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FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** L'herbier de Jeanne

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 424

**WORDS:** 110,000

**ISBN:** 9782298188370

**PUBLICATION:** 12/22/2023

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## TERRA INCOGNITA

By Isabelle Chavy

### KEYNOTE

An orphaned peasant girl, Jeanne Barret is fortunate enough to be introduced to botany by an apothecary in Dijon, where she meets the famous naturalist Philibert Commerson. He is soon commissioned to take part in an expedition led by Antoine de Bougainville. This is an achievement he cannot imagine experiencing without Jeanne.

### SELLING POINTS

- **A best-selling author, also published by Pocket.**
- Inspired by a true story.
- A powerful novel set in the footsteps of the great discoveries of the Bougainville expedition.
- A love story that challenges the conventions of the time.

### DESCRIPTION

1752. Jeanne Barret is an orphaned peasant girl from the Morvan region of France, who is lucky enough to be introduced to botany by an apothecary in Dijon, where she works as a housekeeper. It is there that she meets the famous naturalist Philibert Commerson. As a young widower, he urgently needs a nanny for his newborn son. Jeanne, clever and sharp, quickly becomes his secretary, his most trusted confidante and, ultimately, his lover. A love they cannot live out in the open. When Jeanne becomes pregnant, the couple move to Paris. There, Commerson rubs shoulders with the scientific elite of the time. He is soon asked to take part in a round-the-world expedition led by Antoine de Bougainville. An achievement he cannot imagine experiencing without Jeanne. As women are not allowed on board, she decides to dress as a man, and pass herself off as his valet. The journey ahead will be difficult and perilous for everyone, but especially for Jeanne...

### REVIEWS

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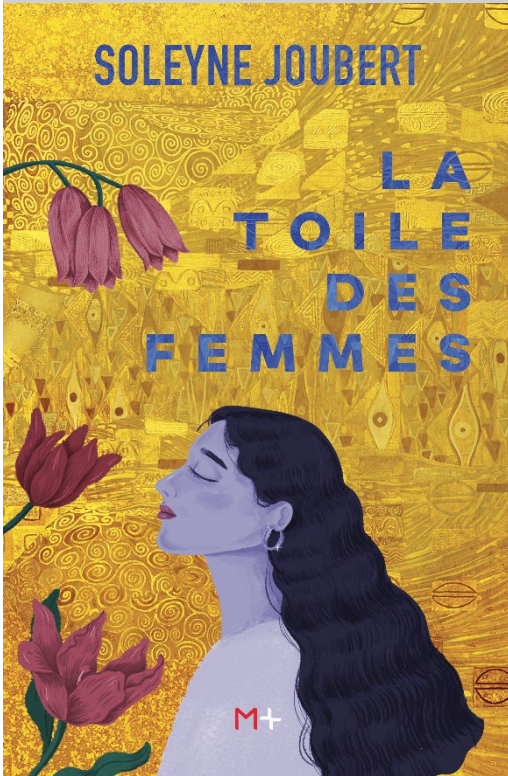
### AUTHOR

Isabelle Chavy was born in 1974. After studying modern literature at the Sorbonne University, she became a school teacher. She now lives in Niort with her husband and their three children. She is the author of 4 best-selling books, L'orpheline de Saint-Aubin (The Orphan of Saint-Aubin, 2015), Le choix d'une vie (The Choice of a Lifetime, 2018), Le secret d'Alix (Alix's Secret, 2021) and Les dames de la Villandière (Ladies of the Villandière, 2021).

### NOTES

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FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** La toile des femmes

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 388  
**WORDS:** 55,000  
**ISBN:** 9782382112229  
**PUBLICATION:** 3/7/2024

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## WOMEN'S CANVAS

By Soleyne Joubert

### KEYNOTE

Esther gives birth, but nothing goes according to plan: Pierre is not by her side, and the baby is too early and sick. When she realises he will not be coming, the feeling of being abandoned plunges her into post-partum depression.

### SELLING POINTS

- A novel as a powerful journey through post-partum depression and recovery.

- **A popular author on social media with 8000+ Instagram followers.**

### DESCRIPTION

Esther and Pierre are in love and work for an NGO in Burkina Faso. Esther is pregnant and has to travel back to France to give birth as the situation where they live is risky. Pierre is due to join her just before the birth, but nothing goes according to Esther's plans. She gives birth too early, Pierre is not by her side, and the baby is not in the best of health. She soon realises that Pierre will not be coming. The feeling of being abandoned, the overall situation and the drop in hormones plunges Esther into a depression that drives her to reject her child, despite the love and support of her family. Separated from her child for fear of harming him, she seeks refuge with her grandmother. There, in the village of her childhood memories, she slowly rebuilds her life and, discovering the power of her roots, gradually learns to accept her motherhood.

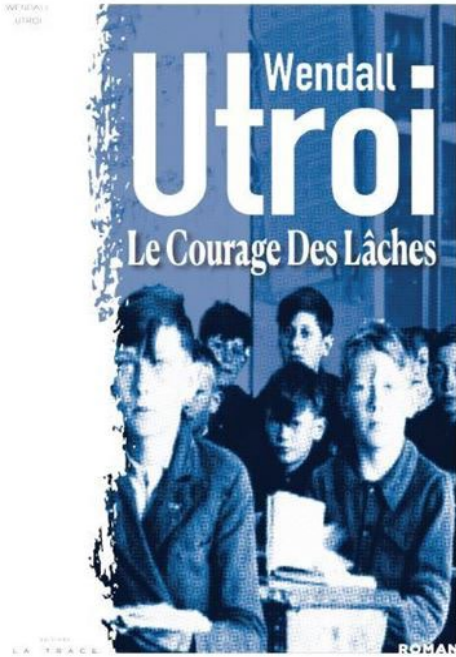
### REVIEWS

### AUTHOR

Soleyne Joubert was born in Paris in 1989. In this debut novel, she unveils a gentle yet violent world in which her own motherhood, her commitment to feminism and her ten years as an expatriate echo. In addition to her work as an author, she shares her creative journey on Instagram to inspire her followers.

### NOTES

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**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Le courage des lâches

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 220  
**WORDS:** TBC  
**ISBN:** 9782487261020  
**PUBLICATION:** 4/4/2024

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## THE COURAGE OF COWARDS

By Wendall Utroi

### KEYNOTE

The tragic destinies of five children as they make their way through the years of German occupation and the country to join the Resistance in Vercors.

### SELLING POINTS

- **An experienced author, also published by Hachette** (Le livre de Poche).
- The destiny of three children caught up in the tumult of the Second World War.
- A story of friendship, love, gifts and sacrifices, courage and cowardice.

### DESCRIPTION

North of France, 1931. Radek, a Polish immigrant, befriends Pierre, Bouboule and Auguste at school. Joined by Eugenie, they become inseparable. When war breaks out, they head off on an exodus to the Vercors, in the Free Zone. The Courage of Cowards is a novel of literary length with dark storylines featuring several children in the 1930s from the coal-mining regions of Northern France. Their tragic fates are revealed as they make their way through the years of German occupation and across the country to join the Resistance in Vercors. This is a story of friendships, love, gifts and sacrifices, courage and cowardice, but it is also undoubtedly a mirror for readers, who are faced with strong emotions and questions.

### REVIEWS

Not yet released

### AUTHOR

Wendall Utroi is a French author of suspense novels. A multi-talented police officer, a criminal investigation officer (OPJ) and instructor, Wendall Utroi is curious about all things and attracted to foreign missions. He began writing his first novel, "Un genou à terre" (Down on one knee), while on a mission in Afghanistan in 2009, followed by "Le dompteur de pluie" (The Rain Tamer), "L'enjeu" (The Stake), "Wanda" and "Comme un phare dans la tourmente" (Like a lighthouse in the storm).

### NOTES

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**A SKY AS BLUE AS A CHAIN**

By Valérie Van Oost

**LANGUAGE:** French**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions**ORIG. TITLE:** Un ciel bleu comme une chaîne**VOLUME(S):** 1**PAGES:** 207**WORDS:** TBC**ISBN:** 9782487261037**PUBLICATION:** 5/9/2024**RIGHTS HELD**

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**KEYNOTE**

Kathy, a prison guard taken into custody, sees her path collide with that of Laure, a lawyer trapped in a comfortable middle-class life. Can you escape a story built on illusions?

**SELLING POINTS**

- **An award-winning, experienced author.**

- An authentic novel based on a true story, The Double Life of Cathy the Prison Guard.

**DESCRIPTION**

Kathy is as fascinated by TV series as she is by tough guys. She left Bondy, with her husband and children, for Vitrolles, a career as a prison guard and the seaside. Placed in police custody, her path crosses that of Laure, a lawyer trapped in the comfortable life she had imagined. These 48 hours will allow them to expose their lies, their flaws, their desires and a shared ambition: to stop playing a role they no longer believe in. But is it possible to escape a story built on illusions? This novel is based on the true story known as "The Double Life of Cathy the Prison Guard". The case is due to go to trial between May and July 2024.

**REVIEWS**

Not yet released

**AUTHOR**

Valérie Van Oost is a former journalist, now an editorial consultant, and has been writing short stories for fun for years. She is the author of Hurler sans bruit (Screaming Silently, 2018) and Les garçons russes ne pleurent jamais (Russian Boys Don't Cry, 2023). In 2010, her short story Rupture sans préavis (Breaking Up Without Notice) won 2nd prize in the short story national competition organised by Causette/Arte. Writing is the common thread running through her professional and personal life.

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**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Mirabelle

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 170  
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**ISBN:** 9782487261013  
**PUBLICATION:** 3/21/2024

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## MIRABELLE

By Philippe Moncho

### KEYNOTE

Benjamin accidentally meets Josephine Buisson, and gradually discovers her work and her tumultuous life. Under the name Mirabelle, from the dark hours of the Resistance through to May 1968, she leaves behind stories of love and death, tears and blood, pieces of history and intimate letters.

### SELLING POINTS

- An epic, historical and poetic dive into the lives of two people who have nothing in common.
- A unique, fast-paced meeting between an old lady writer and former spy and a young writer.
- A poignant slice of life taking readers through the great history of France, from the Occupation to decolonisation.

### DESCRIPTION

Benjamin, a naïve witness to the world of passers-by from his window, accidentally meets Josephine Buisson, an author whose work and tumultuous life he discovers as the pages turn. From dark times in the Resistance, the Vietnam War, the Suez War and Algerian independence, to the barricades of May 1968, Josephine becomes Mirabelle, a name given to her by the network. Josephine in love, Mirabelle a warrior, she sows behind her stories of love and death, tears and blood, pieces of History and intimate letters that Benjamin helps readers discover through his readings. Sometimes leaning against his bedroom window, sometimes opening wide the window of one of Josephine's books, this ingenuous reader moves forward, stirring up a literary draught full of surprises. He lifts Mirabelle's wide-brimmed hat for us to reveal the true face of Josephine Buisson...

An unusual, fast-paced encounter between an old lady writer and former spy and a young writer. Benjamin discovers all of Josephine's work and poignant slices of her life through the great history of France, from the Occupation to decolonisation.

### REVIEWS

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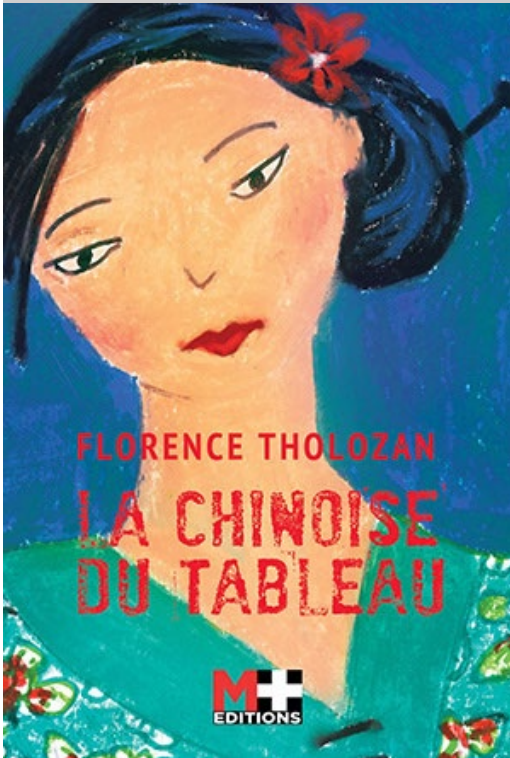
### AUTHOR

An all-round artist, he composed Isadora in 2014 and children's albums Piccule Piccule Storie (Musanostra de la ville de Bastia award in 2018), and Les Contes du Loup in 2019. A writer, he is the author of Pelo et Lua (Pelo and Lua, 2018) and Le Jardin des Anges (The Garden of Angels, 2021). His writing is steeped in the sea and travel, but above all in a sensitive and poetic atmosphere.

### NOTES

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FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** La chinoise du tableau

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 276  
**WORDS:** 73,000  
**ISBN:** 9782490591145  
**PUBLICATION:** 12/12/2019

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## THE CHINESE WOMAN FROM THE PAINTING

By Florence Tholozan

### KEYNOTE

Nothing happens by accident. In love at first sight, Mélisende and Guillaume seem to have known each other all their lives. A mysterious painting that seems to represent them will take them on a journey to China, but also to the past.

### SELLING POINTS

- Already **translated into English, German, Polish and Russian.**
- **Winner of the Authors Words Award in 2020, and the Nautilus Award (for US translation)**
- Finalist of the **2019 Romantic Book Award, the Lions Literature Award 2021, and the Asia 2021 Award.**
- An intercultural and intergenerational journey which takes the reader into the heart of a whirlwind of sweetness and love.

### DESCRIPTION

Melisande and Guillaume's meeting seems unexpected yet predestined. It is true love at first sight. One day, browsing the stands at a garage sale, their gaze falls upon a strange painting. In the foreground, they see a serene Chinese woman, while in the background they spot a couple who could easily be taken for them. They are further intrigued when they notice that Guillaume's precious watch is faithfully reproduced and it seems that the painting really does depict them as a much older couple. How can such a coincidence be possible? Or is there something more to it? When they decide to have this odd painting examined, Melisande and Guillaume do not yet imagine all of the secrets that the Chinese woman is hiding and how much their life will change. To unravel its mysteries, the two lovers set off on a great journey through China... A poetic soft style, a spellbinding story, emotions, and a beautiful ending

### REVIEWS

The Chinese Woman From the Painting is a very sweet novel by Florence Tholozan. In addition to the magic I felt, I especially appreciated the well-crafted writing, which is a marvellous accompaniment to the story. A writing of the fleeting moment... I had a great time on this journey to China, through art and the very fine psychology of the characters. A lovely novel that I highly recommend." - Zoé prend la plume, blog

### AUTHOR

Florence Tholozan lives near Montpellier. She has a degree in clinical psychology and teaches in the Hérault region. As far back as she can remember, she has always had a love of words. The Chinese Woman from the Painting, her first novel has been acclaimed by both the public and the critics. Translated into different languages, including English, German, Polish and Russian, it also won the Authors Words Award in 2020. The success of this first book marks the start of a promising career.

FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Deux feuilles de gingembre

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 326  
**WORDS:** 95,000  
**ISBN:** 9782382111406  
**PUBLICATION:** 3/16/2023

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## TWO GINGER LEAVES

By Sylvie Servan-Schreiber

### KEYNOTE

1965, Edinburgh: Susan Hampton, a young Londoner, discovers that her recently deceased grandmother has bequeathed a house near Tokyo to Japanese people her family knows nothing about.

### SELLING POINTS

- By the author **winner of the prestigious Louis Miller Award de l'Académie française award.**
- Spin-off of the bestseller *The Ginger Tree* (1977), by Oswald Wynd.
- An epistolary novel with a delicate and vivid style.

### DESCRIPTION

In 1965, Susan Hampton, a young Londoner, heads to an Edinburgh notary to settle the estate of Mary Mackenzie, her grandmother, who has spent most of her life in Japan. To her surprise, a substantial bank account goes to her family, but more importantly, a house in Yokohama is passed on to Japanese people the family has never heard of. Who are they? Suzy is determined to unravel the mystery. The only clue is an old black notebook with two dried leaves, which smell slightly of ginger. This is the beginning of a quest that will take the young woman from Paris to Yokohama, revealing the complexity of Japanese society and turning her life upside down. In the process, she will fulfil her dead grandmother's dearest wish. This story is a return to the thwarted destiny of an extraordinary grandmother: Mary Mackenzie, the main character of "*The Ginger Tree*", by Oswald Wynd (1913-1998), which Sylvie Servan-Schreiber translated into French, and which remains a success.

### REVIEWS

"An exotic, addictive novel that gently guides us on the trail of a family story and the fulfillment of a grandmother's last wish." - Zakuro, blog

### AUTHOR

Sylvie Servan-Schreiber lives in Paris. She spent part of her childhood in Scotland and is a trained sinologist. She has written and translated - from English and Chinese - many books about Asia, and published albums about the Chinese zodiac for children. Sylvie Servan-Schreiber received the Louis Miller Prize from the Académie Française in 1988 for *Les Bateaux de Benjamin*. *Deux feuilles de gingembre* is her third novel. It is a sequel to *The Ginger Tree*, by Oswald Wynd (1913-1998), which she translated into French in 1991 and which is still a bestseller. Sylvie Servan-Schreiber has spent time in Nepal, China and Japan and now divides her time between Paris and Brittany.

FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Ou le dernier coquelicot

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 300  
**WORDS:** 48,000  
**ISBN:** 9782382111741  
**PUBLICATION:** 9/28/2023

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## THE LAST POPPY

By Florence Herrlemann

### KEYNOTE

While she is determined to end her life, Leonor discovers a strange house for sale. When she learns that its owner has mysteriously disappeared, she can't resist the urge to unravel its mystery. Dying can wait...

### SELLING POINTS

→ **An author winner of 5 literary awards, including the Readers' Spring 2019 (France) and the Horizon Second Novel Award 2020 (Belgium).**

→ A real page-turner that hooks the reader until the last page.

### DESCRIPTION

After assessing her disastrous life, Leonor, soon to be in her forties, is determined to put an end to an existence that has become unbearable. She gets into her car and drives south. Fate leads her down a small dirt track to the end of which she discovers a house. On its doorstep, a motionless dog seems to be waiting for something. Or someone. The house is for sale. Leonor finds out from local estate agent Robert François that the house was once inhabited by a thriller writer who has since mysteriously disappeared. In this life-size Cluedo, where the hunter becomes the hunted, where death claims the living and where appearances can be deceptive, Leonor plays a triangular game.

### AUTHOR

Multifaceted, Florence Herrlemann started out with theater, then music, sculpture and screenwriting, before moving behind the camera. Her first novel, The Lizard's Feast, met with great success on the blogosphere. His second novel, The Apartment Below, won five literary awards in France and Belgium.

**THEY WERE WAITING FOR ME**

By Tom Noti



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Elles m'attendaient

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 160  
**WORDS:** 40,000  
**ISBN:** 9791097515171  
**PUBLICATION:** 4/12/2019

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**KEYNOTE**

A former abused child, now adult, Max, even if he has found love, decides to leave when his daughter is going to be born to preserve her from his traumas. The start of a descent into hell...

**SELLING POINTS**

→ **Translated into Greek and Persian.**

→ **Winner of the Lettres Frontière Award in 2020.**

→ A social panorama that illustrates the vicious spiral of an abused child.

**DESCRIPTION**

Two people love each other and their loneliness are magnetized. It sounds like a simple and luminous love story, but there are the shadows that Max hides behind his silence... Max is rather introverted and highly sensitive. Even with his colleagues, he is somewhat distant. When his girl-friend Halley finds out she is pregnant, they decide to get married. Fatherhood is a commitment that worries Max. Abused as a child, he was placed in a foster family at a very young age. He has never known love and does not know what a family is, nor how he should love his child. The birth of little Rosie will be the start of Max's descent into hell, caught up in the whirlwind of unconditional and boundless fatherly love. Out of love for his daughter and to avoid her suffering as he suffered as a child, Max decides to live on the streets. Rosie will have to learn to grow up with this unconventional father, whom she seeks to hide to avoid rejection from the other children at school.

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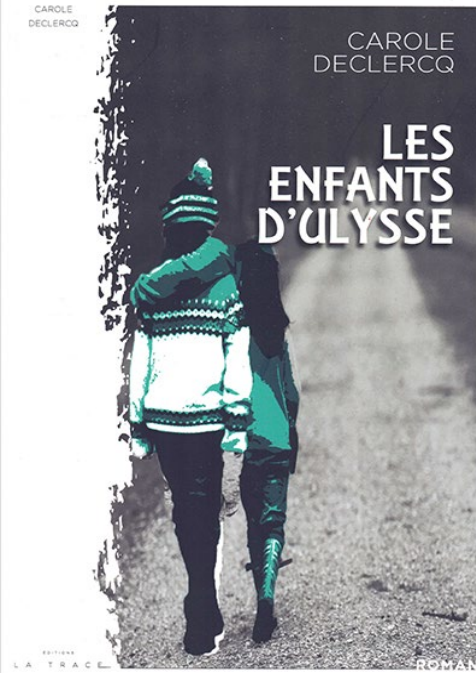
"A poignant novel. The power of the right words. A true masterpiece."  
 – Contrepoints

"This novel is about love, crazy love, sacrifice, loneliness and emptiness. The feeling of not belonging anywhere remains when one has lived too close to misfortune." – Babelio

"This novel is a wave of emotions! The reader undeniably gets attached to the characters of this moving love story. And what a love story! It is so... intense! The topic is original and shakes all our certainties." - Babelio

**AUTHOR**

Tom Noti lives in the hollow of majestic mountains, which are his life source. His stories are about people who push forward, regardless of the feelings that weigh heavily on their shoulders or the burdens they carry. He has written several novels, including The Shipwrecked of the Waiting Room, published by Paul&Mike and the successful They Were Waiting for Me, published by La Trace Publishing and winner of the 2020 Lettres Frontière Award.



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Les enfants d'Ulysse

**VOLUME(S):** 1

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**ISBN:** 9791097515331

**PUBLICATION:** 1/12/2021

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## ULYSSES' CHILDREN

By Carole Declercq

**KEYNOTE**

After the dramatic dismantling of the Idomeni refugee camp in Macedonia, Ferial, a little Afghan girl, tries to reach Austria with her brother. They will meet an old woman, who will change the course of their tragic story.

**SELLING POINTS**

→ **Translated into Persian.**

→ **Winner of the 2022 Roman Cezam Award, and the 2021 Alpes Isère habitat Award.**

→ The tragedy of migrants is a relevant topic among current social discourse.

→ A powerful story told with sensitivity, poetry, and even a touch of humour.

**DESCRIPTION**

The Idomeni refugee camp in Macedonia, whose conditions for migrants are terrible, is dismantled. The road to the Balkans will not reopen. Every day, every night, more migrants are turned away at the border, and many young people have disappeared into the wilderness. Ferial, a little Afghan girl trying to reach Austria with her brother, is a painful example. With no other alternative but to leave the camp at the risk of being forced to return to Afghanistan, they take refuge in the surrounding mountains. But a meeting with Elliniki, an old Greek woman who lives in seclusion in the wild Paiko massif, will change the course of this tragic story. Overwhelmed by so much misery, she will open her heart, which had been closed off by her own history, that of a people uprooted by war. She reaches out to the two teenagers to welcome them into her modest home. She will display compassion and love for these two exiles lost in a strange world far from their suffering. In the end, they will realize they are not so different, after all...

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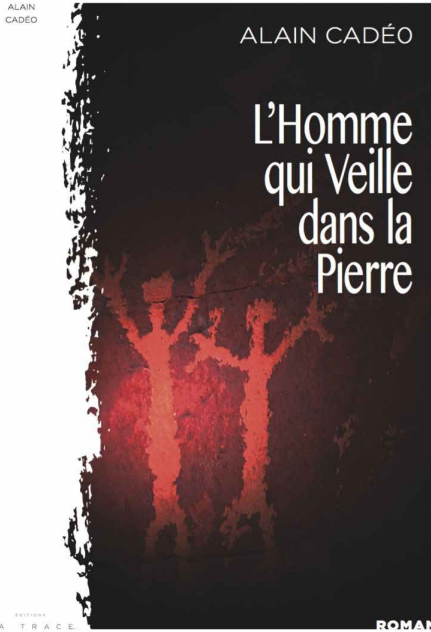
"Carole Declercq's writing is full of generosity and sincerity. A modern odyssey that she tells with great sensitivity, making her characters endearing. Dazzlingly accurate, this epic constantly questions the reader's values." - Amazon

**AUTHOR**

A teacher of literature and ancient languages, with a passion for history, sociology, and life stories, Carole Declercq cannot imagine writing without roots in a historical or social context. This leads the reader to reflect and resonate with characters who are always strong, romantic, and emblematic. She seeks to translate the psychological mechanics that provoke action and commitment. Writing is also for her a means to speak for those who do not dare.

## THE MAN WHO WAITS IN THE STONE

By Alain Cadéo



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** La Trace Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** L'homme qui veille dans la pierre

**VOLUME(S):** 1

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### KEYNOTE

The story of a man in search of the truth, on the trail of his brother, missed in a lava flow on the other side of the world, twenty years before. A path full of discovery.

### SELLING POINTS

→ **By the author winner of the prestigious Marcel Pagnol Award, the Plume d'Or Antibes Award and the Gilbert Dupé Award.**

→ A sequel of the successful book *Mayacumbra*, which can be read separately.

→ The diary of a being who discovers a crazy love for innocence and beauty, the universal of every moment lived far from the glue of fears, noise and greed.

### DESCRIPTION

More than a novel, this book is a diary kept by a homely painter, Augustin, drawn out of his cocoon to find, as he promised, traces of his brother Theo who disappeared in a lava flow on the other side of the world, twenty years before. Augustin, whose only thread was for a long time the simple pleasure of painting without ever bonding to any one, confesses: "I was lulled by colors. And then I always tended to let myself be guided by the whimsical acupuncture of chance. Yes, I have always had total confidence in what is foolishly called fate." This diary, entirely dedicated to a little girl living in a village of lost souls under the protection of a volcano, is the story of a being who discovers a crazy love for innocence and beauty, the universal of every moment lived far from the glue of fears, noise and greed. Alain Cadéo offers the reader a story, almost like a diary, that carries him along the crest of a beautiful writing wave. The foam of beautiful words.

### REVIEWS

"Alain Cadéo's writing never disappoints. It's a timeless interlude, a gentle pause in a world of chaos, a simple, accessible poetry that turns everyday words into pearls to be threaded into the necklace of life." - Babelio

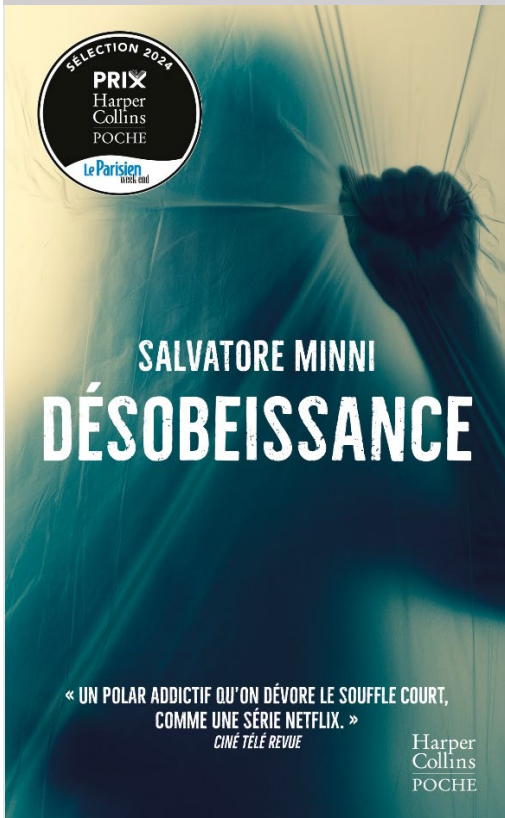
### AUTHOR

Alain Cadéo is the author of numerous works (short stories, novels, texts, plays), including *Stanislas* (1983), first prize Marcel Pagnol 1983, and *Macadam Epitaphe* (1986), *Plume d'Or Antibes* and *Prix Gilbert Dupé*. After being published by *Mercure de France*, he has been published by *La Trace Publishing* since 2018.

**THRILLERS,  
SUSPENSE,  
MYSTERY  
& COSY-MYSTERY**



FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Désobéissance

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 330  
**WORDS:** 72,000  
**ISBN:** 9782382111369  
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## DISOBEDIENT

By Salvatore Minni

### KEYNOTE

When Sarah crosses paths with a dead little girl who asks for her help, she has no idea that following her will lead her to the door of a man racked by grief and madness.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Top 3 best-selling title in Belgium.**
- **Winner of the 2023 Lecteur Club Award for best Belgian author, and finalist to the 2023 HarperCollins Poche award, and the 2023 Noir Charbon award.**
- **Pocket-Book rights sold to HarperCollins, at auction.**
- **A multi-awarded author.**

### DESCRIPTION

Guillaume is on a business trip when his ex-wife calls to share her concerns about the insecurity in her neighborhood. Suddenly, the call is abruptly interrupted and the phone rings into the void... When Guillaume arrives, he finds his ex-wife and daughter Mia between life and death. Despite the care provided by the emergency services, they die. Guillaume's grief brings back the ghosts of the past, gradually transforming him into the father he hated. He's determined to rebuild his family at any cost, but how far will he go? Sarah, a passionate career woman in her forties, is hit by a car while jogging, forcing her to slow down. On her way out of hospital, she meets a little girl who asks for her help. However, Sarah learns that this little girl has died in the same hospital. Hallucination or ghostly vision? Despite her hesitations, Sarah finally agrees to help the little girl. What connection does she have with her? Why is she asking her to find her father? Perhaps her sessions with the psychologist will provide some answers. Danger lurks, but Sarah is too absorbed in what's happening to realize it. Will she emerge from this quest unscathed?

### REVIEWS

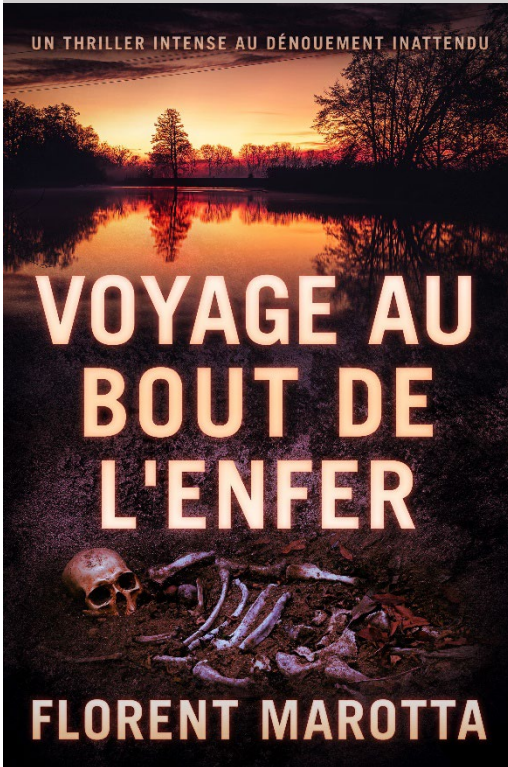
"A Machiavellian plot." - Jérôme Toledano, Lirbairie Les Cyclades

"An addictive novel." - Partick Chimera, Librairie Club

### AUTHOR

Salvatore Minni lives and works in Brussels. A professional translator, he started writing at an early age. He was revealed to the public with "Anamèse", finalist for the 2019 Club Readers' Award, which rewards the Belgian author of the year. He won in 2018 the Mot Passant Award with Claustrations, and in 2019 Balai d'Or Jury's Favourite Award, also with Claustrations.

FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Chambre Noire Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Voyage au bout de l'enfer

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 488

**WORDS:** 160,000

**ISBN:** 9782494715189

**PUBLICATION:** 3/29/2024

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## A TRIP TO THE BOTTOM OF HELL

By Florent Marotta

#### KEYNOTE

The mutilated body of a woman, found in a park, will bring Lucie face to face with her own demons.

#### SELLING POINTS

- **Winner of the 2023 Sherlock Award.**

- A rich, dense, complex, well researched and fascinating investigation.

- A fast pace, a suspense rising to a crescendo and a tension that increases until it is ready to explode.

#### DESCRIPTION

Captain Lucie Delavier integrates the criminal department of the Lyon police force. She got what she wanted: a position in the criminal department and above all a position as group leader. She will have to fit in with the team she leads, which is exclusively made up of men. She is quickly thrown into action when the mutilated body of a woman is found in a park on the outskirts of the city... the horrifying scene continues with the discovery of a pile of human beings, in a tangle of limbs in various degrees of decomposition. Clues are scarce or non-existent. The investigation is going nowhere. The only similarity between all these victims is that they belong to a school with educational methods inspired by anthroposophy. It is then the beginnings of a much more deadly, terrible and fascinating case. This first investigation will bring her face to face with her own demons. She will have to make careful and calculated decisions, to prove that she belongs as a woman in this men's team. It will take all the dedication of her team to disrupt the merciless intrigue that has been set in motion. This is the beginning of her terrifying journey, following a trail of esoterism and blood, to the edges of Hell.

#### REVIEWS

"Florent Marotta nous entraîne dans une histoire passionnante et captivante, aux rebondissements multiples, à la manière d'un puzzle macabre." Amazon reader

"Une lecture qui m'a troublé tout au long de son récit et une histoire cachée qui m'a bousculé dans sa vérité trop longtemps tenue secrète." Amazon reader

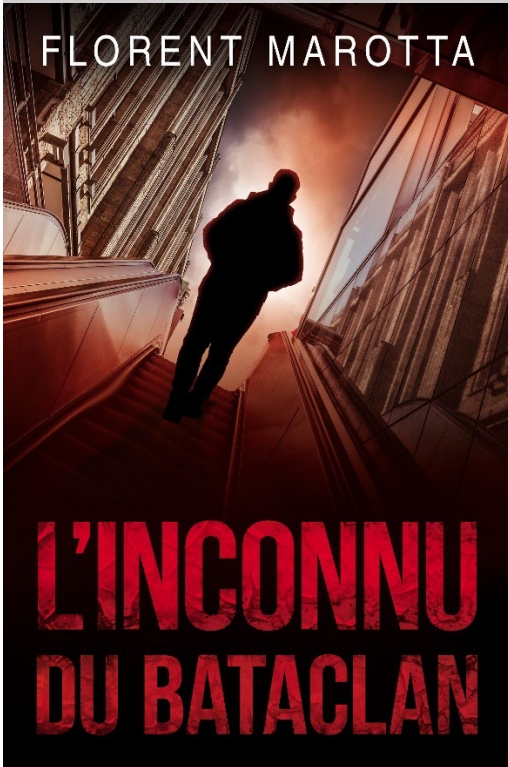
#### AUTHOR

Florent Marotta is the author of some fifteen books, thrillers and fantasy. He was a paratrooper in the 3rd RPIMa, a UN soldier in a dying ex-Yugoslavia and an officer in the French police force. He now devotes himself to writing.

#### NOTES

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FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Chambre Noire Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** L'inconnu du Bataclan

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 400

**WORDS:** 140,000

**ISBN:** 9782494715196

**PUBLICATION:** 4/12/2024

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**THE BATACLAN JOHN DOE**

By Florent Marotta

**KEYNOTE**

At the Bataclan, Islamic terrorists slaughtered a hundred people. Five years later, a woman who survived the massacre is found dead at her house, and the police have doubts.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **By the author winner of the 2023 Sherlock award.**
- An intense, fast-paces thriller, echoing with reality.

**DESCRIPTION**

"People fell one after the other and the wave of panic pulled us apart. I did what I could. I was terrified. I wanted to get back to find my mother, and yet, if I turned around I was running towards certain death. I was a coward that day." In November 13, 2015 at the Bataclan music hall in Paris, during a concert, Islamic terrorists slaughter hundreds of people. In January 2, 2021, in Seine-Saint-Denis, near Paris, a housebreaking among many others turns out badly. Captain Huttin, in charge of the investigation, has doubts. Is it really fate that has taken its toll on this Bataclan survivor? Or does this crime hide an even more horrible truth? While the city goes out of control, the Islamic terrorists weave their web. Drug dealers die under the gun of a mysterious killer. Politicians lure the worst criminals in order to win the elections. Huttin operates in a powder keg. And when his investigation collides head-on with the horrors committed by Daesh eight years earlier and the Bataclan attacks, the explosion is imminent.

**REVIEWS**

"A thriller that grabs you by the gut, a plot chiselled with a combat knife, short but fast-paced chapters, a suspense that holds the tension throughout." - Babelio

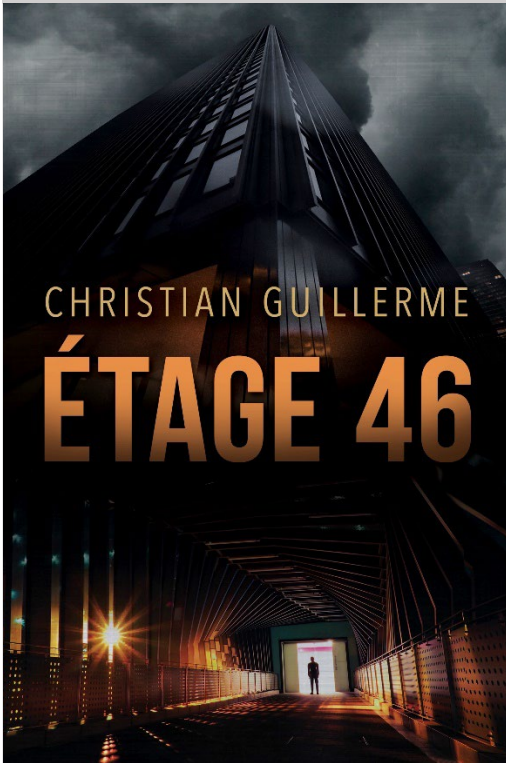
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FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Chambre Noire Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Etage 46

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 312

**WORDS:** 62,000

**ISBN:** 9782494715134

**PUBLICATION:** 2/23/2024

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## FLOOR 46

By Christian Guillerme

### KEYNOTE

At the end of an evening, when Patrick finds himself alone and trapped in the lift, he begins to wonder whether someone has pranked him... or whether he is right to feel the panic and fear that are starting to run through his veins...?

### SELLING POINTS

- A closed-doors thriller that takes the reader into an unsettling, oppressive, anxiety-inducing atmosphere that won't let up until the very last word.

### DESCRIPTION

Patrick has no enemies. His colleagues like him. He's even legendary for his sense of humour. But Patrick is locked in a lift, trapped between four metal walls in his company's building. At first, he thinks it's a bad joke. But when neither he nor his jailer seem to be in the mood for a joke, he's left with only one option: escape, at the risk of being consumed by this steel monster. In this 45-storey building, the key to his survival may well lie on floor 46... In this gripping thriller written in a captivating, cinematic style, the reader can't help but drowning.

### REVIEWS

"Claustrophobics beware, you might lose some hair. I must confess, I'll never get into a lift again without thinking of this thriller. It's skilfully plotted and brilliantly written. I kept wondering why and how, and I was way off the mark." Amazon Reader

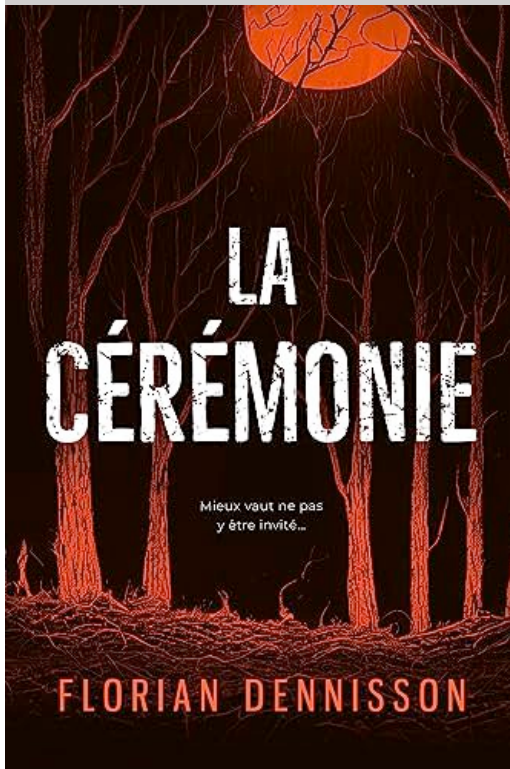
### AUTHOR

Christian Guillerme is a French author, originally from the Paris suburb. After a long career as a bassist in various Parisian metal bands, he is now Project Manager in a major insurance company in the La Defense business district in Paris. His previous books, "Transaction", "Urbex Sed Lex" (Taurada éditions) and "La corde de mi" (LBS éditions) keep getting success. The exploration of new settings as backdrops for his novels - the depths of a tower block in La Défense (Etage 46), recording studios (La corde de mi), urban exploration (Urbex Sed Lex) and the world of online classified ads (Transaction) - all contribute to his success.

### NOTES

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FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Chambre Noire Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** La Cérémonie

**VOLUME(S):** 3

**PAGES:** 371

**WORDS:** 90,000

**ISBN:** 9782494715127

**PUBLICATION:** 10/13/2023

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## THE CEREMONY (MAXIME MONCEAU SERIES #3)

By Florian Denisson

### KEYNOTE

You're invited to The Ceremony. On the program: a bloodthirsty investigation with Sergeant Maxime Monceau that's sure to plunge you into a frightening psychosis.

### SELLING POINTS

- The last sequel of a successful trilogy, with **120,000+ copies sold**.
- A series **translated into 4 languages**
- An addictive, Machiavellian page-turner, full of twists and turns, that keeps the reader up all night and makes him dread opening a letter
- A must-read for fans of The Sinner series and for fans of dark, mysterious thrillers.
- Fine psychological portraits for endearing characters.

### DESCRIPTION

Have you received an invitation? If you did, run! As corpses pile up, they all seem to have one thing in common: an invitation to a mysterious ceremony. Now assigned to the Chambéry Research Unit, Sergeant Maxime Monceau, a specialist in deciphering non-verbal language, is plunged into a case of violent murders, the macabre staging of which seems to echo strange esoteric rituals. A clue soon emerges: each of the serial killer's prey has been invited to a ceremony, the exact nature of which no one knows. However, disturbing and familiar elements worry Maxime. What if the murders are linked to the sergeant's past? How can he keep a cool head when a raven threatens him and his former teammate Boris, adding to the young man's psychosis? Is Maxime losing his footing? Between old demons and a bloodthirsty monster, Maxime Monceau will have to do everything he can to keep his head above water.

### REVIEWS

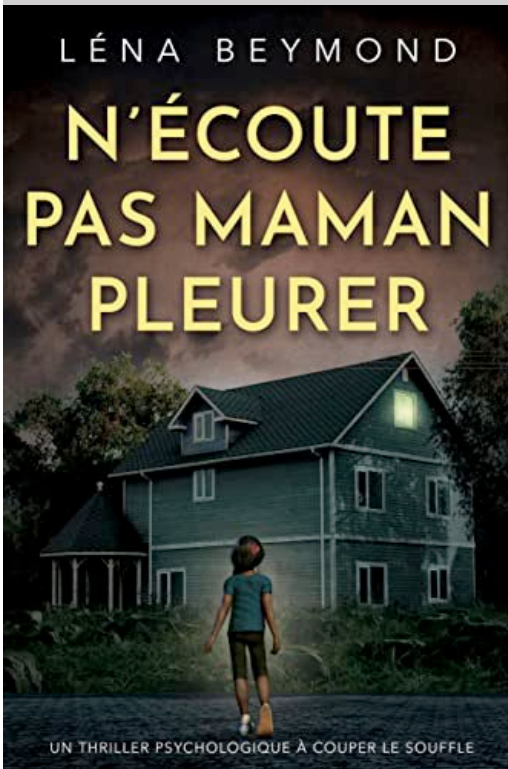
"Incisive, hard-hitting, sensitive and visual style. The distressing, oppressive atmosphere is perfectly mastered and strikingly realistic. A third opus that brings this Maxime Monceau series to a brilliant close, but I hope to see this character again very soon..." - Amazon  
"From the moment you start it, you can't stop. - Amazon

### AUTHOR

After traveling around the world and recording albums with various bands, Florian Denisson traded his guitar for a pen and decided to live from his novels in 2015. That same year, he created Chambre Noire, his own publishing house specializing in mystery fiction, thrillers, crime, and suspense novels. As a passionate reader of Agatha Christie's novels since a very young age, his favo-rite genre is detective stories, but he likes to tell any story where suspense is a major part.

### NOTES

FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Chambre Noire Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** N'écoute pas Maman pleurer

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 378

**WORDS:** 71,000

**ISBN:** 9798376661543

**PUBLICATION:** 2/10/2023

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## DON'T LISTEN TO MOMMY CRYING

By Léna Beymond

### KEYNOTE

Léna doesn't know what to expect when a criminal asks her to defend him as his lawyer. Especially when she finds photos of herself among the images of the children he supposedly murdered...

### SELLING POINTS

→ **10,000+ copies sold. An Amazon bestseller since release.**

→ A breathtaking psychological thriller.

→ A surprising plot that doesn't tire the reader from start to finish.

### DESCRIPTION

Peter Matthews, a photographer, has just been arrested for the murders of two children. To defend him, he chooses young lawyer Sharon Sorenson, whose first criminal case it is. He claims to be innocent, but when a third child is discovered on his instructions, locked in the trunk of a car, the police no longer believe him. Specialized in Family Law, Sharon Sorensen is quite surprised to have been chosen by this prisoner, who only wants her to defend him. Intrigued, she travels across the country to seek to defend Peter Matthews, whose guilt all the evidence points to. Cold, arrogant and manipulative, he seems to know her well. She begins to question why this man has chosen her to defend him, but when the police find stolen photos of Sharon among the missing children's photos at the suspect's home, her doubts and fears only increase. The ghosts in Sharon's mind will awaken and bring to light some very well buried truths.

### REVIEWS

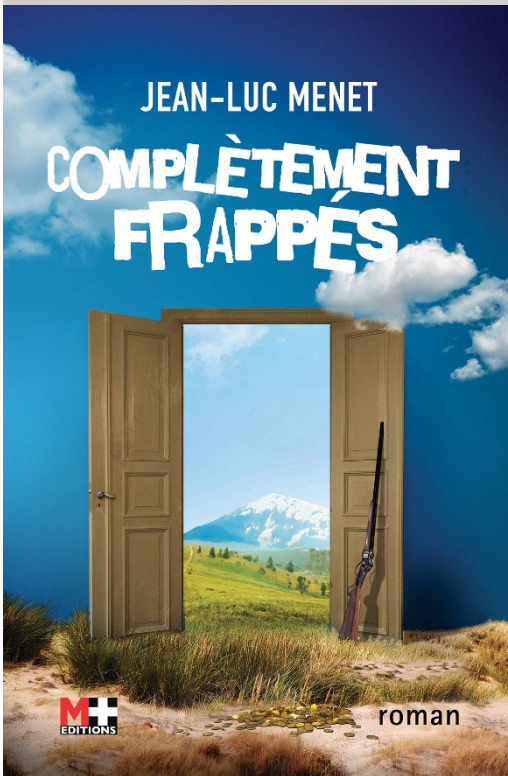
"A thriller that grips you from the very first pages. You quickly sense that the truth is far more complex than it seems. The author skilfully draws us into the reconstruction of a painful past that eventually explodes. A gripping psychological thriller." - Aurore au pays des livres, reviewer

"A skilfully distilled suspense that keeps us doubting until the very end, complex characters, a good cocktail to be enjoyed without moderation!" - Amazon

### AUTHOR

Léna Beymond is a French author. In 2013, she published her first thriller, *The Widow's Crime*, which paid tribute to Agatha Christie by appropriating the genre's codes. She also tried her hand at "locked room mystery" with a work in the tradition of John Dickson Carr and Paul Halter entitled *The Curse of Imhotep*. *Don't Listen To Mummy Crying*, a breathtaking psychological thriller, will be released in 2023. Léna Beymond lives in Mulhouse, where she combines her life as an author with her job as a civil servant.

FICTION - LITERARY



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Complètement frappés

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 470

**WORDS:** 96,000

**ISBN:** 9782382111970

**PUBLICATION:** 11/23/2023

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## COMPLETELY STRUCK

By Jean-Luc Menet

### KEYNOTE

When a man who turns up at Gôt'ché home to retrieve a treasure that was left there many years ago, an unlikely team emerges, and the quest begins in the form of a crazy road trip.

### SELLING POINTS

- Colourful, endearing characters.
- An incredibly wacky and crazy road trip.

### DESCRIPTION

On his birthday, Gôt'ché Maurel, a lonely old bear, is spending a quiet evening alone at home when someone knocks on his door. The man who turns up is the former owner of the house and has come to retrieve a treasure that was left there many years ago. Five other people will turn up at Gôt'ché's that evening. An unlikely team emerges, and the quest begins in the form of a crazy road trip, during which bonds are forged, unravelled and rekindled. Jean-Paul, the fugitive, and his sidekick Cyrielle, along with Gôt'ché's neighbours Odette and Armand, and his daughter Géraldine, will travel the length and breadth of France together. This unusual crew will be settling scores, solving personal problems and making their way as best they can towards a treasure that may not be what they think it is... A beautiful initiatory journey from which they will not return unscathed.

### REVIEWS

### AUTHOR

Jean-Luc Menet won the Grand Prix of the Société des Poètes et Artistes de France. He completed his PhD in mechanical engineering in 1991, and became professor at the University of Valenciennes the following year. He is the author and co-author of several scientific works on Environmental Studies. "Completely Struck" is his fifth novel.

### NOTES

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FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Sans laisser d'adresse

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 300  
**WORDS:** 60,000  
**ISBN:** 9782382112113  
**PUBLICATION:** 3/7/2024

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## VANISHED

By Pierre Molina

### KEYNOTE

A chilling psychological drama about love and the desire to give birth, in which dread slowly but surely creeps under the reader's skin.

### SELLING POINTS

- A novel that shows the lengths to which any of us can go to protect our happiness and what belongs to us.
- A family drama and a psychological drama, "Vanished" is a tale of love, hate and despair.

### DESCRIPTION

"If I am to find the energy to survive, I only want to keep this tiny fragment of mercy that is left in you, and hope to see you again on the other side, if hell does not exist." A phone call will change the destiny of Nicolas Verlet, a successful writer. It unveils the dark twists and turns of his past and reveals the manipulations and tragedies that have engulfed his family. Consumed by guilt, he decides to take his own life. Before he dies, he leaves his wife, Alice, a gripping manuscript. A vibrant testimony that sheds light on the circumstances of his desperate act and lifts the veil on a devastating secret, meticulously concealed within his family line.

### REVIEWS

### AUTHOR

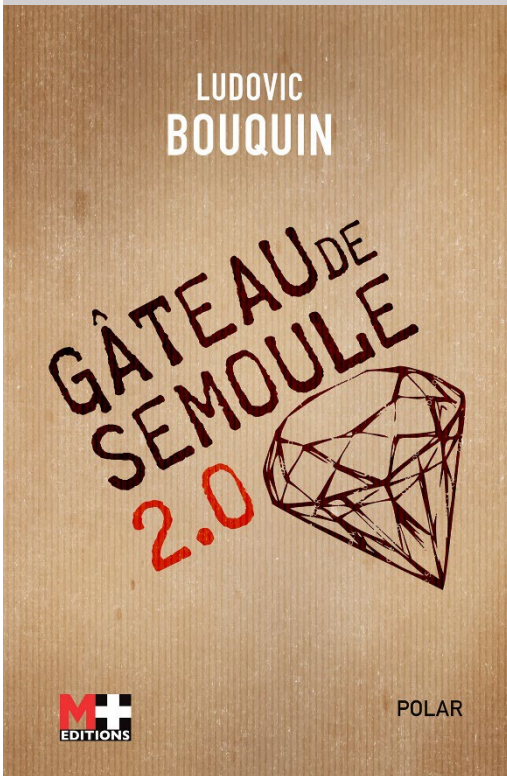
Born in 1966, Pierre Molina is an economist and the director of a marketing research institute. With a passion for detective stories and psychological thrillers, he draws his inspiration from a wealth of reading to create captivating plots. "Vanished" is his first novel.

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FICTION - THRILLER



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** M+ Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Gateau de semoule 2.0

**VOLUME(S):** 1  
**PAGES:** 288  
**WORDS:** 56,000  
**ISBN:** 9782382111932  
**PUBLICATION:** 10/26/2024

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## SEMOLINA CAKE 2.0

By Ludovic Bouquin

### KEYNOTE

An authentic crime thriller from the south-west of France. A background of drug trafficking, a dose of cybercrime, a hint of amateurism, a story with the sweet flavour of teenage years.

### SELLING POINTS

- A subtle, clever and perfectly plotted novel.
- Inspired by the true story of bales of cocaine having been discovered on Atlantic beaches.

### DESCRIPTION

Bales of pure cocaine are washing up on the beaches of the Atlantic coast, spat out by the ocean. The treasure is not lost to everyone. Four childhood friends decide to seize the opportunity, regardless of the risks. Florence Lasserre leads a simple, well-ordered life. In the space of a few days, her mother-in-law is accused of computer hacking. She runs into her former classmates, to whom life seems to have been kind. Superintendent Nekka finds herself assigned to investigate the Lasserre family's circle of friends, alongside her cyber-crime inspector. From drama to discovery, Florence finds herself at the heart of their investigation and discovers that appearances are often misleading.

### REVIEWS

### AUTHOR

Ludovic Bouquin grew up in the Ivory Coast. From his years in Africa, he brought back colours and atmospheres that he treasured when he moved to the South-West of France, where he now lives. He divides his time between computers and writing. Spontaneous Remission is his first novel, a story whose contours are largely shaped by the swirls of his childhood. Semolina Cake 2.0 is his sixth published novel.

### NOTES

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**ROMANCE,  
ROMANTASY,  
SUSPENSE ROMANCE,  
YA ROMANCE**

FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Red Falcon

**VOLUME(S):** 1 + Spin off

**PAGES:** 400

**WORDS:** 106,000

**ISBN:** 9782381511405

**PUBLICATION:** 10/13/2023

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**RED FALCON**

By Aurore Payelle

**KEYNOTE**

No one dares go near Weston, the hockey team's striker, because of his reputation. Charlie, the captain's little sister, must stay away from him. But curiosity drives her to defy all bans and find out what the hockey player is hiding.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **20,000+ copies sold in less than 3 months.**

- Well-crafted tension and intense chemistry make for a captivating read.

- Well-crafted, deep and moving characters.

- A perfect balance between romance and plot.

- A story about the impact trauma can have on health, a powerful topic that is very well described.

**DESCRIPTION**

Weston Parker, striker for his university hockey team, is an outcast among his fellow students. Ever since he was accused of assaulting one of his team-mates, no one dares approach him - his reputation is ahead of him. Charlie, the Huskies captain's little sister, is joining her brother Bill in Seattle for her third year of nursing school. It's time for her to wipe the past clean and rebuild herself in this new city. Bill has only one condition: that she stays away from his team members... and especially away from Weston. But curiosity, that nasty flaw, pushes Charlie to defy all bans and find out what the hockey player is hiding. Is Weston impulsive and secretive? Charlie doesn't believe it for a moment. Drawn to him like a moth to a flame, she ignores the warnings. But getting involved with Weston could turn out to be more dangerous than it seems. As much for her heart as for her safety...

**REVIEWS**

"Let's be like Weston, let's live for ourselves and make mistakes, that's the only way to become a good person". - Marie Berteloot, Babelio

**AUTHOR**

Aurore has loved creating stories for as long as she can remember. A professional illustrator, she has discovered that words are a far more powerful tool than the pictures she creates with her pencils and her graphics tablet. She's a curious writer, who likes to build story worlds from scratch and play with her readers' emotions (yes, she's one of those sadistic authors who builds suspense everywhere she can, all the time). When she writes, she likes to immerse herself in her story world, headphones on and a good playlist playing. She dives headfirst into her different imaginary worlds, to share with readers the thoughts she has in her head.

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FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Il était une fois

**VOLUME(S):** 2  
**PAGES:** 523  
**WORDS:** 111,000  
**ISBN:** 9782379934889  
**PUBLICATION:** 11/24/2023

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## ONCE UPON A TIME #1 - MY FIRST KISS

By Juliette Pierce & Chloé Smys

### KEYNOTE

Most romances begin with a shadowy character from a tortured past. What if readers were to witness Prince Charming's descent into hell? Would he always find redemption?

### SELLING POINTS

- **10,000+ copies sold in 3 months.**
- A duology that takes readers into the magic of first times, before plunging them into a whirlwind of much darker emotions.

### DESCRIPTION

I was eight when Wolfe kissed me for the first time. I've been waiting eight years for him to do it again. I've always been in love with him, but I've never dared tell him how I feel. Perhaps because of the thousands of miles that separate us. Or his reputation as a bad boy. So when he showed up at my high school for the start of my senior year, I saw it as fate. He's got all the makings of Prince Charming: quarterback for the soccer team, handsome as hell, and protective as hell. But my life is far from a fairy tale. I've hidden my demons from him, and I'm not sure he'll be able to accept them. Not to mention a major obstacle: our fathers can't stand each other. But I've read a lot of stories, and I know that love can break all curses. And what better way than with a kiss? Wolfe promised me it wouldn't be the last...

### REVIEWS

"An emotional rollercoaster".

"A story that is overwhelming, painful, moving, intense and full of emotion, written with an addictive and gripping style."

"A masterful slap in the face."

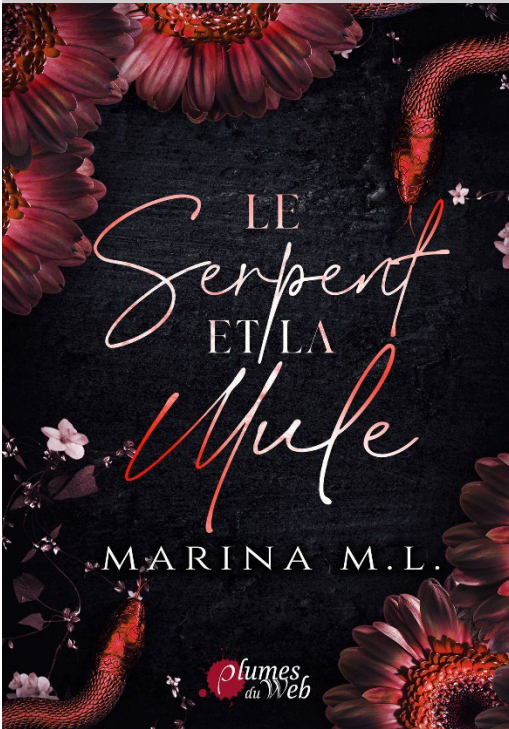
### AUTHOR

Chloé Smys & Juliette Pierce are known among readers as a leading duo at Black Ink Editions. Their joint titles are a huge success, especially in their chosen field: dark romance. With 8 titles to their name with Black Ink Editions, they have sold 60,000+ copies.

### NOTES

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FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Le Serpent et la Mule

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 560

**WORDS:** 155,000

**ISBN:** 9782381511559

**PUBLICATION:** 2/14/2024

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## THE SNAKE AND THE MULE

By Marina M. L.

### KEYNOTE

When her little brother gets involved with the cartels, Camila must sacrifice herself and become a mule for the cruel and ruthless man known as the Snake. Can two broken souls with no common ground find each other in the midst of chaos?

### SELLING POINTS

- **1+ million Wattpad readers.**
- Strong, addictive writing.
- A dark romance with just the right amount of action.
- Two opposing souls find each other, two worlds collide.

### DESCRIPTION

Drugs, death... Camila is no stranger to them, having been immersed in them against her will since birth. Yet she has only one dream: to get her journalism degree and leave her favela to keep her family away from the influence of the cartels. But when her little brother follows in his father's footsteps and gets involved in their affairs, she has to sacrifice herself and her values to save him from death. The young woman is forced to become a mule and work for the man known as the Snake: a cruel and ruthless man who has a firm grip on one of Brazil's most influential drugs networks. Although the attraction between them is obvious, it is equally impossible. Pedro embodies the dark past she is trying to escape from. And to him, Camila is nothing more than the perfect plaything to satisfy his most unhealthy addictions. But between violence, betrayal and settling scores, the little mule may well prove more useful than expected. So, why should he let her go?

### REVIEWS

"What a wonderful pen, what a story! I loved every chapter, every page, every line! Two opposing souls discovering each other, two colliding worlds." - Amazon

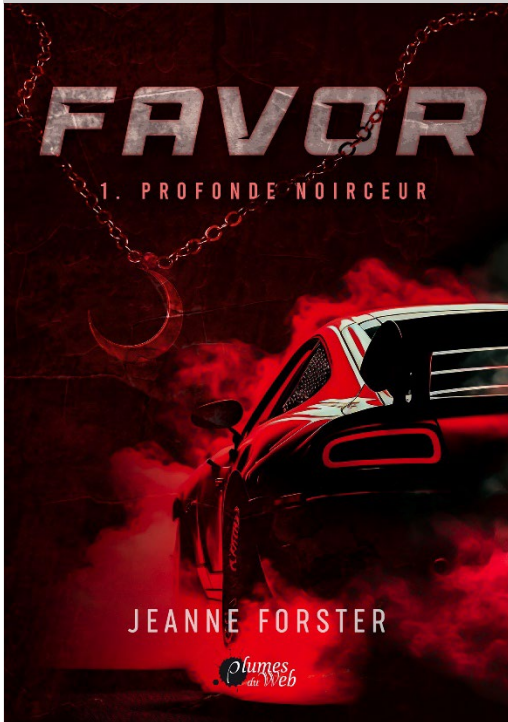
### AUTHOR

Marina M.L. lives in the North East of France. A nurse and mother of two, she wrote her first words at their bedside. A romance lover, she enjoys reading and writing as a means of escape. It was in 2021, on Wattpad, that she shared her first story, a dark romance: The Snake and the Mule, which reached over a million reads in just a few months.

### NOTES

Trigger Warnings: Torture and murder as part of a settling of scores; Psychological, physical and sexual violence; Sexual assault and rape; Bullying, threats and intimidation; Suicide; Explicit sex scenes (each explicit sex scene is consensual for both protagonists).

FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Favor T1 : Profonde  
Noirceur

**VOLUME(S):** 2

**PAGES:** 560

**WORDS:** 133,000

**ISBN:** 9782381511573

**PUBLICATION:** 2/23/2024

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**FAVOR #1**

By Jeanne Forster

**KEYNOTE**

When Emmy discovers that her rival, whom she has defeated in an illegal car race, is in fact the new student at her prestigious high school... she's in for a shock! He has a hard time coping with the defeat, and the competition between them begins, mixing hatred and attraction.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **1.5 million Wattpad readers in just a few months.**
- **A popular author on TikTok, with 8300+ fans.**
- Themed around illegal car racing and sign language.
- A stunning, immersive and addictive writing style.

**DESCRIPTION**

Warmer Black has been immersed in the adrenalin and danger of car racing for a long time. He's the champion, and he knows it. Victory or nothing. Especially since Warm has no choice but to save his family: he can't lose. Emory Hudgens knows the risks involved in taking part in this kind of event. No one has ever been able to surprise her, until the day she competes against the new racer in her small Australian town. Even though he's just as good as she is, she still manages to win and, in the process, lose him ten thousand dollars. When the young woman discovers that her opponent is in fact the new student at her prestigious high school... she's in for a shock! The young racer has a hard time coping with the defeat, and the competition between them begins, mixing hatred and attraction. Warm will stop at nothing to get his silent friend to fall for him and reveal her darkest demons. But Emmy knows she's not the only one hiding secrets. And behind her silence lies a fierce determination to find out. No matter the consequences.

**REVIEWS**

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**AUTHOR**

Jeanne Forster, is a student currently living in a town in the North East of France. She first took up writing when she was given a pen and paper. Straight away, her tender heart turned to romance. It was on a whim that she started writing on Wattpad, and a few months later she hit the million milestone with her first story, Favor. She fills her days discussing theories with her readers and filling her library with new romance novels! When she's not behind a computer, she travels extensively to unearth new ideas.

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FICTION - ROMANCE

IRINA BLAKE

# FALLEN FOR THE DEVIL

TOME 1

**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Happily Ever After Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Fallen For The Devil

**VOLUME(S):** 3

**PAGES:** 378

**WORDS:** TBC

**ISBN:** 9782494707177

**PUBLICATION:** 4/12/2024

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## FALLEN FOR THE DEVIL #1

By Irina Blake

**KEYNOTE**

When a cruel killer crosses paths with a strong-willed student, two radically different worlds collide... for better or for worse.

**SELLING POINTS**

- **1.2 million Wattpad readers ; a promising new voice.**
- An unusual and touching love story

**DESCRIPTION**

Thea's so bold that playing cat-and-mouse with a cruel gang member doesn't impress her in the slightest. Or very little. So when Kai, a criminal as terrifying as he is handsome, sets out to turn her life into a living hell, the young woman doesn't let it faze her. For Thea is no ordinary student, and beneath her apparent innocence lie the embers of a dark past... When two souls shattered by stubborn demons meet, they sometimes ignite love and light from the chaos.

**REVIEWS**

*Not yet released.*

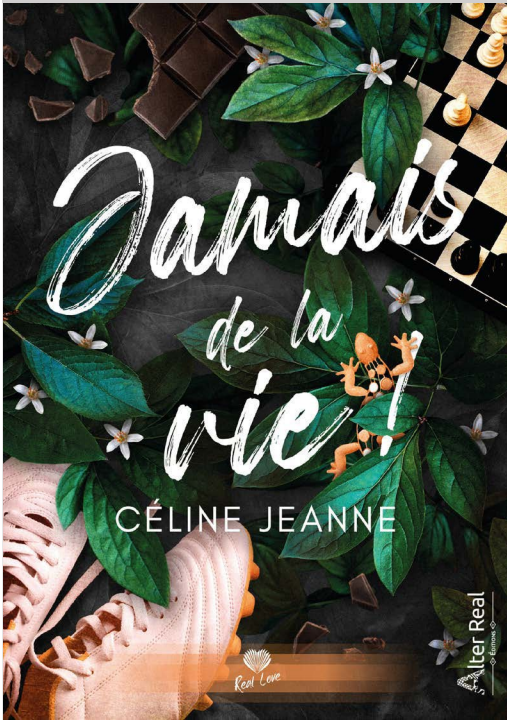
**AUTHOR**

Irina Blake is a young French author who began her career by publishing her stories on the Wattpad platform. Her powerful writing and catchy style have won over more than 1.2 million readers. Fallen For The Devil is a dark and touching trilogy that will make fans of dark romances melt. Irina lives in the Lyon region.

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FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Alter Real Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Jamais de la vie !

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 412

**WORDS:** TBC

**ISBN:** 9782385751630

**PUBLICATION:** 6/5/2024

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**NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS!**

By Céline Jeanne

**KEYNOTE**

A funny, sexy New Adult romance between a rising football star and a student who has sworn never to date a sportsman!

**SELLING POINTS**

- **A bestselling author with 15,000+ copies sold.**
- An addictive writing which makes this story irresistible.
- An original plot which tackles important issues.

**DESCRIPTION**

Dante is a top student athlete, the hope of the Barcelona football club. His troubled childhood in a Buenos Aires shanty town left a lasting mark on him. He experienced misery and deprivation, and he is determined to keep his family out of need. He dates lots of women and refuses to get involved. All he cares about is his career. Teodora is a brilliant, nerdy veterinary student. She loves chess, chocolate and superheroes, and hates sportsmen. She knows what she's talking about: her twin brother, Dante's rival, is a gifted sportsman and is constantly in the spotlight. Their two worlds are about to collide. Who said that sportsmen were all brainless jerks and college chicks were all uptight nerds?

**REVIEWS**

"A romance set in the sporting world, featuring two touching and striking protagonists. The author's addictive writing makes this story irresistible". - Babelio reader

"This is an addictive, funny and superbly well-written book. The characters are more than endearing: they get under your skin. - Goodreads reader

"Céline Jeanne's writing is incredibly powerful. She certainly has a gift for bringing an original edge to her plot while addressing important issues." - Lecter Babelio

**AUTHOR**

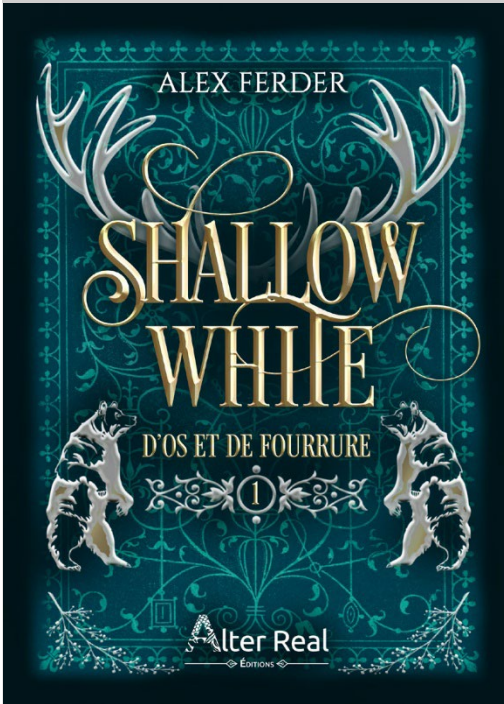
Always away with the fairies, Céline Jeanne is an eternal dreamer with a passion for the Hispanic world. A thousand stories have always danced in her mind, and life has made writing romance an obvious choice, the fortress in which she can unleash her boundless emotions. She is the author of numerous novels, including Solo Tu, Siempre Cuba, El Devil, El Apocalipsis, Plus jamais! and Jamais de la vie! Her novels have tens of thousands of copies with Alter Real.

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FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Alter Real Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Shallow White

**VOLUME(S):** 3

**PAGES:** 366

**WORDS:** 86,000

**ISBN:** 9782385750947

**PUBLICATION:** 5/17/2024

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## **SHALLOW WHITE #1 - OF BONE AND FUR**

By Alex Ferder

#### **KEYNOTE**

Shallow White, a taxidermist, has a devastating power that she has to hide from the world. One day, her sexy neighbour, who she avoids at all costs, finds a stuffed shapeshifter near her workshop. She becomes the first suspect and will have to prove her innocence.

#### **SELLING POINTS**

- The author of the **Vic Swanson saga, with 12,000+ copies sold.**
- A badass heroine, dangerous shapeshifters, an original world and a frantic pace!

#### **DESCRIPTION**

Name: Shallow White. Job: taxidermist (yes, you read that right!). Features: I have a devastating power that I have to hide at all costs and which has made me a recluse. Learning from my neighbour, whom I avoid at all costs, that there's a stuffed shapeshifter - yes, stuffed - two hundred metres from my workshop wasn't on the agenda for the day. It really wasn't. Neither was having to call the local Coven to report the incident. And becoming the main suspect in this stuffed shapeshifter story even less so. As if I was the only one who knew how to do that! Add to that a pack thirsting for revenge, a hunt, my pet squirrel who's a bit of a zombie, my crazy family, and you've got the programme for my next few days, with no guarantee that I'll be proven innocent. But I'm tough. A couple of minor inconveniences aren't going to stop me, are they? At least, I hope not...

#### **REVIEWS**

#### **AUTHOR**

A self-confessed hyperactive and a real handful for those around her, Alex Ferder was already wearing down her primary school teacher by filling pages with stories. She's grown up now, but she's kept this invasive imagination that sometimes gently tortures her brain. The hour she spends commuting between home and work is her playground for coming up with unlikely plots from her constantly overheating neurons. Empathetic and sensitive, she loves characters with a strong personality, slightly crazy and askew, and therefore inevitably endearing. Vic Swanson, her first urban fantasy series, has sold over 12,000 copies.

#### **NOTES**

Other titles in the series are not yet released.

FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Happily Ever After Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** L'Organisation

**VOLUME(S):** 1

**PAGES:** 378

**WORDS:** TBC

**ISBN:** 9782494707153

**PUBLICATION:** 1/12/2024

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## THE ORGANISATION

By Maryna Koshkina

### KEYNOTE

Taken in by Jake when she was just 13, Lisa was saved from a tragic fate. Seven years later, she meets William Novak, and she hates him. Instantly. But the criminal with a troubled past could prove a formidable ally against the real threat...

### SELLING POINTS

- **Acclaimed by critics since release ; 3 reprints**
- A promising new voice.
- A poignant, powerful, well-crafted debut novel.

### DESCRIPTION

The Organisation is global. There is no escape, no compromise. You either contribute or you die. Taken in by Jake when she was just 13, Lisa was saved from a tragic fate at the Russian hub of what is commonly known as the OG, an entity that organises torture sessions to entertain billionaires in need of a thrill. Seven years later, protected by the man she considers her brother, she has become one of its leading figures. Lisa seems to have found a family with Jake, but many pieces of the puzzle of her life are still eluding her. When she first meets William Novak, she hates him. Instantly. But this killer, unable to control his violent nature, is not about to let Lisa's many affronts pass him by. From now on, a dangerous game begins between them. Between violence, attraction and secrets, this criminal with a troubled past could prove a formidable ally against the real threat...

### REVIEWS

"This book is a breath of fresh air. A call to read that had left me years ago. An addictive, well-written story that you devour greedily!!!" Amazon reader

"The author has woven a well-crafted story, skilfully blending suspense, passion and drama. I was transported into a whirlwind of emotions, between fear, compassion and love" Amazon reader

### AUTHOR

Maryna Koshkina is a French dark romance author whose debut novel is L'Organisation. Her subtle, addictive style will appeal to fans of dark, suspense-filled romances.

### NOTES

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FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** The Devil's Sons \*5

**VOLUME(S):** 5

**PAGES:** 456

**WORDS:** 126,000

**ISBN:** 9782381511085

**PUBLICATION:** 11/24/2022

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#### **TRANSLATION RIGHTS SOLD**

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## **THE DEVIL'S SONS #1**

By Chloé Wallerand

### **KEYNOTE**

Joining a gang? Avalone could never have thought of that. Finding a family in the midst of all this violence? Even less. And yet...

### **SELLING POINTS**

→ **Finalist of the 2023 Babelio Award for best French romance.**

→ **Translated into 6 languages, at auctions.**

→ **200,000+ copies sold.**

→ One of the biggest hits on the French Wattpad platform, with over **7.5 million readers.**

→ A strong, independent heroine, faithful to her ideas.

### **DESCRIPTION**

"Although I thought I was going to spend my first year of college in the most ordinary way possible, focused on my studies, with a couple of friends, nothing could have prepared me for the turn my life would take. I should have known that having a best friend whose brother is in the Devil's Sons gang was a recipe for trouble. But the last thing I expected was to find myself tied to a pagan gang in Michigan. Let alone develop a friendship with those bad boys with guns. And certainly not being attracted to Clarke Taylor, the most out-of-control and dangerous of them all... Now I'm trapped, and I have only one option: to help them. Against my will..."

### **REVIEWS**

"We are totally in Love with The Devil's Sons! The Idea to match the Viking mythology and a college setting is really great, and a perfect mix. And we are all intrigued with dark romance, and can't wait to have great dark romance books for our list." – HARPERCOLLINS GERMANY

### **AUTHOR**

Chloé Wallerand lives in the south-east of France. A passionate reader after discovering the Harry Potter series and a dreamer, she started writing when she was fourteen years old. She began the Wattpad adventure a few years later, where she experienced a huge craze with her romance The Devil's Sons, which reached more than 7.5 million readers. She escapes into the tumultuous relationships of her characters and into crafting imaginary worlds that she secretly keeps to herself. What does she love most of all? Hope. Because even in the darkest places, all it takes is a spark to break the obscurity.

### **NOTES**

Publication schedule:

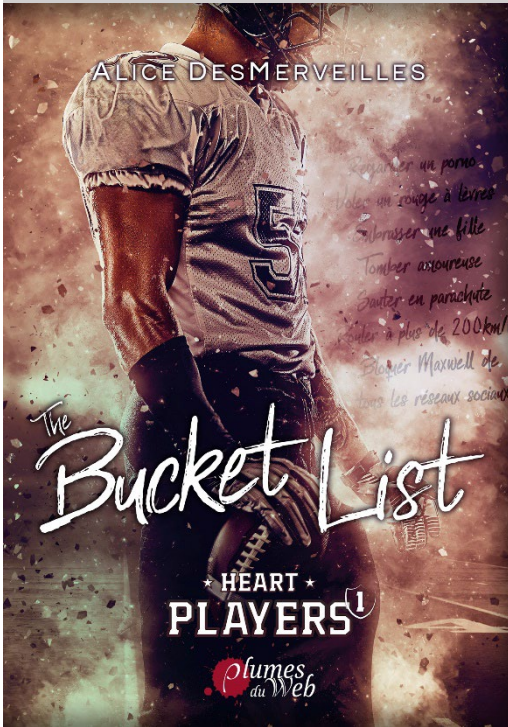
Vol.2: 4/18/2023

Vol.3: 10/20/2024

Vol.4: May 2024

Vol.5: November 2024

FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Plumes du Web Editions

**ORIG. TITLE:** Heart Players

**VOLUME(S):** 3 (independent books)

**PAGES:** 492

**WORDS:** 130,000

**ISBN:** 9782381511283

**PUBLICATION:** 5/15/2023

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#### DOMESTIC RIGHTS SOLD

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Polish (JK, at auction)

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## THE BUCKET LIST (HEART PLAYERS #1)

By Alice DesMerveilles

#### KEYNOTE

Maël is the rising star of the most successful American soccer team. When his teammate's little sister comes into the picture, he quickly figures out that she hates him. And that makes him smile... a lot. Until he needs her help...

#### SELLING POINTS

→ **50,000+ copies sold, 3+ million Wattpad readers.**

→ **Pocket-Book rights sold at auction to Le Livre de Poche (Hachette).**

→ **Polish rights sold at auction.**

→ **Highly acclaimed author: nearly 22K fans on Tiktok**

→ An addictive romance, set in the world of American soccer, both sexy and witty.

#### DESCRIPTION

Lily has everything she needs to be happy: good college scores, a healthy family environment, and a career as a doctor in the making. But she's too quiet, too serious, unlike her brother, Kyllian, who's been on a tear since their father died. So, her best friend decides to make her a bucket list... Adored, despised, Maël is a rising soccer star, quarterback of the most successful American team. But appearances are sometimes misleading, and if there's one thing he knows, it's that success doesn't always come with happiness. When his teammate's little sister comes into the picture, he quickly realizes that she hates him. And that makes him smile... a lot. Until he has to babysit her. And he needs her help... Should he consent to her blackmail? He has no choice. Should he accept that she moves in as the soccer players' roommate? The new is instantly a lot less fun. But Maël is not the kind of person who will let himself be pushed around, and he intends to show this annoying girl that he won't give in to her whims...

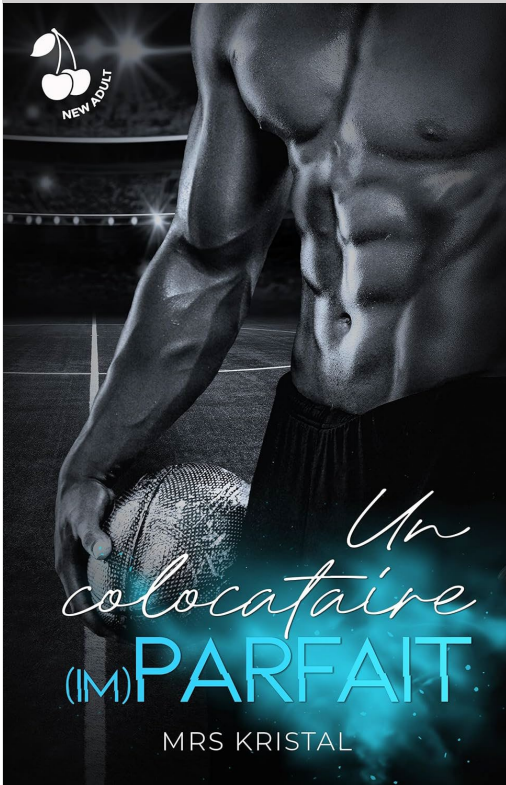
#### REVIEWS

"From anger to puzzlement, from laughter to tears, in just a few pages. Some revelations may be expected, while others come as a complete surprise." - Booksandrap

#### AUTHOR

24 year old Alice, flight attendant at day and writer at night, has always been dreamy, and there's nothing better than to travel through the many stories that were sleeping in her mind. She started posting the first chapters of The Bucket List on Wattpad in early 2022 to share her passion and never expected such a buzz. 3 million readers later, Alice is an author overwhelmed by the love and support of her fans. And what is it she loves most of all? To make people dream and knowing that her stories will provide comfort in a daily life that is sometimes tough to escape from.

FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** German

**PUBLISHER:** Cherry Publishing

**ORIG. TITLE:** Saga (Im)Parfait

**VOLUME(S):** 4

**PAGES:** 302

**WORDS:** TBC

**ISBN:** 9781801166034

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## AN (IM)PERFECT FLATMATE (#1 (IM)PERFECT SAGA)

By Mrs Kristal

### KEYNOTE

When being forced to share a flat gives you the chance to get to know your (handsome - sexy - hateful) flatmate...

### SELLING POINTS

- **70,000+ copies sold. #1 Amazon bestseller.**

- **Translated into 3 languages.**

- Funny situations, unexpected friendships and feelings of love spice up this read!

### DESCRIPTION

New university means new friends! Sienna Gardner is excited at the prospect of sharing time with her new flatmate, Denver. The young woman is more into pyjama parties and confidences. So it comes as no surprise when she realises that Denver isn't the girly friend she's been dreaming of, but the quarterback of the university football team. Now she's meant to share a flat during her university year with this man! What's more, he's popular, charming and terribly sexy... Fortunately, they both have one rule: no hooking up with your flatmate! Sienna puts her studies first, while Denver focuses on sport. But sticking to your principles isn't always easy...

### REVIEWS

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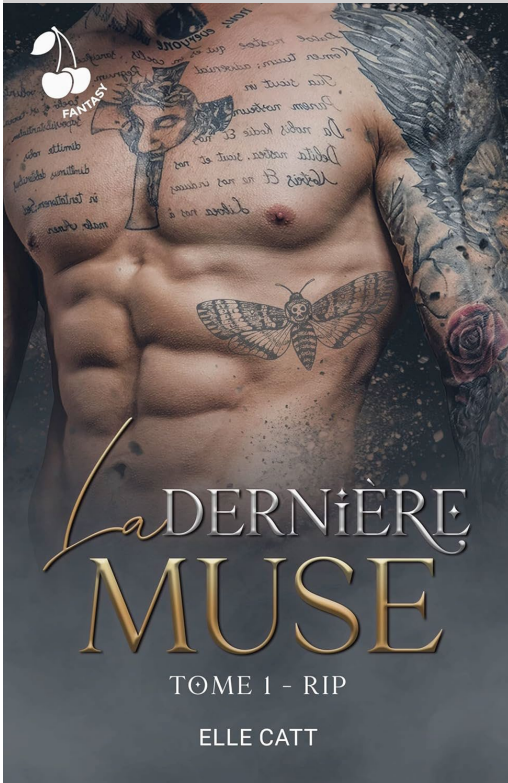
### AUTHOR

Mrs Kristal is a German romance writer who studied media at the University of Marburg. She published under the same pseudonym on Wattpad for many years before deciding to launch her own career as an author in 2021. In 2022, she signed her first publishing contracts and launched a series of sports romances.

### NOTES

Each novel in Mrs Kristal's (Im)perfect series is independent, so they can be read separately. Happy endings guaranteed!

FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French

**PUBLISHER:** Cherry Publishing

**ORIG. TITLE:** La dernière muse

**VOLUME(S):** 3

**PAGES:** 618

**WORDS:**

**ISBN:** 9781801160247

**PUBLICATION:** 3/3/2023

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## THE LAST MUSE #1

By Elle Catt

### KEYNOTE

To escape her painful past, Kataline leaves the United-States and goes into exile in France where she will meet Rip, band leader and ruthless street-fighter, who seems to rule as absolute master.

### SELLING POINTS

- **60,000+ copies sold.**
- **Translated into 4 languages.**
- An addictive romantasy.
- Laughter, tears, anger, fear... a whole range of emotions run through the pages.

### DESCRIPTION

To escape her painful past, Kataline leaves the United-States and goes into exile in France, at Jess' house, an aunt she barely knows. Talented artist, she helps her out in her tattoo parlour, where she draws sketches for her clients in between two lessons at Uni. Far from her demons, the young woman gradually gets back to a normal life. Or at least that's what she thought, until she meets Maxime and plunges into his universe. A dark and dangerous universe, where Rip, band leader of The Cursed and ruthless street-fighter, seems to rule as absolute master. Rapidly, demons far more ferocious than those from her past will come to haunt Kat and the threat that hovers over her could very well cost her her life. Will Rip be able to save her? Or will he sign her destruction once and for all?

### REVIEWS

"The book reads in one go, but with such an unexpected ending, I can't help but feel frantic and frustrated as I wait to find out what happens next." Amazon review

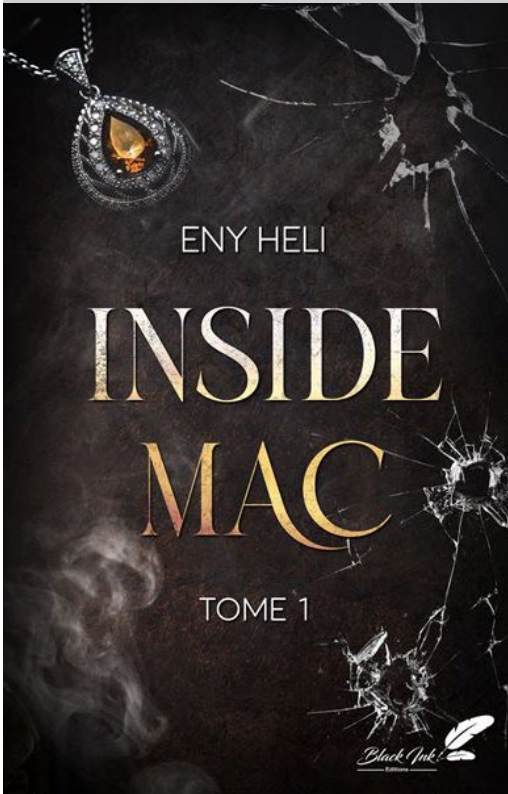
### AUTHOR

Elle Catt works as a training consultant in Nevers, France and holds a master's degree in engineering from the University of Lille. Her favorite genres are fantasy and paranormal romance and she is passionate about creating other worlds and fascinating characters as soon as the sun sets, after spending time with her friends and family. She is the author of the bestselling series The Last Muse, published by Cherry Publishing.

### NOTES

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FICTION - ROMANCE



**LANGUAGE:** French  
**PUBLISHER:** Black Ink Editions  
**ORIG. TITLE:** Inside Mac

**VOLUME(S):** 2  
**PAGES:** 362  
**WORDS:** 85,000  
**ISBN:** 9782379935169  
**PUBLICATION:** 1/16/2024

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## INSIDE MAC #1

By Eny Heli

### KEYNOTE

For two years, Elea has been tracking down her father's murderer, infiltrating the gang she knows to be responsible. Jay is the last obstacle to her revenge, and she decides to seduce him, even if it means burning her wings.

### SELLING POINTS

- **Acclaimed by the critics since release.**
- An accessible dark romance set in the world of the mafia, with a backdrop of police investigation, revenge and passion.
- Complex, fascinating characters, a breathtaking plot, tension and unexpected twists.

### DESCRIPTION

Revenge is the only emotion left in Elea's heart. For two years, she has been tracking down her father's murderer, going so far as to join the police force and infiltrate the gang she knows to be responsible. The head of the gang is MAC, the cartel boss whose face no one knows, but whom she is determined to bring down at any cost. But once she's accepted into the gang, she runs into a major problem: Jay, the gang leader's dangerous right-hand man. The last obstacle to her revenge, Elea decides to seduce him, even if it means burning her wings and flirting with danger. But the charismatic mobster makes every effort to resist her. Suspicious of her, he has no intention of letting her anywhere near MAC or his own secrets, even though he's dying to give in. Surrendering to Elea could jeopardise the plan he, too, has been developing for years. Her presence in the gang is already enough of a strain on his legendary control, and a cartel war is on the verge of breaking out.

### REVIEWS

"By far one of the best stories I've ever read. Breathtaking action, superbly plotted."

"A brilliant story that grips you from the very first line."

"A story that twists the brain and the heart."

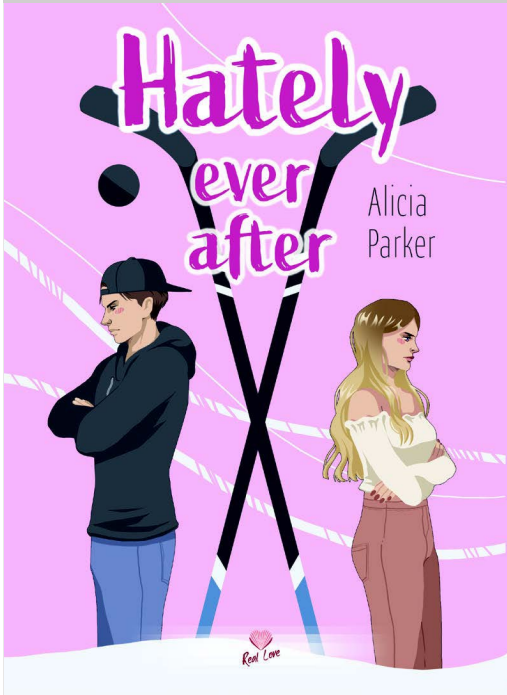
### AUTHOR

Eny Heli's passion for writing first emerged in her teens, when she began writing plays rather than novels. She also read romance, but only dared to write her own after years of devouring books in her own corner. Her first novel saw the light of day in January 2023, a forbidden teacher/student relationship that tackled age, social class and even religious differences. From then on, she kept writing, always focusing on complex characters at odds with themselves, and burning with life.

### NOTES

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## HATELY EVER AFTER

By Alicia Parker

### KEYNOTE

Billie and Carter are neighbours, and can't stand each other. Right up until one drunken party. After all, Carter could be the solution to her V (virginity) problem. And with him, no risk of getting attached, is there?

### SELLING POINTS

- A touching, moving YA romance, a blend of laughter and tears.
- A tortured hero, a young girl determined to make the most of her last year of high school, some heartfelt lines and an explosion of feelings!
- He's the school's hockey star, she hates him. She's his neighbour, he hates her. An explosive enemies-to-lovers!

### DESCRIPTION

Billie's final year at high school is promising to be a great one. That's what her best friend Lia keeps telling her. The only fly in the ointment is her V problem. Her virginity. Well, that's a problem for Lia. But Billie has a bigger problem: Carter. A star hockey player at high school, he's also her neighbour. They've held a fierce hatred for each other for years. She can't stand him, he barely tolerates her presence. Low blows and other nasty tricks are their daily fare. Right up until one drunken party. After all, Carter could be the solution to her V problem. And with him, no risk of getting attached, is there?

### REVIEWS

"An exciting and addictive Young Adult Enemy to lovers." – Gaelle

"An excellent young adult with tension just the way we like it and characters to die for." - book\_n\_co

"An enemies to lovers romance, set against a backdrop of road trip between friends, sports romance, campus romance, all the ingredients to make this an excellent, excellent read!" - abook\_acookie

### AUTHOR

A passionate reader and romance fan, Alicia Parker took up writing as a challenge to herself. A qualified educator in the child welfare sector, her true vocation, she has found this new passion to be a true escape. She draws on her personal and professional experience to craft characters with a sharp psychological insight, seeking to draw readers into her world.

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