrives there for a one-week stay. In his luggage: a .44 magnum and a Cobra colt. Is he a hitman? During his first lunch in this hotel, Jessica, an employee, disappears. When the corpse is discovered, all hotel occupants, staff as well as clients, become suspects. Police officers Géraldine Chanal and Robès start their inquiry.

But outside, a pandemic is hovering... until the government announces a global lockdown. So everybody is forced to stay inside. What if the killer could take the opportunity of this situation? Could all those people, in spite of appearances, be potential serial killers?



February 2022 – 256 pages

FRANÇOIS CÉRÉSA

Born in Cannes in 1953, François Cérésa has worked for *Le Quotidien de Paris* and *Le Nouvel Observateur*. A food critic, a book reviewer, he authored more than twenty novels, including *La Vénus aux fleurs* (Paul-Léautaud prize), *La Femme aux cheveux rouges* (Freustié prize and Exbrayat prize), *Les Amis de Céleste* (Joseph Delteil prize). His last novel, *À un détail près* (Ecriture, 2021), was longlisted for the Prix Interallié.

THE VICTOR SOMMER CASE

Le cas Victor Sommer

"Halfway between the Gospels and Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho. A great novel!"

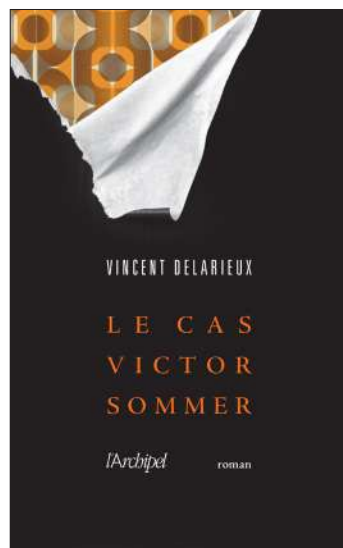
Amélie Nothomb

Victor Sommer, 33, is unhappy about of his monotonous and discreet life. Secretly, he wants to become "someone". But his goal is hindered by his mother, a disabled and over-possessive woman. One day, she suddenly vanishes without a trace.

Left alone, Victor has to face a world he doesn't know. And as he gets used to his independence, he is about to achieve his desire for fame. At his own risks.

But his mother, doubtless, is closer than he thinks...

A novel awarded
the 2020 Prix des Étoiles



May 2022 – c. 300 pages

VINCENT DELAREUX

Living and working near Cherbourg, **Vincent Delareux** has written weekly posts until he published his debut novel, *Les corps étrangers*. Then 23, he self-published his second novel, *Le Cas Victor Sommer*, which was awarded the 2020 Prix des Étoiles for the best self-published novel.

HAIRCURLING AND LITTLE MURDERS

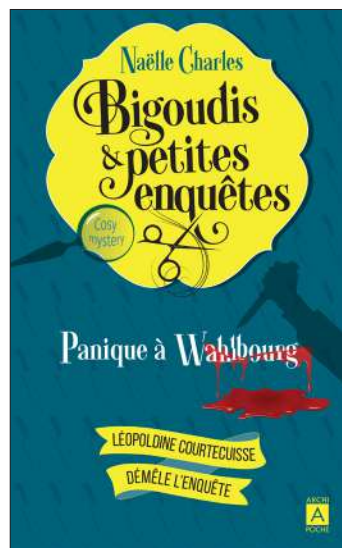
PANIC AT WAHLBOURG #1

Bigoudis et petites enquêtes T.1
Panique à Wahlbourg

*Hairdresser Léopoldine Shorthip's
first investigation!*

Léopoldine Courtecuisse (Shorthip) is a hairdresser in Wahlbourg, a small town in Alsace. Among dyes, conditioners and shampoos, she struggles to raise her two teenagers since their father left for her younger sister. Léopoldine manages to remain uplifted thanks to detective sitcoms she keeps watching, and confidences on the town's locals made by her customers.

One day, she discovers the corpse of Véronique Busch on her supermarket car park. While everybody is shocked, Léopoldine, who always dreamed to become a cop, now is sure: she now will show everybody she is an amazing detective!



April 2022 – c. 240 pages

NAËLLE CHARLES

Naëlle Charles lives near Strasbourg. *Hair Curlers and Other Mysteries* is her debut in the cosy mystery genre.

SOME SPARKLES OF YOU

Comme des éclats de toi

*One broken fate.
Four destinies shuffled...*

During a winter night in Paris, a car accident kills Bérénice.

Ulysse and Madeleine, the two drivers who caused this accident, are in shock. Despite their guilt and shame, they need to keep going on. But this accident has other consequences.

Georges, Bérénice's father who already suffered all along his life, has to grieve over his daughter. And Aliénor decides to start a new life where nobody knows her...

This accident will bind four lives. Will Ulysse, Madeleine, Aliénor and Georges manage to find answers? Eventually, all will become aware happiness lies ahead.



February 2022 – 432 pages

MARIE JOUDINAUD

Marie Joudinaud grew in Paris but spent many years in Hong-Kong. After studying literature and geography, she now is a literature teacher.

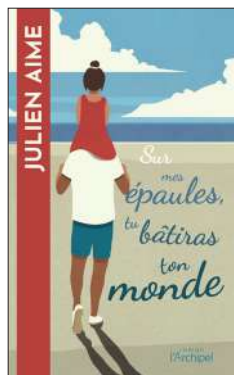
YOUR WORLD ON MY SHOULDERS

Sur mes épaules, tu bâtiras ton monde

The delicate art of being a father

An enthusiast French teacher, Louis is the happiest man on Earth since his wife Anna announced she was pregnant. Joyful, they both share the good news with their family and friends, start picking a first name, choose some furniture for baby's bedroom...

But soon fate strikes: Louis is diagnosed with leukaemia. If no donor is found, he will die before his daughter's birth. In a race against time, Louis swears to Anna he will be there whatever happens. So he decides to film himself and to narrate his life to his daughter, sharing his joys and sorrows, and giving her the advice any father should give his daughter.



March 2022 – c. 280 pages

JULIEN AIME

Julien Aime lives in Paris but travels all around the world whenever he can to find inspiration: you will probably meet him in a train or on a beach, holding his pen and a notebook.

MY INSANE FAMILY FROM BRITTANY

À la reconquête de l'Ouest

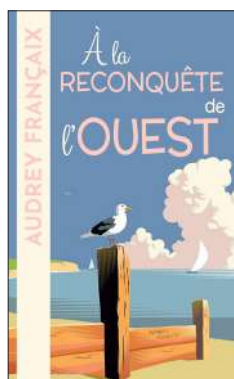
*When an adrift couple sails away
from their crazy stepfamily...*

Emmanuel and Gwenola, the parents of two teenagers, have been married for 16 years.

But daily life damaged their couple. Emmanuel still passionately loves Gwen, but she does not desire him anymore. Willing to win her heart again, he decides to totally change their lifestyle and brings his wife and his children in Brittany where his stepfamily lives. But he does not know them yet!

He will discover that Gwen had a good reason to break off all ties with her family...

Now Manu must struggle to find his place among a tyrannical father, a seductive uncle, a nutty aunt, senile grandmas... But when Gwenola's ex-boyfriend arrives, the family reunion turns into a crazy soap opera!



April 2022 – c. 464 pages

AUDREY FRANÇAIX

After writing fantasy, Audrey Françaix decided to write mainstream stories as she lives her life: tenderly and funnily.

THE PECULIAR FLAVOUR OF OUR MEMORIES

*Toutes les histoires commencent
par une petite faim*

*Some say we need to knock down every door
before finding the one leading to
our true self...*

After many years spent far from her family, Alice feels she ought to understand where she comes from so as to better know where she is headed to. She decides for a short stay at her older sister Margaux's small restaurant.

Margaux will help Alice discover her food recipes and its different flavours. She will then make her aware tasting can awaken her to things unseen. This way, Alice could look forward to her future...

BY THE SAME AUTHOR:

TAKE YOUR CHANCE!

Quand les hasards sont des rendez-vous

One summer morning, Lisa and her friends learn that Papé, an 86 years old homeless man and the emblematic figure of their favourite café, has just passed away. He bequeathed them suitcases containing his life memories. So, as a last tribute, they decide to trace back Papé's story.

In doing so, they go back to the beginning of his life, in Nice in the 1910s, before he moved to Lyon, Dijon then Paris. Discovering his story, Lisa and her friends will receive wisdom lessons.

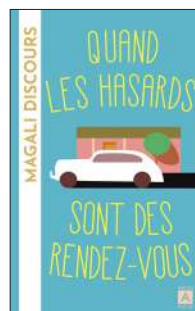
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May 2022 – c. 300 pages

MAGALI DISCOURS

An amateur painter but a passionate novelist, **Magali Discours** also teaches Italian. Her previous novel, *Quand les hasards sont des rendez-vous*, was awarded the Librinova Prize and sold 5,000 copies in a first self-published edition.



THE DELIGHTFUL DUPLICITY OF THE SONG OF SIRENS

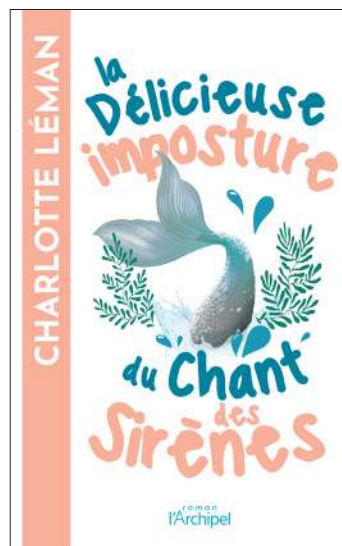
La Délicieuse imposture du chant des sirènes

What if we stopped dreaming our life so as to fully live it?

In a Parisian bookshop, Claire picks up a book in a rush. She is not aware those 420 pages will disrupt her routine -- and challenge her couple!

Obsessed by this novel, Claire decides to follow her heroin's footsteps and to isolate herself in the countryside. Indeed, this journey may be an opportunity to find her inner self and, perhaps... meet somebody else.

Yet we cannot live our life as a novel's story... What if we stopped dreaming our life to fully live it?



June 2022 – c. 300 pages

CHARLOTTE LÉMAN

After travelling all around the world, **Charlotte Léman** settled in Switzerland to start writing. Since 2017, her novels, inspired by her many trips, are a cross between feel-good books and comedies.

BY THE SAME AUTHOR:

IF LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS, MAKE A LEMON PIE

Si la vie te donne des citrons, fais-en une tarte meringuée

The life of Clémence, fortyish, is perfectly set: a husband, a 17 years old son, cheerful friends whom she bakes with, a job. When her husband leaves her for a younger woman, Clémence's world shatters.

But those hard times could be a turning point for Clémence. Why not put some zest in her life! If we cannot handle everything in our life, at least we can choose its taste.

304 pages



BACKLIST

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”. Aged 19, 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.

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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.

THICH NHAT HANH

THE MASTER OF FULL CONSCIOUSNESS

Thich Nhat Hanh, une vie en pleine conscience

The first biography of a renowned master

The author of 70 essays (including *The Miracle of Mindfulness*), translated into 20 languages, this renowned Zen master also was 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.

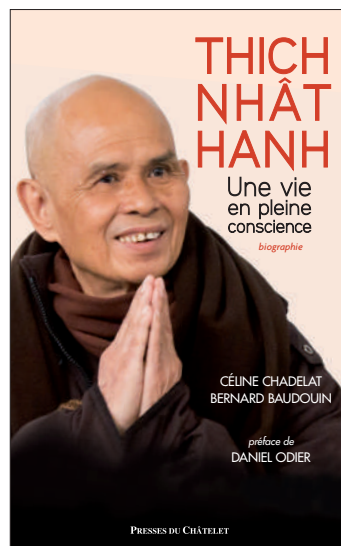
All along his life, Thich Nhat Hanh taught the art of full consciousness and emphasized watchfulness and attention. He lived in Buddhist Center of Plum Village, in Thénac (Dordogne), which he launched in 1982, in order to deliver his teachings to the world. He died in Vietnam in January 2022.

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

“Many thanks for the wonderful book you wrote on our Master. I read it with great happiness and I was very moved. It is a beautiful tribute to our Master. I’ve shared and recommended it to our members.”

Sister Dao Nghiem

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Foreword by Daniel Odier

October 2016 – 288 pages –
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**BERNARD BAUDOUIN
CÉLINE CHADELAT**

Bernard Baudouin is a specialist of religions, author of more than fifty books about great spiritual movements and beliefs. At Presses du Châtelet he published an *Initiation to Buddhism* and *The Big Book of Self-Knowing (Le Grand Livre de la connaissance de soi)*. Céline Chadelat is a journalist specialized in religions and spirituality.

AMMA

WHEN GOD IS A WOMAN

Amma. Quand Dieu est une femme

Since 1975, she has embraced 34 million people. Amma, who left school very early, comes from one of the lowest castes in India. Now she heads a spiritual movement that includes about fifty ashrams in India and in the whole world. She also leads a huge philanthropic empire, with some of the best schools in India, orphanages, a modern hospital in Kerala...

François Gautier assesses Amma's influence and message, having met her and some of her advisors, and explores the life and times of this prominent spirituality master.

**Rights sold in Spain & South America
(Edicions 62)**



April 2021 – 224 pages

FRANÇOIS GAUTIER

A writer and a journalist, François Gautier has been a correspondent in India and in Asia for the French newspaper *Le Figaro* for 10 years. He wrote many books about Asia, including *Une nouvelle Histoire de l'Inde* (l'Archipel, 2018). He lives between Pondichery, Delhi and Paris.

ELON MUSK

THE MAN WHO TRAVELS INTO THE FUTURE

Elon Musk, l'homme qui voyage dans le futur

A visionary or a mad scientist?

For twenty years, he has created new technological concepts. His first failures just strengthened his desire for success!

In the 1990s, Elon Musk was one of the first entrepreneurs who understood how Internet would transform our lives. Since then, this brilliant self-taught man kept pursuing his researches on electric cars, tube transportations and super speed space rockets. Now a Silicon Valley icon, Musk is one of the most important models of our decade. His last (but not least) ambition: to colonize Mars to make it a second Earth.

Luc Mary recounts Elon Musk's path from his childhood until his last successes, including his Tesla electric cars or the Space X launchers.

*"A biography that decyphers the myths."
Le Parisien*

More than 10,000 copies sold in France

Rights sold in Armenia (Antares)



May 2021 – 240 pages

LUC MARY

Born in 1959, *Luc Mary* is a writer and an historian. L'Archipel published his essays on historical figures, such as Hannibal, Mary Stuart and Rasputin. His last titles: *The Romanov's Last Days* (Archipoche, 2017), *Lenin: The Red Tyrant* (l'Archipel, 2017) and *Nuclear War was so close!* (l'Archipel, 2018).

MARIA CALLAS' LAST TOUR

Maria Callas, l'ultime tournée

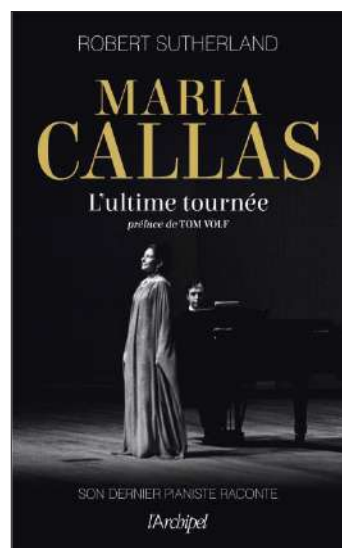
In 1973 pianist Robert Sutherland was invited to help Maria Callas prepare her comeback tour. He travelled with her for 15 months and then worked with her in the studio until shortly before her death.

This book depicts Maria Callas and Giuseppe di Stefano in their doom-laden 1973-4 concert tour. This attractive and candid memoir provides one of the best available snapshots of these two gifted and artists and their attempt to prove the world and themselves that their ageing voices were still amazing. Sutherland evokes other people's paranoia-- that of the older accompanist, Ivor Newton, whom he eventually replaced, that of Callas and her circle--and successfully portrays himself as a humble servant of their music. He recalls Callas saying: "A diva is a diva... a great personality. Her achievement depends on the strength of her will when she knows what she must do. I am a diva. My audiences love me but they would not want me as the girl next door. I don't care about the response of the critics. What matters is the feeling you receive from the people who are paying a high dollar to hear you sing." --

**This book was first published in the UK
in 1999 (Constable).**

**New foreword. World rights.
Full English text available**

Rights sold in Bulgaria (Labyrinth)



**August 2017 – 280 pages –
8-page photo section**

ROBERT SUTHERLAND

In this book, Robert Sutherland portrays **Maria Callas** as a human being. For years people have been obsessed by this woman, indeed they have been prepared to swallow any rumour or whisper relating to the Diva's life and career. At last we have a true account, from Robert Sutherland. He dispels many myths about Callas. The humility, integrity, honesty, humour and charm in his writing makes this book one of the most fascinating reads ever!

ROMY SCHNEIDER

AN INTIMATE PORTRAIT

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.

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”.

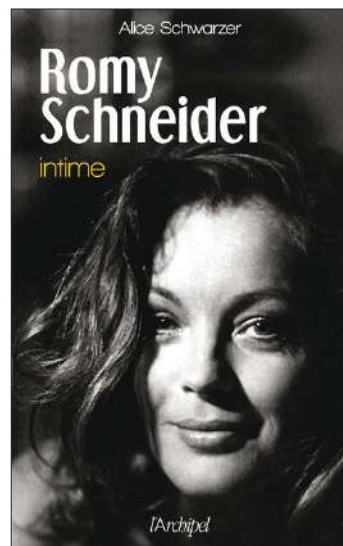
Alice Schwarzer would wait many years until she published this book. “I wanted to tell the true Romy”. She was a great actress. And a never really tamed “garçon manqué”. She was humble and quick-tempered, full of complexes and proud at the same time. The book is also an essay explaining Romy’s secret of immortality. A reflection on femininity and her 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 wanted to tell her truths and seemed ready to face her past”
Le Journal du dimanche

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



August 2018 – 192 pages

ALICE SCHWARZER

Born in 1942, **Alice Schwarzer**, editor of monthly magazine *Emma*, publisher and author, lives in Berlin.

CRAZY OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS!

Ils sont fous ces champions !

*To tie-in with Paris Olympic Games,
500 incredible and yet true facts*

The Olympic motto has been created by a Dominican Father. There once were Olympic cigarettes. The first disqualification for doping was for... having drunk two beers. There once was an angling competition in Olympic Games...

Both sports aficionados, the authors gathered 500 incredible anecdotes about (modern) Olympic Games, since 1896.

Sorted by sports (athletics, swimming, cycling, tennis...), these 500 fun facts unveil the most surprising and unexpected sides of the biggest worldwide sports event.

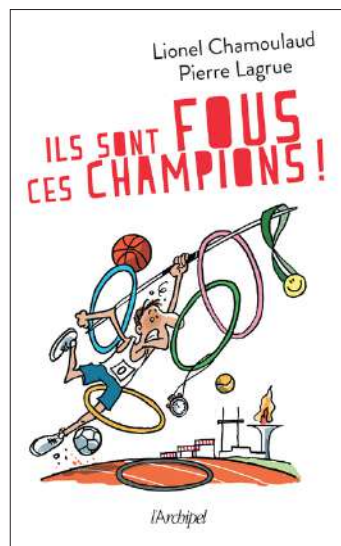
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(Changjiang Literature & Art)

An emergency Olympic flame:

The ceremony of the Olympic flame is very ritualized. No snag is allowed ! Some measures are thus indispensable. The Olympic flame is lit during a ceremony organized by the Greek Olympic Committee, in front of the ruins of Hera temple, with the sun rays striking a parabolic mirror. But freaks of weather could impede the ceremony. So, an "emergency flame" was also lit earlier, under the same traditional process, in good weather, and safely conserved: it is used only if the weather is bad.

Medals for men, diplomas for women...:

For a long time, Olympics were quite misogynous... For instance, in the 1908 London Olympic Games, the three first male champions were awarded gold, silver and bronze medals – that will become the norm –, while women, who were officially allowed to enter the tennis, skating and archery competitions, only got diplomas. Discrimination was even in the awards...



November 2020 – 50 B&W fun drawings – 300 pages

LIONEL CHAMOULEAU, PIERRE LAGRUE

Lionel Chamoulaud has been a sports reporter for France Télévisions (France 2, France 3...) for 40 years. He is the coauthor of many books about sports. Pierre Lagrue is a living encyclopedia about Olympism.

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Tel homme, quelle mère ?

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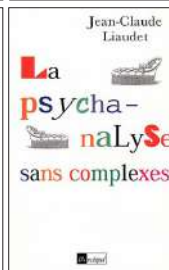
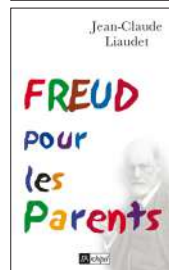
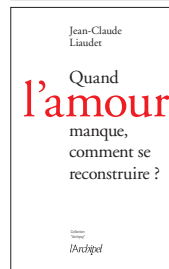
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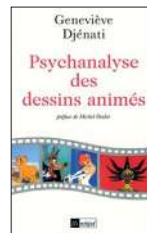
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La Découverte de votre enfant par le dessin

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ROSELINE DAVIDO

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Le Bonheur d'être névrosé

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DOMINIQUE DRILLON

I HAVE CHOSEN TO AGE WELL

J'ai choisi de bien vieillir

"Changing? Not at my age!", "Internet, smartphone get me confused", "Sport, at my age, is useless!"... This book denounces clichés. Based on recent scientific studies, it shows, on the contrary, that elders must make the most of their life! It suggests solutions to better take the third part of life up, and blossom. To feel fine as long as possible, and remain active and independent.

Rights sold in Romania (Niculescu)

Massmarket Paperback (J'ai lu)



November 2015 - 250 p.

**FRANÇOISE FORETTE
LAURENCE DORLHAC**

FIGHTING BREAST CANCER

Le cancer, ça se vit à deux

A vademecum for men

Dr Rémy Salmon spent most of his career in Curie Institute, to take care of patients with breast cancer.

In this book, he addresses the husband whose wife is ill. He describes different stages and explains the patient's medical treatment. Curing a woman and helping a couple cannot be limited to treat an organ.

Within a couple, each one has to face many obstacles beyond medical field. Maintaining a sex life, finding balance, taking children into account... such are questions – essential but often misregarded – raised in this book, for a more human approach of the daily treatment for cancer.

This essay includes a foreword written by Pr David Khayat, a French specialist of cancer treatment.

Sold in Korea (Ulysses Publishing Co.)



February 2020 – 304 pages

Dr RÉMY SALMON

Dr Rémy Salmon is a cancer specialist, the former Chief of Surgery department of Institut Curie in Paris and a member of Surgery academy. He wrote more than 300 articles in international medical publications.

THE GOLDEN MONTH

(Expanded Edition)

THESE AMAZING DAYS

FOLLOWING BIRTH

Le Mois d'or.

Bien vivre le premier mois après l'accouchement

Coping with PostPartum

How can a mother fully cope and enjoy all 30 days following childbirth, a difficult moment in a woman's life?

Lack of sleep, tiredness, body aches, baby blues... Physically as mentally, this month is a difficult time 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.

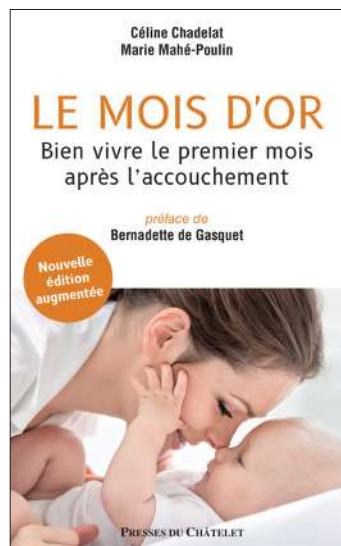
This guide unveils the reality of that crucial moment in the life of a mother, a father and a couple. It points out how to take advantages of specific practices, and prevents many troubles: recovering from baby blues and post-birth difficulties, lowering risks of depression and burn out, overcoming negative emotions, avoiding physical problems, maintaining the couple stable...

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

Massmarket Paperback (Marabout)

Audio rights sold to Audible

This expanded edition of the book published in 2019 includes additions about the father, problems following birth (early born babies...), and recommendations for the three days following birth, while the mother is still in the maternity ward. This book can be paired with *The Golden Month: The Exercise Book*: it includes lists, tables, question-and-answer exercises, meal menus... and delivers many materials to prepare early one's postpartum.



June 2021 – 430 pages

The Golden Month

The Exercise Book: 120 pages

CÉLINE CHADELAT – MARIE MAHÉ-POULIN

Céline Chadelat is a journalist specialized in religions, spirituality and well-being. She was taught Montessori education. She coauthored a biography of Thich Nhat Hanh (Presses du Châtelet, 2016).

Marie Mahé-Poulin is a psychologist specialized in supporting pregnant women and young mothers. She also is teaching yoga.

THE ART OF MURDER

L'Art du meurtre

Exquisite crimes

One-night love affairs, an intrusive and possessive mother, binge-drinking and smoking nights... At 34, Audrey could consider her life as a failure. Only her job as a police lieutenant keeps her fit.

On a searing day of July, Audrey and her team are called on a crime scene. Franck Tardy, a retired lawyer, was found dead in his fancy flat. His body was mutilated and staged on a banquet table – like a Vanitas. Audrey discovers soon that the man often goes to Parisian SM clubs and that he spent his fortune buying pieces of art.

When a second murder is committed in the same conditions, Audrey knows they face a merciless serial killer. From Paris auction houses to SM clubs, Audrey will have to chase this killer before the dead body count increases.

“An original suspense mixing up a noir plot,
bloody murders
and the fascinating world of art”,
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“A disturbing final twist – like a blow
after a trying investigation”,
Forum Bookshop

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A pure gem!”,
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“A splendid piece of art!”,
“After this thriller, you won’t look at
a painting as you’ve always done!”,
Babelio.fr



January 2020 – 272 pages

CHRYSTEL DUCHAMP

Since her youth, **Chrystel Duchamp** is an addict of fantastic, horror, science fiction and thriller literature. She also is the author of *Belaskos' Blood* (l'Archipel, 2021) and *Purple Revenge* (l'Archipel, 2022).

THE LITTLE GIRL BY THE LIGHTHOUSE

La petite fille du phare

When a baby disappears

Ploumenac'h, Brittany. Because they wanted to spend some time together in a bar near their home, Morgane and Elouan entrusted their baby, Gaela, to her teen brother.

When they come back, the cradle is empty. No sign of breaking in, no ransom demand. There are many leads... but the investigation gets nowhere.

One month later, Gaela is given back to her parents. Relief prevails over disbelief. Except for Arthur, who is convinced that this is not his sister...

"A gripping story, full of red herrings, with a shocking final twist. The beauty of Brittany coast is so well described!"

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October 2018 – 440 pages

CHRISTOPHE FERRÉ

A novelist, **Christophe Ferré** was awarded the Short Story Prize of Académie française in 2010. His previous thriller, *La Révélation de Chartres* (Salvator, 2015), sold over 10,000 copies. He also is the author of *Mortelle Tentation* (*Deadly Temptation*, l'Archipel, 2019) and *Soleils de Sang* (*Bloody Suns*, l'Archipel, 2021). **Foreign rights available).**

THE THOUSANDS WINDS PALACE

#1 THE LEGACY OF THE STEPPES

Le Palais des mille vents. L'Héritage des steppes.

Passions in the tzars' country.

A new saga in the spirit of

Tamara McKinley and Sarah Lark

Lahore, 1838. Morgan Preston, both Irish and Hindu, lives under his father's authority, a mercenary as cruel as alcoholic. Fortunately, he has got two friends: Chali, a nomadic hunter, and Maura, an Irish girl living with her mother and her father, colonel Edward Fleming, a police chief.

One day, as Morgan tries to stop his drunk father, Mr. Preston falls from a balcony and dies. Immediately, Fleming accuses Morgan of murder. The boy decides to flee, though he has to travel through Himalayan mountains...

Ten years later. Saved par Baron Bachkal, Morgan has found refuge in the Thousand Winds Palace, next to Orenburg, a Russian city between Asia and Europe along Ural river. The young man spends his time going through the steppes and attending parties held by his adoptive father. Until the day Maura knocks at the Palace's doors...

After her **Pink Lotus saga**, Kate McAlistair authors the first instalment of a new trilogy: a fabulous journey from Punjab to Russia, on icy territories where harsh climate intensifies passions.

Audio rights sold to Audible.



October 2021 – 704 pages

KATE MCALISTAIR

Fascinated by her grandfather who was a colonel in Asia during Golden Years, **Kate McAlistair** has always been passionate about Orient. After studying art and cinema, she was a graphic designer before beginning to write. She lives in Lyon with her husband and her two children in a house with a jungle-like garden. She authored the trilogy of the Pink Lotus (l'Archipel, 2018-2020).

THE HESITANTS

Les Indécis

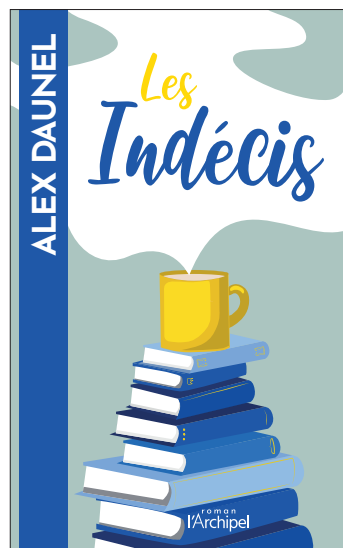
A declaration of love to books

"I didn't ask you who you were, but your favorite literature genre!" Here is how Max, 33, is welcomed when he arrives in an austere administrative building. Because he does not know what to say, he is sent to the office of his deceased literature teacher, Ms. Schmidt, who announces him he just died in a car crash. He is neither in heaven nor in the Purgatory: he is in the "Inspiratory", and he has to pick a literary genre. In doing so, he will inspire an author on earth who will turn him into a novel character. This way, he may live forever.

Shocked by his own brutal death, Max has more questions than answers. He is a "hesitant". Yet he has to be fast: he only has 24 hours to take the most important decision of his second life!

"A delightful and uncategorisable novel."
La Fringale Culturelle

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(Almuzara)**



August 2021 – 304 pages

ALEX DAUNEL

Born in 1970, **Alex Daunel** grows up among the novels of her aunt's bookshelves. After living in Australia, United States and Japan, she moved to Paris. *The Hesitants* is her first novel.

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