

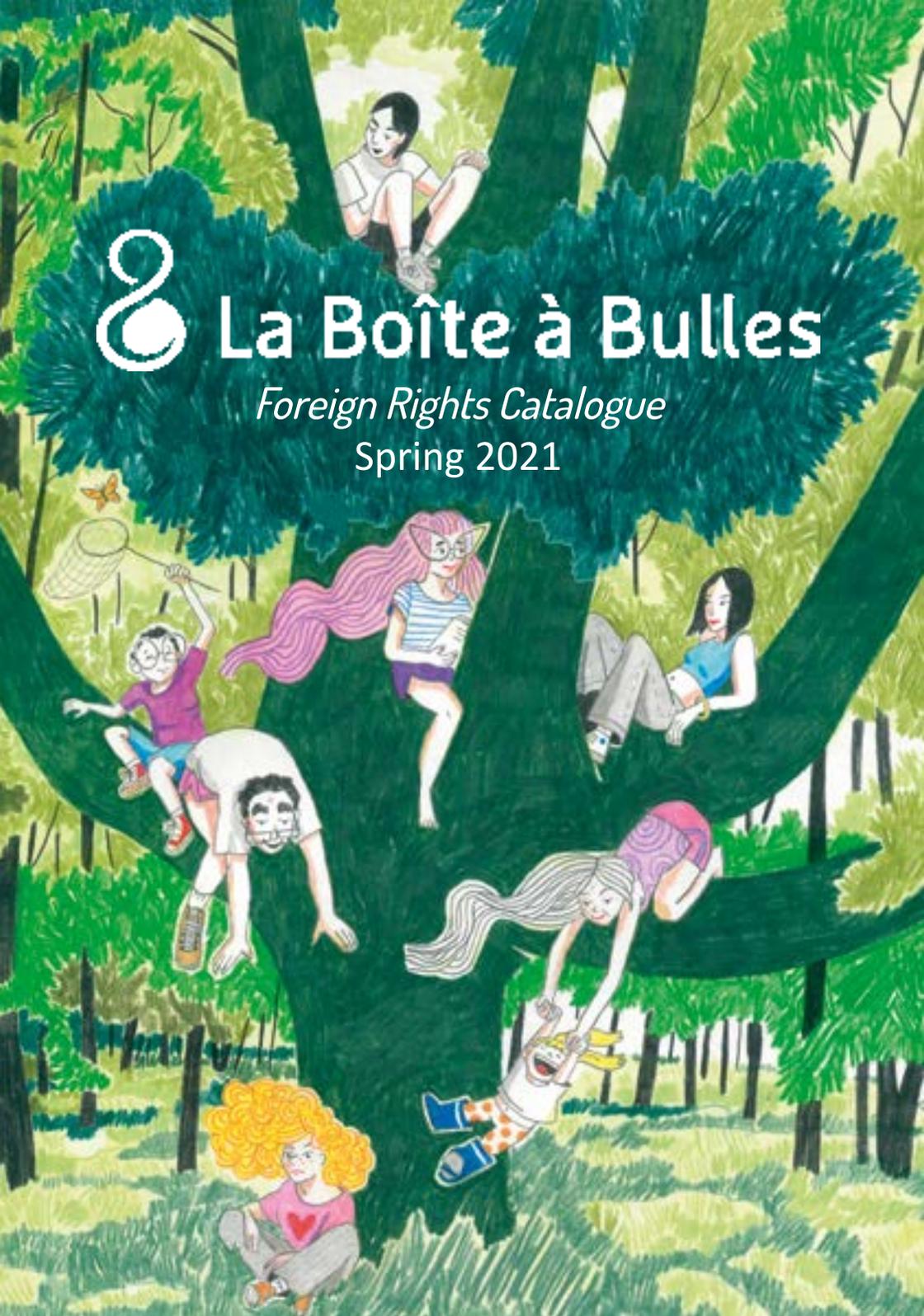
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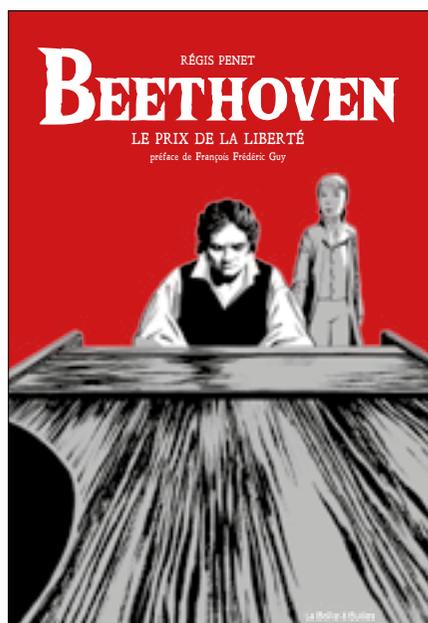
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## BEETHOVEN

Régis Penet

May 2021 - 22 €  
22 x 30 cm -144 pages

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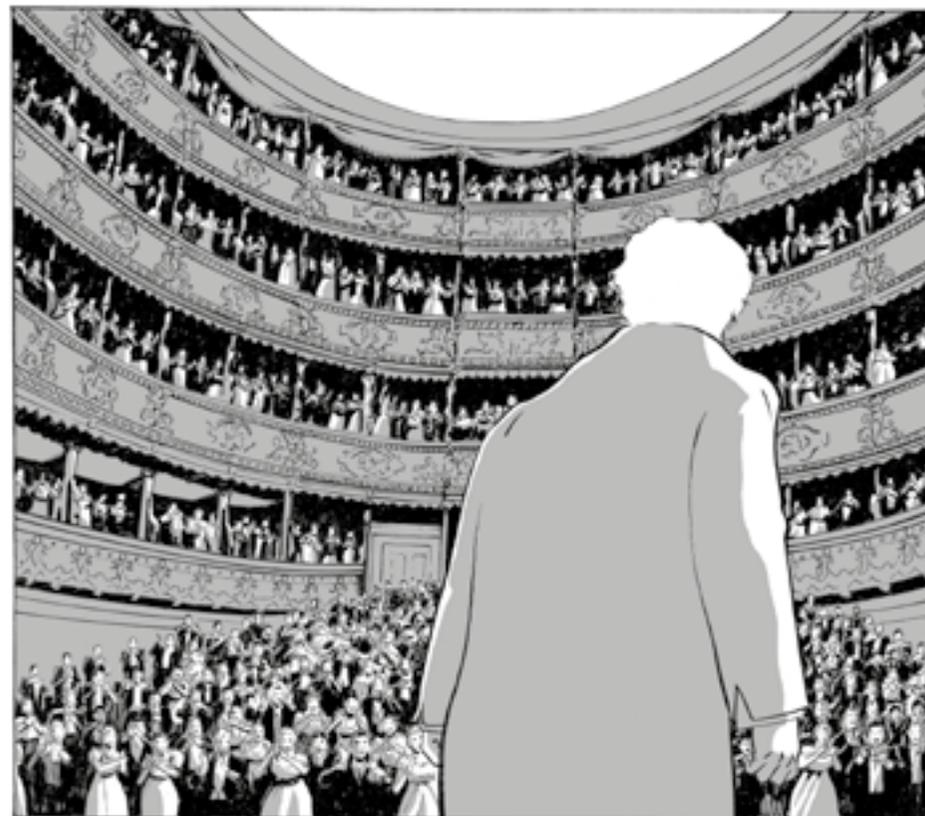
Using a pivotal chapter in the life of Ludwig van Beethoven, Régis Penet paints the portrait of a humanist genius who will never submit to the mighty and powerful.

The year is 1806. Beethoven is 36 years old and living in the palace of Prince Alois von Lichnowsky, where he forges a friendship with the Prince's young son Eduard. This is

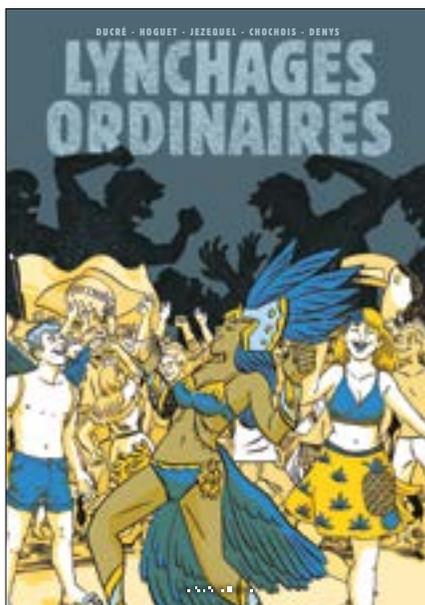
the era of the great Napoleonic conquests and Austria is now occupied by French troops. To show the French officers he invites for dinner «what remains of a prince of Austria,» Von Lichnowsky endeavors to have the composer perform in front of his guests. But Beethoven refuses to exhibit his talent and is insubordinate towards both towards the victors, those «servants of tyranny,» and his protector, who wants to put him on display. He is and will remain a free man!

### KEY POINTS:

- Through the account of this one day, Régis Penet brings up Beethoven's entire life and body of work.
- A touching story told through the eyes of Eduard von Lichnowsky, a young child marked for life by his friendship with the composer.
- Black and white illustrations that are both pared down and evocatively powerful, bringing out both the man and the genius.
- Régis Penet paints the portrait of a fervent humanist whose love of freedom will guide every choice he makes throughout his lifetime.



**NEW**



## TALES OF ORDINARY LYNCHING

**Writer:** Léa Ducre & Benjamin Hoguet  
**Art:** Héloïse Chochois & Victoria Denys  
 In collaboration with Morgann Jezequel

February 2021 - 22 €  
 19 x 26,5 cm -144 pages

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**A trip to Brazil in which the narrator discovers lynching, i.e. the violent travesty of justice dispensed by vengeful mobs**

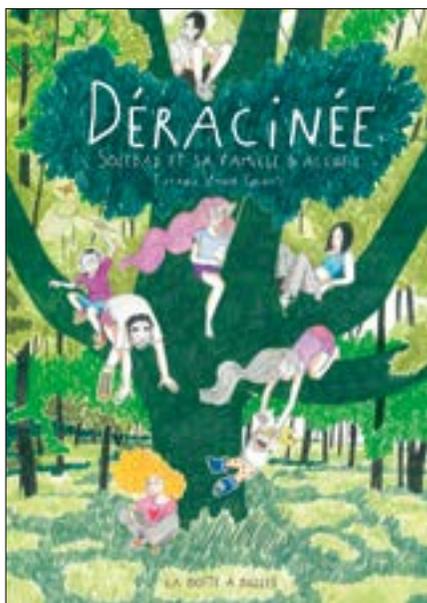
After a breakup, Johan takes off for Brazil to disconnect from both his life in France and social media, which take up a big place in his life as an activist. There, he discovers Rio and its carnival, the partying and the costumes, as well a darker aspect of Brazilian daily life: lynching. Caught up in the euphoria of the crowd, he witnesses the beating of a man whom the «vigilantes» present as a thief. Both of them are rescued by Marcela, an activist who fights against the practice of public lynching. Johan befriends her and, at her side, discovers the horrific reality of a country where, due to a lack of confidence in the authorities, some have chosen to dispense justice themselves...

### KEY POINTS:

- An unknown situation exposed via the research and documentation work of Morgann Jezequel and Léa Ducre.
- A topical and carefully constructed script
- A parallel between this practice in Brazil - and in African countries - and the deviant behavior seen on social media (public bullying and harassment).



**NEW**



## UPROOTED: SOLEDAD AND HER FOSTER FAMILY

Tiffanie Vande Ghinste

April 2021 - 20 €  
19 x 26,5 cm -128 pages

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**An intimate, moving and poetic account of the daily life of foster families.**

Brussels, 2012. Billie receives a call from his mother informing him that the family judge has decided to return Soledad, his foster sister, to

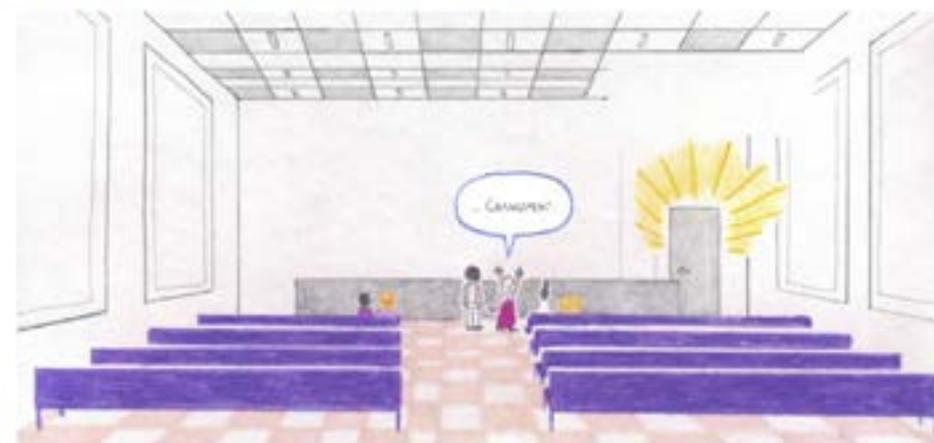
her biological mother. For the foster family, this comes as both a slap in the face and, above all a tragedy, as they fear for Soledad's emotional stability.

Without any hesitation, the young woman leaves the Belgian capital and her medical studies behind to return to the family nest, in the middle of the forest, to be reunited with her parents and her other brothers and sisters.

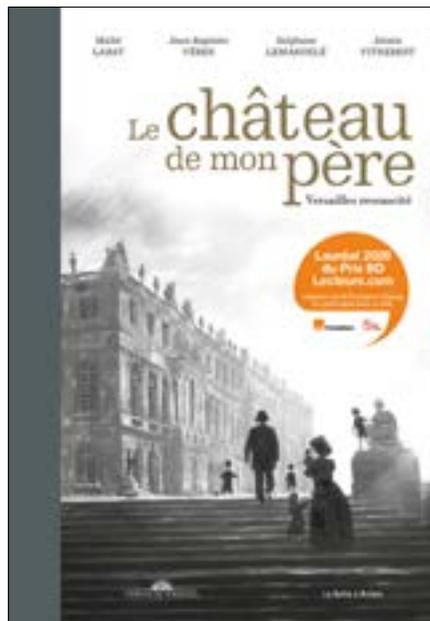
The emotional distress of Soledad, an already tormented young teenager, is amplified by these new events, as her feelings of abandonment are increased tenfold and she feels that she doesn't belong anywhere. Inspired by her own experience as a foster sister, Tiffanie Vande Ghinste brings us an account of the daily life of foster families, marked equally by the considerable challenges, the richness of the relationships forged, and the intensity of the moments of joy...

### KEY POINTS:

- The new gem by Tiffanie Vande Ghinste, the author of Dryades
- A graphic universe as poetic as ever
- An intimate and emotional story with a powerful subject matter: foster families



★ WINNER of Lecteurs.com comics prize 2020



## VERSAILLES: MY FATHER'S PALACE

Writer: Maité Labat  
& Jean-Baptiste Veber  
Art: Alexis Vitrebert

November 2019 - 24 €  
22 x 30 cm -168 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

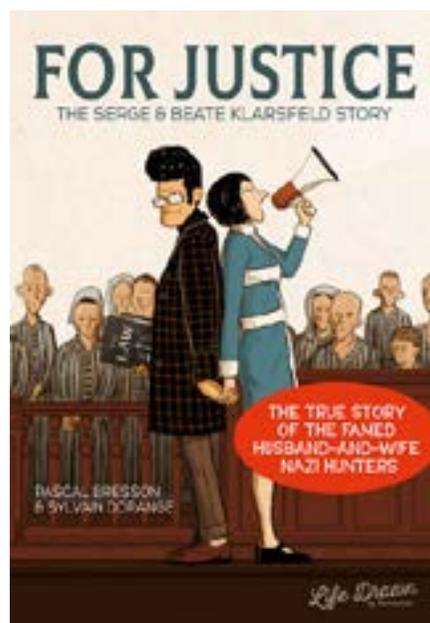
**One hundred and fifty years ago, the Chateau de Versailles was saved from oblivion thanks to the hard work and determination of a man named Pierre de Nolhac.**

As a child, Henri de Nolhac suffered from having an absent father, even though the latter spent his days just a few steps from the family home. He worked at the Chateau de Versailles—or rather, he devoted his life to the Sun King’s palace. So invariably, the child grew tired of hearing about the famous castle. In 1887, Pierre de Nolhac was appointed attaché at the Chateau de Versailles, in order to watch over the collections, the last treasures of a royalty that had been abolished. But the young man had an ambitious goal: to restore the château to a special place in the hearts of politicians, artists, and ordinary French citizens.

### KEY POINTS:

- An engrossing historical biography: the life of a man who devoted his life to breathe new life into the most famous castle in the world.
- The Chateau de Versailles majestically and beautifully rendered via the gorgeous drawing of Alexis Vitrebert.
- A graphic novel to be enjoyed in conjunction with the Chateau’s major exhibition this winter: Versailles Revival, 1867-1937.





## FOR JUSTICE: THE SERGE & BEATE KLARSFELD STORY

Writer: Pascal Bresson

Art: Sylvain Dorange

May 2020 - 28 €

22 x 30 cm - 185 pages

Rights sold in English (USA),  
German & Spanish

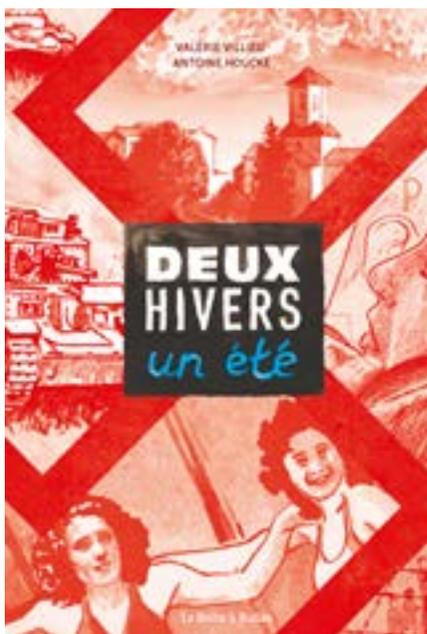
A graphic novel about the battles  
waged by Beate and Serge  
Klarsfeld, the world's most famous  
«Nazi hunters».

«If the Germans arrest us, I'll survive because I'm strong, but you won't.» Spoken in 1943 by his father, who was murdered in Auschwitz, those were words Serge Klarsfeld would never forget. After the war, he married Beate, a young German woman living in Paris. Together, they vowed to get all former Nazis removed from German political life and to bring to justice all Nazi leaders responsible for the deportation. Pamphlets, demonstrations, attempted kidnappings, dazzling stunts: the «Klarsfeld method» reflected their stubborn determination to flush out former war criminals.

### KEY POINTS:

- The official graphic novel adaptation of the Klarsfelds' memoir.
- A story brilliantly illustrated by Sylvain Dorange, the author of Hedy Lamarr: An Incredible Life and Psychotic.
- A book in the name of remembrance and justice, by the writer of the graphic novel The Immortal Simone Veil (Marabulles, 2018).





## TWO WINTERS, ONE SUMMER

Writer: Valérie Villieu

Art: Antoine Houcke

April 2020 - 24 €

19 x 26.5 cm - 128 pages

Rights available

Wally, a little Jewish girl, is only six months old when her father, mother, brother and sisters leave their native Poland and head for France, the country of their dreams, which holds the promise of a new and better life. But Germany invades Poland in 1939 and then

forces France to surrender in 1940. Wally's parents decide to send her and her sisters to Corenc, a town in the French Alps, while they stay in Paris with Jackie. Béno is eventually arrested and imprisoned in the Drancy camp. Hiding, surviving, eating, dodging interrogations: such is Wally's new day-to-day life in a supposedly safe area that turns out to be not so safe after the Italian soldiers are replaced by the Germans. And then there's the fear—the fear that sometimes gives way to the carefree happiness unique to young people her age

### KEY POINTS:

- The true story of Wally, a young Jewish girl during WWII, from Occupation to Liberation.
- The struggle of a group of siblings to go undetected and survive two winters and one summer.
- A captivating story enhanced by Antoine Houcke's aesthetic and effective illustrations.
- A strong testimony that never yields to miserabilism.





## PIGHEADED SIX YOUNG ALSATIAN GIRLS JOINING THE RESISTANCE

Étienne Gendrin

October 2020 - 25 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 168 pages

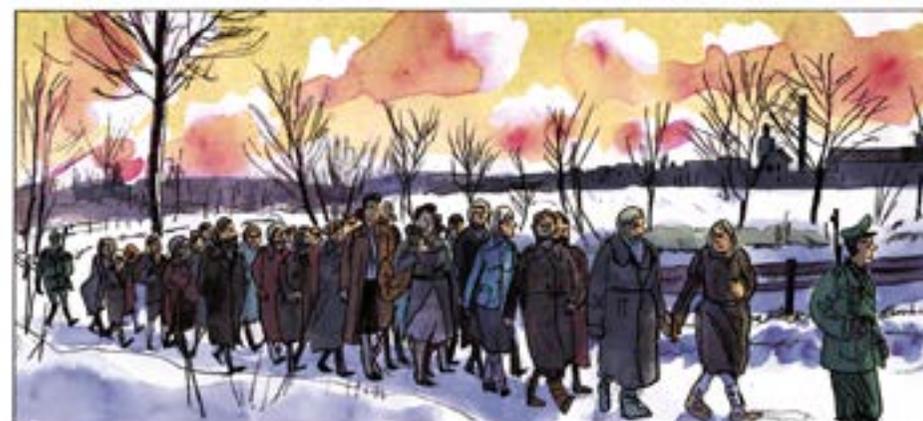
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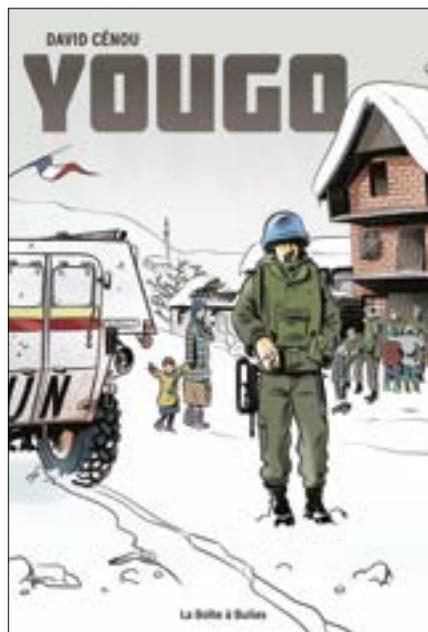
**The true story of a young Alsatian girl and her friends who applied the scouting ideals and smuggled war prisoners.**

Alice is a young nonconformist and Francophile girl from Strasbourg's little bourgeoisie. In September 1939, she's 21, part of the Guides de France, and she volunteers as a nurse in the French army. After the defeat, she moves back to her parents' in Strasbourg while the Germans work on nazifying the region. With her friends from the Guides de France, Alice establishes an underground team to help French and foreign war prisoners jailed in the city's barracks. For two years they will shelter, feed, provide with fake ID papers and help almost 500 convicts to get out of Alsace, fleeing the forced enrolment in the German army. But after a careless moment, the network is uncovered and the girls are arrested. In September 1944, Strasbourg is freed and Alice only has one thing in her mind: escaping to find her family.

### KEY POINTS:

- The true story of Alice Daul, a young woman impregnated with the scout ideals, who decided to become a smuggler for war prisoners fleeing through Alsace.
- A poignant narrative of a woman whose courage was as big as her convictions.
- A journey brilliantly drawn and told by Etienne Gendrin, the partner of Alice's granddaughter.





## YOUGO

David Cénou

2021 - 20 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 272 pages

Rights available

The narrative of a peace-keeping mission in former Yugoslavia, doubled with the immersion into the hypersensitive psychology of a young skinhead.

June 1992: a civil war breaks in former Yugoslavia. Meanwhile, in France, Samuel Marchadier, a young nationalist skinhead, does his military service in the 126th Infantry Regiment of Brive-la-Gaillarde. Samuel gets an

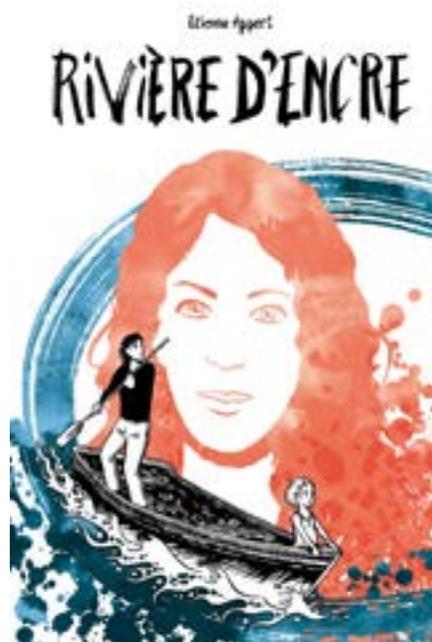
unhoped-for opportunity to play a part in the Balkans crisis when his regiment is called to act as part of the mandate given to the United Nations Protection Force. Asking Samuel's motivations for going out there is anticipating a real deception, for humanitarian duties and helping others aren't part of his values. The war and going to the front are this young man's leitmotifs, along with increasing his conscript income. His ideas are as narrow as his hair is short.

And yet he will soon face the reality of things and his manly emotions. Thirty years later, Sam is a nursing assistant in a geriatric unit... "A delirious old person lies on the ground but Sam stares at her and hesitates for a long time before helping her."

### KEY POINTS:

- A tough narrative, captivating and uncompromising.
- The prequel to the first autobiographical book *Mirador, tête de mort*
- The long days spent on the rugged roads and ways of Bosnia are drawn with a dynamic but detailed line.





## RIVER OF INK

Étienne Appert

January 2020 - 28 €  
19 x 26.5 cm -224 pages

Rights sold in English

**With grace, poetry, simplicity and expert knowledge, Etienne Appert brings us a book about the origin of drawing, its meaning, and its reason for being.**

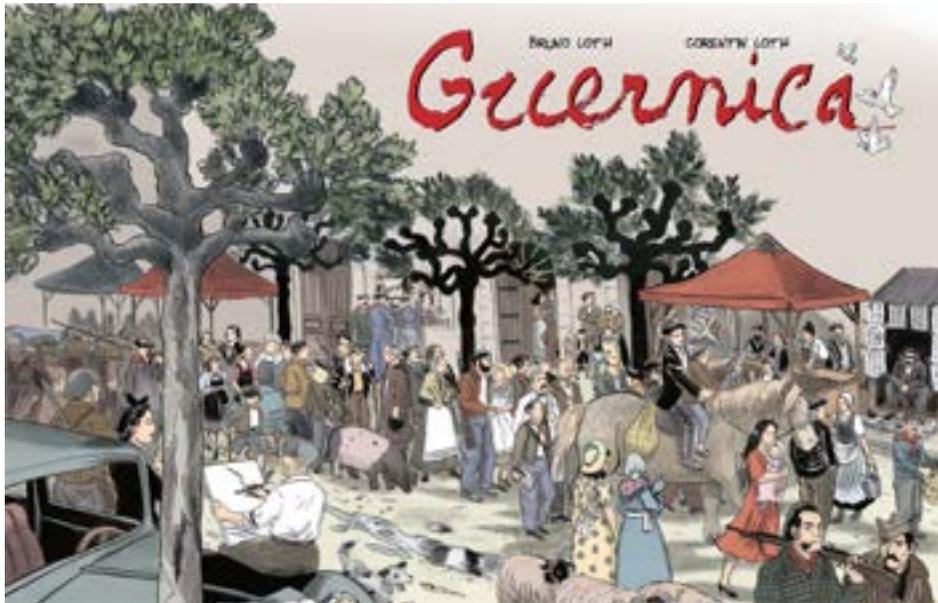
«Why do you draw?» a child asked Etienne one day. To answer his question, the author chooses to follow what he calls the river of ink: the river that flows from the

very first stroke drawn by a man and contains every personal and universal story of drawing. Legend has it that the first drawing was made in Greece long before antiquity, by the hand of a woman who wanted to hang the shadow of her beloved on the wall of her house. It is this story that we follow, which is intermingled with the memories of the author and those of the child who accompanies him. And, for a while, François Boucq and Edmond Baudouin serve as their guides.

### KEY POINTS:

- A dreamlike, playful and educational story about the origin of drawing and the relationship that man has with this art form.
- A poetic work in charcoal intended for a wide audience of both young and adult readers.
- The friendly participation of two renowned authors: Edmond Baudouin and François Boucq.





## GUERNICA

Writer and art: **Bruno Loth / Art: Corentin Loth**

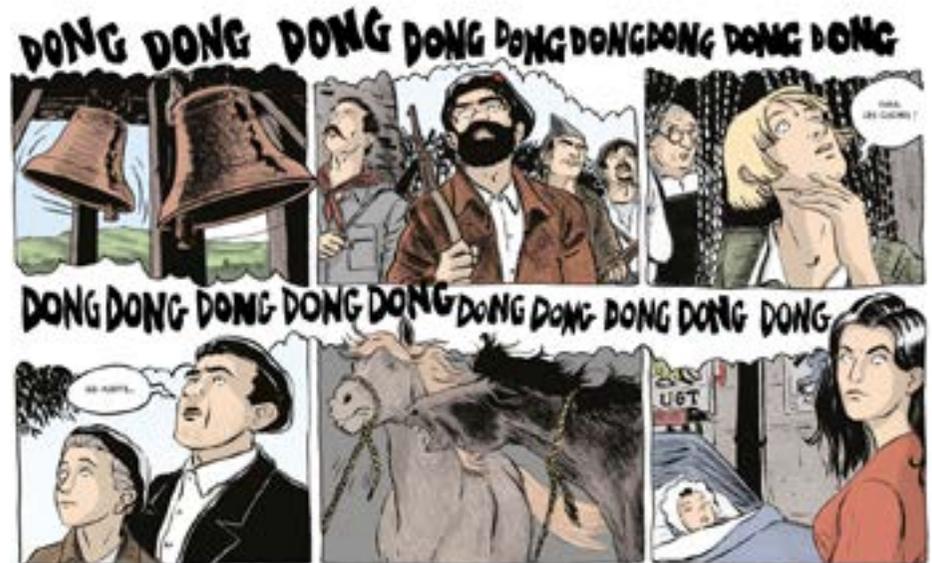
February 2019 - 19 € - 28 cm x 19 cm - 80 pages

Rights sold in Spanish & Portuguese (Brazil)

**The story behind the tragedy of Guernica and the creation of one of Pablo Picasso's most famous paintings.**

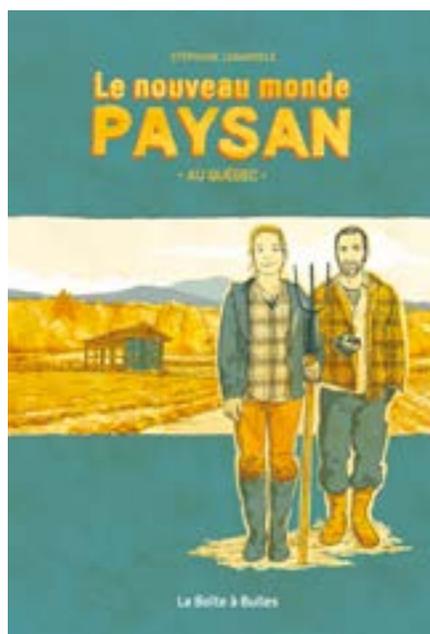
Spain, 1937. The city of Guernica is decimated by an aerial attack of unparalleled scope. This war crime would go down in history as the first aerial bombardment of civilians and as the inspiration for one of Pablo Picasso's

most famous paintings. Bruno Loth's *Guernica* is a glimpse into the tragedy of the lives that were destroyed, along with their city. At the same time, it tells the parallel story of Picasso's artistic journey, as the artist struggles to find the right way to express all the rage he feels inside upon seeing his country ravaged by war and threatened by fascism.



### KEY POINTS:

- An enlightening depiction of the events behind Picasso's most famous painting.
- A work published with the authorization of the Picasso Foundation.



## A NEW WORLD OF FARMING IN QUEBEC

Stéphane Lemardelé

February 2019 - 29 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 256 pages

Rights available

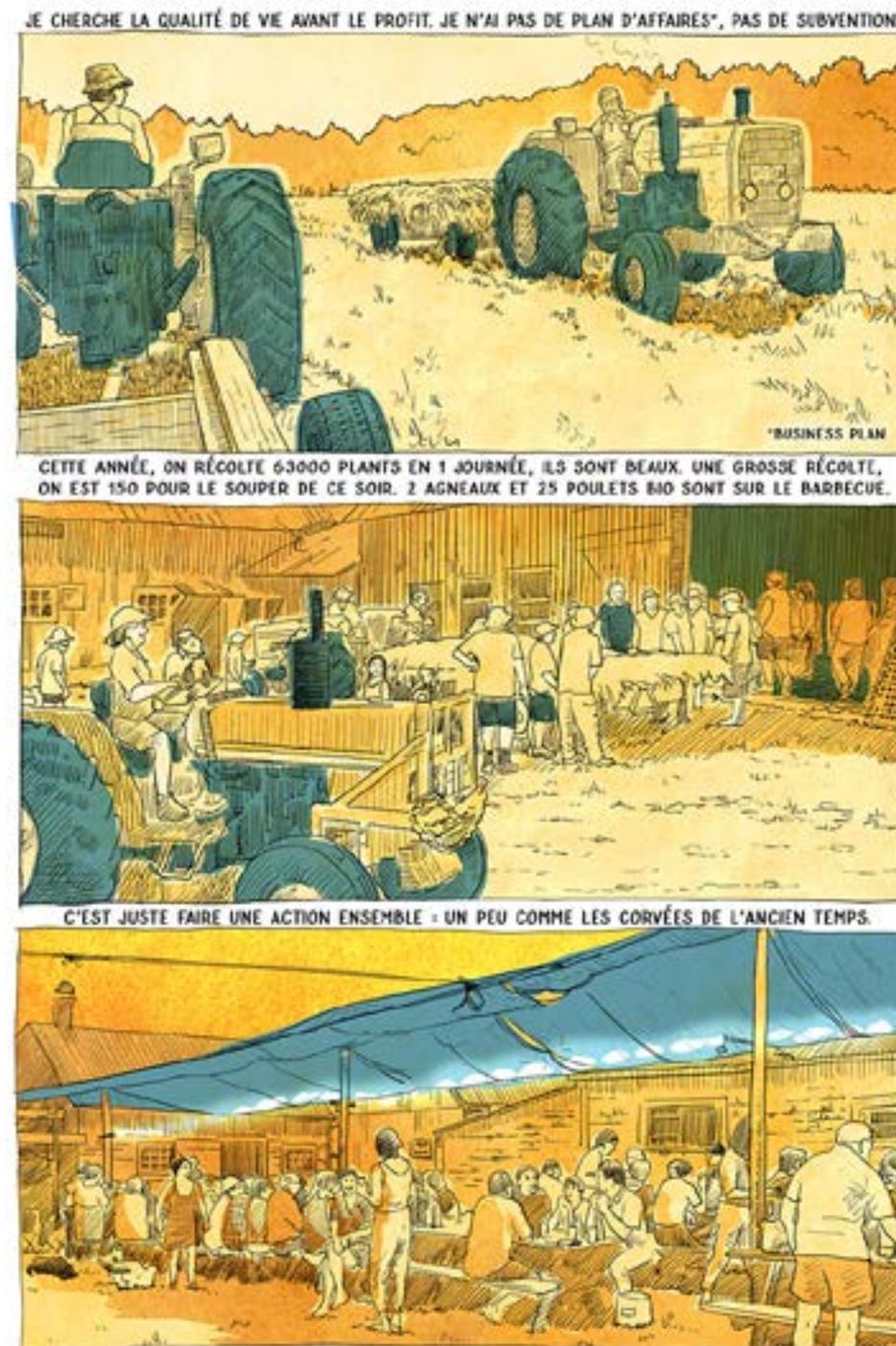
**Meeting the stakeholders of a new, community-based agricultural ecosystem deep in the heart of the Quebec countryside.**

Maud-Hélène, Christian, Yoana and Jean-Martin are convinced that another way of farming, another

way of life is possible. They build the farms of tomorrow, come up with new approaches, and embark on new projects that are more humanistic and community-oriented. Confronted with obstacles from trade union, quotas, bureaucracy, and challenging climatic conditions, these farmers and craftsmen struggle to offer an alternative to intensive farming and processed food. Through a series of portraits, Stéphane Lemardelé brings us the story of these Quebec farmers and artisans, who came here to seek a new way of life that is healthier and more mindful of the environment.

### KEY POINTS:

- Initiatives that implement new economic, ecological and social models.
- Helps foster understanding issues that concern us all through the story of dedicated farmers and craftsmen.
- Follows in the tradition of movies like Tomorrow or An Inconvenient Truth.





## CONCERTO FOR THE LEFT HAND

Yann Damezin

June 2018 - 17 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages

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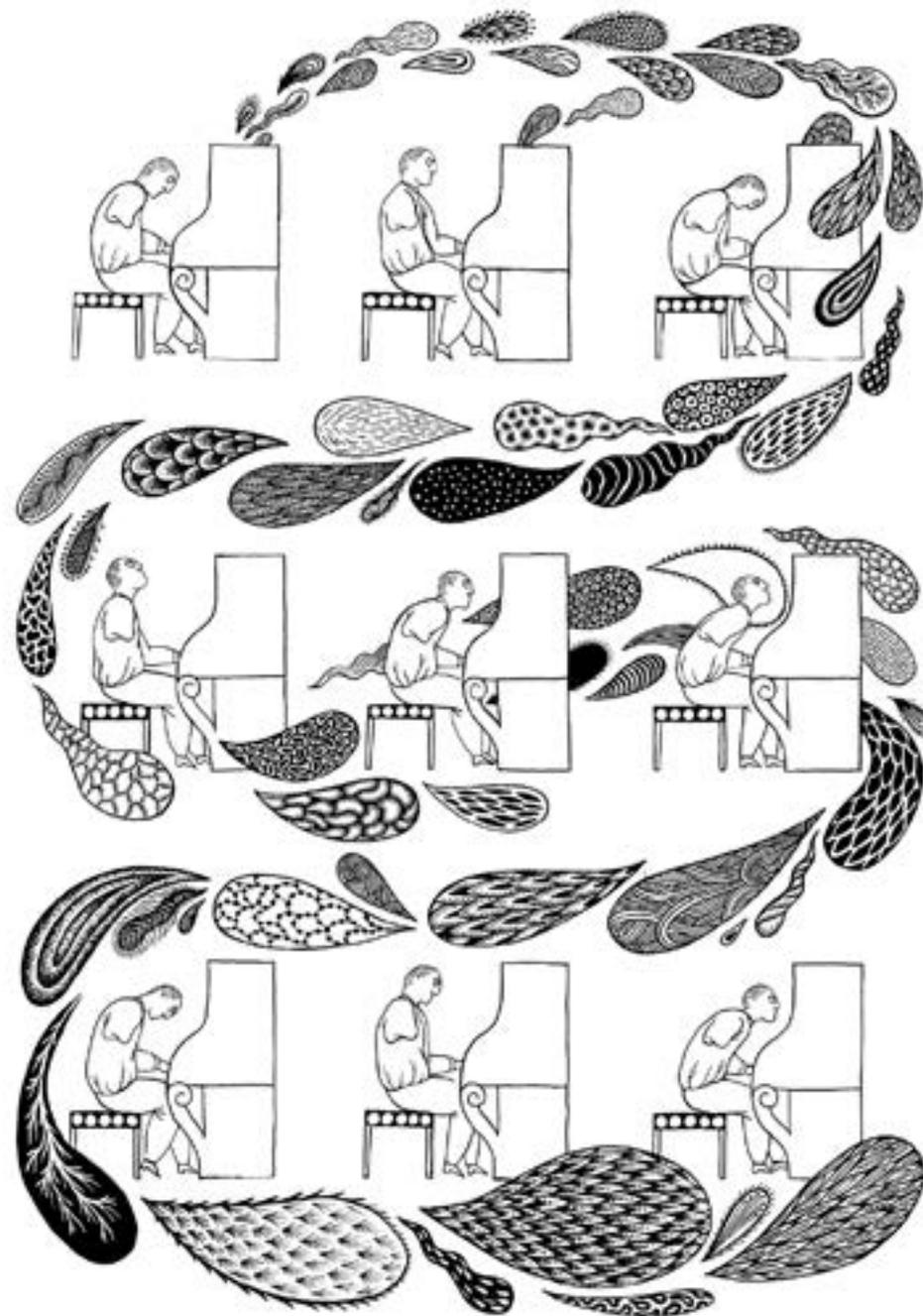
**A journey into the mind of concert pianist Paul Wittgenstein, whose right arm was amputated during WWI.**

Inspired by the biography of Austrian concert pianist Paul Wittgenstein, *Concerto for the Left Hand* takes readers through a dreamlike and poetic universe, deep into the mind of the tortured, melancholic and

complex character on whom only music seems to have a calming effect. After being wounded during the First World War, Paul Wittgenstein had his right arm amputated but pursued a career as a concert pianist despite his handicap. The fortune his father left him allowed him to commission works for the left hand from the greatest composers of the time, which is how Maurice Ravel, at Wittgenstein's request, came to compose his famous *Concerto for the Left Hand*.

### KEY POINTS:

- A beautiful, introspective narrative, told in the first person through the character's memories and recollections.
- Elegant illustrations in black and white that use symbols and metaphors to reflect the character's moods and mindsets.
- The tortured plight of the pianist who commissioned Ravel's famous *Concerto for the Left Hand*.





## REALITY'S BETRAYAL

Céline Wagner

April 2019 - 21 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages

Rights sold in English & Spanish

**A delicate portrait of schizophrenic artist Unica Zürn, an icon of Surrealism.**

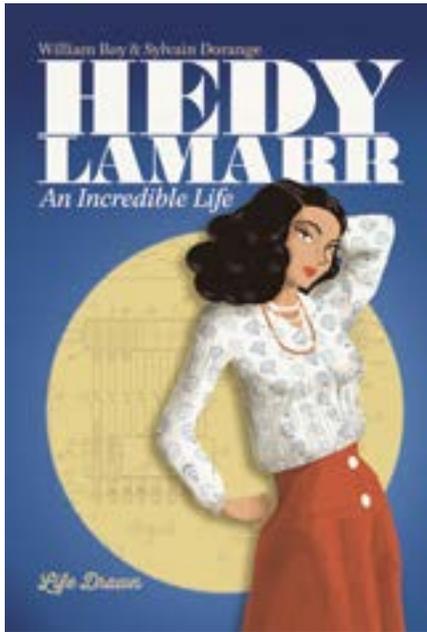
Celine Wagner brings us the story of Unica Zürn, one of the icons of Surrealism, who for many years was eclipsed by her companion, artist

Hans Bellmer. Living in Paris, she rubs shoulders with the most talented creators of the post-war period, especially the Surrealists, and develops her fascination for faces. Unica paints and writes but she sells very few drawings, does a poor job at managing her career, and has one hallucinatory seizure after another. Her work, made up of anagrams, drawings, and writings, reflects her schizophrenic anxieties. The portrait of a unique artist with a tragic life.

### KEY POINTS:

- The new graphic novel from the author of *Frapper le sol*, Grand Prix Artemisia 2017.
- The portrait of a key figure of the Surrealist art movement, recognized by her peers but unfairly forgotten since then.
- A splendid artistic rendering of her mind.





## HEDY LAMARR: AN INCREDIBLE LIFE

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Writer: **William Roy**  
Art: **Sylvain Dorange**

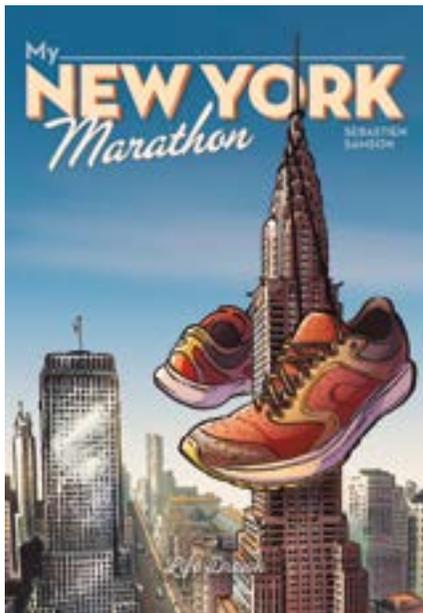
November 2018 - 23 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 176 pages

Rights sold in English (USA),  
Italian & Korean

**Hollywood icon by day, unsung science genius by night, the biography of “the Most Beautiful Woman in the World.”**

From a childhood filled with curiosity and ambition despite the stereotypes imposed on her, to an abusive marriage that she ingeniously escaped from, to finding her way to stardom in the City of Angels in the face of rampant sexism and harassment, Hedy Lamarr would not only become a glamorous star of the Golden Age of Hollywood, alongside icons like Judy Garland and Clark Gable, but also an unparalleled inventor. She would fashion designs to revolutionize the planes built by Howard Hughes, and come up with a secret communication system that helped the Allies against the Nazis, a technology that would become the blueprint for what we know today as «Wi-Fi.» A visionary that never feared going after her goals and defied convention at every turn, Hedy Lamarr was a true woman of wonder.





## MY NEW YORK MARATHON

Sébastien Samson

October 2016 - 24 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 192 pages

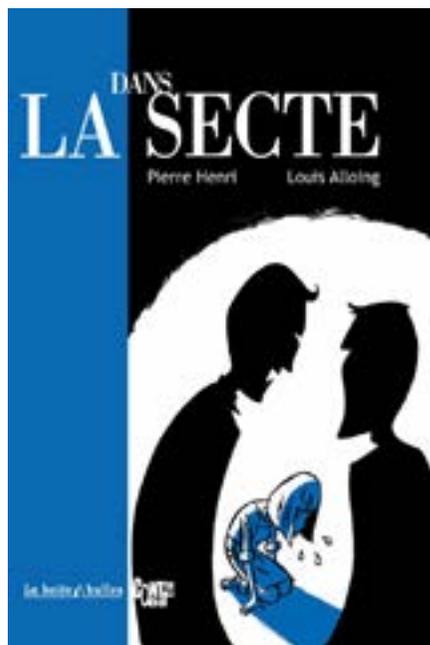
Rights sold in English (USA) and Polish

**A story about pushing yourself to the limit, a tale of perseverance, and a guided tour of New York City!**

Sebastien, who leads a comfortable, quiet life as an art teacher, sometimes finds himself trapped at dinner parties with his girlfriend's friends, all of whom are obsessed with running. For someone who hasn't tied on a pair of Adidas since he was a teenager, these conversations are far from riveting. Until the day his friends casually bring up the idea of running the world's most famous marathon: the New York Marathon. Struck by a flash of pure insanity, Sebastien announces that this year, he too will be one of the thousands at the start line.



★ **WINNER** Center Region Award of the Citizen Comic Book



## INSIDE THE CULT

**Writer and art: Patrice Guillon**  
**Art: Louis Alloing**

August 2005 - 14.50 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 88 pages

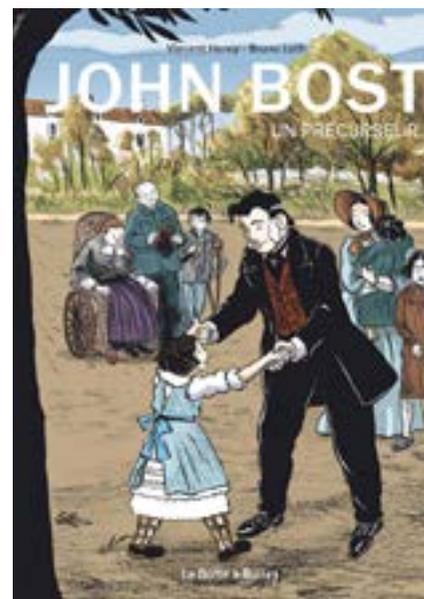
**Rights sold in German, Italian & Spanish**

A woman runs to catch a train in the middle of the night. She needs to get away as fast as possible. She needs to put distance between herself and the cult where she just spent several hellish, exhausting months. In the quiet comfort of the train racing towards Paris, Marion reflects back on the journey that led her to this moment: not so long ago, she was a young Publicist with a stressful job and a busy social life who had just ended a relationship. She had decided to take a friend's advice to decompress via

scientific techniques with proven results. Hoping to improve her life, Marion quickly found herself caught up in an ugly downward spiral from which it would take years to fully extract herself.



★ **WINNER** Angoûleme Comics Festival 2018 - International prize of Christian comics



## JOHN BOST, A FORERUNNER

**Writer: Vincent Henry**  
**Art: Bruno Loth**

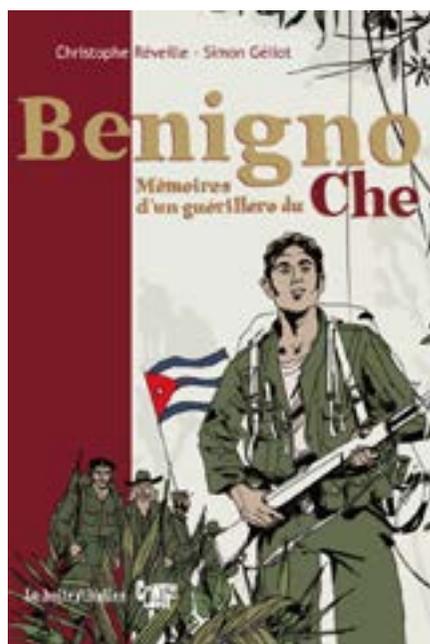
February 2017 - 22 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 144 pages

**Rights available**

**The portrait one of the most iconic European Protestants of the nineteenth century, whose work helped change the way society sees people with mental and physical disabilities.**



Reverend Eugène Rayroux is offered a prestigious but challenging position: to become the deputy—and successor—of John Bost, the founder of the Laforce asylum. Will he be able to follow in the footsteps of such a charismatic character? A nineteenth-century pioneer of social reform, John Bost founded one of the first centers for disadvantaged people of all kinds and ages, be they orphans, mentally challenged, or epileptic. These poor souls sought refuge in the asylums that the Swiss pastor and his parishioners founded in the village of La Force, near Bergerac.



## BENIGNO: MEMOIRS OF A CHE GUERRILLA FIGHTER

Writer: **Christophe Reveille**  
Art: **Simon Géliot**

June 2013 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 100 pages

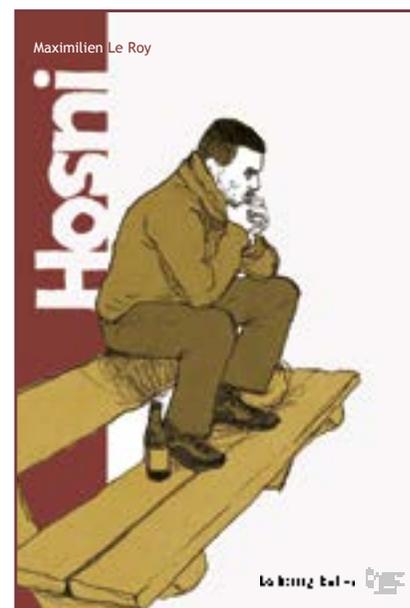
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The fascinating journey of an uneducated man shaped by a revolution, a riveting glimpse at a major moment in world history, and a gripping action thriller all in one.

Cuba, 1957. The country is run by notorious and ruthless dictator Fulgencio Batista. Benigno, a happily married young farmer and soon-to-be father, sees his life fall apart when his wife is shot to death by soldiers. Blinded by his lust for revenge, he joins the guerilla fighters camping out in the area and fights alongside Fidel Castro, Camillo Cienfuegos and Che Guevara. He stays with them until the day they seize Havana, then takes his revolutionary ideology on to other battles and other countries, including Bolivia, where he's at Che's side when he dies.

AWARD

★ **RECOMMENDED** reading for the 5th Grade curriculum by the French Ministry of National Education  
★ **WINNER** Rhône Alpes High School Students and Trainees Literary Prize 2011



## HOSNI

Maximilien Le Roy

October 2009 - 14.50 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 64 pages

Rights available

A struggle of a North African immigrant to find a place in French society.

2009. A man from the suburbs of Lyon tells his story. His name is Hosni, the son of Tunisian immigrants. Hosni talks of integration, of his dream of seeing a France that is Black-White-Arab one day. He

regrets his days as a juvenile delinquent, wants to straighten up his act. But when his father, discouraged, returns to Tunisia, Hosni is left alone with nothing. He talks about his experiences living on the street, panhandling, living as a squatter, struggling to find odd jobs. The difficult times, but moments of adventure and friendship as well. Then, his time in prison... Maximilien met Hosni when he was homeless. Hosni asked him what he does for a living. «Comic books.» «Why don't you do a book about us, about the homeless?» And this is how the project was born, on the streets of Lyon.

- ★ **RECOMMENDED** reading for the 8th Grade curriculum by the Ministry of National Education
- ★ **WINNER** Mélouah-Moliterni French Award Aubenas Festival 2011
- ★ **WINNER** Interfaith Comics Jury Angoulême International Comics Festival 2011



## LEAVING SAIGON

### Vietnamese Memories

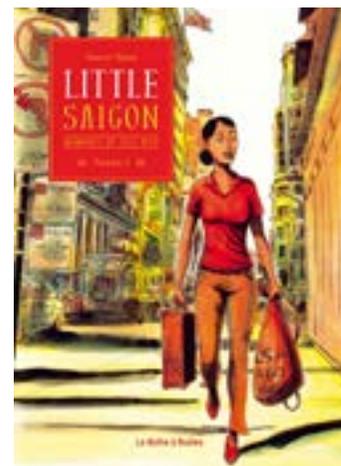
Clément Baloup

**Book 1:** September 2013 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

**A vivid history of Vietnam through those who witnessed it themselves.**

In Leaving Saigon, Clément Baloup lets his family members (including his own father and uncle) tell their stories as Vietnamese nationals compelled into exile by the forces of history: successive occupations by the Japanese, the French and the Americans, the Fall of Saigon and the victory of the Communist Viet Cong from the North. Five witnesses bring to life the different experiences and journeys of members of the Vietnamese diaspora, known as the Viet Kieu. Poignant, deftly handled personal life stories.



## LITTLE SAIGON

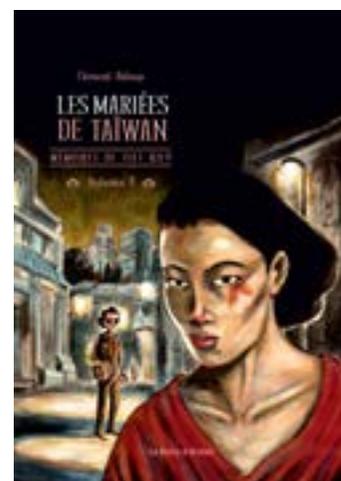
### Vietnamese Memories

Clément Baloup

**Book 2:** January 2012 - 24 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 256 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

An insightful look at the Vietnamese diasporas in the US and how they deal with their past, memory and culture in the middle of major American cities.



## TAIWAN BRIDES

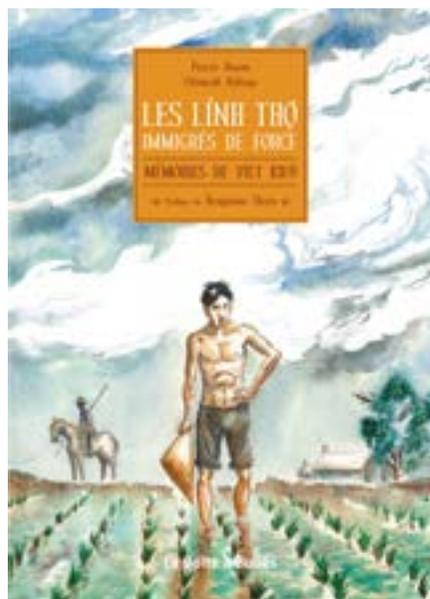
### Vietnamese Memories

Clément Baloup

**Book 3:** January 2017 - 22 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 160 pages

In this third volume, Clément Baloup focuses on the so-called Taiwan Brides: young women victimized by a phenomenon beginning in the 1990s, when several marriage agencies opened up in Vietnam to organize dates with Taiwanese men.

- ★ **MSF JURY FAVORITE**, Travel Sketchbook Festival 2012, Clermont-Ferrand
- ★ **WINNER** Jury Award, Michelin 2012 Rendez-vous du Carnet de voyage



## LINH THO, FORCED IMMIGRANTS

Vietnamese Memories

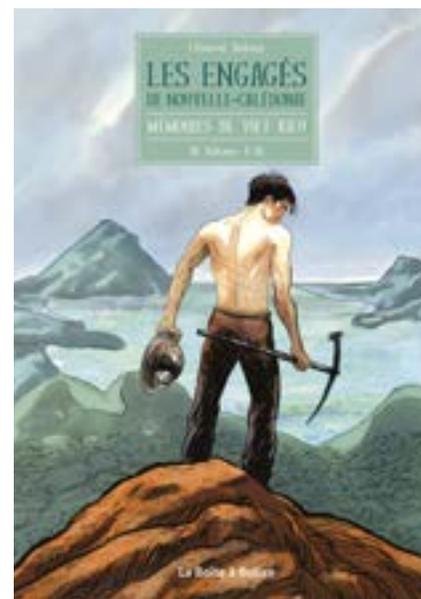
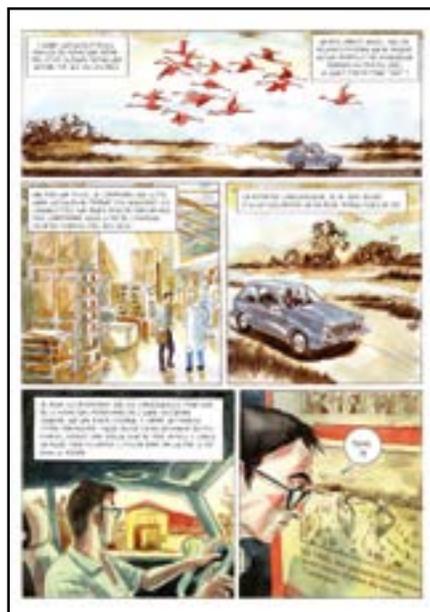
Writer: Clément Baloup  
Writer and art: Pierre Daum

One shot: Sep 2017 - 14 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 56 pages

Rights available

March 2004, Camargue. To support the research he is conducting, a French journalist named Pierre Daum visited the Rice Museum where some photos puzzled him: Vietnamese people came to plant rice in Camargue during the Second World War? Why is this fact so little known?

He then began a thorough investigation in order to find witnesses of that time. He discovered that 20,000 Indochinese workers were forced to work in France in the 1940s to «participate in the war effort» ...



## THE NEW CALEDONIA VOLUNTEERS

Vietnamese Memories

Clément Baloup

October 2020 – 14,50 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 64 pages - color

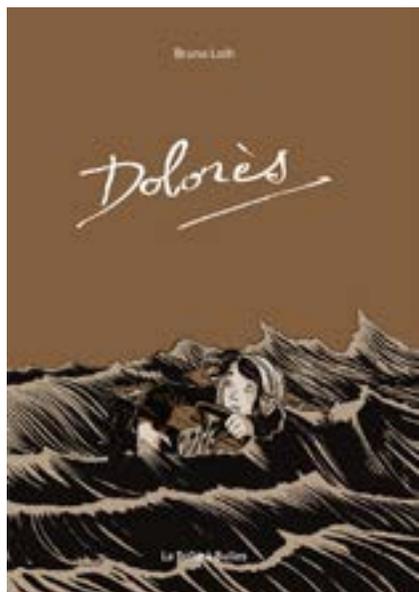
Rights available

A new work of the Vietnamese memories series that plunges us into the colonial history of New Caledonia.



The history of Vietnamese people in New Caledonia begins at the end of the 19th century, when French companies needed manpower to mine the island's nickel deposits. Indochinese candidates, crushed by misery back home, were led to believe that it was a good bargain. They were badly treated and submitted to the Code de l'Indigénat, just like the Kanaks. Most of them returned to Vietnam after WWII. But almost a thousand

remained on the Pebble, giving birth to a community comprising, today, more than 2,500 people. A strong component of the island's ethnic patchwork, the Vietnamese community reminds us that loyalism and separatism are not as opposed as we could think.



## DOLORES

**Bruno Loth**

April 2016 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 80 pages

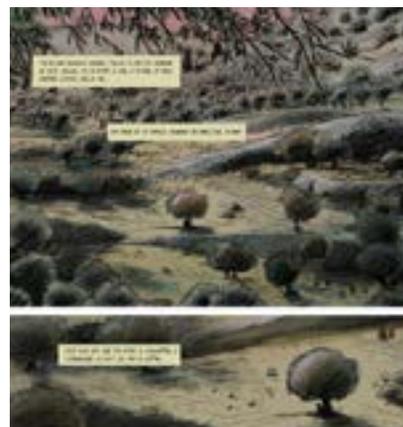
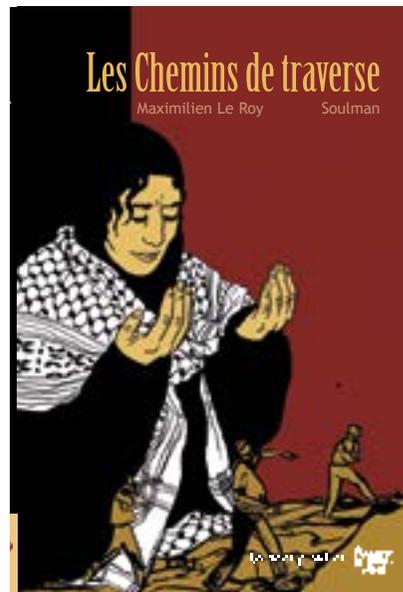
Rights sold in Spanish

**A soul-searching journey of a French-born Spaniard, and a history of Spain through the eyes of a second-generation immigrant.**

Nathalie is disturbed by her mother's sudden ability to speak Spanish despite her failing memory, and doesn't understand why she suddenly wishes to be called Dolores. And what's behind all her nightmares about Fascists, Franco and a strange ship? In order to find answers, Nathalie travels to Spain to investigate her mother's past. During this journey of discovery she learns about the history of the country and about the profound changes it experienced over the course of the last century. Between January 28 and February 15, 1939, more than 500,000 Republican troops tried to escape from Franco and the civil war. Among them, some 70,000 children headed for France.

AWARD

★ SPECIAL NOD, Interfaith Comics Jury, 2011  
Angoulême International Comics Festival



## TA'AYUSH

**Writer and art: Maximilien Le Roy**  
**Art: Soulman**

June 2010 - 16 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 112 pages

Rights available

The book's two main characters, one a Palestinian and the other an Israeli, are members of a grassroots organization called Ta'ayush, which sought out Maximilien Le Roy and Soulman to bring to light the memories of these two activists, one of whom lost an eye trying to get his compatriots to see, and the other who is a parent mourning the tragic death of his step-brothers. By juxtaposing these two personal journeys, the authors lay down the foundation of an alternative approach to the endless conflict.



## SEX LIFE: TALES FROM THE WORLD OF SEX WORKERS

Muriel Douru

August 2019 - 24€  
19 x 26.5 cm - 208 pages

Rights available

**A captivating series of portraits that tell the story of sex workers' everyday lives.**

With Sex Life, cartoonist Muriel Douru explores a controversial and fascinating subject matter rarely broached in the world of comics: prostitution. To collect these life stories, Muriel joined the teams of NOGs Médecins du Monde and Paloma that work with sex workers.

The author introduces us to Amélia, from Nigeria, exiled in France and forced into prostitution; Laurianne, an Escort Girl for whom nothing is taboo; and Giorgia, a Colombian transgender and HIV-positive woman forced to leave her country.

Through this series of portraits, the book offers an unbiased look at their situations and brings us a tolerant and accurate testimony that is worlds away from the usual clichés about sex workers and their trade.

### KEY POINTS:

- A beautiful documentary graphic novel that goes beyond the topic of prostitution to reflect on issues such as migration, transgender identity and modern-day slavery.
- Intimate portraits of women (and one man) from various backgrounds.
- A fascinating read enhanced by the delicate, colorful and perfectly controlled line of Muriel Douru.



## ON MY MOTHER'S LIFE

Alain Rémy dit Gaston

January 2020 - 29 €  
16.5 x 24 cm - 320 pages

Rights available

**The author tells about the life of Jeanne, Jeanette, his heroine, his mom, a pioneering single mother, teacher, and globetrotter.**

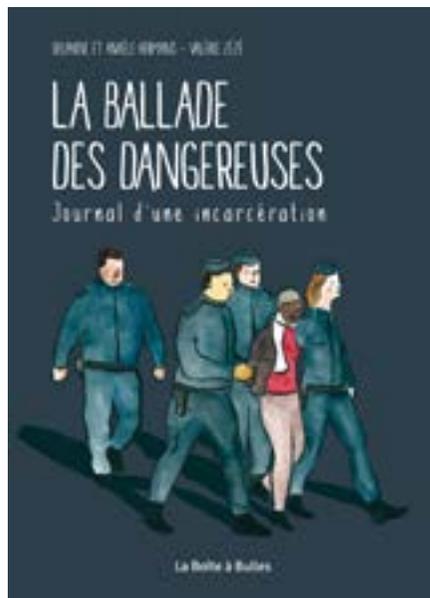
In the 1970s, in Morocco, a woman decided to live as she pleased. Here, her son pays her a humorous and sensitive tribute.

A mother too beautiful, too beloved and too loving, as Alain likes to put it, but a mother that nothing ever deflated. The author, his brother and their mother form a recomposed, patched up, reinvented, tight-knit group that rides the winds and tides of life together. A childhood immersed in Morocco, where they feel less out of place than they do during holidays in the French countryside. Through the lives of these engaging, colorful characters, Alain composes a story full of humanity and tolerance and paints an admirable portrait of a free-spirited woman.

### KEY POINTS:

- Varied and topical themes: immigration, racism, the sexual revolution, feminism, family, childhood, etc.
- A humorous and touching child's perspective.
- A striking portrait of a free-spirited woman coupled with a chronicle of the 1970s.

★ **WINNER** Atomium Price  
Brussels 2018



**The true story of Valérie Zézé, who, upon being sent to prison for the ninth time, tries to confront her old demons once and for all. A veritable ode to hope, touching, humorous and utterly human.**

Incarcerated for theft in the Berkendael prison in Belgium, Valérie Zézé tries to readjust to prison life and its mixture of friendship, loneliness and hope. Buoyed by the love of her son, her faith and her fellow prisoners, she is forced to face reality... her reality: getting off drugs and reclaiming her life and her existence to once more achieve a sense of belonging. To do so, she must come to grips with why and how she got there, heal her wounds, and leave behind the woman she doesn't want to be anymore.

AWARD

## THE BALLAD OF DANGEROUS WOMEN: DIARY OF AN INCARCERATION

Writer: Anaële Hermans  
Art: Delphine Hermans

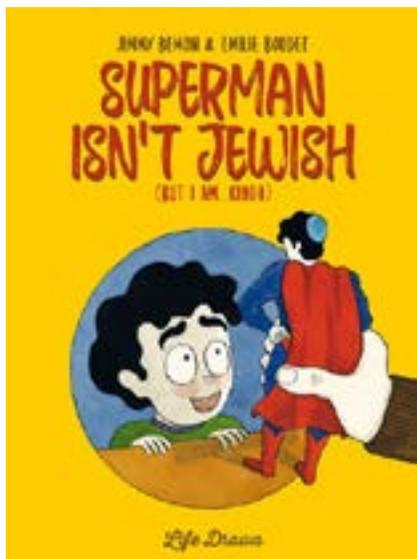
March 2018 - 20 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 122 pages

Rights sold in Dutch & Italian



AWARD

★ **WINNER** Best Comics 2015  
by High School Students from Picardy



## SUPERMAN ISN'T JEWISH

but I am... Kinda

Writer: Jimmy Bemon  
Art: Émilie Boudet

January 2014 - 20 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages

Rights sold in Spanish  
and English (USA)

Between his Jewish father and his Catholic mother, Benjamin is having a bit of an identity crisis. As a child, he adored his father's family and was proud of being

Jewish, «just like Superman.» So proud, in fact, that he used to announce it in school every chance he got. But the day he makes the connection between his circumcised pee-pee and the Jewish faith, it all comes crashing down! Pride gives way to shame and endless questions: how can he save face in school, and then in middle school, with friends who are so biased? Can he really be a Jew if his mother isn't? Most of all, though, by calling into question his Jewish identity, Benjamin will have to face up to his father's eyes... and challenge 5,000 years of religious tradition! Will he be able find himself as a man and finally figure out where he belongs?

Un week-end sur deux, ma mère nous amenait chez mon père, qui nous amenait chez mes grands-parents, pour y déguster...



Là-bas, on y chantait des prières dans ce qui ressemblait à un mélange de français, d'arabe et de kryptonien - la langue de Superman!



★ HANDI-LIVRES PRIZE  
OF THE BEST BIOGRAPHY 2020



to a brutal end at the age of 14, the year he had his first real episode. Since then, he has been a sick man who has been sent repeatedly to the psych ward and who has now found stability in a strict daily routine.

With Psycho, Jacques Mathis gives us a touching and candid account of his daily life, starting with the time his disorder was first discovered and covering his many stays in psychiatric hospitals, his sessions with the shrink, and his ups and downs. Partly told to help his loved ones better understand him, but accomplishing so much more...

#### KEY POINTS:

- After his beautiful biopic Hedy Lamarr: An Incredible Life, Sylvain Dorange brings us the portrait of his friend, poet Jacques Mathis, in a book of great sensitivity.
- Both poetic and informative, Psycho takes us deep into the heart of a devastating illness.

AWARD

## PSYCHOTIC

Writer: Jacques Mathis  
Art: Sylvain Dorange

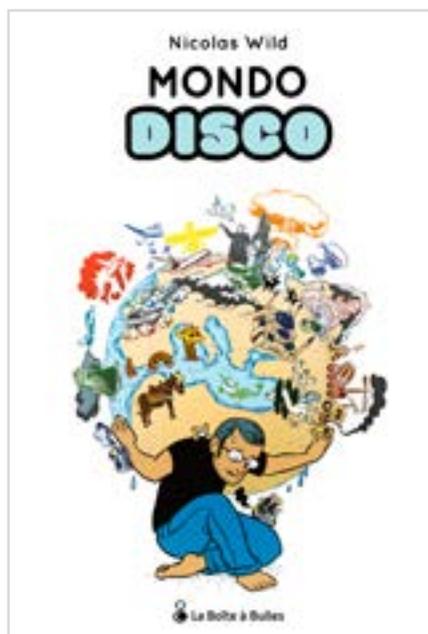
April 2019 - 24 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 144 pages

Rights sold in English

**A touching portrayal of psychosis and mental illness presented through the experiences and writings of writer and poet Jacques Mathis.**

Jacques Mathis tells his own story, the story of a megalomaniacal man stuck in a body too small for his ideas. His childhood, spent in a dreary little town in Lorraine, came





## MONDO DISCO

Nicolas Wild

November 2019 - 22 €  
16.5 x 24 cm - 160 pages

Rights available

Take a trip around the world with the author of *Kabul Disco*, *Kabul Requiem* and *Silent Was Zarathustra*.

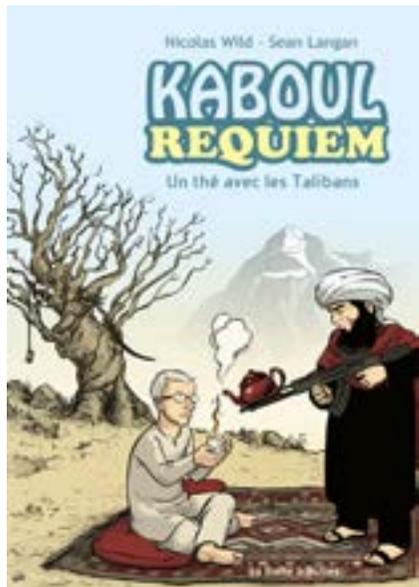
A tireless, danger-defying graphic novel artist on a quest to document the world, Nicolas Wild has traveled all over the planet for ARTE, the French Army, or his own personal enrichment. After

each trip, he delivers a short tale marked by his gaze as an observer that is both insightful and offbeat. From France to Nepal, from Ukraine to Turkey to Lebanon, his journeys take him on a wild ride among Phnom Penh tuk-tuks, in search of plane debris on a glacier in the Alps, and in refugee camps at the top of the world. Nicolas Wild's deceitfully naive perspective, coupled with his unique style as an illustrator, bring us once again a fascinating look at little-known but interconnected geopolitical realities from one side of the world to the other.

### KEY POINTS:

- Off to explore new countries and landscapes, Nicolas Wild reports on various geopolitical situations around the world in a darkly humorous way.





## KABUL DISCO

Nicolas Wild

3 volumes: 16.5 cm x 24 cm

- 1 : October 2007 - 160 pages - 17€

- 2 : November 2008 - 176 pages - 17€

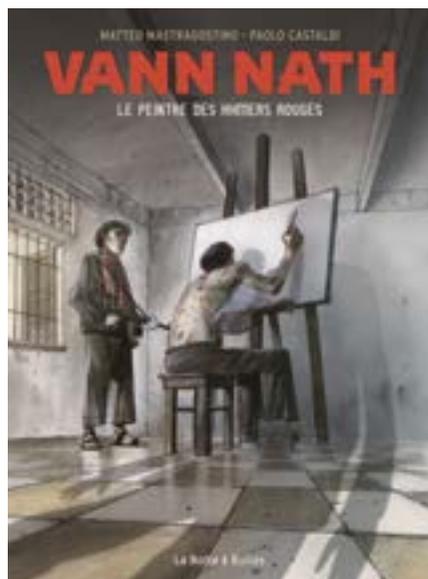
- 3 : November 2018 - 176 pages - 19€

Rights sold in Italian, Turkish, Spanish, & English (USA, India)

Comics journalism par excellence in the war-torn country of Afghanistan.

In 2005, Nicolas Wild, professional comic book artist and couch surfer, found both a job and a great pad. The only problem is that it isn't exactly next door: it's in Kabul, in an Afghanistan still recovering from the chaos of war. And so this young, reckless man suddenly finds himself living in a capital in a state of crisis, where he's enlisted to draw an adaptation of the Afghani constitution and then work on the army's new recruiting campaign. He becomes a firsthand witness to the country's tentative attempts to rebuild itself, whilst living the wacky life of a Western expat in Kabul. Book 1 sold over 20,000 copies and is still going strong.





## VANN NATH: THE PAINTER OF THE KHMERS ROUGES

Writer: Matteo Mastragostino  
Art: Paolo Vincenzo Castaldi

November 2020 - 22 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 128 pages

Rights available

The genesis and history of the art of Cambodian painter Vann Nath and his work against barbary and tyranny.

In 1978, when he was still a young painter, Vann Nath was arrested by the Khmers rouges. Charged with violating the moral code, he was imprisoned in the sadly famous Tuol Sleng jail, better known as S-21.

From then on, painting became his means of survival since he was requisitioned, like many Cambodian artists and craftspeople, to put his talent at the service of the dictatorship.

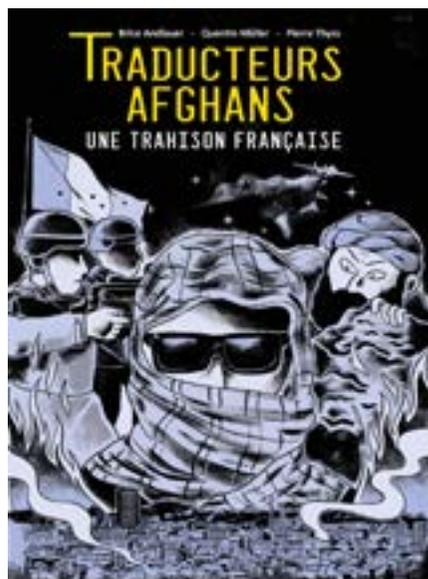
Through this narrative, we discover the roots of Vann Nath's art, for whom painting became, when he was freed, a duty to perpetuate the memory and pay tribute to the victims of Pol Pot's regime.

Beyond its biographical angle, this book reveals the fight led by the painter so that his persecutors' crimes would not remain unknown.

### KEY POINTS:

- Paolo Castaldi's powerful line and striking art translate the hell prisoners of the S-21 went through
- A tribute to the memory of the one who fought so that the memory of millions of Cambodians would not be forgotten.
- A poignant comic book with an evocative power that won't leave you indifferent.





## AFGHAN TRANSLATORS: A FRENCH BETRAYAL

Writer: Quentin Müller  
& Brice Andlauer  
Art: Pierre Thys

February 2020 - 27 €  
16,5 x 24 cm - 120 pages

Rights available

Given up by France, the story of tarjuman people («translators» in Dari) awakens a bitter feeling, echoing with that of every auxiliary

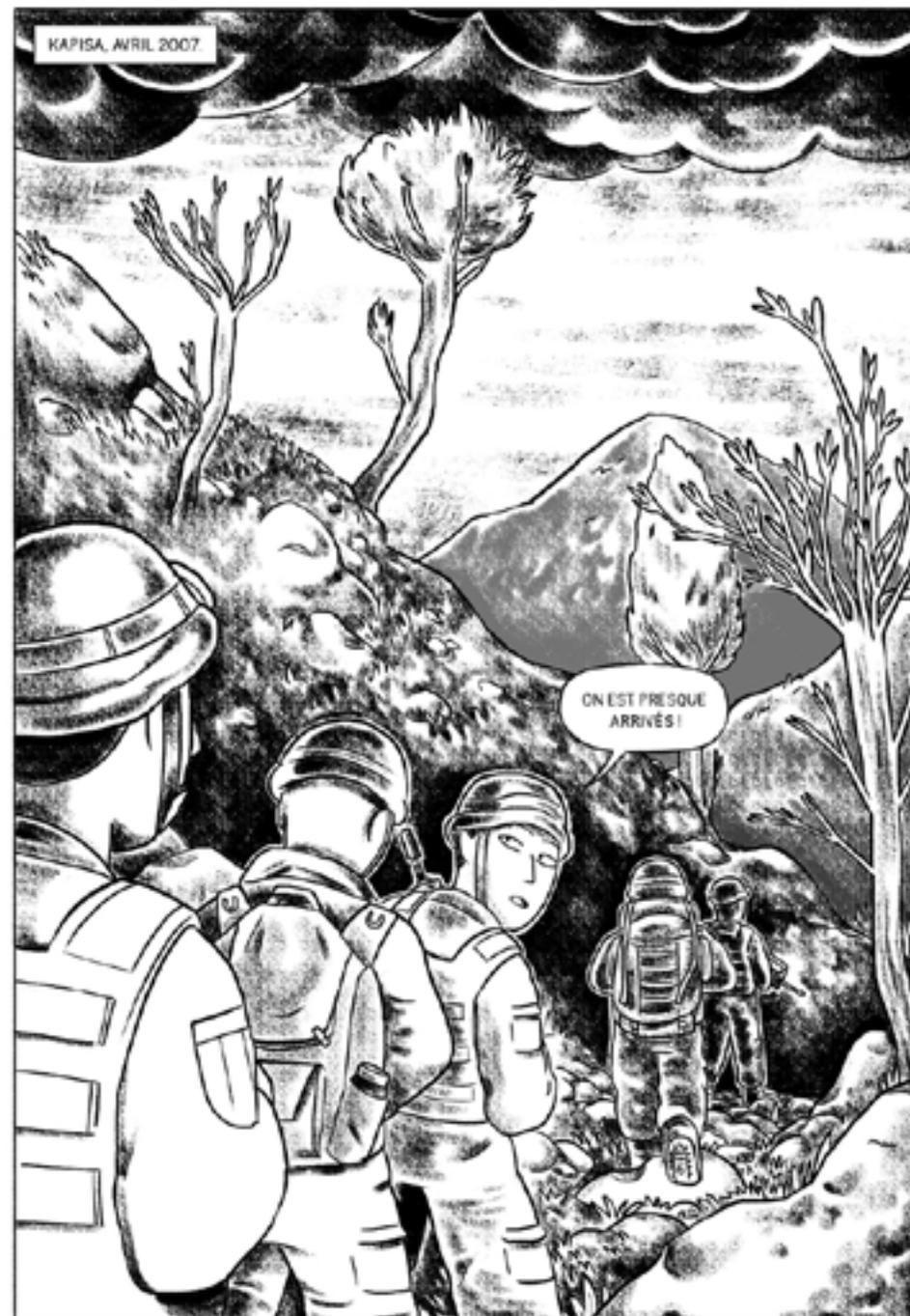
soldier left without protection in the war history of our country.

In Afghanistan, France hired some eight hundred translators, drivers, security guards, warehouse workers and logistics coordinators to assist them in their missions. The backbone of the strategy aiming at winning hearts and minds, they grew into actual soldiers, joining our troops out of conviction and in the hope of a better future for their country. But following the withdrawal of the troops in 2012, France refused to grant a visa to most of them...

With this comic strip, two journalists want to give body to three tarjuman they met and stage their paths of life in order to better denounce the initial refusal of their protection claim.»

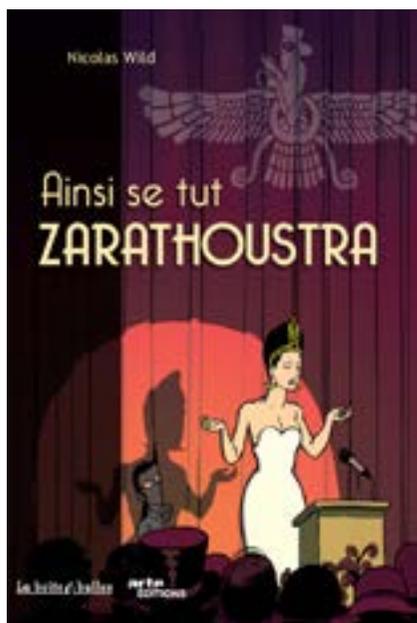
### KEY POINTS:

- A narrative at the heart of the news...
- Three tough life stories...
- A book so that French people can't say they didn't know...
- Authors are very visible in the media and are considered referents on this subject.



AWARD

★ **WINNER** France Info Prize for graphic novels in the news / investigative reporting genre 2014



## SILENT WAS ZARATHUSTR

Nicolas Wild

March 2013 - 19 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 192 pages

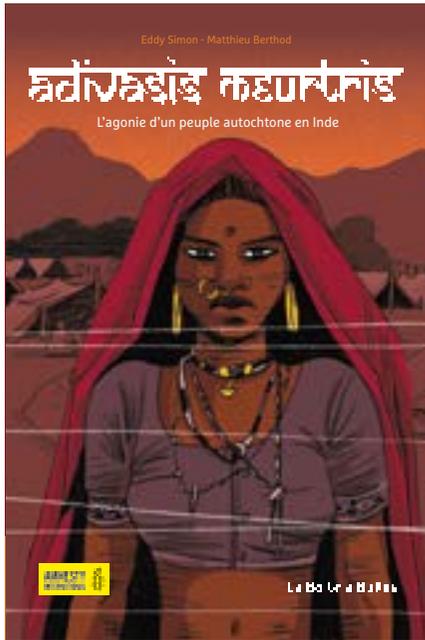
Rights sold in English (India), Italian, German, Polish, Turkish & Spanish

Through his experiences in Iran and behind the scenes of the Criminal Court in Geneva, Nicolas Wild brings us the scoop on a case we might otherwise never have heard of. His friend Sophia lost her father, Cyrus Yasdani, an iconic figure in Zoroastrianism (one of the world's

oldest monotheistic religions, after Judaism) in Iran. His murder was one among a spate of other murders targeting Zoroastrianism leaders around the world between 2005 and 2008, which were treated more as crimes of passion than as political assassinations. Nicolas investigates the hidden subtext of a trial where the charges seem to belie what actually happened. Here he offers his version of the facts.

Published in collaboration with ARTE EDITIONS.





## THE WOUNDED ADIVASI

Writer: Eddy Simon  
Art: Matthieu Berthod

August 2016 - 16 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 88 pages

Rights available

**A peaceful and nearly self-sufficient Indigenous people, the Adivasi number 100 million, according to a 2010 census.**

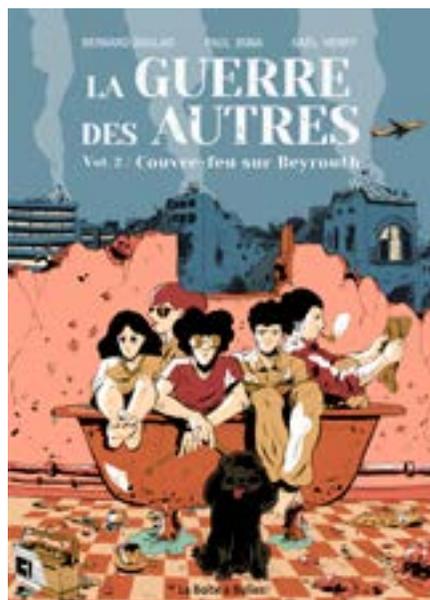
But that is a random and decreasing figure, for the plight of this population remains relatively unknown, as their living conditions

have become more and more catastrophic and their future increasingly alarming. Looted by the government, which mines and robs the natural resources of their lands, threatened with expulsion by intensive deforestation and the mineral industries, massacred by the Indian army because they are linked to the Naxalite revolutionary movements, the Adivasi find themselves in a desperate situation that fails to move the hearts of their fellow Indians or public opinion in the world at large.

### KEY POINTS:

- One of the dark sides of India's development, rarely mentioned by the Western media.
- A socially engaged work, co-published with Amnesty International, that sheds light on the tragic situation in which Adivasi families currently find themselves.
- A book structured in the form of chapters, each giving a voice to the protagonists in question.





## THE OTHER PEOPLE'S WAR: Rumours about Beirut (Vol. 1) Cufew over Beirut (Vol. 2)

Writer: **Bernard Boulad**  
Storyboard: **Paul Bona**  
Art: **Gaël Henry**

2 volumes series: 19 x 26.5 cm  
- 1 : Sep 2018 - 176 pages - 24 €  
- 2 : Nov 2019 - 160 pages - 22 €

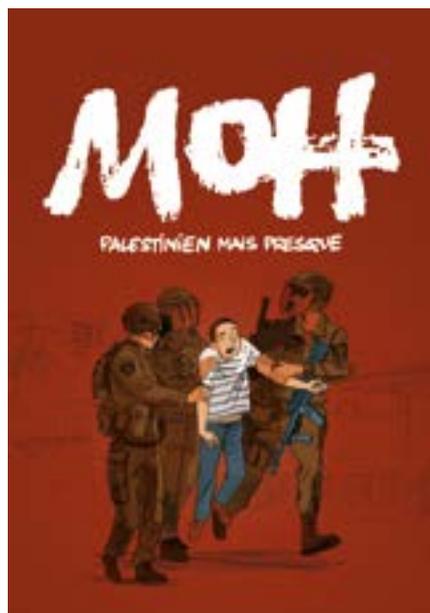
Rights sold in English (US)  
& Arabian

The life of a liberal Lebanese family is turned upside down by the Lebanese Civil War.

Life is good for the Naggar family, who are originally from Egypt but have been living in Lebanon for nearly 10 years. Between a hippie mom in love with her gay best friend, a bookseller father who chases after anything wearing a skirt, and three movie buff teenagers, this family keeps out of

the political and religious conflicts that plague the country. In addition to the tension between the Sunnis, the Shiites, the Druze, the Maronites, the Catholics and the Armenians, a dangerous cocktail that could go off any minute, there are the tensions between the Palestinian refugees and the State of Israel. In April 1975, the war breaks out... And although it's not the Naggars' war, it will soon catch up with them.





## MO : A PALESTINIAN STORY

Writer: Céline de Gemmis

Art: François Bégné

May 2019 - 16 €

17 x 24 cm - 112 pages

Rights available

**A touching portrait of Mo, a young man who finds himself suddenly walking in the oversized shoes of an adult terrorist.**

West Bank, 1989. Mohammed, a 13-year-old boy, is arrested on his way home from school during a street protest. When he is sentenced to 8 months in prison, he realizes his life will never be the same again.

During his incarceration, he starts to understand the connection between what's happening to him and the daily lives of Palestinians. He ponders issues having to do with Jews, Muslims, Israelis and Arabs, the conflict, and colonization. Upon his release from prison, he joins a Marxist-Leninist organization.

Mohammed then tries to start his life over by going back to school, but remains politically active and engaged. Mohammed now lives in France, where he works as a researcher.

### KEY POINTS:

- Mohammed's life story told with simplicity, sincerity and humor.
- A story supported by documentation that encourages us to reflect on universal issues.
- A duo-tone portrait brought to life by François Bégné's strong, dynamic line.



J'AVAIS INTERDICTION DE TRÂNER APRÈS L'ÉCOLE, DE ME MÊLER AUX MOUVEMENTS DE RUE.



## LUCHA: CHRONICLE OF AN UNARMED REVOLUTION IN CONGO

Writer: Justine Brabant

Art: Annick Kamgang

April 2018 - 16 €

19 cm x 26.5 cm - 176 pages

Rights available

A strong and edifying testimony about five years of non-violent combat for change in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, five years of courage, but, most

importantly, five years of hope.

Lucha is the story of the movement of the same name created by young Congolese from all social classes, origins and religions, who chose to lead a pacific battle in a country where things are often settled by weapons, cronyism and corruption.

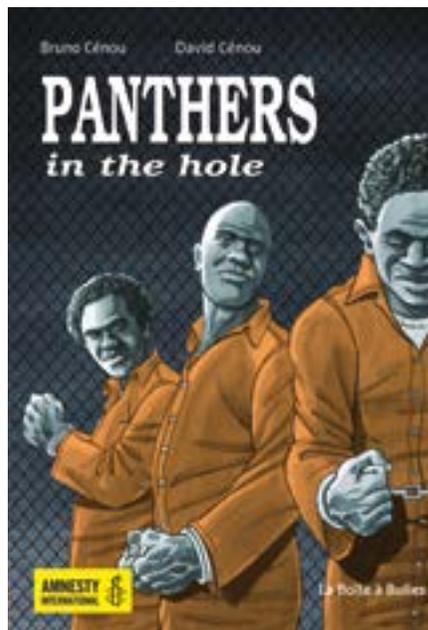
This citizens' movement was created in 2012 in Goma, in the East of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kivu).

Animated by the desire of a new country, truly independent and democratic, Lucha campaigns, through non-violent actions, for access to water, education, the end of the armed groups' impunity and the organization of presidential elections. Quickly, the movement has attracted the attention of the authorities who suppress their actions regularly.



★ **THE BEST PUBLISHED COMIC**  
of CVA Cultural Awards 2019 by the Ministry  
of Education and Culture.

AWARD



## PANTHERS IN THE HOLE

Writer: **Bruno Cénou**  
Art: **David Cénou**

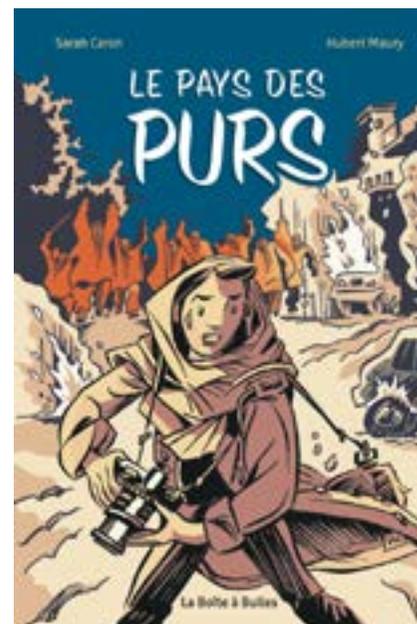
July 2017 - 17 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 132 pages

Rights sold in **English (USA)**  
& **Spanish**

**A tragic story of institutionalized racism in the US.**

Black Panther party members Robert Hillary King, Albert Woodfox and Herman Wallace fought for human rights even while incarcerated in Louisiana. All three

were placed in solitary confinement after being unjustly accused of murdering a guard. Directly inspired by the testimony of Robert King, who spent 43 years in solitary confinement, *Panthers in the Hole* tells the poignant story of these men. It explores institutionalized racism in the U.S. and the inhumane conditions found in prisons in America and around the world. Written and published in collaboration with Amnesty International France.



## THE LAND OF THE PURE

Writer: **Sarah Caron**  
Art: **Hubert Maury**

May 2017 - 25 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 192 pages

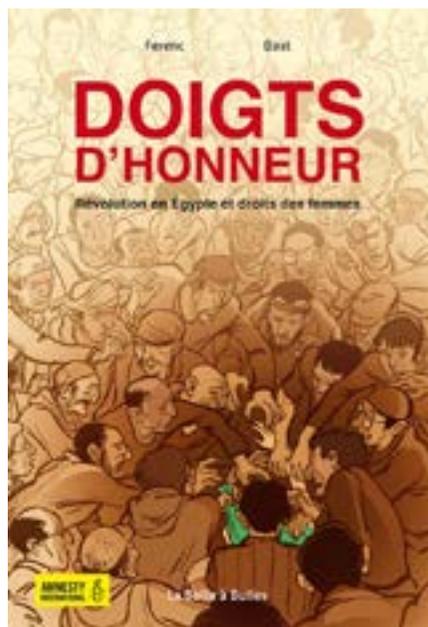
Rights available

**The captivating memoir of a travel photographer in one of the most war-torn regions of the world: Pakistan.**

On December 27, 2007, the city of Rawalpindin, Pakistan, was rocked by violent riots following the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, the leader of the opposition. French photographer Sarah Caron was there when it happened and able to capture the tragedy in minute detail. But the young woman was spotted and ended up being pursued, fearing for her life. Going undercover for various assignments, she spent that year moving from the high Pakistani society to the world of the Taliban, with the help of a proud Pashtun warrior. A riveting, behind-the-scenes look at the world of war photojournalism.

AWARD

- ★ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** for the Tournesol Award Angoulême International Comics Festival 2017
- ★ **WINNER** Melouah Moliterni Award Aubenas Festival 2016
- ★ **WINNER** of the Charles-Henry Sablin Award for best Human Rights Reportage Comics 2017
- ★ **Nominated** for the Center Region Award Festival BD BOUM of Blois 2016



## GIVING THE FINGER

Writer: Ferenc / Art: Bast

January 2016 - 16 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 112 pages

Rights sold in Italian

**Women struggle for human rights during the 2013 Egyptian protests.**

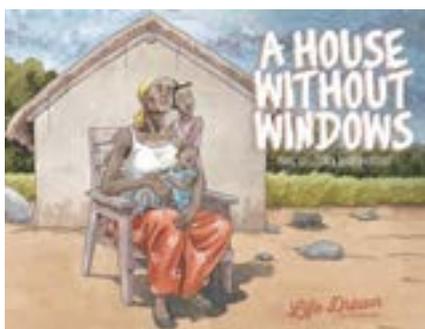
June 2013 – Cairo. Two years after Mubarak's fall, Egyptians take to the streets to demand the resignation of Mohamed Morsi, the newly elected president. Layla, tired of the endless revolution, chooses to focus on her

studies instead. But Asim, her childhood friend, is obsessed with politics and insists that she come with him to Tahrir Square. Layla eventually lets herself get swept up in the whirlwind of freedom and agrees to go. What she doesn't know is that Tahrir Square will be the scene of horrific sexual assaults and that she will be one of the dozens of victims. In an Egypt trying to rebuild itself, where the word honor is on everyone's lips, women are trying to carve out a path for themselves that leads to the guarantee of the most fundamental human rights. Written and published in collaboration with Amnesty International France.



★ UNITED NATIONS CORRESPONDENTS ASSOCIATION'S INTERNATIONAL PRIZE - GOLD AWARD for print and broadcast media for coverage of humanitarian and development activities of the United Nations

★ Pre-published in Huffington Post



## A HOUSE WITHOUT WINDOWS

Writer: Marc Ellison  
Art: Didier Kassaï

Feb 2018 - 18 €  
160 pages  
21 x 16 cm

Rights sold in English (USA)

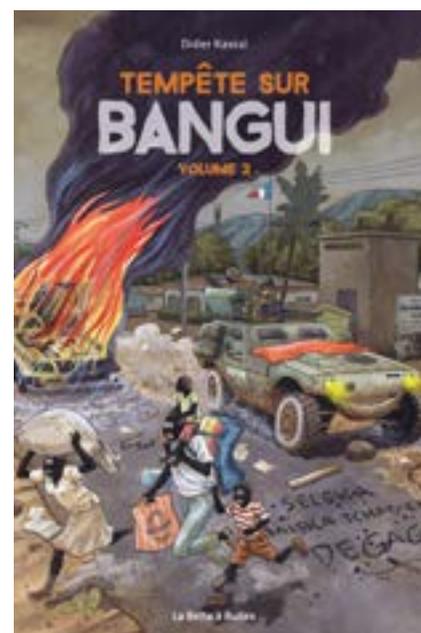
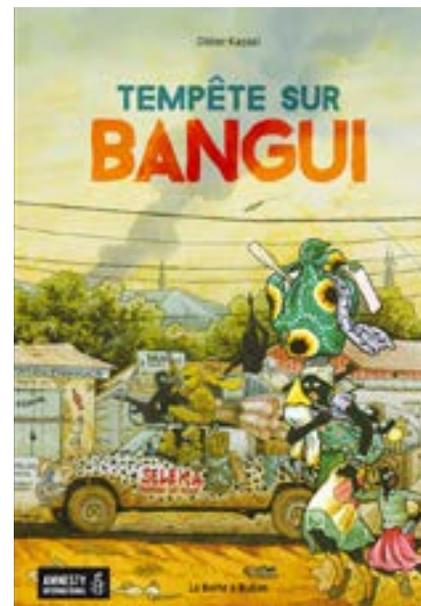
Under the delicate line of Didier Kassaï (Storm Over Bangui) comes a comic book documentary about the street children of Bangui, told in a style that mixes photos and illustrations.

In the Central African Republic,

children grow up in a state of insecurity, poverty, and malnutrition.

The 2013 conflict only exacerbated this situation.

The Central African Republic has become «a house without windows. Through illustrations, photos and videos (activated via QR codes), this comic takes you into the heart of this «forgotten crisis.» With Central African artist Didier Kassaï and British photojournalist Marc Ellison as your guides, watch children at work in a diamond mine, observe life in a refugee camp, and meet the street children of Bangui.



## STORM OVER BANGUI

Didier Kassaï

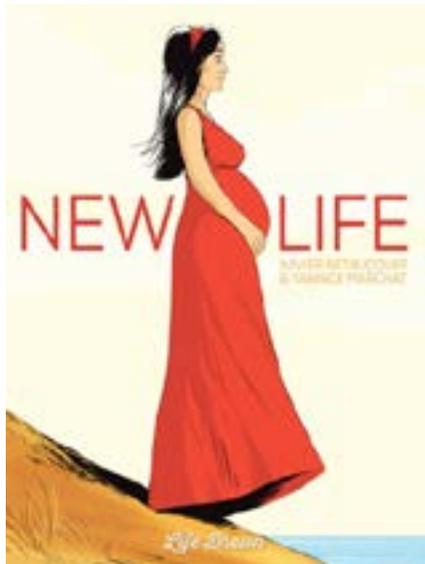
2 volumes: 19 cm x 26.5 cm  
- 1 : October 2015 - 152 pages - 24 €  
- 2 : October 2018 - 176 pages - 24 €

Rights available

A chronicle of Bangui caught in the storm, an entirely African graphic novel that offers a unique and unflinching view of the reality of the conflict in the Central African Republic.

For the past ten years, the Central African Republic has been rocked by an endless series of civil wars and coups. The most violent and deadly conflict in that time was the war waged by the SELEKA rebels against President Bozizé in 2013. Amidst all this chaos, prior to French involvement, artist Didier Kassaï did his best to survive day after day, pursuing his creative activity with fierce determination, as an act of subtle resistance.

**FIRST VOLUME CO-PUBLISHED WITH AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL.**



## NEW LIFE

Writer: **Xavier Bétaucourt**

Art: **Yannick Marchat**

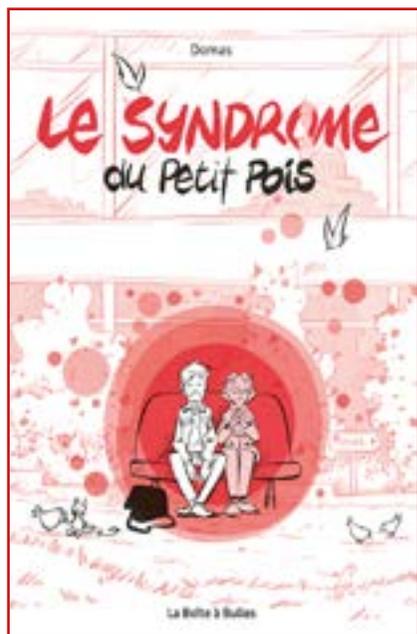
January 2019 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 128 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

**An emotional journey through one man's desire for freedom and the discovery of a new life he could never have expected.**

With his son grown up and his marriage dissolving, Xavier, a 48-year old writer, finds himself deep in the heart of a mid-life crisis. Setting out on his own, he finds emotional freedom and true independence. When he meets Leah, he rediscovers the beauty of unexpected love. Together they set out to lead a life of spontaneity and youthful adventures. When Leah gets pregnant, Xavier quickly realizes that his life has indeed started over, just not in the way he expected. Overwhelmed with anxiety, Xavier questions his choices. Can he father a child at this stage of life? Can he and Leah hold onto their passion?





## THE PEA POD SYNDROME

Domas

March 2016 - 28 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 288 pages

Rights available

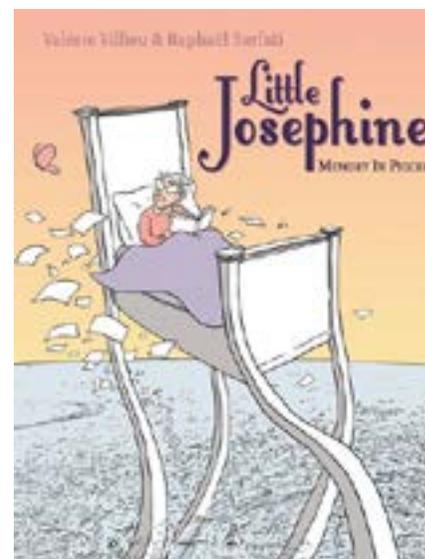
**A touching story about people with degenerative neurological disorders and the impact of those disorders on their loved ones.**

Max and Coquillage are happily married and thriving both at home and at work. But a dark cloud looms on the horizon: Marie, Max's mother, suffers from Benson's Syndrome, a form of dementia that causes memory impairment, loss of bearings, and the deterioration of intellectual faculties. This new reality is extremely difficult for Max to accept, as his mother no longer bears any resemblance to the woman who raised him. Feeling completely disoriented and helpless, he alternates between sadness and anger and buries himself in his work.



AWARD

★ **WINNER** Interfaith Comics Jury Award  
Angoulême International Comics Festival 2013



## LITTLE JOSEPHINE: MEMORY IN PIECES

Writer: Valérie Villieu  
Art: Raphaël Sarfati

September 2012 - 17 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 128 pages

Rights available

**An utterly human adventure reminding us of society's lack of interest in the elderly.**

Valerie is a home care nurse, and Josephine is one of the people she's cared for who touched her life the most. They have the kind of hard-to-define bond that people rarely get to experience in life. She considers herself lucky to have met the daughter of famed fictional master thief Arsène Lupin—or so Josephine claims to be. Josephine helps Valerie reevaluate important things in her life and look at her work in a new way, to be less passive and indifferent and more engaged. What she wishes to express through this story is that we must never give up when confronted with the aging and illness that are so unsettling for «healthy» people. We must always strive to find the connection, the shoes that will allow us to be in the footsteps of another.





## A CHILD LIKE THAT

Antoine Bréda

August 2019 - 16€  
19 x 26.5 cm - 80 pages

Rights available

**The tragi-comic life of an unusual child with eyeglasses who grows up into an almost average adult...**

Charles is a different kind of boy. Is it perhaps because of his thick eyeglasses? Or because he doesn't like to keep farm animals inside their enclosures?

The author takes us into the day-to-day life of a person devoid of malice who must face reality in all its insidious cruelty. An unflinching look at life as it is, without artifice, through the simple but not simple-minded gaze of a boy named Charles.

It's a portrait that encourages tolerance of our fellow man and reminds us that despite our differences, we are all sentient beings and that we all need someone to listen to us and understand us. A touching book that will gently shake readers and ultimately make them feel good !

### KEY POINTS:

- A touching fable enhanced by stylized drawings done with papercutting.
- The intimate portrait of a child who finds himself forced too soon into adulthood.
- A tale told in a minimalist, hypnotic filled with a tenderness that is both candid and cruel.



## SMALL MOMENTS OF CHILDHOOD SHAME

Laureline Mattiussi

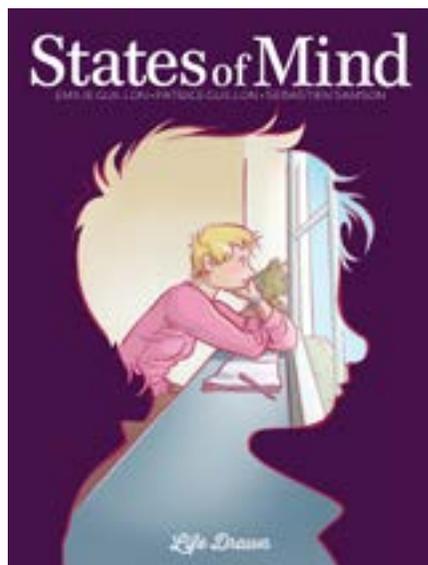
September 2006 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

Rights available

**With playful reserve and an elegant artistic style, Laureline Mattiussi beautifully captures the little moments of—seemingly innocuous and inconsequential—shame that fill our childhood.... and mark us for life.**



A little girl is all dressed up for a party she can't wait to attend. But she feels the urgent call of nature and, unable to hold it in, runs to a spot between two cars and urinates—on the pavement and all over her little white socks. Then she rushes back, with her skirt tucked into her panties. At the community pool, a little boy is ordered to put on the last remaining swim cap... an old lady's cap, colorful and adorned with flowers. It looks ridiculous, and it attracts the cruel laughter of other pool-goers.



## STATES OF MIND

Writer: **Émilie Guillon, Patrice Guillon**

Art: **Sébastien Samson**

October 2010 - 14.50 €

16.5 cm x 24 cm - 96 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

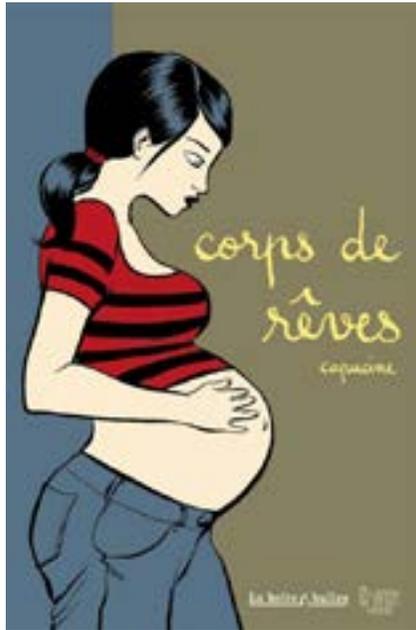
**A glimpse into the life of a vivacious young woman whose brilliant mind is caught in the ebbs and flows of her mental illness.**

When Camille returns home from her vacation in Canada, everything starts taking a turn for the worse: her boyfriend back in Quebec is emotionally blackmailing her, and upcoming exams are a source of tremendous stress. The pressure of it all is about to change her life forever. Exhausted and constantly on the verge of tears, Camille discovers



what it means to be bipolar (manic-depressive) and how to live with a disorder that frequently drives her to suicidal thoughts. She stays in one psychiatric facility after another, to the great distress of her friends and loved ones, who sometimes have a hard time understanding. Between the temporary states of euphoria, various treatments and violent flare-ups, Camille tries to find a way to live as a «normal» young woman again.





## PERFECT BODY

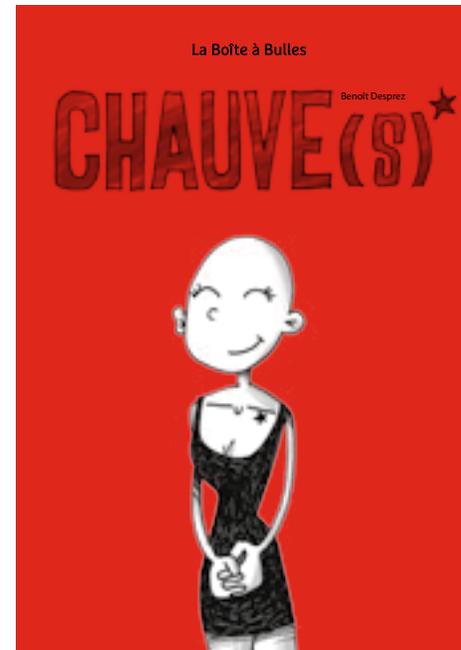
Capucine

November 2010 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

Rights sold in Turkish

**An original, funny, first-person journey through the unforgettable experience of pregnancy.**

One day you wake up and boom, you find out you're pregnant! Capucine barely has time to process the exciting news, as she's soon caught up in the reality of pregnancy and everything that comes with it, from the moments of euphoria to medical issues to bureaucratic hassles. With a body and routine that change on a daily basis, the author invites us to share her discoveries, her little moments of joy, as well as her doubts and reflections.



## BALD

Benoît Desprez

May 2015 - 13 € - 23.5 cm x 16.5 cm - 80 pages

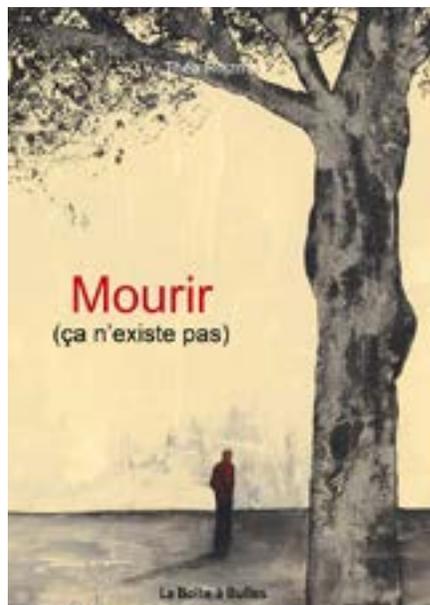
Rights available

**When Benoît and Olivia fall in love and enter into a relationship, they have no idea what devastating blow awaits them.**

One day, Olivia's left breast starts acting up. The diagnosis is unequivocal: cancer. Benedict has no intention of playing the ostrich and abandoning the one he loves. To overcome this ordeal, he moves in with her, takes up his pencils and his humor and, from his perspective as a first-hand yet powerless observer, brings us the story of Olivia's fight against the disease.



★ SPECIAL NOD Artémisia July 2016



## DYING DOESN'T EXIST

**Théa Rojzman**

May 2015 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

Rights available

**The poignant work of a bold author who explores the powerful themes of suffering, madness and trauma with talent and originality.**

Obsessed with death and the fragility of life, Yann's mother is constantly saying that they're all going to die one day. When, as an adult, Yann becomes an orphan, he decides it's his time to go. As the water carries him away, the imaginary friends of his childhood guide him through his memories. Mocking and cynical, they take him back into the turmoil of his life and remind him of the trauma his mother went through, as well as the trauma he himself experienced, passed on like a family curse.

AWARD

## THE LOCKER ROOM

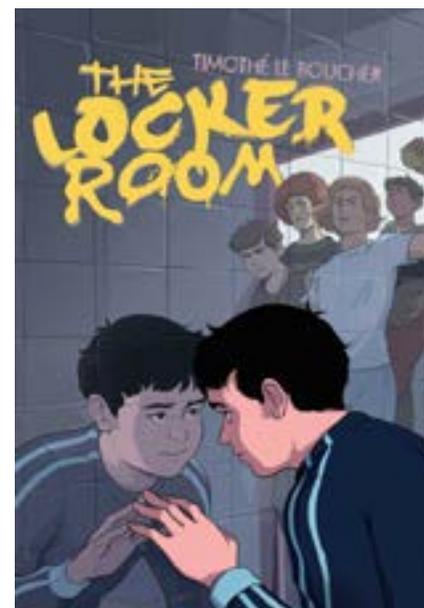
**Timothé Le Boucher**

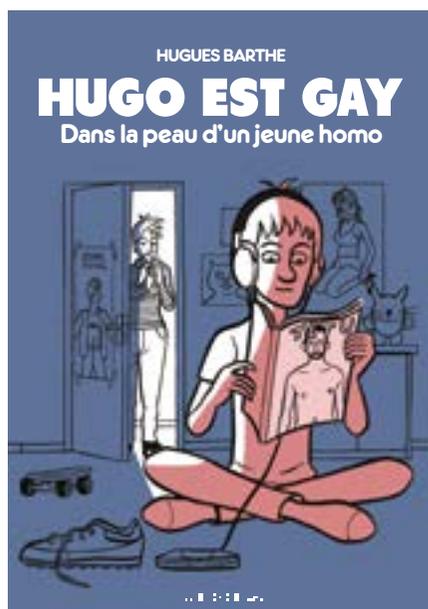
May 2014 - 20 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 128 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)  
& Italian

**Far from a teenage soap opera, this is an authentic testimony on puberty.**

The middle school has a new locker room! The boys discover the renovated premises with a mix of embarrassment and mockery: smoked glass windows, pink toilets... and the showers are now communal! And so the shower room becomes a special point of interest, in this closed space where adult authority disappears and where primal instincts can be expressed in their rawest, most brutal form: aggressiveness, adolescent sexuality, mockery, bullying... What is recreated within the locker room is a micro-society without boundaries, with an uncertain equilibrium, complete with the leaders everyone fears and the losers everybody picks on.





## HUGO IS GAY: LIVING IN THE SHOES OF A YOUNG HOMO

Hugues Barthe

April 2021 - 16 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 112 pages

Rights available

The journey of a teenager who realizes he's different than others... set in both 1990 and 2021!

Hugo, a schoolboy from the 1990s, feels different from other boys his

age. In fact, he even wonders if he might be gay... But how can you be sure? He is plagued by doubts and his environment does not seem quite ready to accept his own unique individuality. So when Augustin, also 14, arrives in his life, straight from 2021, it comes as quite the shock. Little by little, with the help of research, personal experiences and, most of all, conversations with his new friend from the future, Hugo comes to accept himself for who he is. Because he's from the future, Augustin is able to show Hugo homosexuality such as it is perceived several decades later. In the meantime, Hugo must live through some difficult stages. He will also learn that Augustine, even in 2021, is not completely immune to certain issues and challenges.

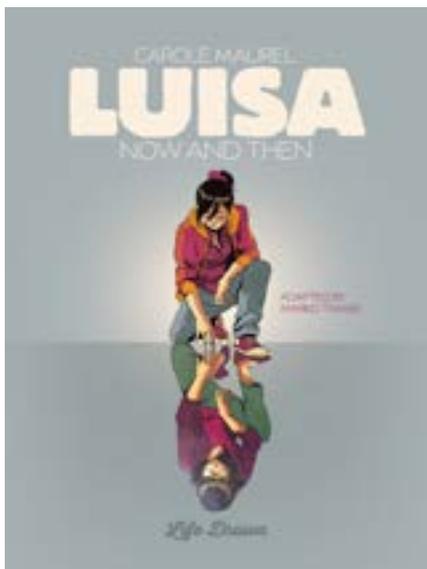
### KEY POINTS:

- An original prism through which to address the universal experience of many young homosexuals, set in two different eras.
- A story that looks at the progress that has been made in the past few years with regard to homosexual rights, while also reflecting on what still remains to be done.
- Puts the current situation for young homosexuals in perspective with a mix of reflection, self-examination, and de-dramatization of the subject.



★ **WINNER** Best book in foreign language  
Algiers International Comics Festival

**AWARD**



## LUIISA, NOW AND THEN

Carole Morel

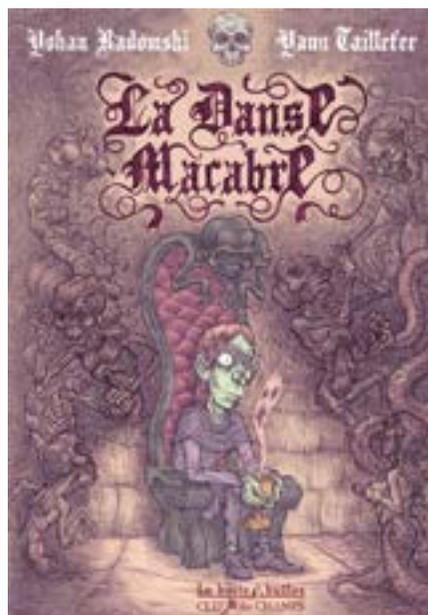
May 2016 - 32 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 272 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

**A tale that turns coming-of-age stories upside down, it immerses readers in an intimate journey of personal discovery.**

On the one hand, there's Luisa, 33, a food photographer and die-hard bachelorette who's utterly incapable of staying with a guy for more than a few weeks. On the other hand, there's Luisa, 15, with a backpack full of dreams of true love and making it as a photographer... but what about those unfulfilled feelings for Lucie, her gay friend? One day, the adult Luisa is flabbergasted when the teenage version of herself shows up at her door! This meeting will prove to be a turning point for both women, bringing to the surface all the frustrations and yearnings buried long ago. A time-traveling paradox handled with spirit and heart!





## THE DANCE OF DEATH

Writer: Yohan Radomski

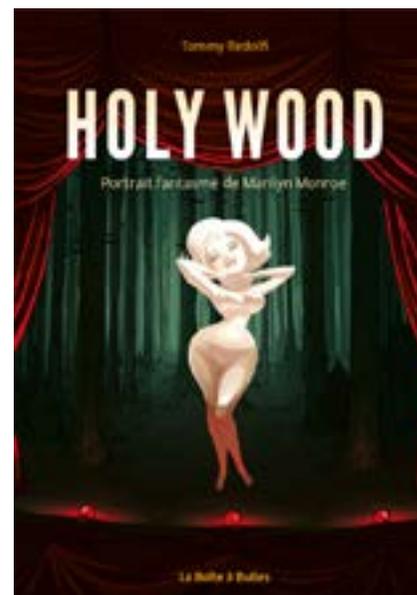
Art: Yann Taillefer

February 2013 - 18 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 96 pages

Rights available

**A colorful, epic tale filled with monsters, sexual escapades and mythical creatures, brought to life in a striking artistic style reminiscent of medieval illustrated manuscripts.**

In a surreal medieval setting, Martin wanders between the world of the living and the world of the dead. After being hanged for hacking his father to death with an ax and feeding his remains to pigs, he's sent back to earth to determine whether or not his case was handled fairly. Martin, who doesn't remember a thing, is first taken in by a witch with loose morals and lewd designs, from whom he just barely manages to escape. His worries are far from being over, though, as he embarks on a journey fraught with obstacles and dangers, each more terrifying than the last.



## MARILYN'S MONSTERS

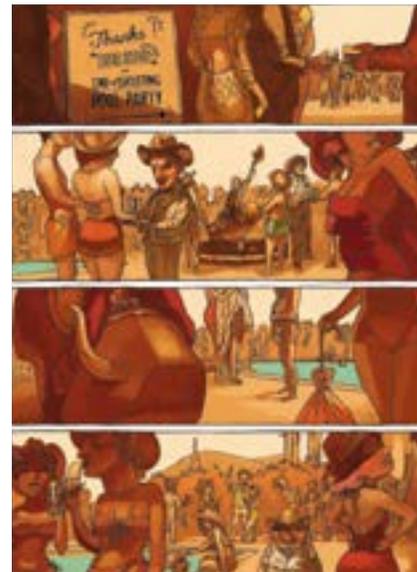
Tommy Redolfi

June 2016 - 32 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 256 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

**A portrait of Marilyn Monroe revisited, in a surreal Hollywood at once spellbinding and disturbing.**

Holy Wood, the «Sacred Wood,» is a dark coniferous forest populated by fairground freaks and old caravans; and it's where film stars are born, those magical creatures who fuel the dreams and fantasies of audiences everywhere. Hoping to become a star herself one day, a young, vulnerable woman named Norma moves to this strange ghost town. After a few failed attempts at stardom, she attracts the attention and love of Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox, the mysterious founders of Holy Wood. Thanks to their efforts, Norma Jeane Baker becomes Marilyn. THE Marilyn. A woman who is very different than the real Norma. Perhaps too different...





## FREE AT LAST

Enfin Libre

March 2020 - 22 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 144 pages

Rights available

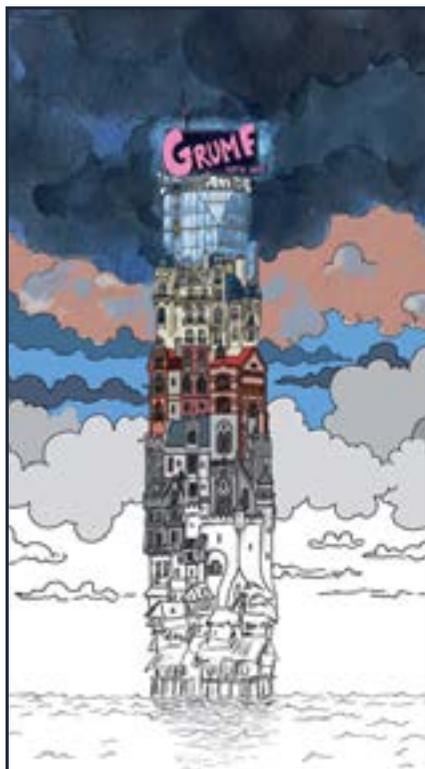
**The dreamlike journey of a father who must do some soul-searching after his daughter runs away in an effort to distance herself from him.**

In the beginning there was a letter... a mysterious letter from Agathe to her father, begging him not to search for her. Convinced that his daughter did not leave voluntarily, Mr. K goes looking for her in the streets of Paris. Meanwhile, Agathe, in the dream world, seems to be trying to recover the colors and dimensions of a world that has become too flat for her. Both will have to work on themselves, on their own, in order to (better) come together again. Clean up your past, make room for yourself, accept your mistakes and move on. Will the music of the spheres help them find themselves?

### KEY POINTS:

- A collection of characters each sweeter and more offbeat than the next.
- A poetic and psychological story that subtly shifts between realism and fantasy.
- A relevant and touching fable on the father-daughter relationship.





## GRUMF

Enfin Libre

March 2012 - 13 €  
24.5 cm x 24.7 cm - 48 pages

Rights available

**An engrossing saga dealing with the most pressing issues on the fate of humanity and the planet.**

In the near future, the economy has continued to decline, Asian culture has reached an unparalleled level of influence, environmental issues are now the major concern of corporations, and universality and globalization are ubiquitous. Mankind chooses this moment to reach an agreement: it's time for everyone to return to Earth! Here then is that story, told through the experiences of one family and several generations of characters with distinct personalities and roles to play.



## SIWEL'S DREAM

Enfin Libre

February 2010 - 22 € / 30 cm x 21 cm - 128 pages

Rights available

**Reimagining Alice in Wonderland for readers of all ages.**

A stubborn and inquisitive young woman encounters a rabbit pressed for time... Ringing a bell? Diving into the dark depths of a mysterious library, Siwel embarks on a dreamlike journey worthy of Lewis Carroll, where she encounters sinister rats, a moon in the shape of a comma, a frivolous, swaggering elf, sixteen bumbling Louis, a queen of artichoke hearts, a mirror, and one bunny constantly on the move. A poetic journey and a literary homage to Carroll, Shakespeare, Dumas, Stevenson and many others.



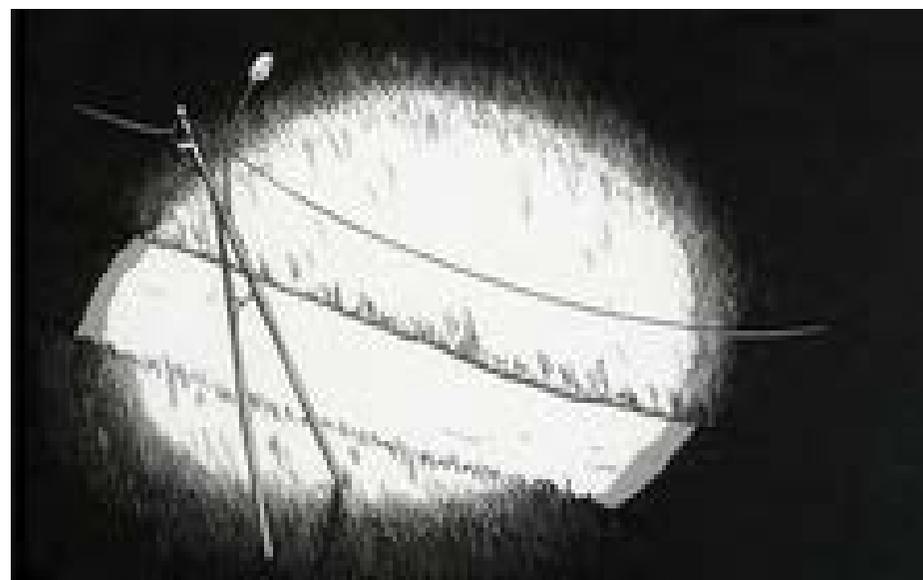
## THE FLUINK

Enfin Libre

February 2010 - 12.50 € / 30 cm x 21 cm - 48 pages

Rights available

On either side of a large strip of black ink called the Fluink live two drastically different societies that are completely unaware of the other's existence. Below are the Pâals, white figures against a black background, governed by a «Prefectal» with unbridled ambition who wants to build a strong, conquering nation and favors unrestricted urban growth. Above, the Schwarzs, black figures against a white background, live in a state of almost passive tranquility. At the urging of an enlightened, enthusiastic scientist, the Schwarzs set off to explore life beyond the Fluink, where they encounter a people with a way of life that's the exact opposite of theirs. Is this a welcome shock to the system... or a ticking time bomb?



## THE RUMOR

Enfin Libre

January 2008 - 13 € / 30 cm x 21 cm - 48 pages

Rights available

A man dressed in black walks alone through the countryside. An incongruous presence, a «city man» out of his element. What does he want? Who is he? Where is he going? Such are the questions raised by everyone he encounters on his way. But when the man in black responds with nothing but a weighty silence that seems to be fraught with meaning, each person assumes their own answer. And so The Rumor is born, of its own will and, like a Golem, it breaks free from its creator and challenges us, the readers, with the following: how do we ourselves react to information, to fake news, to things unsaid and things with ambiguous meaning? Don't we also play a part in this huge farce?





## THE OGRE'S WIFE

Writer: Bernadette Appert  
Art: Etienne Appert

September 2011 - 17 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 144 pages

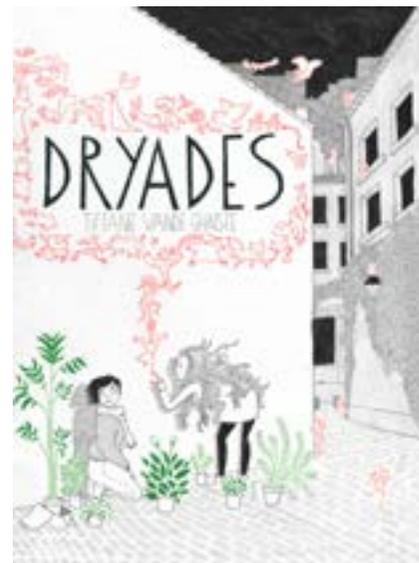
Rights available

**A modern story of the Ogre's grief-stricken wife from the French folklore.**

Who doesn't know the famous tale of Hop-o'-My-Thumb?

Seven brothers, abandoned in the woods by their parents, find safe haven in the home of a hungry ogre.

Tricked into a ruse concocted by Hop-o'-My-Thumb, the ogre slits the throats of his seven daughters instead of the brothers'. For centuries, storytellers have told this tale as the glorious adventure of a cunning and clever little boy, and nobody thought to pay much attention to the grief-stricken wife of the ogre: the woman who, upon waking the next day, finds the bodies of her daughters, murdered by her own husband. Her life story is perplexing: how did she come to marry an ogre, given that, in the fairytale, she is always described as kind, attentive and everything an ogress is not? Last but not least: what becomes of her after the tragedy? Is that the end of the story for her as well... or just the beginning?



## DRYADS

Tiffanie Vande Ghinste

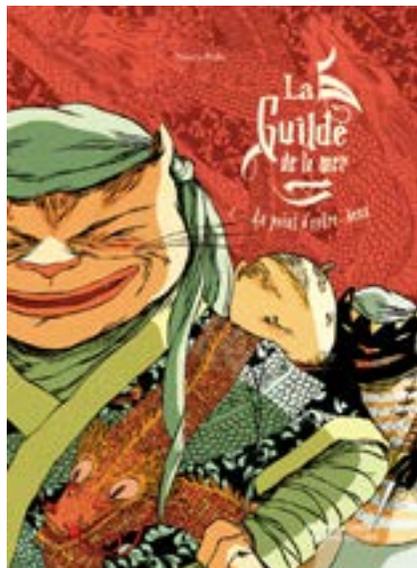
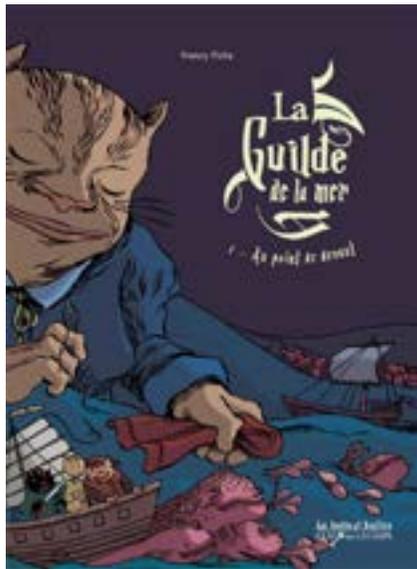
March 2018 - 16 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 88 pages

Rights available

**In Greek mythology, Dryads were sweet and benevolent nymphs who dwelled in the forest and protected it. But what would happen if they lived in the city?**

Newly arrived in Brussels, Rudica claims she is being pursued by an ogre. She meets Yacha, a young bookseller whose life is a little dreary. Together, they realize what extraordinary creative strength they possess and decide to exploit it to liven up the streets of Brussels and care for the people around them. But the ogre is not far, the city itself is full of pitfalls, and their good intentions are not necessarily to everyone's taste... A thoughtful and poetic stroll through the colorful streets of Brussels.





## THE GUILD OF THE SEAS

Nancy Peña

2 volumes:

- 1 : April 2006

24 cm x 32 cm - 48 pages - 13 €

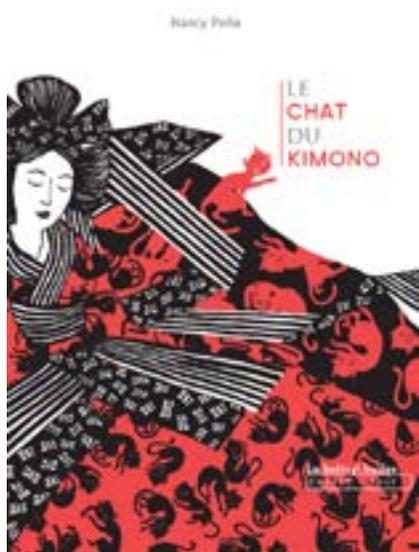
- 2 : June 2007

24 cm x 32 cm - 48 pages - 13 €

Rights sold in Swedish & Spanish

The Murid police is hot on Gib's trail but he manages to escape them by taking a dangerous leap off the citadel's ramparts. After a pirate ship fishes him out of the sea, he's quickly adopted as the new crewmember by the captain, a Sinese man working for the Guild of the Seas. Gib's mother, on the other hand, wasn't as lucky: she was arrested by law enforcement and is now wasting away in a cell she shares with Longfork, a fearsome-looking Repton who will prove to be a valuable ally. Their captors draw blood from them every day, and the two prisoners know they will soon be drained of all their strength, so they hatch a plan to escape while they still can.





## THE KIMONO CAT (VOLUME 1)

Nancy Peña

February 2007 - 16 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 104 pages

Rights sold in Spanish and Swedish

**A journey to a bewitching world, guided by a narrator whose meandering imagination is endless.**

On Kyusky Island, the daughter of a silk manufacturer used to love wearing the most beautiful kimonos in existence. Her favorite was embroidered with mischievous cats, made by a weaver who was secretly in love with her. But the day the young man found the courage to confess his feelings for her, she completely ignored him.

Furious, the weaver made two kimonos for himself: one with a pattern of rats and field mice, the other decorated with cranes. Every time he crossed paths with the young woman, the cats would pull on her kimono to try to catch the animals on the young man's kimono. They pulled so hard that one day, one of the cats broke free and went chasing after one of the cranes. Thus begin the adventures of the Black Cat and his quest for the kimono he lost.

AWARD

★ OFFICIAL SELECTION  
Angoulême International Comics Festival 2010



## TEA PARTY (VOLUME 2)

Nancy Peña

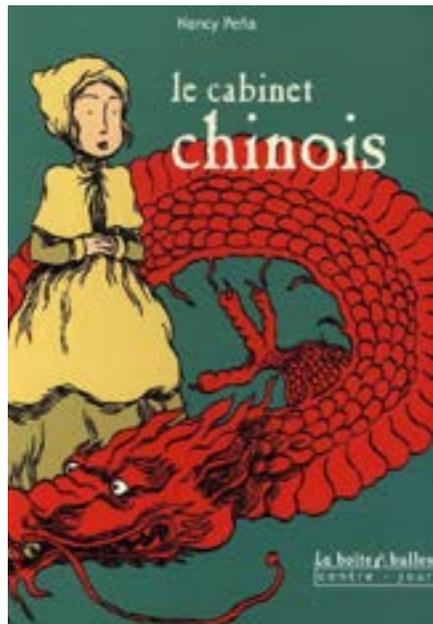
January 2009 - 17 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 78 pages

## IT'S NOT A PIECE OF CAKE (VOLUME 3)

Nancy Peña

October 2011 - 19 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages





## THE CHINESE STUDY

Nancy Peña

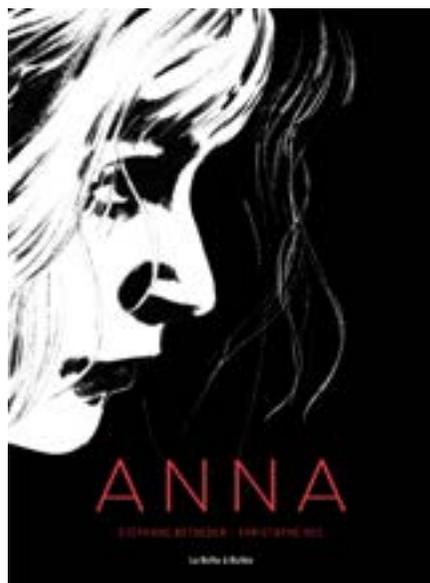
November 2003 - 16 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

Rights sold in Spanish

A tale about a confusing time divided between magic and science, populated by alchemists, Chinese ghosts, and shapeshifting monsters.

The Chinese Study is a room in Verzegeldhuis, the labyrinthine house of a wealthy Hanse silk merchant. The study has a unique feature: once you're in the room, you fall prey to all sorts of daydreams, as if they emerged from the lampas that grace the Chinese-style walls. The setting is Holland in the 16th century, at the juncture between the Middle Ages and the Renaissance.





## ANNA

Writer: Stéphane Betbeder

Art: Christophe Bec

May 2021 - 22 €

24cm x 30cm - 112 pages

Rights available

A chiaroscuro exploration of the decadent world of Oscar, a contemporary artist who doesn't hesitate to manipulate those close to him in order to achieve success. But his neighbor and ex-lover, the beautiful Anna, does not intend to let him get away with it...

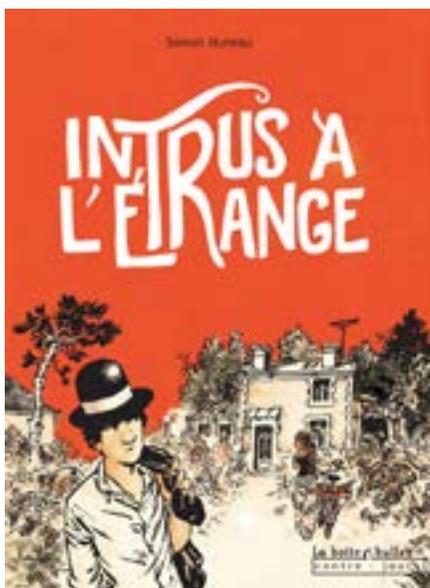
### KEY POINTS:

- The reissue of Anna, first published in 2004, which has been completely revised using Christophe Bec's original work. New scans, new lighting and new lettering produce a dazzling result.
- Stéphane Betbeder and Christophe Bec offer us a gripping depiction of a disturbing artistic environment.
- One of the most intimate books in Bec's body of work. His chiaroscuro illustrations perfectly reflect the darkness of his characters. According to the author, these are his most striking pages!
- A comic strip where you can feel the tension on each page, where, panel after panel you wait for Oscar's downfall... A hard-hitting psychological thriller.



AWARD

- ★ **WINNER** Crime Award Fauve Angoulême International Comics Festival 2012
- ★ **WINNER** Nouvelle République du Centre-Ouest Award Festival BD Boum of Blois 2011
- ★ **WINNER** Best Illustrations Award Festival Normandiebulle 2011



## STRANGE INTRUDERS

Simon Hureau

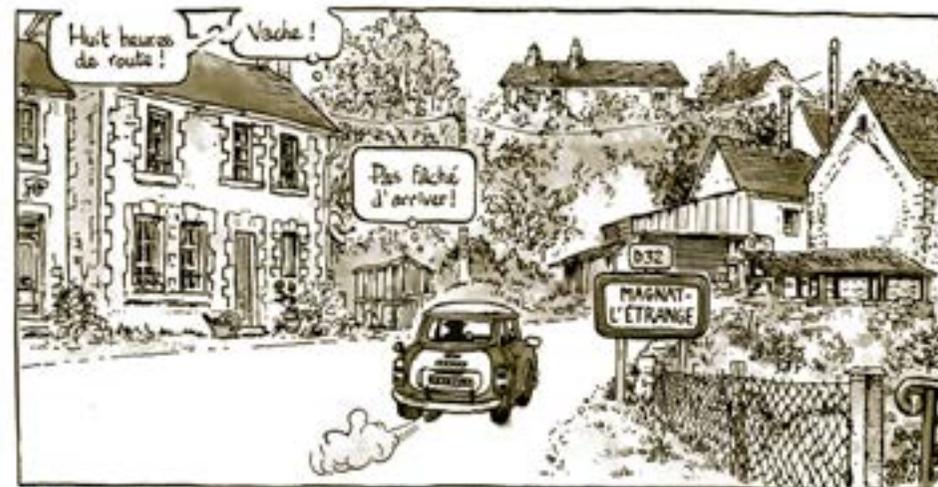
June 2011 - 24 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 152 pages

Rights available

**A tribute to the masterful whodunits of Jacques Tardi.**

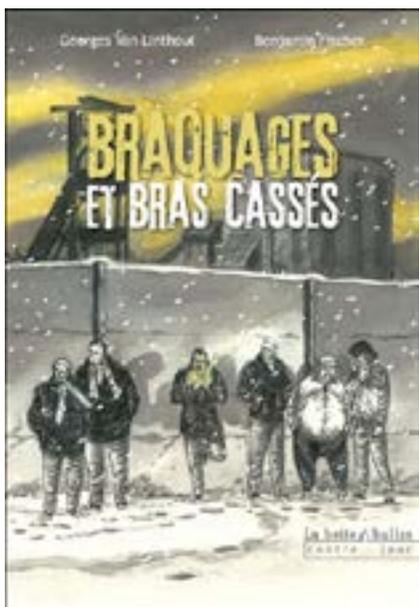
After his beloved grandfather passes away, Martial accidentally discovers a very strange «inheritance»: two mysterious, locked suitcases destined for a certain Felix Larose...

and a box full of love letters written by a certain Georgette Blizard residing in Magnat-L'Étrange, a village in the Creuse area. Martial decides to head there, in the hopes of finding not only Georgette but also the man named Felix. When he arrives in the small, unfriendly town, he finds out that lately, the number of bats out at nighttime was unusually high. The strange phenomenon has made the locals paranoid and attracted a handful of reporters, scientists and... vampire hunters.



AWARD

★ **WINNER** Sang 9 Award  
Liège Festival of Crime Films 2011



## ROBBERIES AND BROKEN ARMS

Writer: Benjamin Fisher  
Art: Georges Van Linthout

March 2010 - 17 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages

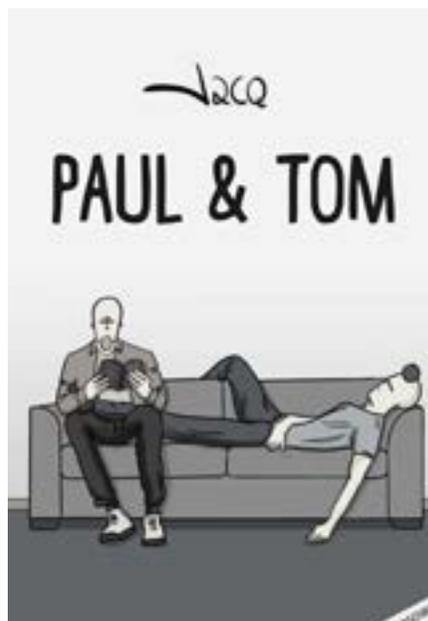
Rights available

**A thrilling B&W graphic novel that plunges the reader into a dark, realistic but nevertheless comic world.**

Eddy, a cop about to retire, has carefully planned the theft of religious artifacts. It is the perfect plan.

Unfortunately, life's random happenstances are about to complicate things. Manu is a thug who dreams of becoming Public Enemy No. 1. His life is going to be turned upside down when he crosses paths with Eddy. Gas and Dante are two slackers living off their dad, a shady, alcoholic mechanic. One night, their dad is mugged in the family auto-repair shop: this is where it all starts going downhill, as all these characters get caught up in unexpected mayhem.





## THE ADVENTURES OF PAUL AND TOM

Jacques Noach

July 2021 - 16 €  
16,5 cm x 24 cm - 96 pages

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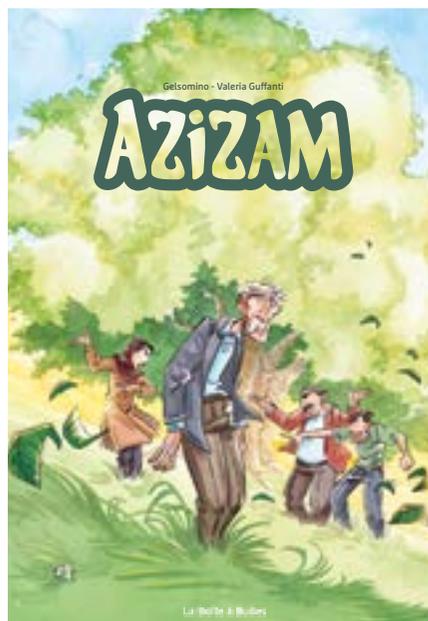
Paul and Tom are a couple like any other: they love each other, get into arguments, spend time with their friends, and, most of all, they decipher the world and their daily lives through a caustic lens.

The two men use their day-to-day experiences to offer up a mocking view of society, taking an acerbic look at the world and the people around them. Everything gets targeted: social media, gender codes, stereotypes. With sharp, dark humored eloquence, these two smart alecs flaunt conventions and dust off the old clichés. Because while Paul and Tom are gay, that doesn't change a thing. Like all couples, they love each other, yell at each other, spend their time boasting and making fun of others... especially making fun of others.

### KEY POINTS:

- A comic book with sarcastic, thought-provoking gags.
- With Paul and Tom, Jacq brings us a book that avoids all the usual clichés about gay couples.
- Societal themes approached lightly, with impertinence and common sense.





## AZIZAM

Writer: Gelsomino  
Art: Valeria Guffanti

January 2021 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 88 pages

Rights available

**A humorous and moving tale that mixes both Italian tragicomedy and Iranian traditions with universal appeal.**

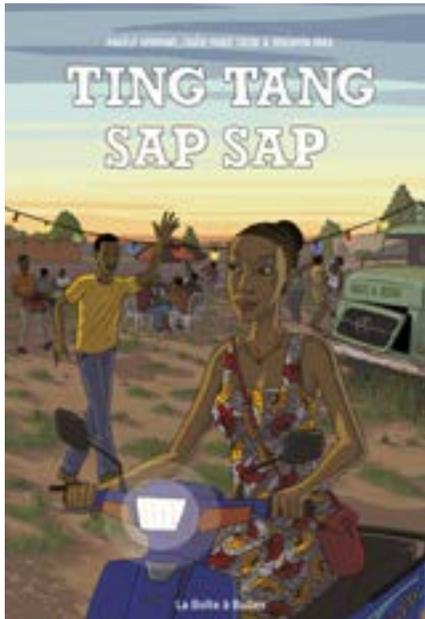
Tehran. After his wife dies, Amir and his three children, Shirin, Reza and Mohammad, discover that she bequeathed a veritable treasure that no one knew about: three

hectares of farm land. While the biggest slice of the pie goes to the boys, as dictated by Iranian law, Shirin discovers that her plot contains another priceless treasure: a walnut tree. A feud ensues between the sister and her two jealous brother, who keep trying to reclaim this coveted piece of land and its tree. As the feuding escalates, Amir finds himself helpless as to what to do with the children he no longer recognizes.

### KEY POINTS:

- Valeria Guffanti's gorgeous, soft-hued watercolors.
- Screenwriter Gelsomino, of Iranian extraction, paints a picture of an Iranian family with sensitivity and humor, devoid of all the usual stereotypes
- Shirin, the female main character with a strong personality, does not hesitate to rebel against her family and Iranian traditions, while also succumbing to greed along with the others.





## TING TANG SAP SAP

Writer: Anaële Hermans  
 Art: Louise-Marie Colon  
 & Benjamin Vinck

September 2020 - 22 €  
 19 cm x 26.5 cm - 144 pages

Rights available

A colorful, funny and meaningful romantic comedy that makes us plunge into young Burkinese people's daily life.

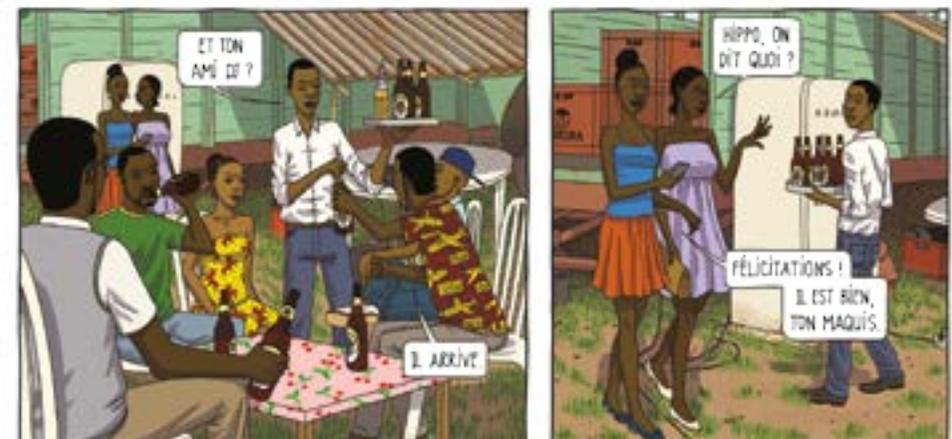
Burkina Faso, nowadays: Hippolyte is sipping a beer with his troupe of

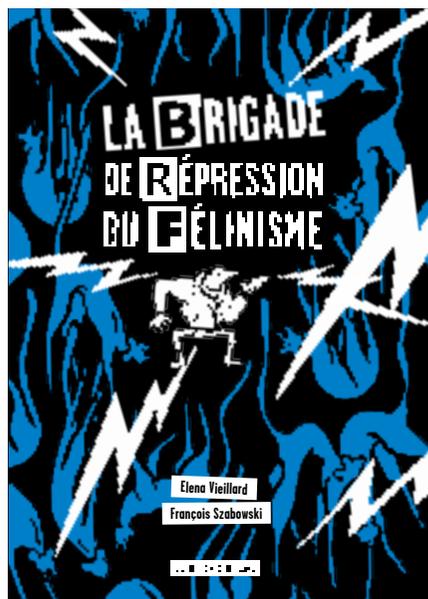
broke actors when the marvelous Adjaratou shows up. He attempts to approach this divine creature who, between two jokes on the incompatibility of their respective ethnic groups, tries to cool him down with a challenge: if he manages to gather a million CFA francs in just one week, she will marry him. Hippo accepts readily and immediately settles to find this money, using various ploys, from the most eccentric to the most ingenious. In this quest, he can count on his friends and family's support, who are impressed by his resourcefulness.

Will he manage to conquer the beautiful lady? Ting Tang Sap Sap is an ode to solidarity and the art of resourcefulness. A beautiful journey, exotic and funny, served by a line with a rare delicacy.

### KEY POINTS:

- From the six months she spent in an NGO in Burkina Faso, Anaële Hermans drew a storyline full of eloquence, humanism and humor.
- A very colorful style that makes readers dive into the heart of Burkinese streets.





## THE FELINE REPRESSION BRIGADE: OR HOW MAN TRIED TO ERADICATE CATS TO GIVE LOVE A CHANCE

Writer: François Szabowski  
Art: Elena Vieillard

June 2019 - 14 €  
14,8 x 21 cm - 120 pages

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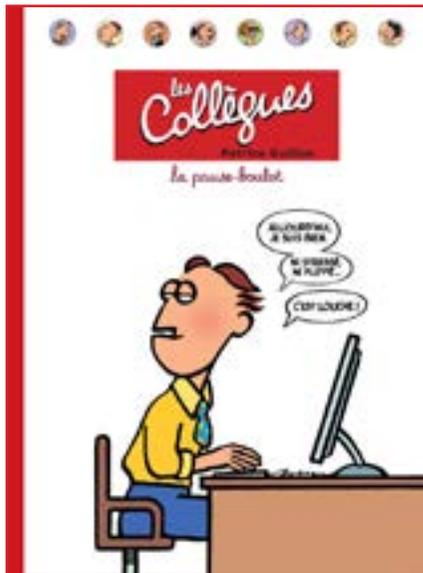
Is there a way to save love? For François, the answer is yes and it's obvious: kill all the cats!

One day, François comes to a startling realization: what if it the reason men are unable to build a long-term relationship with women was all because of cats? At the slightest sign of conflict with their beloved, women always opt to go home and cuddle with their cats. François has even coined a term for that abnormal psychological behavior: felineism! And so he sets off to eradicate the cat population on nightly expeditions through the city streets. It seems to be working, too: love seems to be gaining ground again, and a romance even starts up between François and Roxane... Until the day Topaz—or shall we call him Igor—shows up, a Russian cat endowed with the gift of speech and fully determined to help François exterminate all his fellow cats... for starters.

### KEY POINTS:

- A two-hued seriously whacky graphic novel!
- A farce with a serious premise: cats represent a great threat to love between humans!
- Caution: you will never look at cats in the same way again!





## THE COLLEAGUES

Patrice Guillon

February 2012 - 10 €  
22 cm x 30 cm - 32 pages

Rights available

Welcome to the corporate world, or, more specifically, the world of advertising! Welcome to the ruthless world where everyone, from the intern to the CEO, has to give 100%, because it takes a lot of energy just to face the daily challenges of this demanding profession: maintaining a flawless appearance, starting and spreading nasty rumors about your colleagues, tolerating the psychosis of others with a polite smile, ambushing the most ambitious team members, working the support staff to death while schmoozing with the higher-ups, plotting and scheming to get that promotion, flirting your ass off at the copier... And as if all that wasn't already enough, there are those clients to think about too!



## PHILOSOPHY IN THE SWIMMING POOL

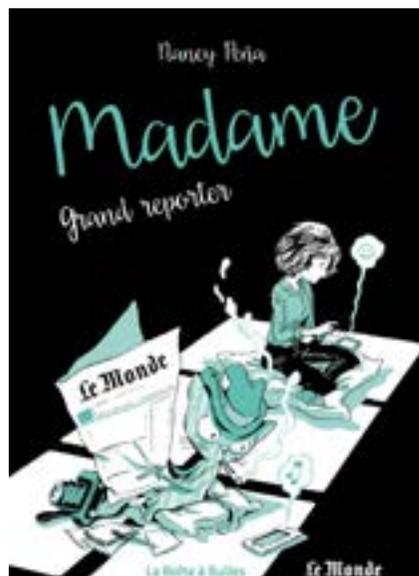
Ted Benoit

August 2014 - 15 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 88 pages

Rights sold in Greek

You'd never guess it, but Ted Benoit's (artist of *Black & Mortimer*) iconic character Ray Banana, with his sunglasses and his slicked back hair straight out of the 50s, actually lives in the modern world and has recently developed a love for philosophy. Camping out in his chair like Diogenes in his barrel, he approaches adventures of the mind with the same suspicion and ardor that he resorts to when resolving crimes, and he firmly believes he can help us understand and face the challenges of our 21st century world. In order to do that, he tells us we must first ask the right questions. He's got a bunch of them, he says, and there's no stopping him!





## MADAM CAT

Nancy Peña

3 volumes – ongoing series

14 cm x 20 cm - 80 pages

- 1 : The year of Cat

Novembre 2015 - 13€

- 2 : In the Doghouse

Novembre 2016 - 13€

- 3 : Great Reporter

Novembre 2018 - 9,90€

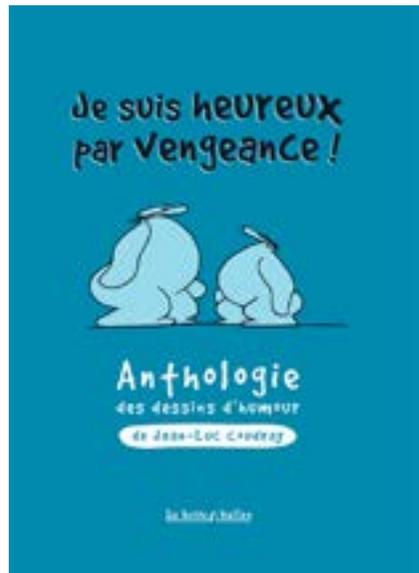
Rights sold in English (USA)

A charming tale for all those who love these meowing companions!

Did you know that an artist's apartment is the perfect place to get into all sorts of shenanigans? Well, that's something a kitten known as Madame understands very well. Not only can she give full expression to her feline feminine wiles, she also gets to do it in her mistress's world, a place filled with delightful opportunities for mischief, from a bottle of China ink to sophisticated Adobe software. As the seasons come and go, the little kitty discovers the world around her, slips through and around Nancy's legs, and ends up in this sweet, funny little book about the adorable bond between a woman and her cat.

Madame lézarde





## CAP AND BERET Full set: I'M HAPPY OUT OF SPITE

Jean-Luc Coudray

August 2014 - 29 €  
22 cm x 30 cm - 288 pages

Rights available

Whether donning a cap or a beret, Jean-Luc Coudray's characters know how to use (and abuse) that remarkable gift known as language. Casting a sometimes bemused, sometimes amusing, and always keenly observant gaze on the world, Coudray offers a colorful portrayal of both the countless little paradoxes of our time and the age-old contradictions man has been battling since the dawn of civilization. Religion, the Highway Code, politics, love, family, homeland... A wide variety of topics for author and reader alike to reflect on and ponder. And let's not forget about the role of the artist in this modern society of ours...



## THE UFOS

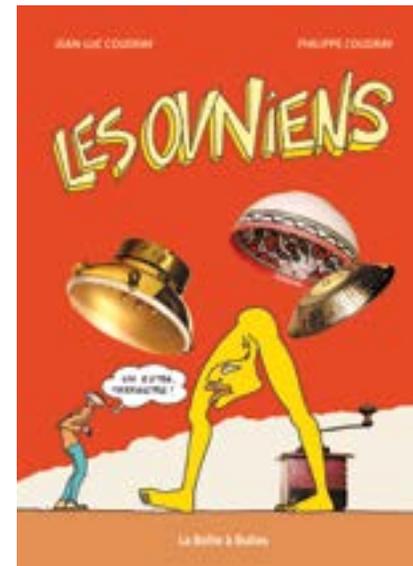
Writer: Jean-Luc Coudray  
Art: Philippe Coudray

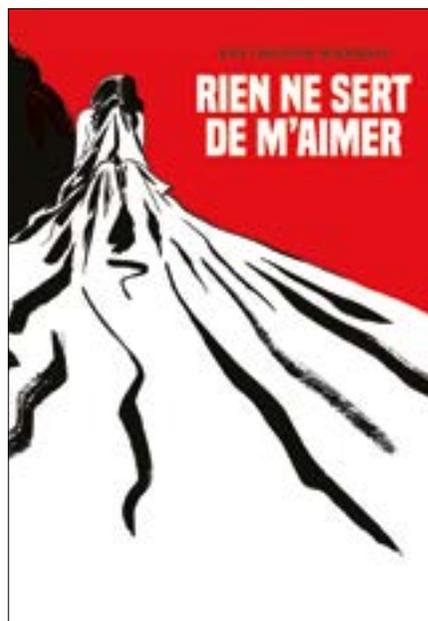
April 2018 - 9 €  
64 pages - 14.0 x 19.0 cm

Rights available

A collection of one-page gags, highly perspicacious about our society, our way of life, and our relationship with others.

After the bears, the penguins, and the primates, now it's the aliens' turn to be scrutinized by the offbeat gaze of the Coudray brothers... and they pull it off yet again! UFOs arrive on Earth and, because this is Jean-Luc and Philippe, they are obviously not mere flying saucers, but rather pressure cookers, irons and flower pots! Funny, incisive, and insightful, mixing drawings and inlaid objects, this book is a UFO in its own right!





## THERE IS NO USE LOVING ME

Jean-Christophe Morandea

June 2021 - 29 €

16,5 x 24 cm - 320 pages

Rights available

**There is no use loving me unveils, page after page, a moving quest for truth.**

Elsa's life has changed a lot since she was a child. When she was younger, she was fearless and challenged anybody standing in her way or her friends' ways. But ever since, something was broken. Elsa is

anxious, tormented at night by visions she doesn't understand.

Trapped in a monotonous life, she fills her fear of being given up by throwing herself into a toxic, passionate relationship with Joshua, a married man leading her up the garden path. Gravitating around her, there are Vany, her friend and lover; Jim, her brother in a middle of a divorce; her parents Jacques and Josy crushed by debts and gnawed by "the" secret; as well as "number 13", her mysterious neighbor. Elsa knows she's got to take control back over her life. Understand why a man, a wall, a monster and a pelican haunt her nightmares. What binds them together, what are they trying to tell her? To move on, Elsa will have to face her fears, understand what happened in front of this wall and accept to leap into the unknown again, like when she was a child.

### KEY POINTS:

- A captivating story carried by endearing and intriguing characters
- Vivid drawings detached from realism and homogenous aesthetics
- A powerful drawing style that contributes to keeping the reader on tenterhooks throughout the book



AWARD

★ **WINNER** Special Jury Award  
Massillargues Festival 2014



## LIVING OFF THE LAND

Pero

June 2012 - 14 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 128 pages

Rights sold in Portuguese

**Set against a Western background, this is an unflinching human adventure and a striking silent tale.**

Joshua is the son of a trapper. The life he lives with his parents and little sister is harsh, way out in the middle of nowhere. When his parents are massacred by local Native Americans, Joshua suddenly finds himself orphaned, alone, and left to his own

devices. His existence becomes even more precarious, one in which he must learn to survive by his own wits, without money or a home, completely surrounded by the wilderness and all the beauty and violence it holds. Fate continues battering this uneducated man living on the fringes of a rough-hewn society accustomed to dealing with the harsh way of life.



AWARD

★ OFFICIAL SELECTION for Best First Book  
Angoulême International Comics Festival 2004

★ WINNER Best Manga, Publishers' Weekly

2006



## THE OPPOSITE BUILDING

Vanyda

Omnibus or 3 separate volumes

16.5 cm x 24 cm

- 1 : January 2004 - 168 pages - 15 €

- 2 : February 2007 - 160 pages - 14,50 €

- 3 : May 2010 - 160 pages - 15 €

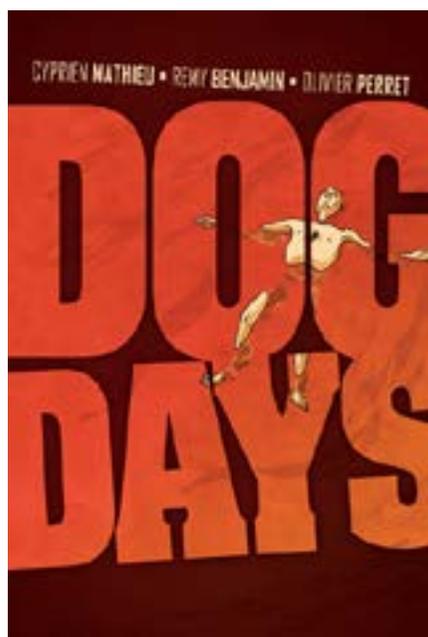
Rights sold in Spanish

A fresh, clever slice-of-life story, a French-style manga that made a splash on the French comics scene and kicked off Vanyda's career.

On the first floor of the building across the street lives a single mother, pregnant with her second child. On the second floor is a middle-aged couple, and on the third, two young people in love, Claire and Louis.

A building like so many others, with its random paths crossings on the stairwell, the solidarity between its residents, the little spats and romances.





## DOG DAY

**Writers:** Cyprien Mathieu  
& Rémy Benjamin  
**Art:** Olivier Perret

April 2016 - 19 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

**Summer vacation is going to be anything but relaxing for François and his sons...**

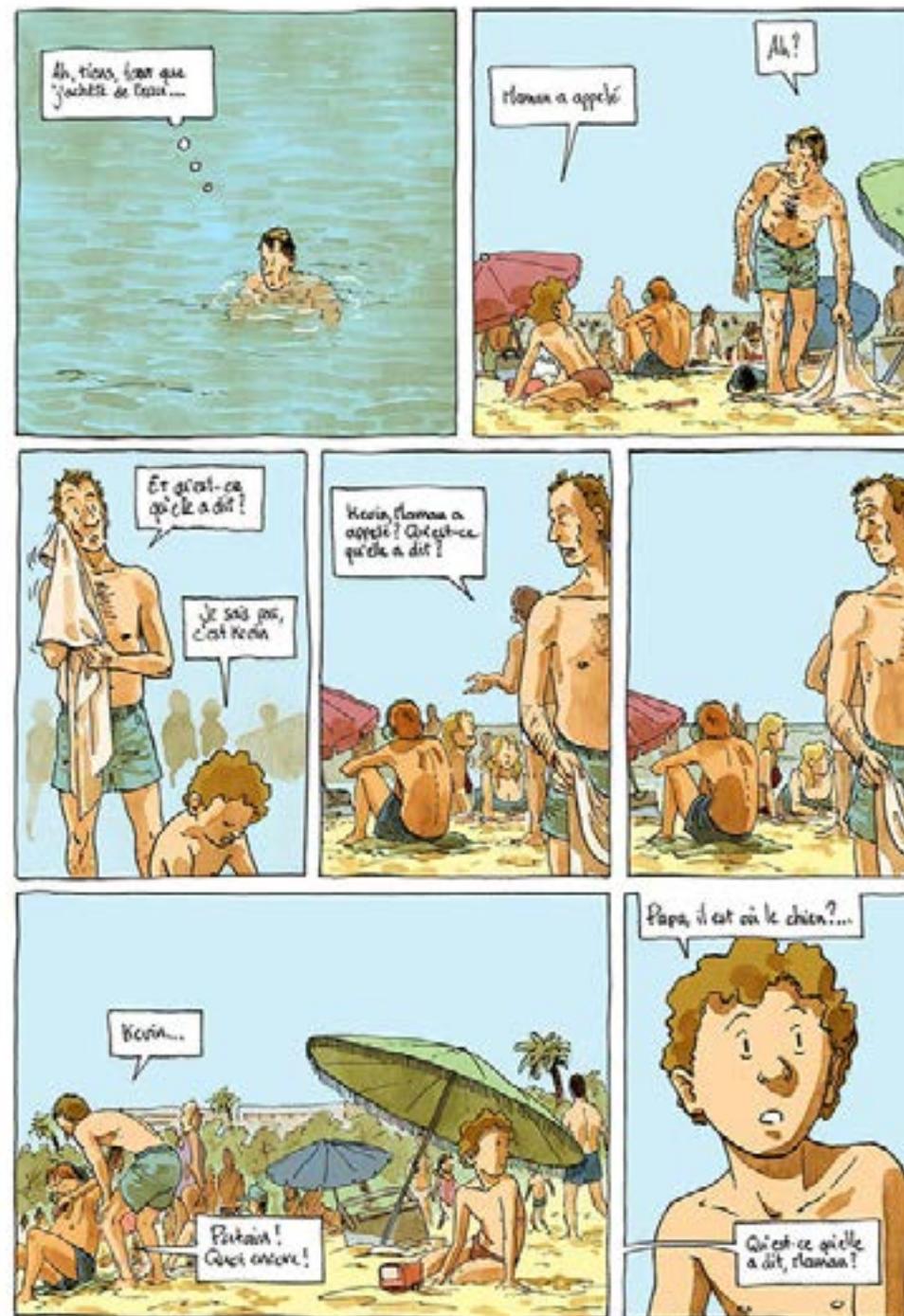
After hours of endless traffic jams, François and his children—Kevin, the withdrawn teenager, and Baptiste who doesn't care for anything but his dog Hermione—

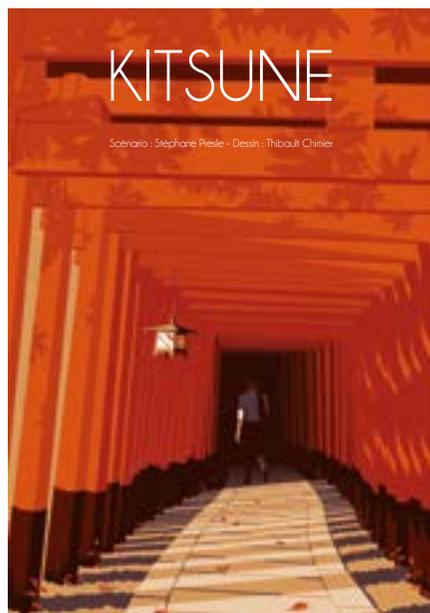
finally arrive at a village in the South of France where François spent a summer long ago. But the tranquility of their stay is quickly compromised, not only by the heated relationship between François and his wife, Clara, who is slow to join them, but especially by the sudden disappearance of Hermione, who is not the only missing canine in the area...

François quickly finds himself under the fire of suspicion, and his relaxing vacation becomes a spell of unrelenting psychological torment.

### KEY POINTS:

- An authentic slice of family life, carried by drawings and details that enable readers to be immersed into this everyday life narrative.
- Characters that are so realistic and authentic that readers can easily identify with them.
- A human scale adventure filled with plot twists.
- A story tackling familiar themes such as the parent-child relationship, adultery or doubts in adulthood.





# KITSUNE

Scénario : Stéphane Presle - Dessin : Thibault Chimier



## KITSUNE

**Writer:** Stéphane Presle

**Art:** Thibault Chimier

October 2019 - 26 €  
21 cm x 30 cm - 128 pages

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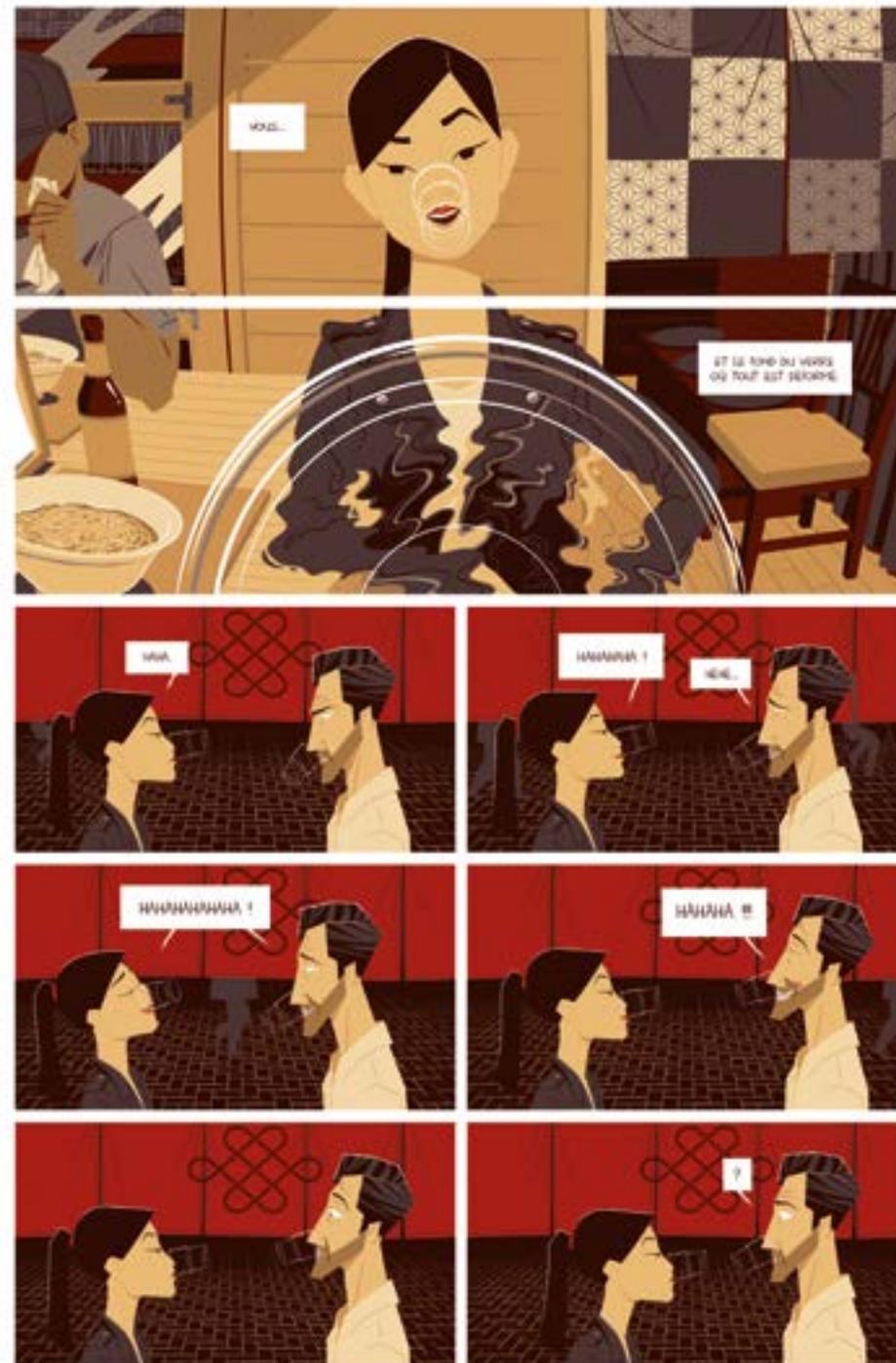
**A captivating road movie set in the Land of the Rising Sun.**

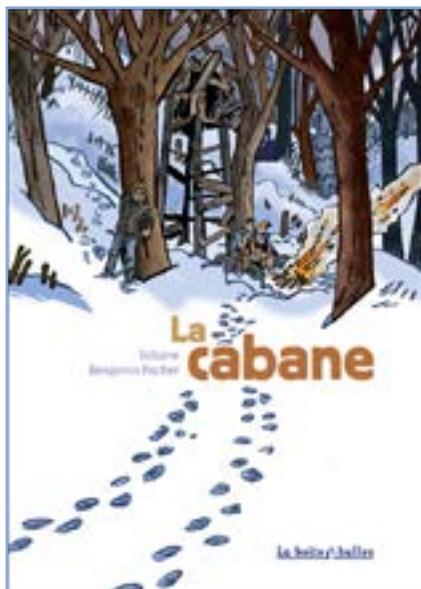
Franck is considered one of the greatest architects of his time. After a terrible accident happens on one of his building sites, he is eaten away by guilt and dreams of leaving everything behind. But at the insistence of his partners and clients, he agrees to go to Japan as planned to take part in a major contest he already knows he is set to win.

In a Japan that he discovers one step at a time, Franck embarks on a kind of initiatory trip. But you can't just shirk and decide to hide from the fame and glory planned for you...

### KEY POINTS:

- A road movie that takes us into the depths of the human psyche and on a journey of discovery of both modern and traditional Japan.
- Thibault Chimier's cold and elegant art reflects the world as Franck perceives it: a vision composed of flat tints, masses, and lines.
- An allegory about the freedom and responsibility of creators.





## THE CABIN

Benjamin Fisher & Stibane

January 2015 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

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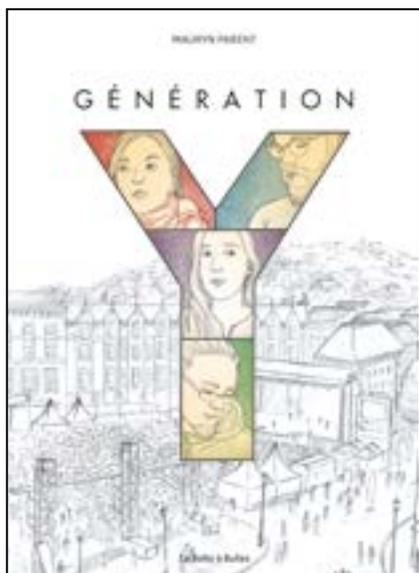
**A psychological thriller tinged with social realism worthy of the Dardenne brothers.**

Winter 2010. Thirtysomethings Olivier and Nicolas are meeting up with their old friend Ben, who has just finished serving a 10-year prison sentence. They've all agreed to meet in the forest, at the same exact place they built a cabin years ago. Olivier and Nicolas are no strangers to Ben's tragic plight, and as the three childhood friends gather around the campfire, painful memories and feelings of guilt begin to resurface. As adults, they revisit the slippery slope that sent their friend down the path to delinquency, and reminisce about the unfortunate events leading up to his arrest.



AWARD

★ A project chosen and promoted by the Young Author Prize of the Liège region.



## GENERATION Y

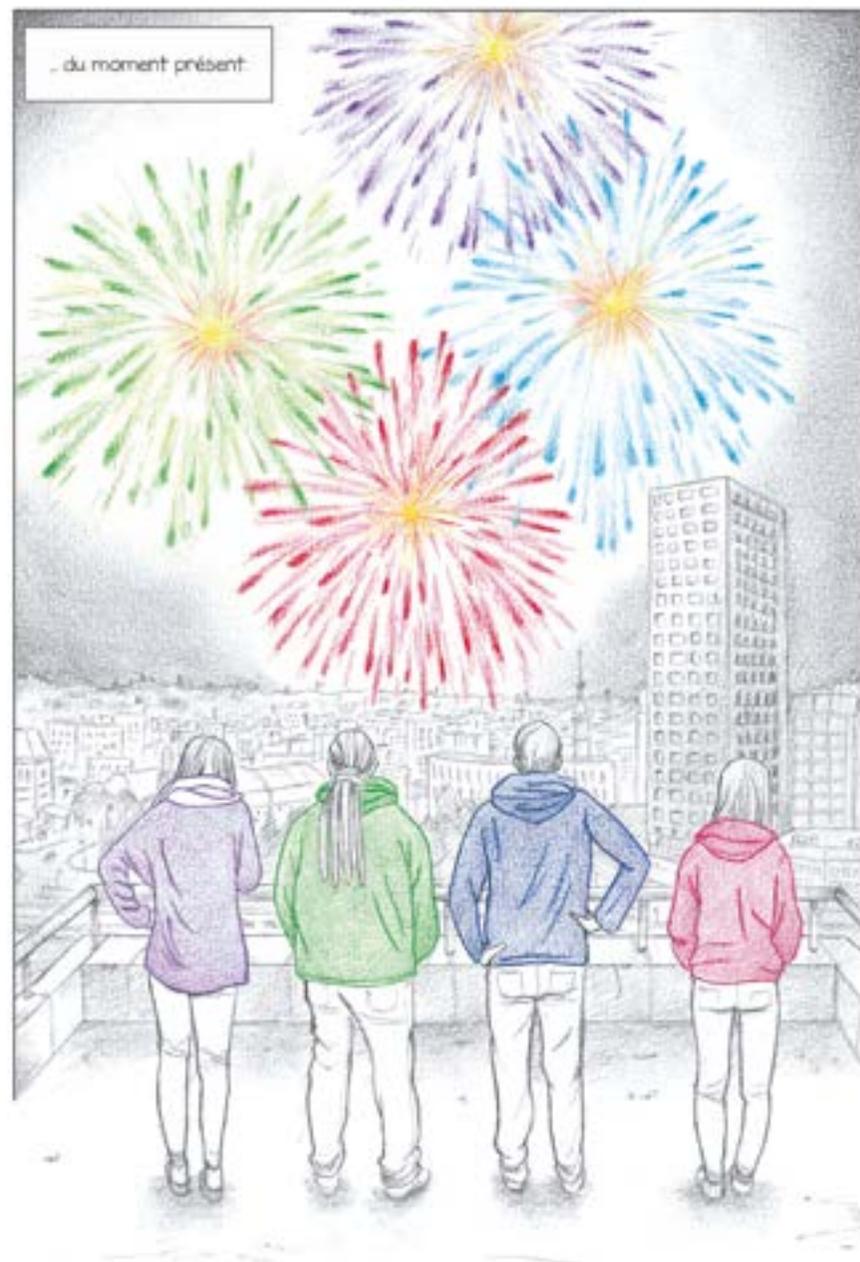
**Maury Parent**

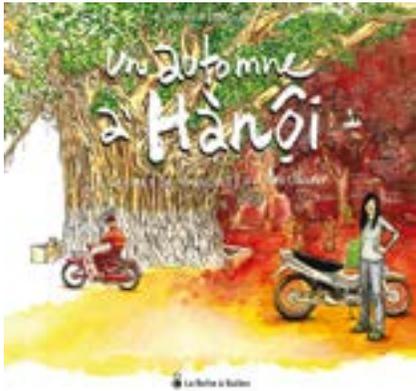
March 2018 - 16 €  
160 pages – 16.5 x 24 cm

Rights available

**The spot-on, lucid portrait of a generation of hyperconnected dreamers in search of a new way of life.**

Maury Parent tells the story of one year in the life of Lise, Jérémie, Thomas, and Mathilde, four characters with very different personalities, life journeys and dreams. They are between 20 and 30 years old and are part of the Generation Y: hyperconnected, dreamers, and constantly calling everything into question - hence the name «Y» for Why.





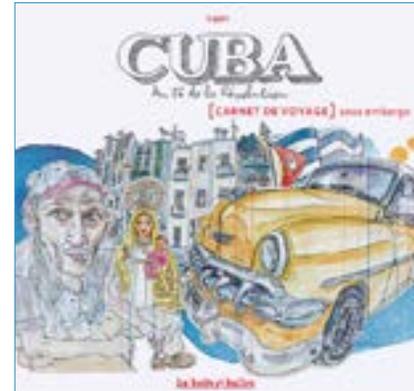
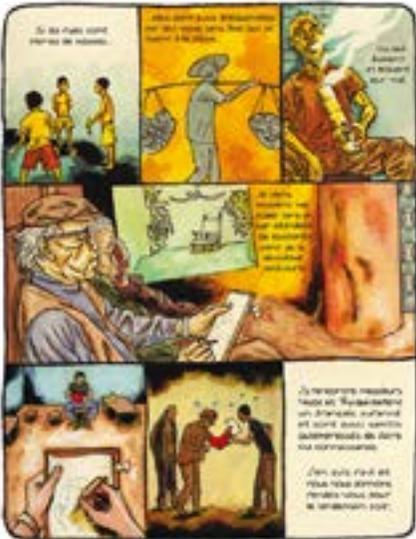
## AN AUTUMN IN HANOI: Report from Vietnam

Clément Baloup

April 2017 - 20 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 96 pages

Rights available

An Autumn in Hanoi draws its inspiration from the two months Clément Baloup spent in Hanoi in 2001. He sees the book as a cross between a journalistic report and a first-hand account: his short stories bring to life the people he met, the moments that moved him, the feel of various places and a distinctive world view. Borrowing his artistic style from Vietnamese painting, Clément takes us into a colorful and captivating world, a true mosaic of images and sensations. First released in 2004, his slice-of-life series is enriched with this new travel report, which portrays Vietnam seen from a fly-on-the-wall perspective: real, raw, and immersive.



## CUBA, YEAR 56 OF THE REVOLUTION: Report From a Land Under Embargo

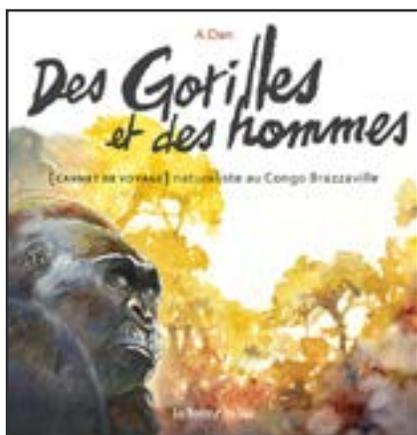
Lapin

October 2014 - 27 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 192 pages

Rights sold in Spanish

On December 18, 2013, the Cuban official daily paper Granma announces that cars can be imported to Cuba again, after a 50-year ban and embargo: a sign of the Communist regime's gradual opening to the rest of the world. Over the course of three weeks, Lapin sketches the faces, the streets and the daily life in Havana and Trinidad. He tells us about the people he met in that isolated, self-sufficient elsewhere, whose main charm lies in the Cubans' spirit of derision and fatalism, shaped or disgusted by 56 years of Castro Revolution. And almost just as many years of the U.S. embargo...





## OF MEN AND GORILLAS: Nature Report from Congo-Brazzaville

A. Dan

February 2015 - 23 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 160 pages

Rights available

Through watercolors and intense realistic portraits, A. Dan retraces his two-month journey in Congo-Brazzaville alongside primatologists from France's National Center for Scientific Research. This extraordinary scientific adventure teaches us about the apes threatened by poaching and the ebola virus, and about the ongoing efforts of researchers to study their behavior and ensure their protection. A human adventure that involves dealing with different cultures and socio-economic problems.

AWARD

★ MSF JURY FAVORITE, Travel Sketchbook Festival 2014, Clermont-Ferrand



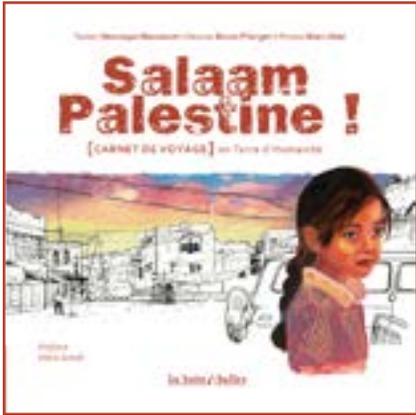
En temps normal, observer un animal dans la nature tient de l'éphémère. En France, on surprend un chevreuil qui traverse un chemin, un faon qui vient brouter l'herbe au fond d'un jardin de campagne, un oiseau qui se pose quelques secondes avant de pressentir un danger. Des touristes verront sans doute un banc de dauphins furtifs, l'événement d'une baleine aux abords d'un Zodiac, ou croiseront un buffle et son petit au détour d'une piste en safari. Ici, les conditions sont telles qu'on voit les animaux vivre. Pourvu qu'on puisse se poser, rester dans l'attente durant des heures, l'observateur peut entrer dans leur intimité quelques minutes. L'animal évolue dans son milieu avec l'homme qui se veut invisible. En bref, il accède à des comportements qu'il est parfois exceptionnel d'observer, par exemple les comportements sociaux. Nous observons ainsi une vieille femelle qui vient prendre des racines en lieu et place d'une autre plus jeune, probablement intimidée par son aîné.

Lorsque Sergio s'approche lui aussi, sans vraiment faire fuir les autres, il se crée une certaine distance « de sécurité » autour de lui.

Des jeunes se courent après et se roulent dans les herbes. Ces jeux sont autant de répétitions pour les confrontations et les comportements de domination à l'âge adulte.

"LA DEMOISELLE  
AU SOURIRE"





# SALAAM PALESTINE: Report from the Cradle of Humanity

Writer: **Véronique Massenot**  
**Marc Abel**  
Art: **Bruno Pilorget**

June 2013 - 29 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 232 pages

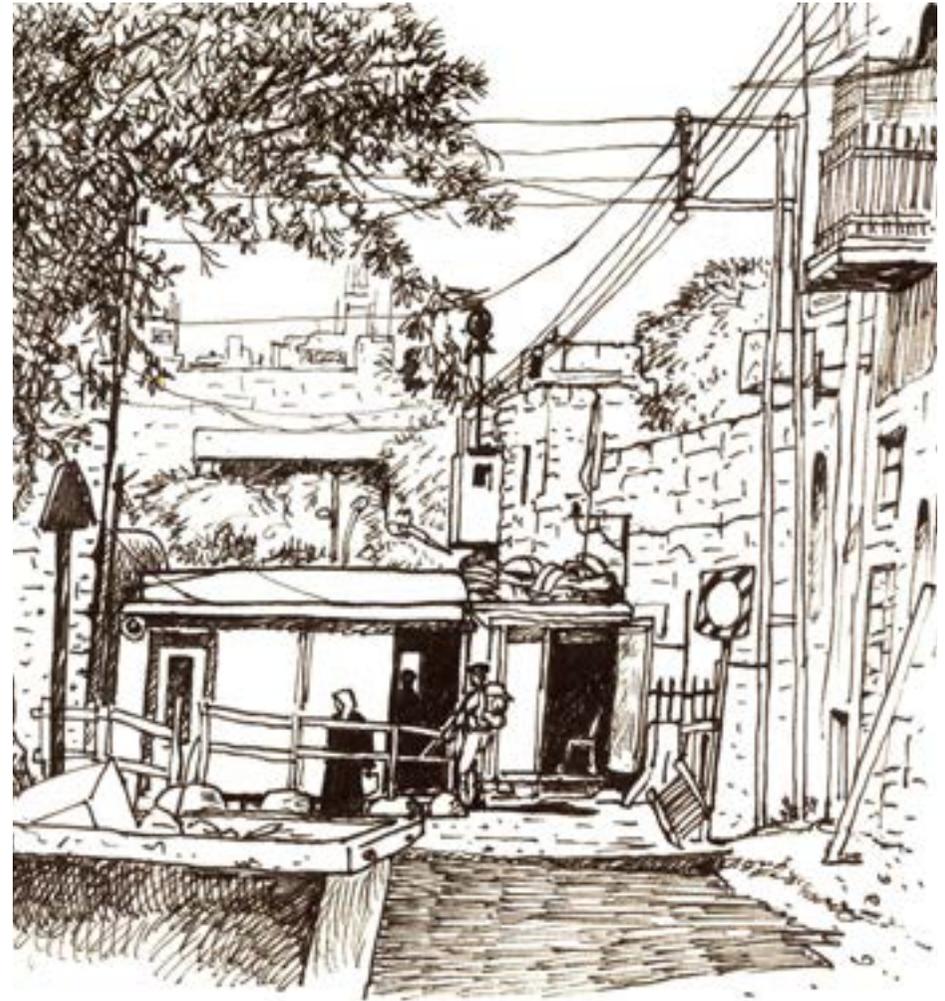
Rights available

This «book-slash-journal» recounts the journey that the authors (a writer, a comic book artist and a photographer) embarked on with the goal of portraying an unfamiliar, lesser-known Palestine, as experienced and told by Palestinians themselves. To do so, they brought with them an exhibition of their work, which traveled from French Cultural Center to French Cultural Center, from Hebron to Nablus to

Ramallah. The art openings were the perfect opportunity to meet people, and from there, things just fell into place: «Palestinians feel so under-recognized, and they have such a need to be heard, that it was very easy for us to approach them. Interviews, spontaneous portraits, photographic reports ... We worked our butts off!»



- ★ **WINNER**, Club de la Press Prize, Travel Sketchbook Festival 2013, Clermont-Ferrand
- ★ **MSF JURY FAVORITE**, Travel Sketchbook Festival 2013, Clermont-Ferrand
- ★ **WINNER**, Grand Prix Michelin Prize, Travel Sketchbook Festival 2013, Clermont-Ferrand





## PALESTINE: WHAT STATE?

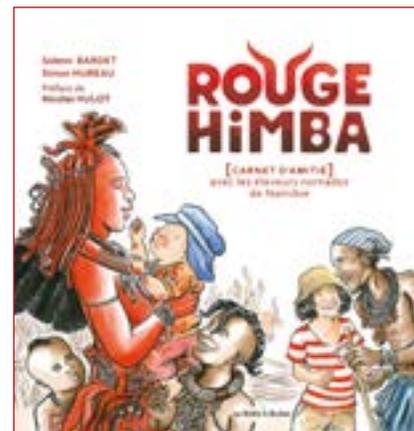
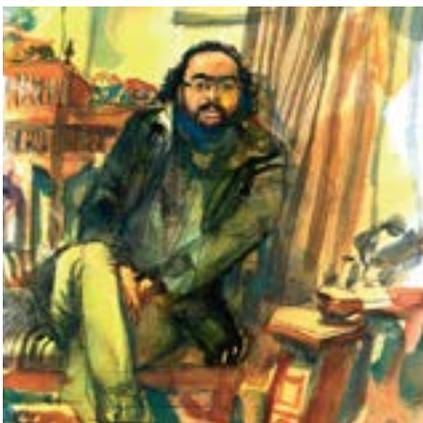
Report from the  
Occupied West Bank

Writer: **Maximilien Le Roy**  
Art: **Emmanuel Prost**

May 2013 - 19 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 96 pages

Rights available

The fruit of several travels to Israeli-Palestinian land, this work gives voice to «everyday Palestinians,» who talk about how they see the future of their region. Focusing on personal testimonies rather than the historical saga or official stances, this travel journal hopes to offer up new elements of reflection regarding the potential political organization of this land. One state? Two states? What is desirable? What is feasible? Credible? To put this issue into perspective, the authors also gave the floor to three experts on the conflict: Michel Warschawski, Frank Barat, and Dominique Vidal.



## RED HIMBAS :

Report from an  
indigenous people  
in Northern  
Namibia

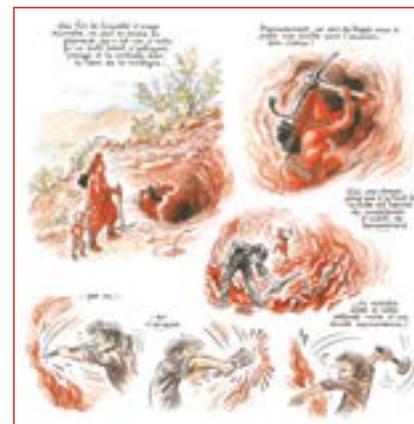
Writer: **Solenn Bardet**  
Art: **Simon Hureau**

November 2017 - 34 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 312 pages

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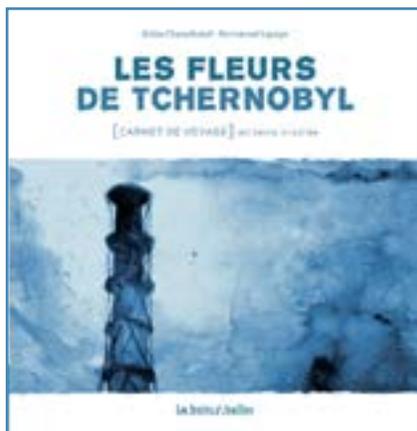
The Himbas are indigenous people who, although in contact with Western civilization, have decided to preserve their way of life. Solenn Bardet was barely 18 years old when she left to live with them and even ended up being adopted by a Himba family.

In 2015, she convinced her artist friend Simon Hureau to follow her to Namibia. Solenn had many objectives during this trip: to visit the grave of



her late father, present her daughter Zélie to Himba families and friends and resolve conflicts between clans that paralyze the progress of the Kovahimba Association's projet.

Alongside Solenn, Simon Hureau and the readers will discover the beauty and the strangeness of this country and its inhabitants. Exotic, informative, magical...



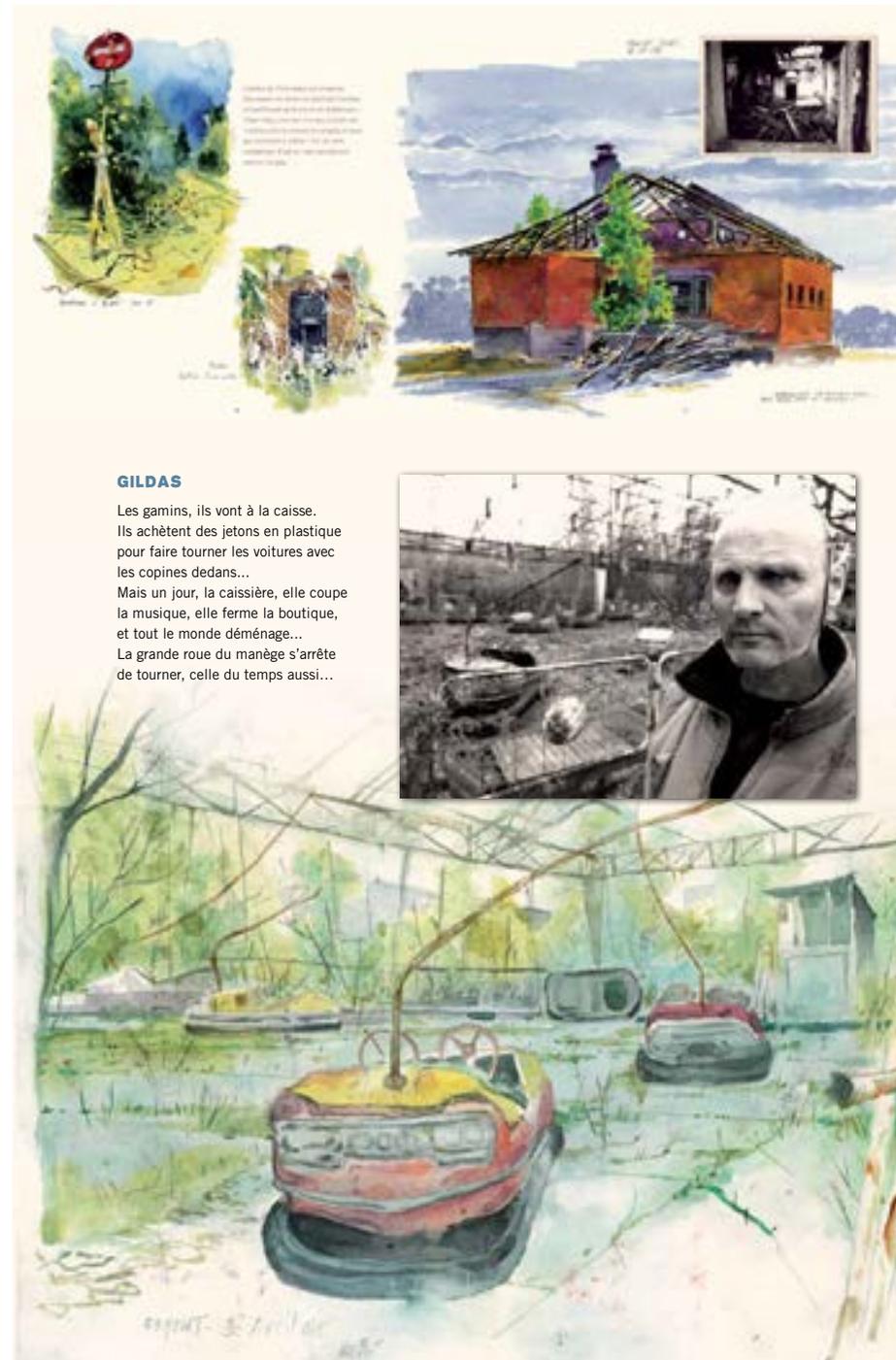
## FLOWERS OF CHERNOBYL: Report From an Irradiated Land

Writers and artists: **Emmanuel  
Lepage & Gildas Chasseboeuf**

October 2012 - 17 €  
22.6 cm x 22.6 cm - 64 pages

### Rights available

From April 25 to May 12, 2008, Gildas Chasseboeuf and Emmanuel Lepage traveled to the Chernobyl region in Ukraine. There, they found the concrete sarcophagus and desolate landscape, but something else as well: life making a comeback. Life in the form of plants, and life in the form of man (although leukemia is still devastating the population). The goal of this trip was to produce a book about it upon their return and to organize an exhibit with proceeds going to the non-profit organization Children of Chernobyl. A beautiful book with striking watercolors to admire and reflect upon.





## THE LITTLE GIRL AND THE CIGARETTE

Storyline, art: Sylvain-Moizie  
 Texts: Benoît Duteurtre

September 2016 – 24 €  
 19 x 26.5 cm – 256 pages

Rights available

In a world where federal law states that children have all the rights, Benoît finds himself forced to dodge the brats who, by order of the Mayor, have invaded his workplace. Anything

that can harm them is strictly banned, which means: no more smoking a single cigarette, without exception. Benoît has taken to hiding in the bathroom at work to sneak in a smoke, until the day he accidentally forgets to lock the door—an oversight that will cost him dearly. A young girl walks in on him and before he knows it, the forty-something Benoît is being accused of «crimes against childhood» and finds himself relentlessly pursued by a justice system with boundless power. Left with no recourse, he will do anything he can to escape the absurdity of his plight, even if it means joining the group of innovative terrorists that produce the bloody reality TV show Martyr Academy.

### KEY POINTS:

- A darkly humorous fable set in a fantasy world that's not so far from ours...
- A Kafkaesque story that implicitly denounces the shortcomings of our modern society, where absurdity has become the norm.
- An unexpected outcome full of twists and turns.
- Adapted from the novel by Benoît Duteurtre, winner of the Médicis prize in 2001.





## CODINE

Writer: Jacques Baujard  
Art: Simon Géliot

May 2018 - 18 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

Rights available

**A moving tribute to friendship beautifully rendered in images, based on the work of Panait Istrati, aka the Gorki of the Balkans.**

In the early 20th century, eight-year-old Adrien Zograffi goes to live with his mother, a laundress, in the most underprivileged district of Braila, on the banks of the Danube, in Romania. There he makes the acquaintance of his neighbor Codine, a giant of a rebel and a former convict who spent ten years in prison for killing his best friend. The two become close and go as far as becoming blood brothers who promise to protect each other.

A beautiful social fable and a stirring ode to friendship, adapted from the novel by Panait Istrati, the French-speaking Romanian writer, humanist traveler, and defender of freedom.



## THE TWO-SIDED KNIGHT

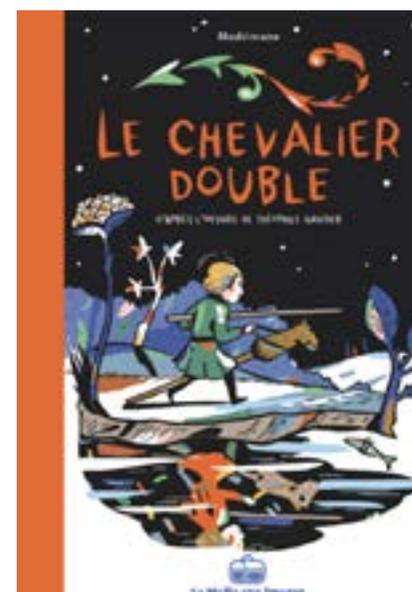
Modrimane, based  
on Théophile Gautier's work

ages 9 and up

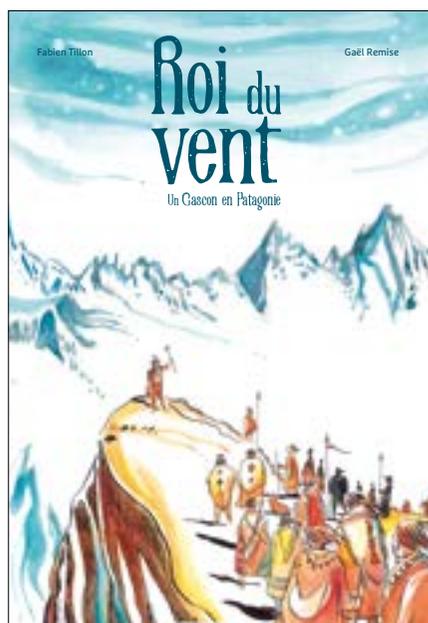
February 2014 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

Rights available

Edwige, the delicate blonde, should be elated: her old husband the Count finally got her pregnant. Her son, with his dark look, pale and ruby skin, would be his parents' pride and joy if his astral chart didn't include two opposite stars, a green one and a red one, that exert alternating influences on him. The cards predict that he'll be either very happy or very unhappy, or perhaps both at once. When he turns 20, the young man succeeds his late father as Count, and breaks women's hearts left and right without ever investing in a real relationship. But he thinks he may have found the one woman capable



of teaching him the meaning of love: Countess Brenda. Now if he could just get rid of his demons...



## KING OF THE WIND: A FRENCHMAN IN PATAGONIA

Writer: Fabien Tillon  
Art: Gaël Remise

February 2021 - 22 €  
19 x 26,5 cm -128 pages

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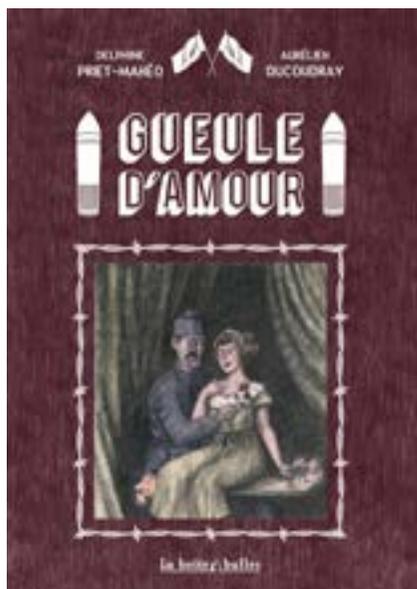
The extraordinary life of Antoine de Tounens, explorer and founder of the ephemeral Kingdom of Araucania and Patagonia.

In 1860, Antoine de Tounens, an explorer from the Perigord region in France, leaves his native land and moved to Araucania and Patagonia, at the southernmost tip of South America. His dream is ambitious: to reign over these regions and unify the Mapuche people to free them from the yoke of the Chilean government. Despite failing at first, he goes on to make three more attempts to get the people to rise up against their oppressor. Each attempt ends in more failure and stinging bitterness. The explorer's life story brings us an epic tale in which the borders between reality and fiction are increasingly blurred. Much like Don Quixote, Tounens can only see the romantic aspect of his enterprise, and not all the madness and excess surrounding his lofty pursuit.

### KEY POINTS:

- The magnificent landscapes and grandeur of Araucania-Patagonia, enhanced by Gaël Remise's watercolors.
- A picaresque tale around a romantic figure that emerges as a combination of characters such as Don Quixote, Emma Bovary, and Jack London.
- A chapter of history unfamiliar to the general public.
- Since 1878, the king of Araucania has reigned over a landless kingdom without a land...





## BROKEN FACE

Writer: Aurélien Ducoudray

Art: Delphine Priet-Mahéo

May 2012 - 19 €

19 cm x 26.5 cm - 112 pages

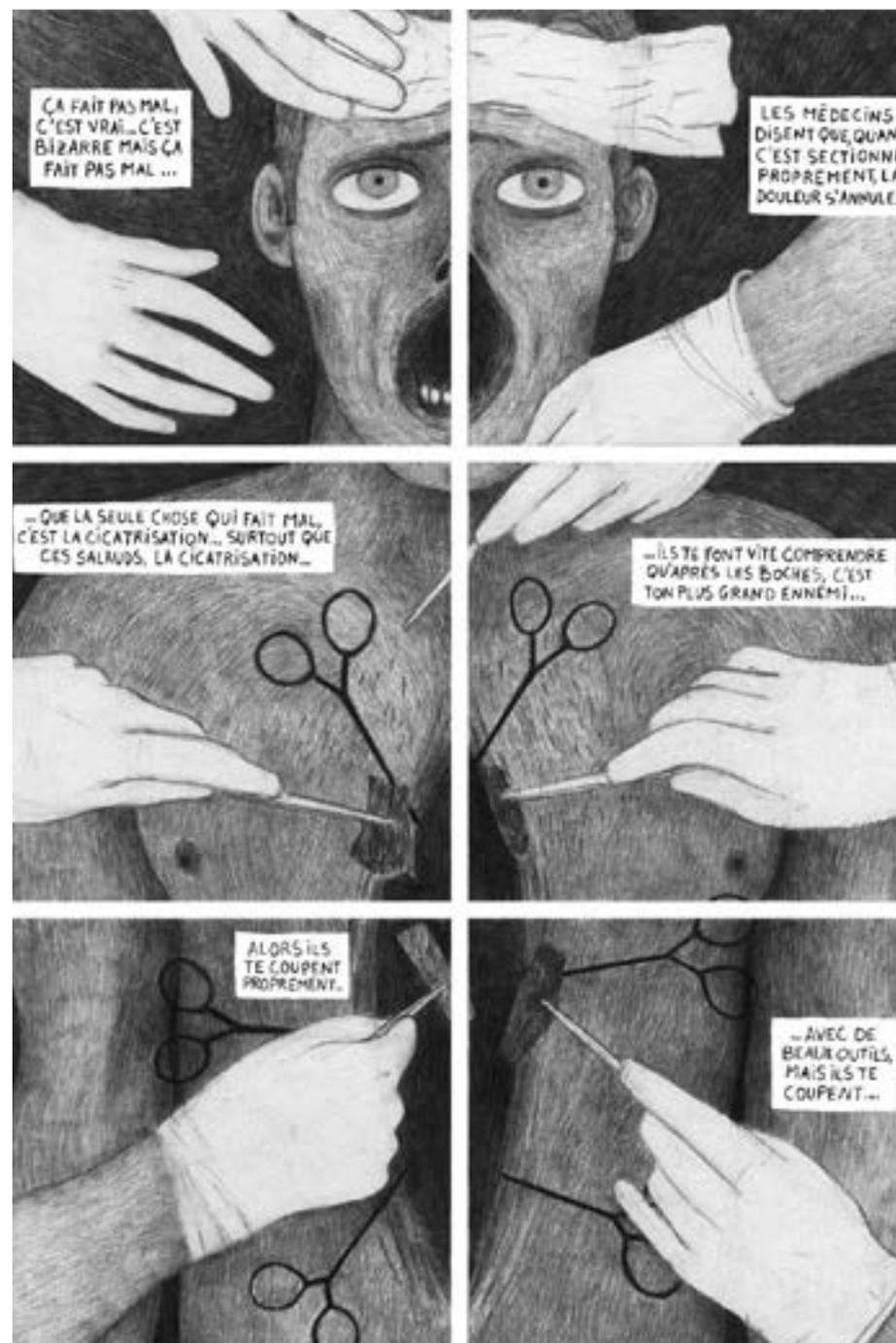
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**An uncompromising dive into the painful process of accepting a facial disability, but also the response of a society torn between curiosity, compassion and disgust.**

1918: the war is over, the peace treaty signed. Amongst other things, France must take care of the ten to fifteen thousand people with mutilated, disfigured faces. The «broken faces,» as they are called. Our hero is one of them. He couldn't care less about the medals he's offered; every day, the reality of his condition hits home a little harder. Half-man, half-freak,

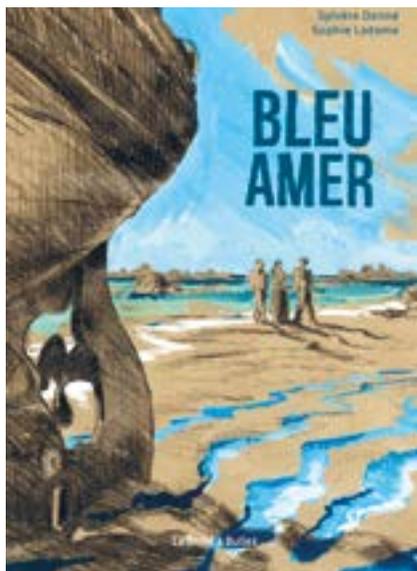


he tries to cope with the brutality of the way others look at him—especially women (including his own wife). While certain physical needs can be met at brothels catering to those with his condition, the needs of the soul, on the other hand, are more difficult to satisfy. Then one day, he meets Sembene the African, a giant of a man...



AWARD

★ **WINNER** Abracadabulles Comics Festival 2018  
Young talent Price



## BITTER BLUE

**Writer:** Sylvère Denné  
**Art:** Sophie Ladame

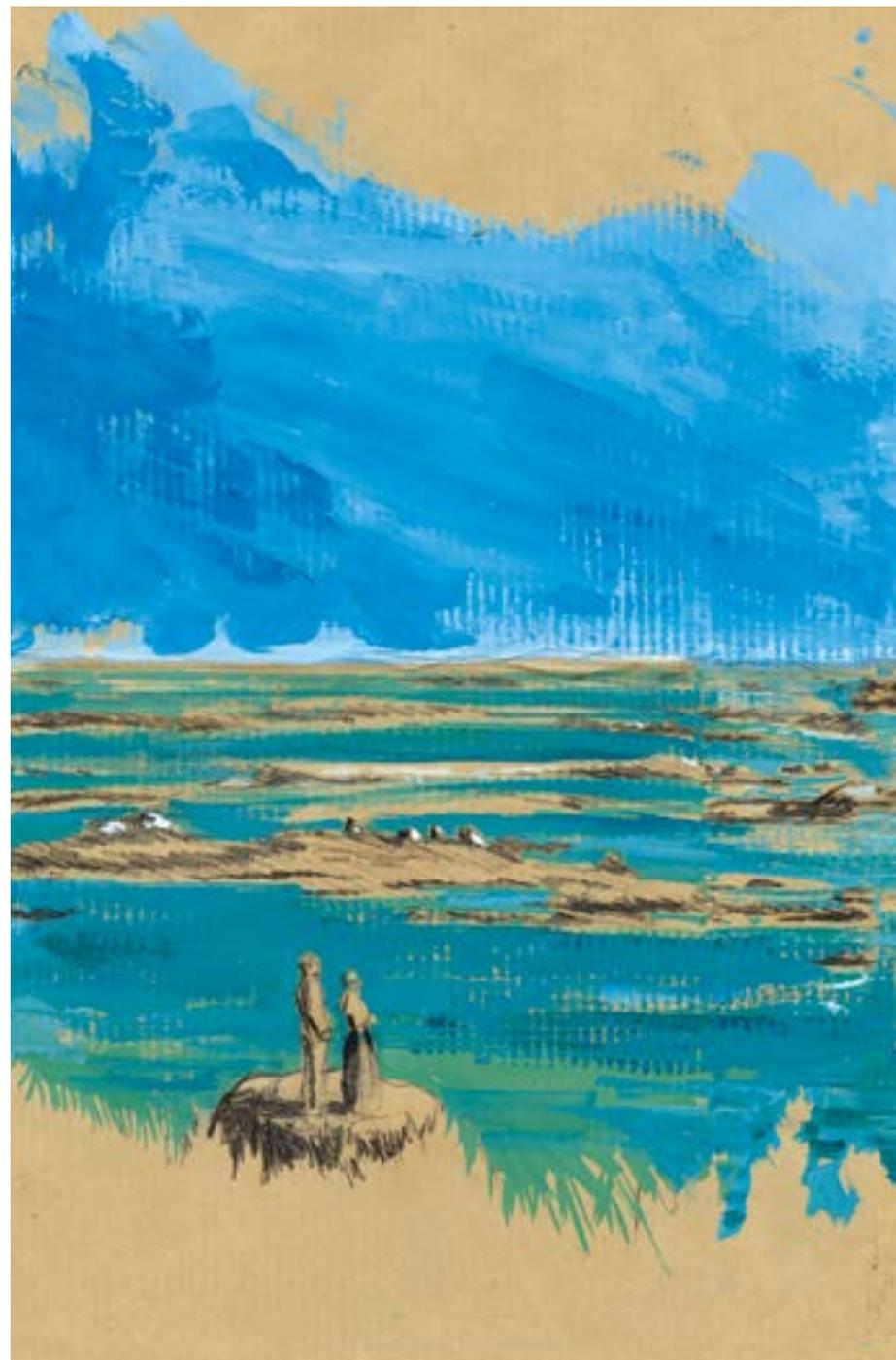
January 2018 - 20 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 128 pages

**Rights available**

**On the granitic island of Chausey, the arrival of an American paratrooper interrupts the peaceful life of islanders hitherto protected from the torments of war.**

Spring 1944, Chausey Islands.  
Suzanne likes to take advantage

of the high tide to go shore fishing. Her contemplative walks along the water are her only moments of joy and escape in a dreary existence marked by a distant relationship with her husband Pierre. While fishing one day, Pierre finds an American soldier lying on the beach, and, against the advice of some of the islanders, decides to hide him from the Germans. A close bond develops between the convalescing soldier, Pierre and Suzanne, providing a welcome break from the monotony of the couple's life. As a German supply ship heads their way, this new equilibrium loses its lightness and tensions rise...





## LONG LIVE ANARCHY! WHEN DURRUTI MET MAKHNO

Writer and art: **Bruno Loth**  
Art: **Corentin Loth**

22 x 30 cm, two-volume series  
- 1 : February 2020 - 80 pages - 18 €  
- 2 : January 2021 - 112 pages - 20 €

Rights sold in Spanish & Greek

The intertwining destinies of two major anarchists in the history of Europe.

In this new book, Bruno Loth retraces the main events that marked the lives of the two anarchists Buenaventura Durruti and Nestor Makhno, who shared the common experience of successfully putting anarchy into practice across an entire territory (Catalonia and Ukraine). In 1927, after an attempted coup against King Alfonso XIII of Spain, Durruti was imprisoned in France. When he was eventually released, he was spared extradition to Argentina but given just ten days to leave France. While hiding out in Paris, Durruti met Nestor Makhno, a major figure of Ukrainian anarchism, a libertarian communist and founder of the revolutionary insurrectionary army known as Makhnovshchyna.

### KEY POINTS:

- An educational and fascinating story enhanced by Bruno Loth's powerful and precise drawing.
- The true story of two great anarchists.
- Hair-raising pages ripped from history itself.
- By the author of *Memoirs of a Worker* and *Ermo's Ghosts*.





## IN THE SHADOW OF DON GIOVANNI

Writer: Clément Baloup

Art: Eddy Vaccaro

April 2020 - 22 €

19 x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

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The incredible life journey of Lorenzo DaPonte who, among other things, was once a member of the clergy, rubbed shoulders with Casanova, wrote for

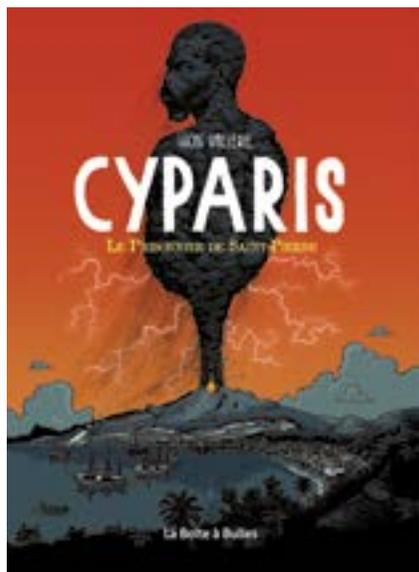
Mozart and founded the Metropolitan Opera.

New York, 1810. Lorenzo Da ponte, an elderly, penniless immigrant from Venice, born Jewish but now a converted Catholic, sets out to introduce Americans to Italian culture and operas. And that is how, in 1826, thanks to Da Ponte and the creation of the Metropolitan Opera, Mozart gained fame across the Atlantic. Lorenzo, born Emanuele Conegliano, was none other than the librettist of the operas *Don Giovanni*, *Così fan tutte* and *The Marriage of Figaro*. While he remained in the shadow of the famous composer, he nevertheless made his mark on history by being the intermediary between the legendary libertine Casanova, his mentor, the brilliant Mozart, his friend, and the man who created Santa Claus, Clément C. Moore, his disciple and patron. A remarkable work about this man of letters and his extraordinary life.

### KEY POINTS:

- The incredible life journey of Lorenzo Daponte, who introduced and promoted the Italian language, literature and operas in America.
- The story of one man's eventful life, which straddles two centuries and unfolds in two transatlantic continents.
- Whether it's New York or Venice, Eddy Vaccaro's drawings plunge us into the heart of the atmosphere.





## SYLBARIS, THE PRISONER OF SAINT-PIERRE

Lucas Vallerie

September 2017 - 34 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 272 pages

Rights available

Spring 1902. The Caribbean island of Martinique is about to go through the darkest time in its history: the eruption of Mount Pelée. A tragedy in which Cyparis turns out to be the unwitting hero...

The flower island is no longer giving off the exquisite scent of rum and exotic plants but rather the nauseating smell of sulfur, and ominous looking fumaroles are coming out of the top of Mount Pelée. But the mayor and the governor have more important things to do: get ready for the legislative elections! While the whole city is in turmoil, inmate

Louis-Auguste Cyparis, locked up in the dungeon, doesn't yet know that this tiny little cell is about to save his life and turn his destiny into legend...



## CAPTAIN TIKHOMIROFF

Gaétan Nocq

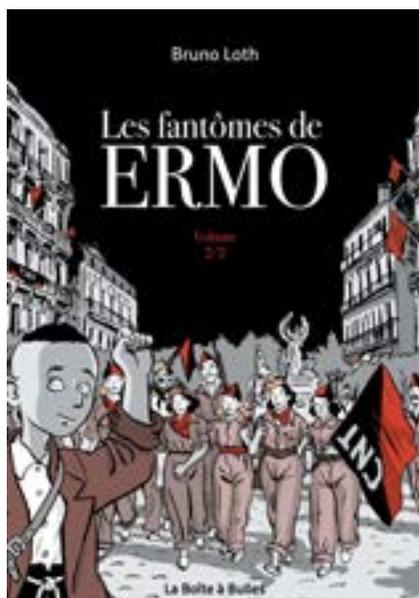
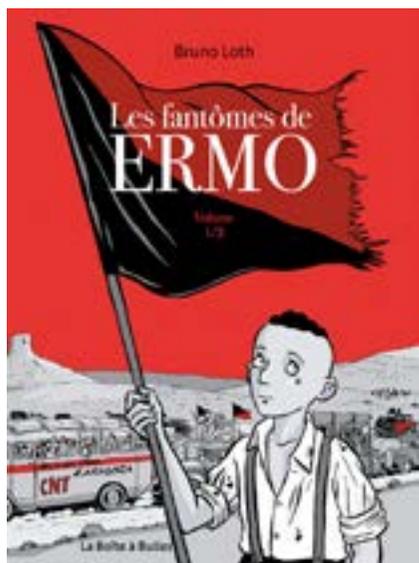
October 2017 - 28 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 192 pages

Rights sold in Simplified Chinese

Enlisting in the White Army to cater to the Tsarist zeal of a father concerned about his family's honor, young Captain Tikhomiroff finds himself faced with the horrors of civil war.

During the October Revolution, in a country where no less than three armies are waging war against each other, destroying everything in their path and slaughtering all those whose uniforms are of a different color, survival is the top priority. Famine and death are part of everyday life. Young Alexander will need to avoid ambushes set by the various armies, cross over the Bulgarian mountains to escape the malaria epidemic, and always keep moving forward, no matter where his feet take him. At the end of this harrowing odyssey, he will become one of the many white Russians refugees in France in the early 1920s.





## ERMO'S GHOSTS

Bruno Loth

19 x 26.5 cm, 2-volume series

- 1 : August 2017 - 160 pages - 25 €

- 2 : November 2017 - 184 pages - 25 €

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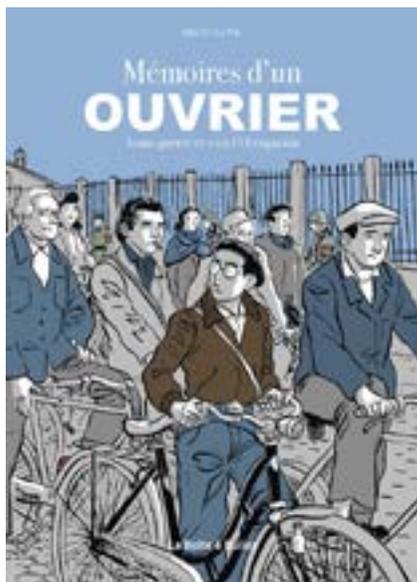
**A book that offers an informed look at the Spanish Civil War, and in particular, the role played by the anarchists.**

In 1936, Ermo, an orphan living on the streets who dreams of adventure and faraway lands, joins the troop of Sidi Oadin the magician, traveling across Spain in a caravan. The young boy has no idea his journey will turn out to be more eventful and dangerous than expected, as the country is headed into civil war. Soon thereafter, the small group joins the anarchist factions and the column of the legendary Durruti to fight for the cause of the Spanish people. From Barcelona to Zaragoza, Spanish men and women help each other resist as best they can, while young Ermo tries to hold on to his innocence.



AWARD

- ★ WINNER Safran d'Or Award Cajarc 2012
- ★ WINNER CEZAM Works Council Award, Ile de France 2012



## MEMOIRS OF A WORKER Before the War and Under the Occupation

Bruno Loth

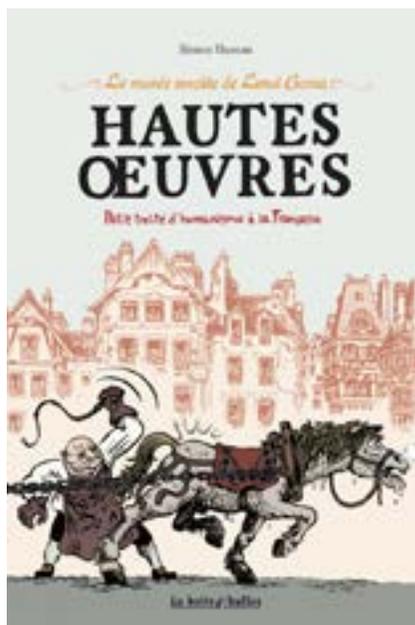
Omnibus (or three-volume series)  
November 2016 - 39 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 320 pages

Rights available

A high-profile public saga drawn directly from the life of the author's own father.

The year is 1936 and a wind of hope is blowing across the world of French laborers after the Front Populaire won the last election. Jacques is an apprentice at the Bordeaux shipyards, working hard but having as much fun as a carefree teenager as he can, drawing in his sketchbook and enjoying his days of paid leave. But soon there's the draft and then war. Jacques is declared unfit for duty and can't serve. The defeat of 1940 brings German troops to Bordeaux, and thus begin the days of the Occupation, of curfews, rations, of his first friends to die, of hardships of all sorts... But does that mean one should stop living life to the fullest?





## LIMUL GOMA'S STRANGE MUSEUM

Simon Hureau

19 x 26.5 cm, 2-volume series  
 - 1: October 2013 - 13 €  
 - 2: January 2013 - 14 €

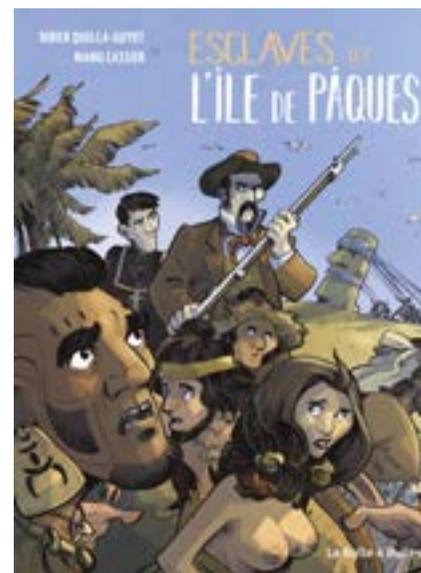
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Simon Hureau's skill is on full display in this recreation of 18th-century Paris, where executions were real crowd-pleasers.

In 1757, in the heart of Paris, Charles-Henri Sanson is distraught: as the country's executioner, he's unable to recover from the nightmare he lived through the day before, the endless torture of poor Damiens, who accidentally inflicted a scrape upon the King's person and was sentenced to death for regicide. A tale all the more educational, considering the fact that



it's historical... and that Charles-Henri Sanson would go on to become, a only few years later, the true official agent of regicide, by guillotining Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.



## THE SLAVES OF EASTER ISLAND

Writer: Didier Quella-Guyot  
 Art: Emmanuel Cassier

May 2018 - 16 €  
 19 cm x 26.5 cm - 80 pages

Rights available

Set on the famous and remote Easter Island lost in the South Pacific, here comes an accelerated version of the ravages caused by colonization and evangelization.



Easter Island was once an isolated island with its own culture and a population of nearly 3,000 people. Then the westerners arrived and enslaved hundreds of natives for guano mining in Peru. Some eventually made it back home to their island, only to spread epidemics they contracted on the mainland. Around

this time, Eugène Eyraud comes to the island on an evangelization mission, later followed by another «civilizer» who comes to settle there: the sailor Jean-Baptiste Dutrou-Bornier, who develops agriculture on the island and then turns into a despot.

When he died in 1876, there were only 175 natives left on the island. The famous Moai giants made of stone still stand guard, keepers of an eternal mystery...



## MISSY

Writer: **Benoît Rivière**  
 Art: **Hallain Paluku**

November 2006 - 14.50 €  
 16.5 cm x 24 cm - 80 pages

Rights available

A tale mixing sadness and tenderness in its portrayal of all the lightness and hypocrisy of humanity on display when it comes to matters of love and seduction.

At night, Missy is a cabaret star; in the morning, she turns back into the overweight woman the world doesn't give a crap about. Once their curiosity and desire has been satisfied, her lovers invariably take off first thing in the morning. Constantly subject to alternating extremes of adoration and repulsion, Missy's mental equilibrium is at risk and she's hanging by a thread. A thread which Dud, the ruthless manager of the cabaret, keeps pulling. Longing for men to see her as nothing but the object of their fantasies, Missy

decides to lose weight, at the risk of losing the very thing that makes her shine on stage: her ample figure and generous curves.



## WOMEN

Johanna Schipper

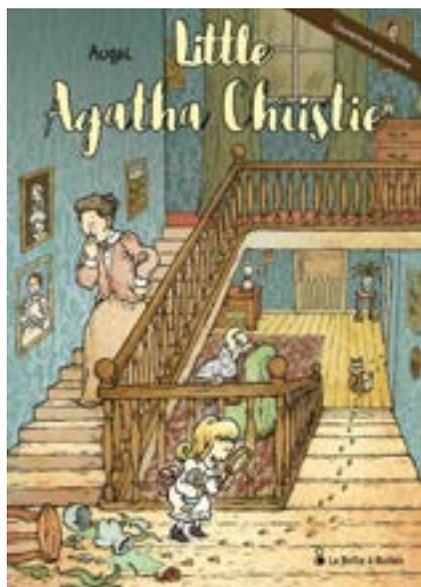
December 2010 - 15 €  
 16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

Rights available

A work of erotica that breaks with the genre's conventions, in which the suggestion of desire is stronger than desire shown, and words and images infused with evocative poetry.

A young woman decides to travel in the hope of forgetting about the man she loved, who just left her. Another young woman tries to find the perfect way to greet her lover when he comes home. A third woman tries to sway her peers on the pleasures of Sapphic love... In this intimate, perceptive work, Johanna brings us a dozen little scenes of desire and sensuality, some of which are interconnected. To Johanna Schipper, love is revitalizing, lighthearted, sometimes sad, but always bewitching.





## LITTLE AGATHA CHRISTIE

William Augel

June 2021 - 16 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 80 pages

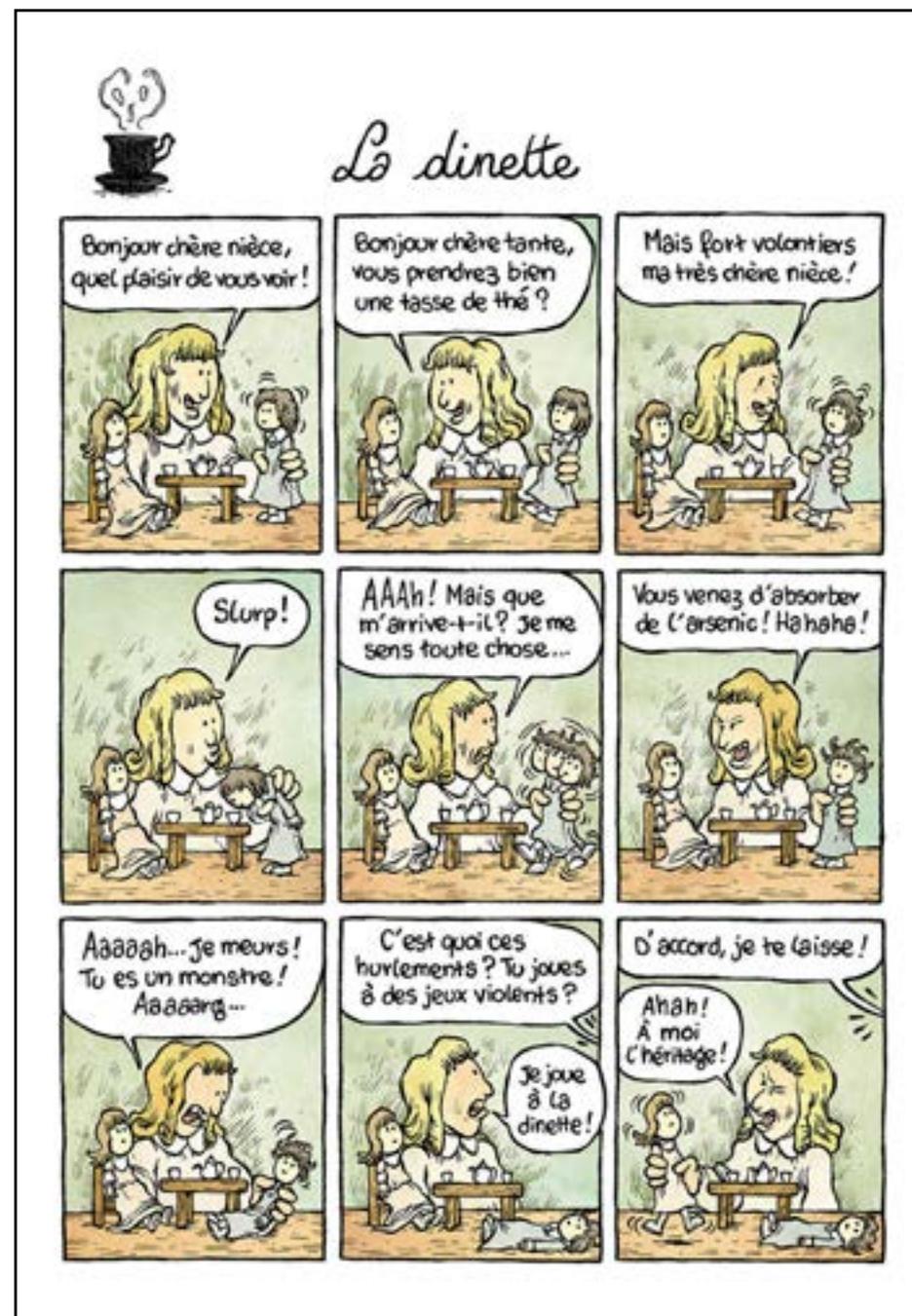
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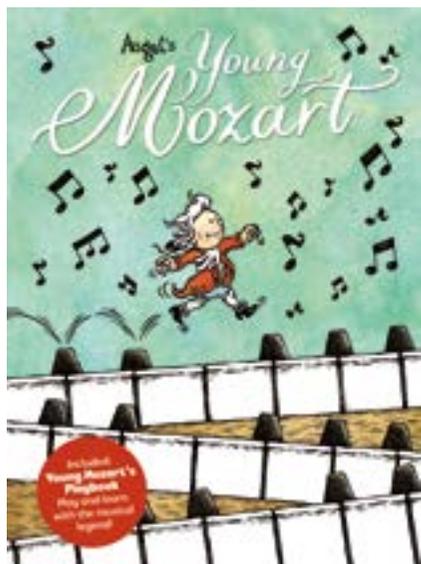
Agatha Christie's childhood recounted with humor and tenderness, in this third book in William Augel's Young Geniuses series. Before she became a great writer, Agatha was... a little genius!

After Mozart and Leonardo da Vinci, William Augel now looks back on the childhood of the world's most famous author of mystery novels: Agatha Christie! Before becoming the famous writer we all know and love, Agatha Christie too was a child. And not just any child! She made everything in her life about investigation and deciphering riddles, and nothing was more fun than a crime scene shrouded in mystery! And thus she would rewrite the most famous tales in her own way, transform a tea party between dolls into a crime scene, and even invent the famous Clue game using her dollhouse!

### KEY POINTS:

- The third book in the Young Geniuses series
- A comic book that is both educational and entertaining, filled with humor, tenderness and faithful to the biography of Agatha Christie.
- A dynamic and fun read because of the investigations to be conducted and solved over the course of the story.
- An endearing Agatha Christie who doesn't care about decorum and who will touch the hearts of young and older readers alike.





## YOUNG MOZART

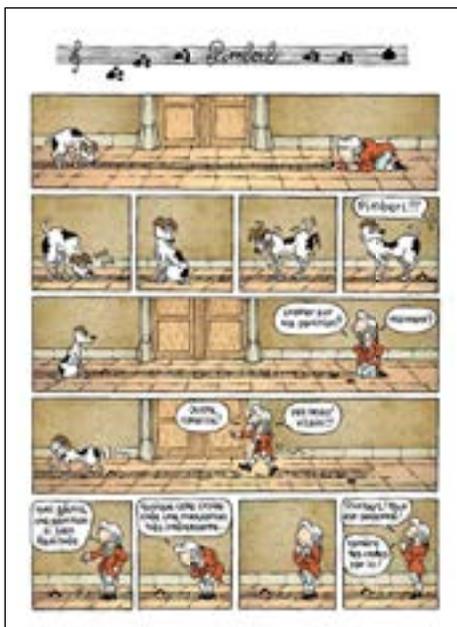
William Augel

April 2017 - 13 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 48 pages

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**A comic book for all ages with warm humor and poetry for all music lovers.**

Known by his nickname Wolferl, young Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart only lives for music. He already understands all its forms, even the most unexpected. The young prodigy looks for inspiration—and finds it!— wherever he can, from the cries of his sister Nannerl to his doggie's poop. Whether it comes from birds, crickets or frogs, any note will do, because for this young genius, everything is music! From Austria to England, to France and Italy, our little Wolfgang, while destined for greatness, is not mature enough to keep his observations to himself, which will infinitely delight the reader!



## YOUNG LEONARDO

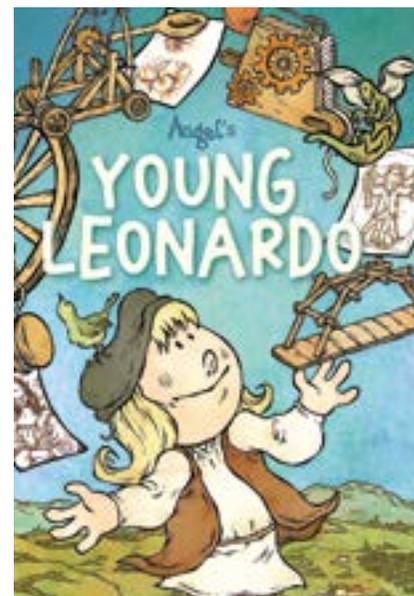
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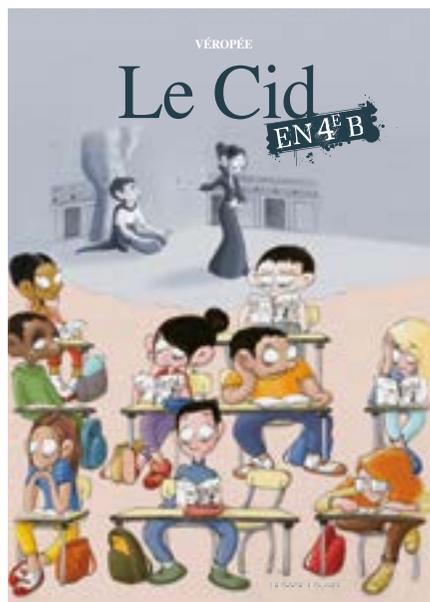
July 2020 - 16 €  
19 cm x 26.5 cm - 80 pages

Rights sold in English (USA) & Polish

**Leonardo da Vinci's childhood as seen by William Augel. Clever, poetic and most of all, very funny!**

Before he became a great genius, Leonardo da Vinci was already a little genius! All of his surroundings were an excuse for thinking, learning and creating, from birds to pottery, by way of olive harvesting or spaghetti manufacturing. His curiosity led him to have an idea on everything and see beauty everywhere. He even went as far as saying "The smallest feline is a masterpiece". Already a painter, engineer, philosopher, architect and musician, he is now also a comic book hero! Under William Augel's pen, it's funny, moving and even instructive! What more can you ask for to delight parents and children?





## THE CID VERSUS 9TH GRADE B

Writer and Art: **Veropée**  
Colors: **Philippe Marlu**

May 2019 - 14 €  
19 x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

Rights available

It's not easy nowadays reading the French classic play by Corneille called *The Cid*, especially when you're thirteen years old! And yet, despite the 382-year gap between them, Chimène, Rodrigue and Don Diègue aren't all that different than Naomi, Sarah-Lou, Brandon, Amine and their friends.

Welcome to the classroom of 9th grade B. The author, a middle school French teacher, brings us the tale of a difficult but lively learning experience, where the most classical elements aren't necessarily the ones you might think.

A humorous, educational graphic novel for all ages.

### KEY POINTS:

- The clever tale of a present-day 9th grade class experiencing Corneille's masterpiece.
- A book intended for adults but that teenagers will enjoy as well.
- Soft, round art that unfolds in a humorous, tender, contemporary and intimate setting.





## JEANNE, JUNGLE DETECTIVE

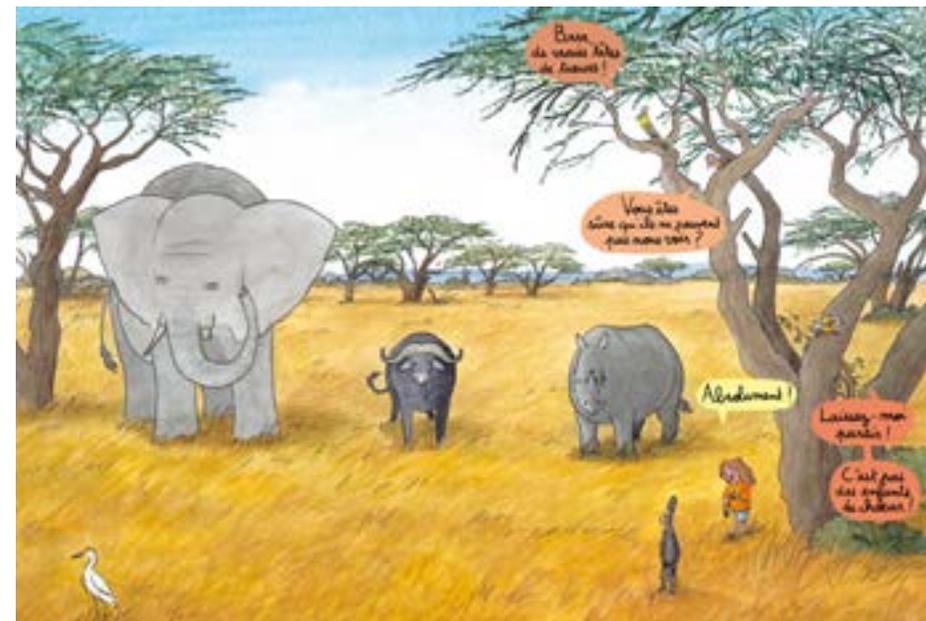
Writer: Michel-Yves Schmitt / Art: Lucie Maillot

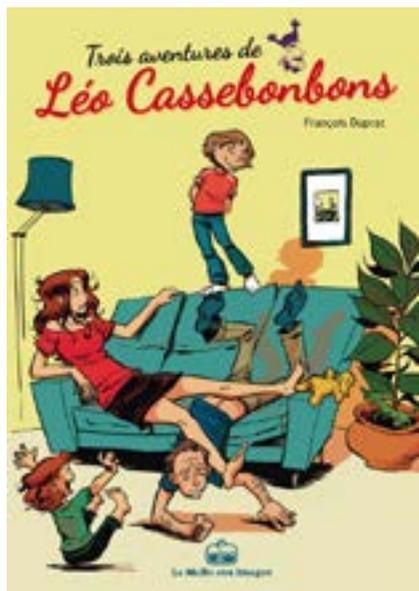
October 2018 - 16 € - 29.5 cm x 23 cm - 64 pages

[Rights available](#)

**Two biting and offbeat investigative cases for readers of all ages, in the vein of the Big Mean Fox!**

Oxpecker Marcel-Émilien has disappeared! And that's not like him. Fortunately, Jeanne, a jungle detective, has unparalleled skills when it comes to solving such cases. Accompanied by her faithful acolytes, monkeys by the names of Léon-Casimir and François-Xavier, she ventures deep into the heart of the jungle to search for the hapless missing bird. But as soon as the investigation is over, Jeanne finds herself faced with a new mystery, this time involving a honey-loving badger and gluttonous snakes.





## LEO CANDYCRUSHER

François Duprat

ages 8 and up

Omnibus (or 3 separate volumes)

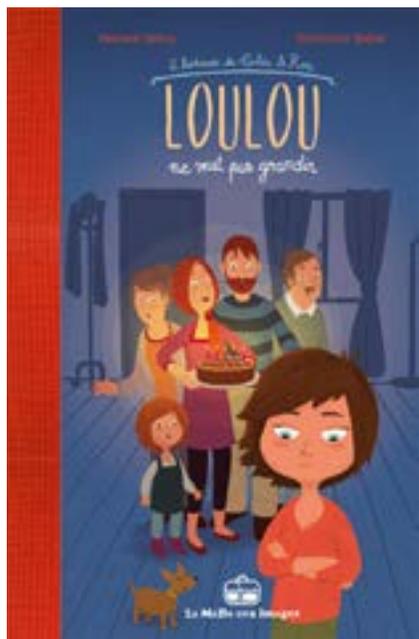
June 2017 - 19 €

19 cm x 26.5 cm - 96 pages

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Leo Candycrusher wears his name proudly. He's not a difficult or especially unruly child, but he sure has a lot of questions! Then again, how could you not have all those questions when you find out that there's a little sister on the way? Or when you see your parents fight? Or when your cousin puts up with a man in her home who isn't her dad? Are these adults for real? Leo has his doubts about that from time to time! Plus, growing up isn't that easy. Especially because of girls... they're so different, but so pretty, and it's not easy letting them know you like them!





## LOULOU DOESN'T WANT TO GROW UP

Writer: Vincent Henry  
Art: Stéphanie Bellat

ages 6 and up

September 2014 - 14 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 72 pages

Rights available

**A story treating childhood with humor and modernity while keeping the tenderness and philosophy of a classic tale.**

There's a big party at home today: the grandparents are visiting, the cake is baking in the oven, tinsels have been hung from the ceiling and the film is in the camera. Loulou turns five today and the whole family can't wait to celebrate the occasion! Well, almost

the whole family, because the special someone in question, Loulou, suddenly finds herself in a state of utter panic: she doesn't want to get any older! But Mom has no intention of letting her daughter ruin the party, and she will do anything to stop her!





## VIKTOR

Tommy Redolfi

ages 9 and up

April 2010 - 16 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 96 pages

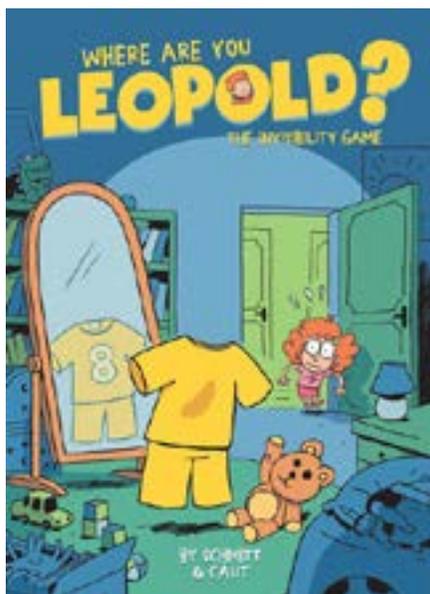
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In this ancient forest, the trees are too high, too big, and too close together to let any glimpse of sky through. There's barely enough room between them for the hut where Viktor lives with his grandmother. So one night, when a violent storm strikes down one of the great oak trees, Viktor is stunned to discover all the stars sparkling in the sky. Filled with emotion, he talks to them, tries to catch them, and literally falls in love with them. When the forest darkens the sky once more, he decides to leave and go in search of his own star, by the sea, in the cities, in the skyscrapers.



AWARD

★ **WINNER**, School Prize,  
Angoulême International Comics Festival 2012



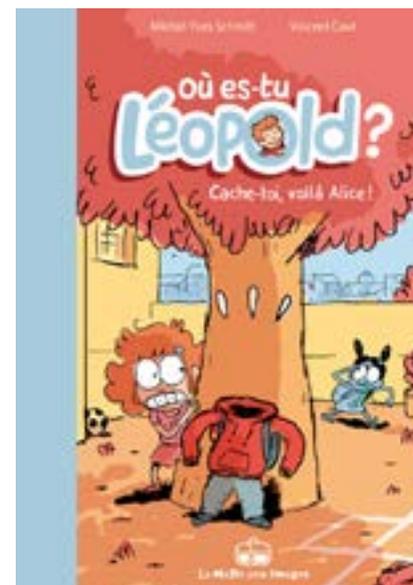
## WHERE ARE YOU, LEOPOLD? Invisible? Not Fair! (VOLUME 1)

Writer: Michel Yves Schmitt  
Art: Vincent Caut

October 2013 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

Leopold is a very special little boy: he has the power to turn invisible! He can even make his clothes transparent: all he has to do is read the tags. Maybe, when he grows up, Leopold will be a crime fighter that all the bad guys are afraid of. For now, though, he just wants to have fun... sometimes at the expense of his sister Celine, sometimes together with her. This dream team is ready-set-go for as many adventures as possible, if their readers just say the word!



## WHERE ARE YOU, LEOPOLD? Here Comes Alice! Hide! (VOLUME 2)

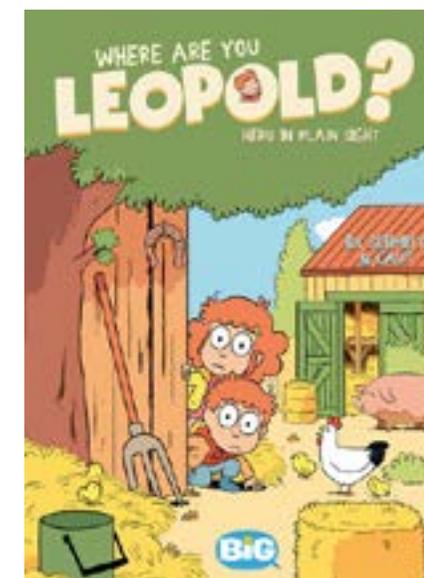
Writer: Michel Yves Schmitt  
Art: Vincent Caut

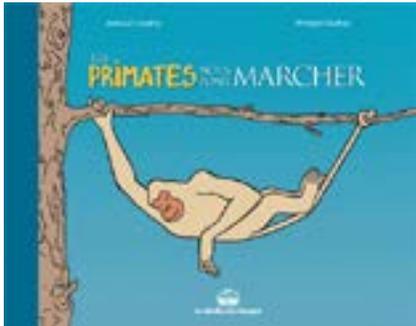
March 2013 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

## WHERE ARE YOU, LEOPOLD? Shenanigans at the Farm (VOLUME 3)

Writer: Michel Yves Schmitt  
Art: Vincent Caut

July 2015 - 13.50 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages





## GOING APE

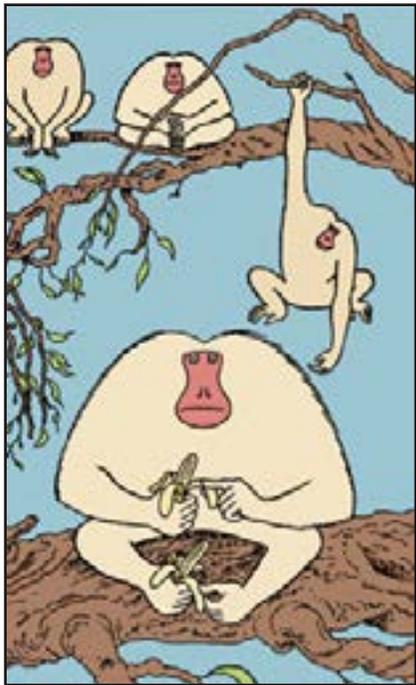
Writer: Jean-Luc Coudray  
Art: Philippe Coudray

ages 6 and up

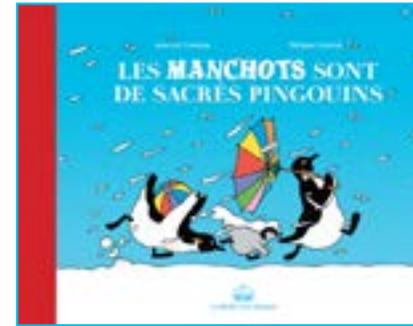
November 2009 - 15 €  
30 cm x 22 cm - 48 pages

Rights sold in Simplified Chinese

After studying the Emperor Penguins, the Coudray brothers now focus on our origins. Their research reveals that our ancestors, cousins, and great-grandfathers have four hands, in order to be even more human than we are, and set their living rooms up in the trees. With their trademark humor and scientific wit, Jean-Luc and Philippe Coudray draw a comparative portrait of man and his tree-dwelling relative. In this series, a new genre is being invented: binary humor, composed of jokes in two images, a cross between a comic book and satirical drawing.



★ Also in this series on animals are books on dogs, cats, and wild boars, with rights sold to China



## THOSE PENGUINS ARE SOMETHING ELSE

Writer: Jean-Luc Coudray  
Art: Philippe Coudray

ages 5 and up

November 2013- 19 €  
23 cm x 29 cm - 96 pages

Rights sold in Simplified Chinese,  
Japanese & English (USA)



The Coudray brothers, hiding out in the icy landscapes of the South Pole, observe the famous Emperor Penguins, who reveal their true nature and the infinite layers of their existence. What the authors learn is that penguins wear mittens, that they don't fear the cold, all wrapped up as they are in their thick coats, that they're perfectly ambidextrous, that they sometimes swim with a snorkel, and that they fly just as well as their flying cousins—only

underwater! Who cares, really, if these discoveries are not scientifically proven: from a comedic point of view, they're indisputable!



# I'M NOT LITTLE

## I'm Not Little (VOLUME 1)

## Little Number Two (VOLUME 2)

Bruno Duhamel

ages 8 and up

16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages - 13 €  
Volume 1 & 2 : May 2011

Rights sold in English (USA)

A book full of spirit that delights parents and children. A look at childhood, full of the skill of classic childhood tales.

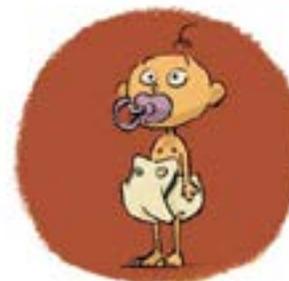
She doesn't have a name. But that certainly doesn't mean she's afraid to speak out—which she does: about her own world, about the countries she discovers with both naïve wonder and delicious mischief. Between her travels to faraway lands (Peru, Quebec, Africa, India), her arguments with Prescott the teddy bear, her discovery of the mysteries of humanity, Trafalgar the cat and Isidore, the neighbors' son, this is the crazy, acrobatic world of «Bibi,» a little girl who has a little too much energy to be a perfect child.



RÉGULIÈREMENT, IL FAUT METTRE PRESCOTT DANS LA MACHINE À LAVER POUR EFFACER TOUTES CES PETITES MISÈRES...



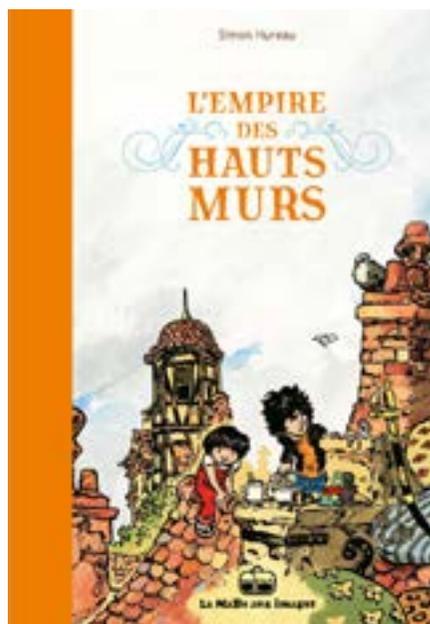
MAIS ON NE PEUT PAS TOUT FAIRE AVEC PRESCOTT! IL FAUT SAVOIR S'IMPOSER DES LIMITES!



LUI, C'EST ISIDORE, LE FILS DES VOISINS... AVEC ISIDORE ON PEUT FAIRE DES TRUCS QU'ON PEUT PAS FAIRE AVEC PRESCOTT!

AWARD

★ **RECOMMENDED** by the French Ministry of National Education, for grades 5 and 6



## THE EMPIRE OF THE HIGH WALLS

Simon Hureau

ages 9 and up

February 2011 - 12 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 48 pages

Rights available

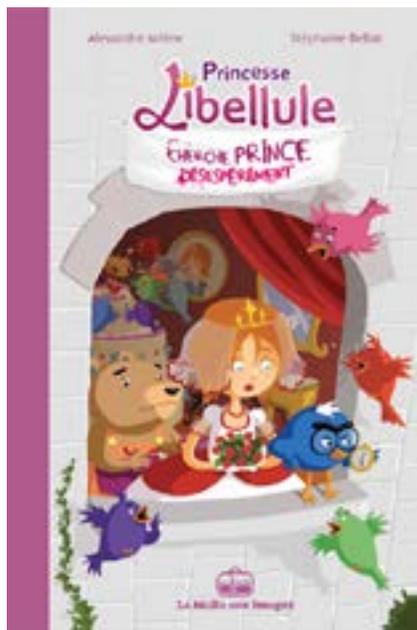
At the start of summer vacation, while they're stealing a few plums off a tree, two brothers discover a tall, abandoned structure that turns out to be the entrance to an enormous network of rooms and floors, all of them abandoned. But this huge, fascinating playground has already been claimed by a group of kids their own age. After successfully going through an initiation rite,

the two brothers become members of the Principality of a Thousand Windows, led by a fearsome «princess» who rules with an iron fist.



AWARD

★ OFFICIAL SELECTION, School Prize, Angoulême International Comics Festival 2012



## PRINCESS DRAGONFLY Desperately Seeks Prince Charming (VOLUME 1)

Writer: Alexandre Arlène  
Art: Stéphanie Bellat

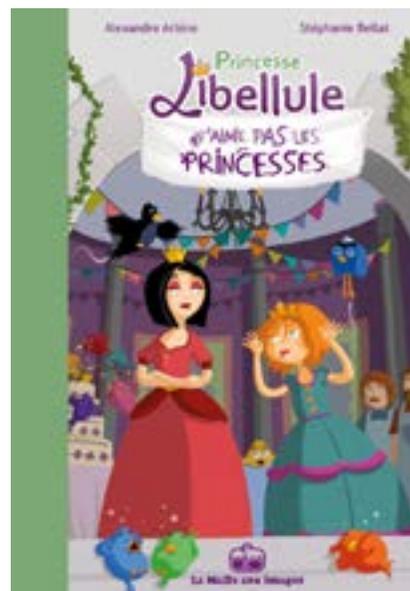
ages 7 and up

February 2011 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

Rights available

A great parody of classic fairytales intended for a wide audience.

Typically, whenever a princess is locked up in a tower in a fairytale, you only ever hear about the end: when Prince Charming shows up, faces all manner of dangers, climbs up the tower, etc. Oddly enough, nobody ever talks about the endless waiting period that comes before that brief bit of action. Princess Dragonfly is one of those princesses waiting around for the prince to do his job. But since competent princes are not, apparently, a dime a dozen, she has to find ways to entertain herself in the meantime. So she spends an ungodly amount of time at the window, keeping an eye out for the slightest movement and making up all kinds of possible explanations for the tardiness of her knight in shining armor.



## PRINCESS DRAGONFLY Doesn't Like Princesses (VOLUME 2)

Writer: Alexandre Arlène  
Art: Stéphanie Bellat

ages 7 and up

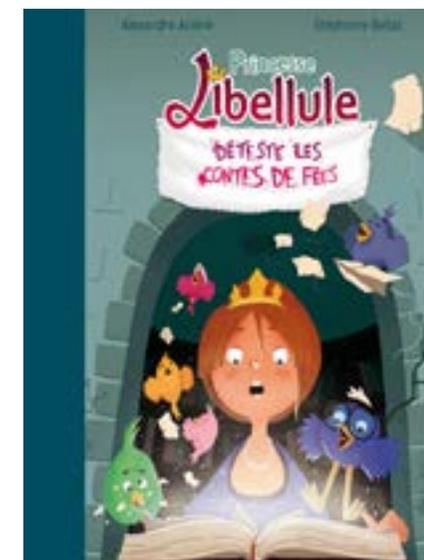
February 2013 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages

## PRINCESS DRAGONFLY Hates Fairytales (VOLUME 3)

Writer: Alexandre Arlène  
Art: Stéphanie Bellat

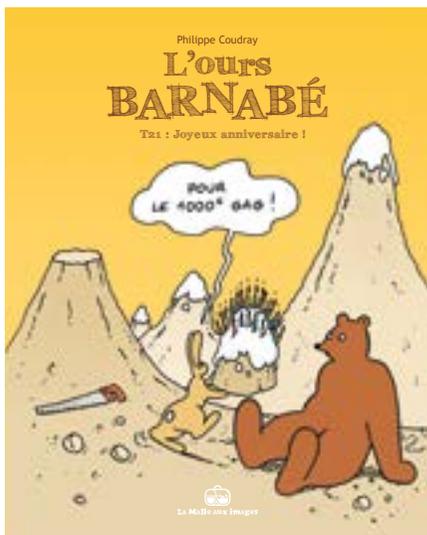
ages 7 and up

March 2017 - 13 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 64 pages



★ **WINNER**, School Prize,  
Angoulême International Comics Festival 2012  
★ **OFFICIAL SELECTION** Eisner Award 2012 & 2014  
★ **BOOK 5: SLEEP ON IT: RECOMMENDED**  
by the French Ministry of National Education for grades 5 and 6.

AWARD



## BIGBY BEAR

Philippe Coudray  
ages 6 and up

Single Volume: 46 to 64 pages  
Omnibus: 144 to 208 pages  
16 cm x 20 cm  
21 volumes, 16.5 x 24 cm

Rights sold in English (USA),  
Simplified Chinese (13 books)  
& Swedish (2 books)

An irresistible series about an over-sized bear who makes readers of all ages think and laugh.

Barnaby the Bear has been around since 1980, bringing his readers decades of humor in stories that combine poetry and philosophy. Our bear is too big and strong to fear any predators and has no real worries in life. Barnaby was born and raised in the mountains. When confronting nature and the elements, he tries out all sorts of experiments. Accompanied by his friend the rabbit, he shares the secrets of his unflappable sense of logic and his ability to reason.

### KEY POINTS:

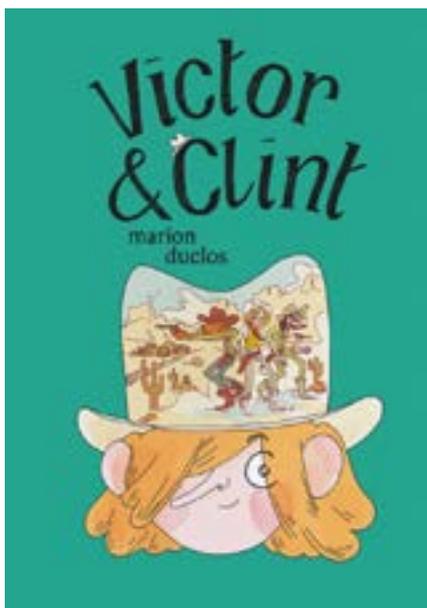
- Philippe Coudray's unbeatable humor is back and hasn't aged a bit!
- A series that sold over 140,000 copies in China!
- A book that works on two different levels and can be enjoyed by children and adults alike.

### La poussière



AWARD

- ★ OFFICIAL SELECTION YOUNG READERS at Angoulême International Comics Festival 2016
- ★ WINNER Freddy Lombard Prize 2015



## VICTOR & CLINT

Marion Duclos

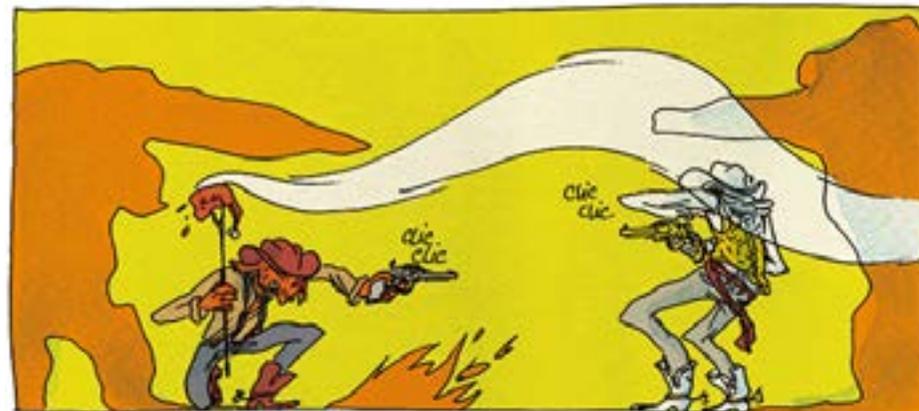
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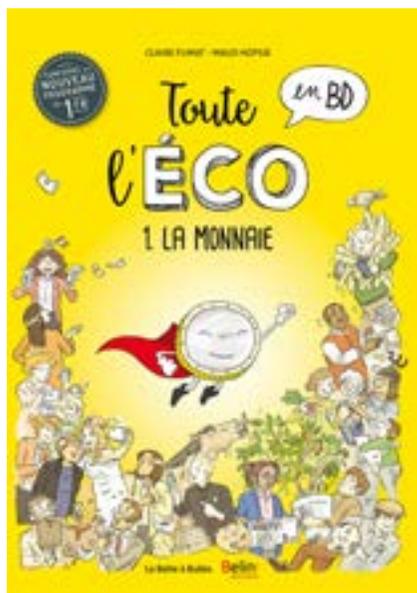
May 2015 - 15 €  
16.5 cm x 24 cm - 104 pages

Rights sold in English (USA)

**When Victor wears his Stetson hat, he becomes Clint, a scowling cowboy from the Wild West.**

Colt revolver in hand, he flees to an imaginary Wild West where parents transform into sheriffs and bicycles into faithful steeds. A world of rocks and cacti where the schoolyard bullies become the formidable Ringo brothers, to whom he'd like to teach a good lesson! With the help of his sidekick, Willy Brown, who is none other than Basile Castagne, the old alcoholic of the village, Victor goes after them, determined to blow them away! But reality, still lurking in the shadows, arrives at a gallop... An ode to imaginary escapes in the form of a spaghetti western full of spirit and biting one-liners!





## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SCIENCES (SES) TOLD IN COMIC FORM

Claire Fumat & Maud Hopsie

August 2018 - 9,90 €  
19 cm x 27 cm - 48 pages  
6 volumes published, ongoing series.

Rights sold in Simplified Chinese and Russian

A collection of short, humorous, and inventive thematic books designed to explain SES.

Bringing together for the first time a comic book publisher (La Boîte à Bulles) and a textbook publisher (Belin Éducation), this new collection is aimed at both high school students and the general public. Each book is 32 or 56 pages (7.90 and 9.90 €) and uses humorous and offbeat examples to explain one of the themes from the SES curriculum. At the end of each sequence, a diagram summarizes the key points to remember.

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