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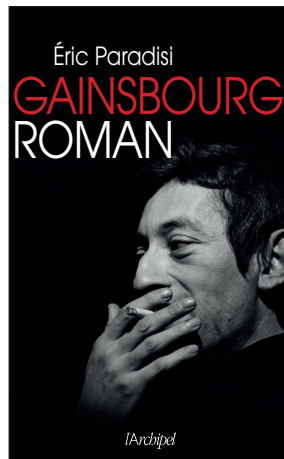
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NEW TITLES

MICHEL PETRUCCIANI

*The first thorough biography
of the great pianist
who passed away 25 years ago*

Born in Orange (Vaucluse, France), Michel Petrucciani, the son of a guitarist, had the brittle bone disease. But despite his condition, Petrucciani was a child prodigy, a piano and jazz enthusiast, who dreamed of becoming Duke Ellington; he started piano at 4, played with the American trumpeter Clark Terry at 13, and then with the greatest jazzmen: Charles Lloyd, Lee Konitz, Charlie Haden, Gary Peacock, Eddy Louiss, Ron Carter, Wayne Shorter, Stéphane Grappelli...

From his promising beginnings to his arrival in the USA in the 80s and his worldwide fame, the author depicts the story of an amazing but ill man, who passionately lived and played till his death in NYC, on the January 6th, 1999, aged 36.

The destiny of a great jazzman, in line with Bill Evans, Oscar Peterson and Keith Jarrett, praised for his playing inventiveness and virtuosity.



January 2024 – c. 350 pages

FRANCK MEDIONI

Franck Médioni is a journalist and an author who wrote for *Jazz Magazine* and produced jazz radio shows. He also authored biographies about Jimi Hendrix, Miles Davis (Gallimard) and John Coltrane (Le Castor Astral).

CÉLINE DION

*The biography of
a worldwide star*

In December 2022, she announced being diagnosed with stiff person syndrome, which forced her to postpone all her shows.

In January 2016, her long life manager and great love René Angélil dies. Céline's world collapses. She is lost without this man who discovered, managed, supported her, and who gave her three sons. Now 55, the former unappealing yet gifted girl became a world icon.

But who is the real woman behind the "show-runner" with an outstanding voice? Elisabeth Reynaud deciphers the life of this worldwide star singer, including her family life and her shows.



August 2023 – 380 pages

ELISABETH REYNAUD

A screenwriter and novelist, **Elisabeth Reynaud** is a famed biographer of outstanding women: Thérèse d'Avila, Sissi, Niki de Saint-Phalle, Thérèse de Lisieux, Marie-Antoinette...

ELON MUSK

UPDATED EDITION

Visionary or 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 most recent successes, including his Tesla electric cars or the Space X launchers. This **new edition** includes the last twists that interspersed the businessman's life, such as his chaotic Twitter acquisition and his involvement in the Russo-Ukrainian war...

*"A biography that deciphers the myth."
Le Parisien*

**More than 12,000 copies sold in France
of the 1st edition (2021)**

**Mass-market paperback rights sold to
Harper Collins France**



January 2024 – c. 300 pages

LUC MARY

Born in 1959, **Luc Mary** is a writer and an historian. He authored many biographies published at l'Archipel. In 2023, he also published a biography of Jeff Bezos (l'Archipel).

JANE BIRKIN

UPDATED EDITION

The only thorough French biography on actress, singer and style-icon Jane Birkin, who died on 16 July 2023, aged 76

Years went by but Jane Birkin remained an icon. From her beginnings as an actress in Michelangelo Antonioni's *Blow Up*, then a whispering singer as Serge Gainsbourg's muse, the "ex-fan des sixties" was truly famous all over the world.

Since 1968, when she met Serge Gainsbourg, she gets famous in France. Thus they both become one of the most famous bohemian-like couple of the Paris' Saint-Germain-des-Prés.

Besides her most famous songs ("Ex-fan des sixties", "Je t'aime moi non plus", "Quoi"...), we also could see her in cult films (Jacques Deray's *La Piscine*, Jacques Rivette's *La Belle Noiseuse*, Agnès Varda's *Jane B, par Agnès V...*) as well as on stage, directed by Patrice Chéreau.

For sure, throughout the years, the British-born actress and singer who never lost her so British accent turned into a real icon – even a Hermès bag got her name!

On 16 July 2023, Birkin was found dead at her home in Paris. She was 76 years old. The premier of the documentary *Jane by Charlotte*, directed by her daughter, actress and singer Charlotte Gainsbourg, was one of her last public appearances before her demise.

"This biography unveils a free woman,
a dedicated matriarch and an endlessly
inspired and inspiring woman.

To sum up: an icon!"

Nous Deux



October 2023 – 312 pages

FRÉDÉRIC QUINONÉRO

A specialist of music and cinema, **Frédéric Quinonéro** authored many biographies about singers and actors, including Johnny Hallyday, Jacques Dutronc, Edith Piaf, Sophie Marceau...

LOVE, DOLLARS & BETRAYALS

HEARD VS DEPP: A HOLLYWOOD SOAP OPERA

*Amber Heard - Johnny Depp :
amour, dollars et trahison*

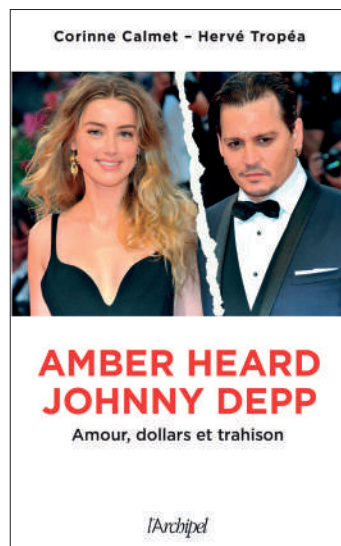
The 2022 most talked about trial

On 11 April 2022, in Fairfax, Virginia, a trial is about to become the hottest topic all over the world: Amber Heard and Johnny Depp accuse each other of defamation and domestic violence.

Is Amber Heard a neurotic compulsive liar? Or the victim of a violent ex-husband? Are her supposed lies going to cost Johnny Depp his career? Or is it true, as she states, he turns into a monster when he is under drugs?

This book depicts the two stars' difficult childhood and successes in the cinema world. The authors focus on the trial whose twists and revelations could even not have been imagined by Hollywood's most creative screenwriters.

*"An enlightening book
which exposes Johnny Depp's
torments from his childhood."
Gala*



August 2023 – 216 pages

CORINNE CALMET – HERVÉ TROPÉA

Corinne Calmet is a journalist. Author and producer Hervé Tropea is a jury member of Golden Globes. He has been living in LA for two decades and has worked with great movie stars.

THEY CHOSE DEATH NAZI LEADERS' SUICIDES

Ils ont préféré en finir.

Le suicide des chefs nazis

*Rommel, Goebbels, Goering, Himmler, Hess...
Nazi leaders who decided to follow
Hitler's ending*

30 April 1945, around 3.20pm. By killing himself with Eva Braun he just married, Adolf Hitler initiates a chain reaction through the chiefs of the Third Reich. Cyanide, hanging, firearms... Many of his collaborators follow this suicidal path – Goebbels first.

Yet some of Hitler's closest collaborators, Goering and Himmler, did not want to sacrifice themselves. Goering hoped he could deal with Americans and become future Germany new Foreign Minister; and Himmler figured he could manage the transition through Sweden. But Goering's death sentence in Nuremberg and Himmler's capture gave them an unexpected ending.

44-45, at least 200 Nazi chiefs killed themselves. All had many reasons: avoiding their sentence from Allies determined to condemn them; denying their defeat and the National-socialist Government ending... Many Nazis never considered their acts as criminal, and preferred choosing, with suicide or escape, their own "final solution".



November 2023 – c. 288 pages

PHILIPPE VALODE

An historian, [Philippe Valode](#) authored over fifty essays about modern History, many published at l'Archipel.

FROM COSMOS TO LIFE

Du Cosmos à la vie

(Re)discovering the story of our universe

One of the foremost French astrophysicists, Jean Audouze, and biologist Marie-Christine Maurel, get together to discuss a topic still intriguing humanity: birth of our universe and of life.

First was the universe. Its birth occurred about 13.7 billion years ago. From elementary particles to galaxies clusters, their interactions are governed by four essential interactions: gravity, electromagnetism and two nuclear forces. Since then, several generations of stars (and their clusters, named galaxies) took shape during the first billion years. Most of the chemical elements, including those that created Earth and life, emerged among stars, especially the biggest ones.

Water on Earth had an essential role. Two eras marked the evolution and the development of life: the first one, with the lack of oxygen on Earth; the second one, when it appeared, about 2 billion years ago.

The authors recount the evolution of life until the appearance of Homo Sapiens, the transformation of ecosystems – and fears induced by global warming and the exhaustion of biologic diversity.



October 2023 – c. 240 pages

JEAN AUDOUZE – MARIE-CHRISTINE MAUREL

An astrophysicist, **Jean Audouze** used to be a CNRS researcher, the director of Astrophysics Institute and of the Palais de la Découverte. He authored many books about science and space (Puf, Odile Jacob...). **Marie-Christine Maurel** is a Sorbonne professor. She authored several essays, published by Syros, Dunod, Odile Jacob... **Foreword by Erik Orsenna**, essayist and member of the Académie Française.

100 FRENCH WRITERS WHICH WE WILL STILL READ IN 2100

Les Cent qui restent.

*100 écrivains français du XX^e siècle
qu'on lira encore en 2100*

The 20th century foremost French writers

Writer and journalist Bernard Morlino picked a selection of 100 writers who will still be read and celebrated in 2100. An overview of the foremost French-writing authors who are presented – 4 pages each – with their life story, their literary genre, their foremost works and their distinctive features.

Each presentation includes the key dates and a selected bibliography.

The book includes among other:

- **Poets:** Apollinaire, Aragon, Breton, Cocteau, Valéry...
- **Novelists:** Camus, Céline, Gary, Giono, Houellebecq, Malraux, Perec, Vian...
- **Women:** Colette, Beauvoir, Duras, Ernaux...
- **Thinkers:** Cioran, Debord, Foucault, Lévi-Strauss, Sartre...
- **Playwrights:** Claudel, Guitry...
- **Noir writers:** Leblanc, Simenon...



October 2023 – 416 pages

BERNARD MORLINO

A writer and a journalist, **Bernard Morlino** is a literary critic who authored several essays and biographies about French writers.

21st CENTURY: 75 GREEN INVENTIONS WHICH WILL CHANGE YOUR LIFE

2100 : 75 innovations vertes qui vont changer votre vie

For a better future

- 2025: solar panels are now invisible
- 2030: cars are 100% synthetic oiled
- 2035: deserts produce electricity
- 2037: NASA hires on the Moon for their data centres
- 2039: the flying boats float over the rivers
- 2040: air-conditioners stop warming our atmosphere...

Food, agriculture, waste processing, transports, health, construction, energy... The ecotechnological transformation currently is affecting our whole lifestyle.

Submarine wind turbines (2031), solar power plants (2033), remotely operated trucks (2047)... With the help of experts, this book introduces, year after year, the inventions that are going to come out in the forthcoming years.

An essay definitely optimistic: green innovations are coming and open the gate to a better future!



February 2024 – c. 400 pages

ERIC DE RIEDMATTEN

A financial reporter (CNews, Europe 1, *Le Figaro*...), consultant for one of the biggest consulting firms in Paris and head of public relations for Siemens and BMW, **Eric de Riedmatten** authored a first edition of this book: *20^e siècle, les innovations qui vont changer notre vie* (l'Archipel, 2005), translated into Chinese, Korean, Czech and Russian. Foreword by Bertrand Piccard.

YOUR TONGUE AN INSIDE STORY

La Langue.

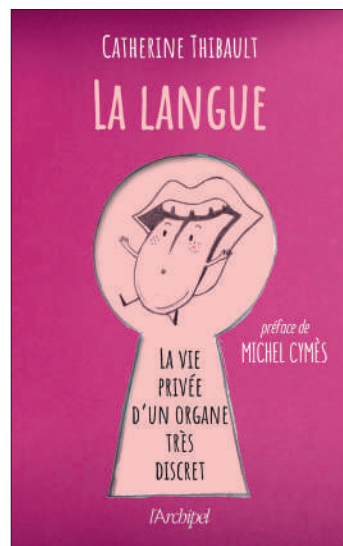
La vie privée d'un organe très discret

*An essay in line with Giulia Enders's
Gut: The Inside Story of Our Body's
Most Underrated Organ*

Is the tongue our maestro? Indeed: to drink, eat, breath, suckle, sleep, smell, speak and even get standing (!), we need this organ, which, with its 17 muscles, is one of the strongest human muscle systems.

But beyond its organic and sensorial functions, our tongue fulfils intellectual, even symbolical, duties too. And it is particularly relevant when the tongue is "sick": how can we interpret a baby with defective suction? What is happening when we swallow the wrong way frequently? What are learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, telling us?

Thanks to her experience in the pioneering maxillofacial surgery department of Necker Hospital, Paris, the author takes us on a nine-chapter tour of this little-known organ, which has a vital importance.



Includes 16 B&W drawings.
January 2024 – c. 240 pages

CATHERINE THIBAUT

A speech therapist and maxillofacial surgeon at the Necker hospital in Paris from 1984 to 2007, Catherine Thibault authored a reference book about speech therapy. Drawings by Cécile Landowski.

HOW TO GET RICH WITH BITCOINS

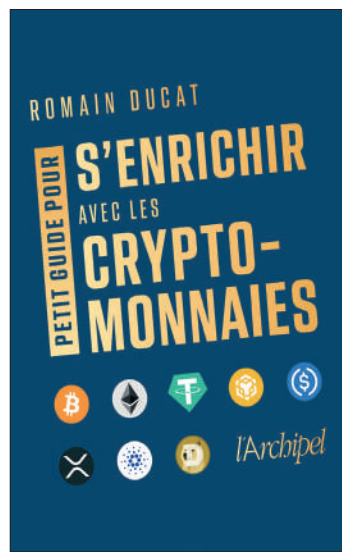
*Petit Guide pour s'enrichir
avec les cryptomonnaies*

*A manual to start and get wealthy
in the bitcoins world*

In 2017, people started hearing about bitcoins and cryptos. The question was: how to become wealthy thanks to these new currencies. But since then, the market crashed and this crypto fever dropped. Yet, as the field gets more and more professional and while the blockchain is still emerging – just like early 90s internet –, there still are great opportunities for outstanding earnings with cryptos!

No miracle: this little guide outlines this specific market tools as well as basic rules which, when they are applied rigorously, can make you earn money with cryptos: avoiding traps, good timing, best ways to stock cryptos...

A manual to survive and get wealthy in the cryptos Far West.



January 2024 – c. 140 pages

ROMAIN DUCAT

Romain Ducat – a pseudonym
– authored several books.

April 2017, by learning more about bitcoins and blockchain, he purchased his first BTC. Following many years on this unstable market, he now shares his experience.

THE POWER OF PARENTING: HOW TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR CHILDREN

*La Puissance d'être parent.
Les superpouvoirs des soins aux petits*

"When I became a mother, Cécile Chadelat explains, I already had the feeling our society was not made for very young children. But I was convinced I could improve my children's condition. Yet, I had to be realistic: I could not control everything..."

After their child's birth, many women experience some turmoil in the way they see our world or they handle their role in our society. What is a mother's place nowadays? What does she need? What are her strengths?

This guide offers the opportunity to mothers to stop feeling guilty and to gain self-confidence, and restore their own status, with their children, in their couple as well as in the whole society.



February 2024 – c. 240 pages

CÉLINE CHADELAT

Cécile Chadelat is a journalist specialized in spirituality and well-being. She was taught Montessori education. She co-authored a biography of Thich Nhat Hanh (Presses du Châtelet, 2016), translated into German, Spanish, Italian, Taiwanese and Romanian, and *The Golden Month* (Presses du Châtelet), turned into a bestseller (+35,000 copies sold).

THE DOORS OF THE PALAZZETTO

La Grille du palazzetto

*French actress Macha Méril's new novel,
after Vania, Vassia et la fille de Vassia
(over 35,000 copies sold)*

"I could not stand life with you anymore. I needed to get some fresh air, to forget you, to forget in Venice, to forget our sadness. I needed cinema, which you hate, which burns, which runs, which means nothing but gives euphoria, money and life. Without this screen where I can watch myself, bigger, I do not exist... Since I came into this palazzetto, I knew you were still loving me. I knew this film could save me. That you were waiting for me. But I am headstrong. I just needed to hit myself on my fantasies a last time, like a moth on a turned off lampshade."

In the 70s, an adaptation of *Othello* was shot in Venice. In the main role, a famous French actress. This film, directed by a famous Italian filmmaker, could cost her career as well as her life.

A great actress fights for her fate. She can only believe in her passions, seeking for a danger only able to consume and uplift her...

How can we last passed 40? How can we be an actress coupled with a wife, mother and spouse life? Will this film be her last one... or a rebirth?



October 2023 – 312 pages

MACHA MÉRIL

An actress and a novelist, Macha Méril played with the greatest directors: Godard, Rohmer, Vadim, Argento... Her previous novel, *Vania, Vassia et la fille de Vassia* (Liana Lévi, 2020), sold over 35,000 copies.

PYROMANIACS

Les Pyromanes

*"Pyromaniacs is a tale about devastation.
And it's devastating! I loved it!"*
Amélie Nothomb

In a Normandy remote town, Thérèse Sommer arouses passions and dictates her rules: to her husband she is cheating on, to her mother she despises, to her lovers she exhausts. Free and fierce, a master of her own world, she does not have any rival. Until she gives birth to her daughter.

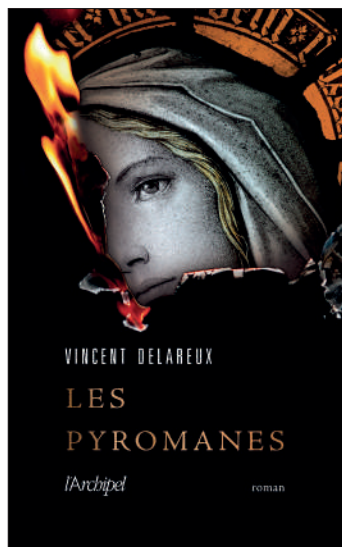
An unexpected child, Françoise grows up among hatred and abuse. Day and night, she begs God to get free from her mother's tyranny.

"An addictive second novel."
Ouest France

"Outstanding."
La Manche Libre

*"No doubt this young author will
have a long and great writing career."*
La Presse de la Manche

*"A burning, fiery, breathtaking
and masterfully told story."*
FNAC bookseller



August 2023 – 416 pages

VINCENT DELAREUX

Living in Normandy, **Vincent Delareux** has written weekly posts until he published his debut novel, *Le Cas Victor Sommer* (l'Archipel, 2022), aged only 23, which was awarded the Prix des Étoiles and got good reviews – including a blurb by Amélie Nothomb.

LEONORE. A SPOUSE'S LOVE

Léonore ou l'amour conjugal

Tall, well-built, beautiful – despite a birthmark on her temple, Léonore de Semblançay is married by her father at 16.

When the French Révolution starts, René de Semblançay, though he is a moderate republican, agrees with a constitutional monarchy. He does not feel threatened and accepts the king is being sentenced to the death penalty with calm. On the contrary, Léonore is deeply concerned: she remains a noble, and could also be killed!

In 1794, when the reign of terror starts, René gets jailed. Léonore will thus set up an extraordinary plan to release her husband...

Through Léonore's moving story, Catherine Clément develops a whole historical epic, from pre-Revolution France to the July Monarchy.



October 2023 – c. 240 pages

CATHERINE CLÉMENT

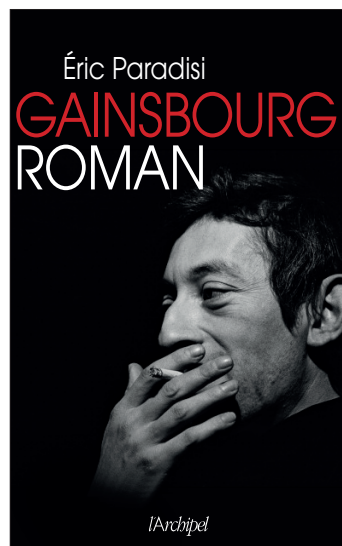
A writer and a columnist, Catherine Clément authored many novels and essays, including *La Señora* (Calmann-Lévy, 1992; translated in Spanish), *Le Voyage de Théo* (Seuil, 1998; translated in English, Spanish, Portuguese, German, Turkish...) and *L'Allemand de ma mère* (Seuil, 2023).

GAINSBOURG, A NOVEL

*The memoirs Gainsbourg
could have written*

"My name is Lucien Ginsburg and I may have never been born. [...] My creative awakening came pretty early. I got initiated into beauty thanks to music, from Bach to Cole. He was a skilled pianist and he could only express his sensitivity with piano notes. The Russian Revolution forced him to sell his skills at Pigalle, where he spent his nights along with musicians in night clubs, brasseries, cabarets... On daytime, my sisters and I had to learn piano. At 4, I was terrified by all those black and white keys, and when my fingers could slip on one of them, my father was correcting me. [...]"

Lucien Ginsburg, aka Serge Gainsbourg, narrated by himself from his postwar years as a would-be painter, till his meeting with Jane Birkin in 1969. A literary tour de force, a beautiful tribute, accurate and vivid – in line with Gainsbourg's spirit and style.



February 2023 – c. 240 pages

ERIC PARADISI

An actor, a screenwriter and a long-feature films producer, **Eric Paradisi** also authored 6 novels (Gallimard, Fayard, Lattès, Anne Carrière...).

"I had the feeling this novel was written by Gainsbourg himself", said Constance Myer, author of *The Young Girl and Gainsbourg* and one of Gainsbourg's close friends.

THE MISSING GIRL FROM BELLE-ÎLE

La Disparue de Belle-Île

The new suspense of Christophe Ferré, author of The Little Girl by the Lighthouse

Where is Chloé Turquoise?

This pretty and secretive osteopath from Belle-Île-en-Mer, a tiny island in Brittany, did not show up at her workplace on Monday morning. Friday night, after an argument with a friend, she abruptly left a party. But since then, her car disappeared and was never seen on the ferry connecting the island with the continent.

This is the kind of mysteries Léa Granger, a young journalist, loves. But when she arrives in Belle-Île, a letter urges her to leave. Chloé decides to stay and pursue her inquiry. A sect and its member roam the island. Are they involved in Chloé's vanishing?



October 2023 – c. 360 pages

CHRISTOPHE FERRÉ

A novelist, *Christophe Ferré* was awarded the Short Story Prize of the Académie Française in 2010. His *Da Vinci Code*-like thriller, *La Prophétie de la cathédrale* (Archipoche, 2020), sold over 10,000 copies. At l'Archipel, he also is the author of *La Petite Fille du phare* (*The Little Girl By the Lighthouse*, 2018), *Mortelle Tentation* (*Deadly Temptation*, 2019), *Soleils de sang* (*Bloody Suns*, 2021) and *Les Amants du Mont Blanc* (*The Mont Blanc Lovers*, 2022).

OLD LACE, CRUTCH AND REVOLVER

Dentelles, béquille et revolver

She is rich and old. Her heirs could do anything to grab her fortune...

What can we do when we are bloody rich, at the end of our life... and our heirs are desperately chasing after our wealth?

Slanie de Malvoisie, 92, lives secluded in her Normandy manor, with a personal carer and an army of nurses. For her birthday, she invites all her family. But she watches at her nephews and sons-in-law, despite a fawning behaviour, wish to smuggle her wealth and move her into retirement home. To test their loyalty, she gives €500,000 in cash to one of them to be deposited in a Swiss bank.

Of course, this money will never get to destination. To get the money, her heirs will do anything... including killing each other.

A humorous cozy crime novel by a famed writer.



September 2023 –
c. 256 pages

ISAURE DE SAINT-PIERRE

An authoress and a journalist, *Isaure de Saint-Pierre*, 78, authored over 60 novels.

HAIR CURLERS AND OTHER MYSTERIES

Bigoudis et petites enquêtes

*A new cozy-crime series with
a quirky heroine: hairdresser
Léopoldine Courtecuisse*

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 gossips from her customers.

One day (#1 *Panic in Wahlburg*), she discovers the corpse of Véronique Busch in her supermarket car park. While everybody is shocked, Léopoldine, who always dreamed to become a cop, now is sure: she will prove what an amazing detective she is!

In the second volume, *Panic in the Funeral Home*, Oscar and Claudia Garner come to get Léopoldine's help. Their daughter disappeared and the police officers turned them away. Though they are not nobodies: Oscar is the town mortician. And their daughter Manon is Tom's girlfriend... Léopoldine's son! We could suppose she ran away... but when Oscar dies under strange circumstances, Léopoldine and his partner Quentin now have to solve two cases at the same time.

**Over 10,000 copies sold
of the first instalment**



#1: *Panic in Wahlbourg*
(2022/04 – 416 pages)

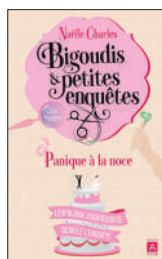
#2: *Panic in the Funeral Home* (2022/10 – 426 pages)

#3: *Panic at the Wedding*
(2023/04 – 464 pages)

#4: *Panic for Christmas*
(2023/11 – c. 400 pages)

NAËLLE CHARLES

Naëlle Charles lives near Strasbourg with her four children.



SOMEWHERE BEYOND THE SKY

Quelque part au-dessus du ciel

Victoire Larousse is 28 and wants to be left alone. She decides to leave Paris and moves into a small cottage in Normandy woods. Actually, she fights an unseen disease: endometriosis, which affects her body and destroyed her life. So now, Victoire is facing a terrible dilemma: must she keep fighting? Or is there no hope left?

But she could not figure her best friend Luce had other plans for her. Including Johann, an unexpected and disconcerting guy she met...

Will Victoire finally find some light beyond her cloudy sky?



October 2023 – 400 pages

LUDIVINE DELAUNE

Born in 1986, a mother of three daughters, **Ludivine Delaune** also is the author of romance novels (BMR Edition).

SHINING STARS IN THE DARK

*Dans l'obscurité profonde
scintillent les fragiles étoiles*

13 years old Solal is not like other teenagers. He has skipped a school year, has not started his puberty yet, his brain can be too fast and he is forbidden to have a mobile phone.

But a tragedy ends his youth insouciance: Sterenn, the school popular girl and a classmate, committed suicide.

As Sterenn's closest relationships have to face an unbearable grief, Solal suddenly gets lonely. A few months ago, unless nobody knew, he got close to this magnetic and beautiful girl, who yet seemed to hide some secrets...

How can Solal overcome his guilt feeling as he could not help her? How can he surmount his grief, without sharing his feelings to anyone?



January 2024 – c. 300 pages

MARJOLAINE SOLARO

Living in Bretagne with her husband and her three children, **Marjolaine Solaro** is hyperactive: she is a novelist (Fayard, Livre de Poche), a guides author, a journalist, an influent blogger as well as a yoga teacher.

A GRENADE IN THE BACKYARD

Dans mon sang, la grenade

During a birthday party, Pierre Gavoi gets hit by a car. The only witnesses are his wife Pelagie, and three of her friends. What happened?

Five months ago. Noémie, Maëlle and Ania struggle in their daily life. Until one day, a new couple moves in the biggest house of the street: Pelagie and Pierre Gavoi.

While the four women slowly get closer, Pierre seems to trouble their growing friendship. But how are all of them connected to him? Could he be the troublemaker of their well-ordered – yet full of secrets – existence? What if these women's friendship could also be their own salvation?

A novel praising the power of feminine friendship for fans of *Desperate Housewives* and *Big Little Lies*.



February 2024 – 300 pages

LÉA VOLÈNE

A kindergarten teacher, **Léa Volène** authored, in 2021, *Lips Sealed, Hearts Closed* (l'Archipel).

LOS INTOCABLES

#1 KNOTTED TO DEATH

*The new dark romance sensation
praised by 8 million readers on Wattpad*

Eduardo Hernandez, cartel Los Intocables' chief ruling over the whole drug dealing in town, is known for being cold-blooded and cruel. Until one night, when one of his henchmen carries out checks on a young girl, Mira.

Eduardo should kill Mira. But for people in town, he shall keep his good reputation: he will therefore marry her.

To fight for her freedom, Mira has to endure the cruel rules of the Hernandez family and Eduardo, who threatens to kill her family to be sure she stays with him. Totally trapped, she must befriend her fears – as well as the drives appealing her to this unwanted husband, whom charm is as dark as magnetic.

While Mira keeps struggling relentlessly, the cartel chief faces a destiny with only two ends: jail or death. Both will have to tame each other if they want to survive – and passion and lust could rise from the darkest depths.

English MS available

Volume 2 to be published in April 2024



February 2024 – c. 400 pages

AMAR LUNE

At 28, **Amar Lune** has already written the two instalments of *Los Intocables*, first self-published on Wattpad where over 8 million readers discovered the first instalment of her dark romance series.

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.

Rights sold in Russia (AST), in Slovakia (Motýt), in Czech Republic (Euromedia), and in Hungary (Könyvmolyképző Kiadó)

Massmarket Paperback (Harper Collins)



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.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Au bal de la chance

The memoirs of “La Vie en rose”’s singer

In 1958, five years before she died, Edith Piaf published her memoirs. She talks about the beginning of her career, as a street singer; her encounter with Louis Leplée, the cabaret manager who gave her a chance; her bizarre love affair with a soldier, who inspired her song “Mon Légionnaire”.

She remembers how she became the intellectuals’ idol, including Jean Cocteau who wrote “Le Bel Indifférent” for Paul Meurisse and her.

With outspokenness she portrays the men she met: Montand, Eddie Constantine, her husband Jacques Pills – and many others.

The complete autobiography of a singer turned into a myth.

Rights sold in Brazil (Martins Fontes), Bulgaria (Labyrinth), Romania (Nemira), Lithuania (Alma Littera), Poland (Dream Music), Czech Republic (BB Art), Romania (Nemira), Sweden (Bakhall) and the United Kingdom (Peter Owen)



October 2023 – 220 pages

Foreword by Jean Cocteau

EDITH PIAF

Edith Piaf (1915-1963) remains one of the most famous French-speaking singers in the whole world. According to a legend, when **Jean Cocteau** learned Piaf has died, on the 11 October 1963, he said: “This is my last day on earth”.

SCANDALEUSE SARAH

THE AMAZING LIFE OF SARAH BERNHARDT

Scandaleuse Sarah.

La folle vie de Sarah Bernhardt

She lived over two centuries, spreading her legend over five continents. From Paris to New York City, from London to Moscow, everybody feted her beauty, her ambition and her daring spirit. Cocteau considered her as a “monstre sacré” and even Freud framed her portrait in his office. From her birth in 1844 to her death in 1923, the diva ruled over high society and trends. A narcissist, Sarah Bernhardt turned her daily life into a mise-en-scène!

Poorly born, from a Dutch mother and an unknown father, she survived thanks to the duc de Morny who supported her aunt. This dandy gave a little help to Sarah who got admitted to the Paris Academy of Dramatic Arts, and then started acting, first at la Comédie-Française, then at the Théâtre de l'Odéon. Here starts her dazzling path: Sarah got rid of all her rivals, obtaining all main roles and gave more than 500 performances, dozens of tours around the world... and a fortune the wealthiest people would die for.

An avant-garde feminist, Sarah Bernhardt managed to hit her road in a men's world, fighting – or making love – with the ruling ones. Doubtless she opened a gate for many other stars, from Bette Davies to Edith Piaf, from Barbra Streisand to Madonna...

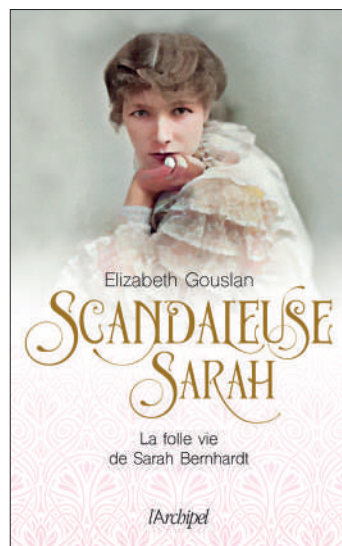
“A fast-paced tale turned into a rush of trips, encounters, loves and follies.”

L'Obs

“A must-read.”

Le Figaro

**Rights sold in Czech Republic
(Euromedia)**



February 2023 – 256 pages

ELIZABETH GOUSLAN

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

MILAN KUNDERA

A WRITER'S LIFE

The first biography of one of the most essential contemporary writers

Born April 1st, 1929, bound to be 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 the Prague Spring, he left Czechoslovakia in 1975 to move in France. There he published his famous novel *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*.

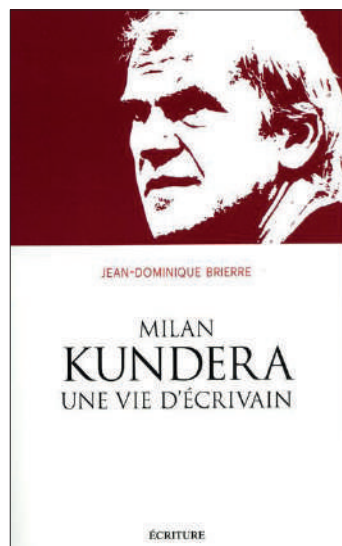
Jean-Dominique Brierre traces his literary, intellectual and political paths, and gives an historical account based on Kundera's writings and testimonies from other writers and close relationships. Paradoxical, complex, secret, absent from media, Milan Kundera is considered today as one of the most prominent writers of the XXth century, besides Philip Roth or Ismail Kadare.

He died aged 94 in Paris after a long illness, on July 11th, 2023.

A biography approved by Milan Kundera.

"An erudite and delicate biography"
Valeurs Actuelles

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in China (Shangai Elegant People Books)
and in Turkey (Agora Kitapligi)**



March 2019 – 336 pages

JEAN-DOMINIQUE BRIERRE

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

JEFF BEZOS

FROM E-COMMERCE TO SPACE CONQUEST

Jeff Bezos.

Du e-commerce à la conquête de l'espace

Billions dollars in hands and billion stars in his head, Jeff Bezos is a man of challenges, records... who has been criticized a lot. From Amazon to future space business parks, the ambitions of this 59 years old American businessman seem limitless.

If some glorify his mega-business success and praise his space initiatives, others criticize his megalomania, his short temper and his iron fist management. Indeed, his employees' work conditions are extreme: all his employees' comings and goings are analysed and timed thanks to scanners; any break time needs to be justified.

Recently, Jeff Bezos left Amazon management, but he has new plans: the second wealthiest man on Earth wants to develop a whole galactic empire by building gigantic space cities about 40,000 miles way from our "too little" blue planet.

But Blue Origin, Bezos' company, has many rivals... including Elon Musk, who launched the first successful private flight into space and created SpaceX, now working with NASA.

*"The thorough portrait of
one of the most famous
contemporary businessman."
L'Express (5-star review)*



March 2023 – 240 pages

LUC MARY

Born in 1959, **Luc Mary** is a writer and an historian. His latest titles: *Nuclear War was so close!* (l'Archipel, 2018) and *Elon Musk* (l'Archipel, 2021 – over 10,000 copies sold).

I, THE SERPENT

Moi, le Serpent

The autobiography of the serial killer who inspired the Netflix show "The Serpent"

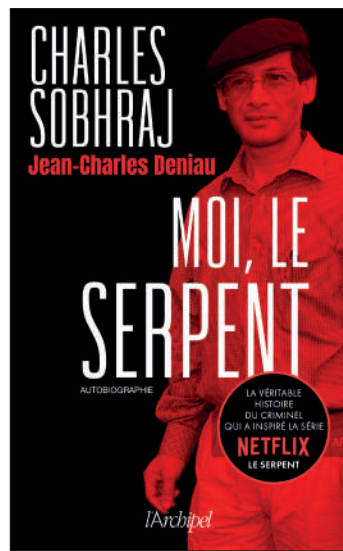
Fluently speaking 5 languages and an international law specialist, the "Bikini Killer", who inspired the Netflix show "The Serpent", is said to have murdered between 9 and 20 tourists in the 1970s in Greece, India, Thailand, Iran, Pakistan...

Jailed several times, he spent about 45 years in prison, mostly in Delhi, India, from 1976 to 1997. Released, he came back to France, delves into traffics of drugs, weapons... and traveled several times to Pakistan for the CIA on the trail of Osama Bin Laden whose deputy he met in an Indian prison. When he flew back to Nepal in 2003, he was arrested and sentenced to 20 years in jail for the murders of an American woman and a Canadian. Aged 78, he has been released in December 2022 from his Katmandu cell and now lives in Paris.

In his memoirs, "the Serpent" recounts his incredible life story, including his childhood, his criminal youth, his wedding, as well as his crimes and trials.

Written in custody "I, the Serpent" covers hundreds of sheets in a tiny writing: all these pages were smuggled from Sobhraj's cell and transmitted to his editor and friend Jean-Charles Deniau, who has patiently worked on it since 2005. Jean-Charles Deniau also directed a 60' non-fiction documentary on the Serpents's life and times.

**Rights sold in Czech Republic
(Dobrovsky)**



February 2023 – 432 pages

CHARLES SOBHRAJ

Born in Saigon in 1944, **Charles Sobhraj**, was abandoned by his Indian father, came to Marseille with his mother and got French nationality thanks to his stepfather. Accused of being a serial killer, he has served years in Nepal till his release in 2022. **Jean-Charles Deniau** is a journalist and a movie maker who authored 95 documentaries and books.

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.

Rights sold in China
(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
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.

HISTORICAL ESSAYS

*L'Archipel and Archipoche launched a new collection of essays, fully dedicated to modern history: **Archidoc**. These essays, written by French history specialists, aim at analysing and clarifying great modern history issues.*

WORLD WAR II:

ISSUES ABOUT WORLD WAR II MARC FERRO

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GOEBBELS LIONEL RICHARD

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THE WORST PANDEMICS OF HISTORY JEAN VITAU

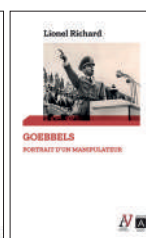
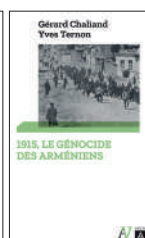
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1915. THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE GÉRARD CHALIAND & YVES TERNON

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Dolto expliquée aux parents

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Quand l'amour manque...

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Croire en soi

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Telle fille, quel père ?

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PSYCHOANALYSIS WITHOUT ANY COMPLEX

La Psychanalyse sans complexe

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Mentir...Pour mieux vivre ensemble ?

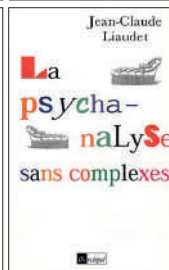
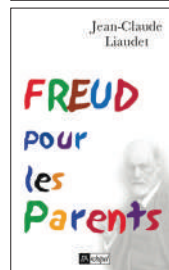
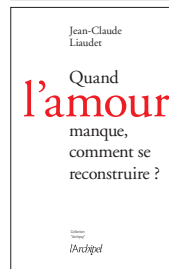
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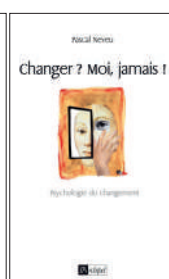
CHANGING? ME, NEVER!

Changer ? Moi, jamais !

216 p.



JEAN-CLAUDE LIAUDET



PASCAL NEVEU

WAIT...HURRY UP!**PARENTS' TIME VS. CHILDREN'S TIME***Attends...Dépêche-toi !**Le temps des parents, le temps des enfants*

320 p.

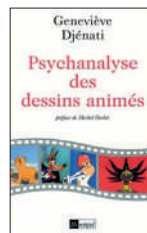
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288 p.

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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)

THE CRUCIAL FIRST MONTH

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...

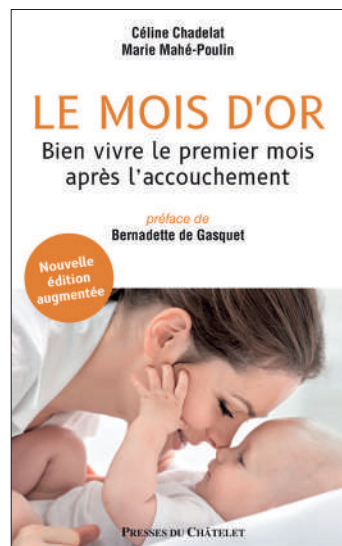
This guide, illustrated with drawings, includes yoga, meditation and shiatsu exercises.

Massmarket Paperback (Marabout)

Audio rights sold to Audible

Over 35,000 copies sold

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 AUSCHWITZ SWIMMER

Le Nageur d'Auschwitz

*Inspired by a true story, a novel rewarded by
the 2023 Prix Antoine Blondin
and the 2022 Prix Sport Scriptum*

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 champion-ships, denounced in November 1943, he is arrested and deported in January 1944. In Auschwitz, Alfred Nakashe 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 ...

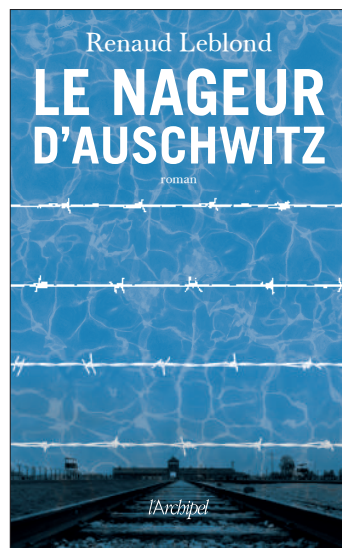
This novel recounts the life and times of an unsung hero.

*“An overwhelming novel”
Télé 7 jours*

*“A very instructive novel that revives the
tragic and praiseworthy destiny of this French
swimming champion”
Le Parisien*

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(L&PM) and in Spain & South America
(Planeta)**

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May 2022 – 240 pages

RENAUD LEBLOND

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

THE THOUSAND WINDS PALACE

Le Palais des mille vents

*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 cruel and alcoholic mercenary. Fortunately, he has 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...

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THE PINK LOTUS SAGA

La trilogie du Lotus rose

*A trilogy in the spirit of
Tamara McKinley and Sarah Lark*

THE PINK LOTUS VALLEY (VOL. 1)

1918. Jezebel, an orphaned 16-year-old English aristocrat, is summoned by her legal tutor, a famous archaeologist living in India. On the ship bringing her to Calcutta, she falls in love with Jan, an American adventurer.

When she lands, she learns she must marry Baron von Rosenheim. Her legal tutor wants to secure her future by selling her to a cruel and unemotional man. In exchange, this man will fund his archaeological studies.

Jezebel finds consolation with Charu, a Maharaja's son, who makes her discover mysterious India with its magnificent landscapes, fragrances, colours...

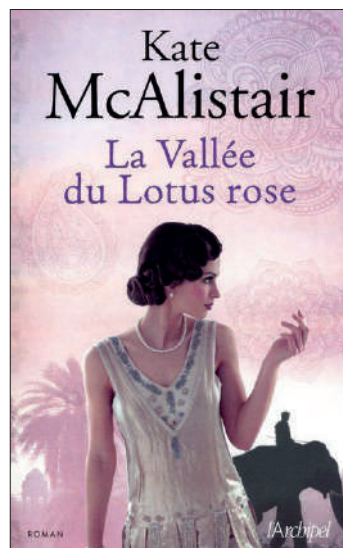
Soon Jezebel faces a dilemma: will she accept a marriage of convenience, or listen to her heart? Because she did not forget Jan. And Charu is very charming...

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WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS, MAKE A LEMON PIE

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

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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. L'Archipel also published her novels *La Délicieuse imposture du chant des sirènes* (*The Delightful Duplicity of the Song of Sirens*, 2022) and *Qui sème des graines de folie, croque la vie* (*Sow seeds of silliness and live life to the fullest*, 2023).

CATS HAVE NINE LIVES, I WILL HAVE TWO

Les chats ont neuf vies, moi j'en aurai deux

Overburdened with debts as well as a secret he cannot tell, Ugo decides to call the Rebirth agency to “disappear and reborn”, as promoted by the agency motto, far from his issues, under a new identity, in a new country.

Following a burnout, Julie decides to quit her marketing job and break up with Max, who never heard her distress. So, she also gets in touch with the agency.

But before helping them to restart their life, Rebirth gives them nine days to confirm, or no, their decision. Nine days during which Ugo and Julie will have to dig into their past, in order to fully understand how and why they ended up this way.

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YOUR WORLD ON MY SHOULDERS

Sur mes épaules, tu bâtiras ton monde

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.

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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. He also authored *Your World on My Shoulders* (l'Archipel, 2021).



TOPOGRAPHY OF TERROR

Topographie de la terreur

The SS who hated the Nazi system

1943, Berlin. After the battle of Stalingrad, Germany experienced total war. In this detrimental atmosphere, Gerhard Lenz, a Kriminal Polizei's Kommissar, kept his job just thanks to the decorations he was rewarded during First World War.

But the situation gets worse when Flora, a young Jewish woman he loves, announces him she is pregnant.

While he has to hide her, he must investigate the murder of a psychiatrist, a member of the National Socialist German Workers' Party, whose corpse was found in a seemingly ritualized staging. But in doing so, investigator Gerhard Lenz will discover a mass euthanasia program the government kept secret...

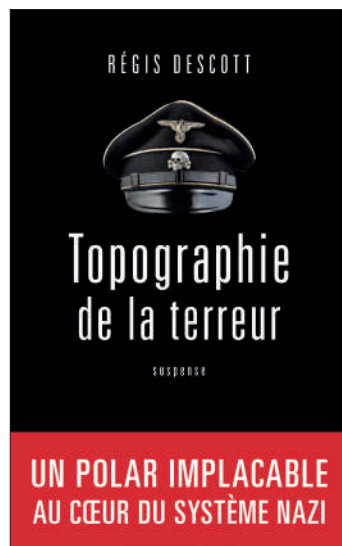
Soon, while the investigation brings him into those deadly administrations and on the tracks of survivors hiding in Berlin, Gerhard is engaged in a race against time, that could cost him his life... as well as Flora's.

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THE MEMORIES ISLAND

L'île des souvenirs

Can we trust our own memories?

Delphine, 22, is a student in Lyon, France. Growing up in a wealthy family, she tries to free herself from her rigorous instruction by wandering in night bars and clubs. A night, she decides to follow a mysterious brunette to her car...

When Delphine wakes up in an unfamiliar place, she is handcuffed to a radiator. Soon another girl is jailed with her... and actually Delphine knows her. But one of them will not survive.

The investigation is leading nowhere. Under pressure, police officer Romain Mandier accepts being helped by a profiler and a psychiatrist.

Still in shock, the survivor only remembers a man dressed in black, but his memory is like a pile of ruins. Yet can we trust our sole memories? Can we find in them the clue leading to the culprit?

Once again, Chrystel Duchamp offers a surprising story and a final twist as dreadful as clever!

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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...

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