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OVERVIEW

A UNIQUE PUBLISHING MODEL

- ▶ **Reading makes you happy!** A simple idea & XO Editions' guiding principle! Our ambition is to share this happiness with as many people as possible.
- ▶ Hence the company's motto – **XO READING FOR PLEASURE** – and the choice to publish quality works geared toward a mass-market audience.
- ▶ The notion of pleasure is essential. One of the major challenges ahead will be to get the young generation, so hooked on screens and social media, to discover the pleasure of reading books.

PUBLISHING STRATEGY

- ▶ **An intentionally small number of titles** (25 titles per year) so as to give a maximum of attention and resources to each title and thus optimize their sales potential, both in France and abroad.
- ▶ **An ambitious strategy aimed at discovering new talents** and propelling our authors to the top of bestseller lists in France and around the world.

ACHIEVEMENTS IN 25 YEARS

576 titles published (an average of 23 titles per year)

368 titles hit bestseller lists (nearly 70% of our production)

242 titles have been widely licensed internationally (52% of our production, with the exception of the 60 titles acquired abroad)

Average sales of 48,000 copies per title, which is 10 times above average for the trade market in France

PUBLISHING POLICY

XO NOVELS

CONTEMPORARY & HISTORICAL NOVELS

After the publication of two major authors of historical novels, Christian Jacq & Max Gallo, XO Editions has welcomed new authors whose debut novels became bestsellers. From Guillaume Musso (14 titles published by XO, #1 bestselling author since 2011, with 26 million copies sold in France, translated into 41 languages, a unique and remarkable achievement in publishing), to Romain Sardou, Mireille Calmel, Nicolas Vanier, Mark Miller, etc.

CRIME & THRILLER NOVELS

XO'S TRADEMARK : MAJOR THRILLER AUTHORS

With more than 6,9 million copies sold in France out of his 12 novels, Bernard Minier is one of the most widely read French authors, and his talent is internationally renowned (translated into 28 languages). Nicolas Beuglet (over 2,4 million copies sold), Henri Loevenbruck, Olivier Bal, Xavier Muller and, at the crossroads between thrillers and spy novels, Cédric Bannel, also stand out for their talent and success on the XO Editions list.

XO BLOCKBUSTER MEMOIRS

Next to fiction, XO stands out as a publisher of blockbuster memoirs, including those of Ingrid Betancourt, Farah Pahlavi, Mireille Darc, Sylvie Vartan, Michel Sardou, Renaud Séchan.

XO ADVENTURE NARRATIVES

Our list of publications also include narratives from adventurers such as Mike Horn (over 6 million copies sold in France) or Nicolas Vanier whose dreams and achievements inspire us all.

XO FRENCH & WORLD HISTORY

XO Editions excels in publishing books on the history of France, Europe and the world.

XO is the publisher of numerous works by the academician Max Gallo, all widely acclaimed by the readers. We are also the publisher of the gripping historical narratives of François-Guillaume Lorrain ("Louis XIV: A King's Childhood and The Age of Treason") as well as of Frédéric Mitterrand, with "The Duel", "Napoleon III & Victor Hugo", and "1938: The Eye of the Hurricane".

XO GENERAL NON-FICTION

A committed publisher, XO is dedicated to publishing titles that are thought-provoking and that sensitize the general public. Among them are publications shedding light on violence against women ("Burned Alive", 700,000 copies sold in France; translated into 36 languages), bullying, harassment, end of life.

XO is equally committed to educating our youth and has published works of reference aimed at parents in preschool and elementary education.

XO ESSAYS

Our catalog includes works by major celebrities, including French President Emmanuel Macron (his book "Revolution" has been translated into 22 languages worldwide), Luc Ferry, Jacques Attali, and Nicolas Bouzou, as well as anthologies such as "The Black Book on the Condition of Women", or "The Black Book on the Condition of Christians in the World".

BERNARD MINIER

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“ OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, FRANCE HAS PRODUCED SOME OF EUROPE’S MOST STRIKING AND ORIGINAL CRIME NOVELISTS. BERNARD MINIER IS UP THERE WITH THE BEST.

” THE SUNDAY TIMES

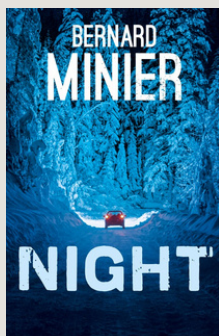
“ BERNARD MINIER’S NOVELS CONFIRM HIS STATUS IN THE FOREFRONT OF CRIME FICTION’S FRENCH RENAISSANCE.

” THE TIMES

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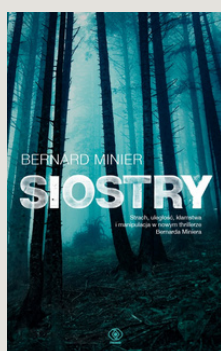
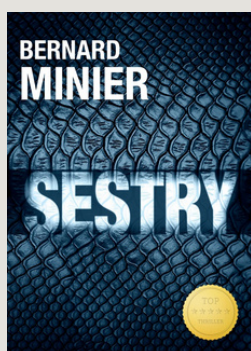
“THE FROZEN DEAD” ON THE *SUNDAY TIMES* LIST OF THE 100 BEST CRIME NOVELS & THRILLERS SINCE 1945



ASCHEHOUG'S EDITION OF “LUCIA” #1 ON THE NORWEGIAN LISTS

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BERNARD MINIER

RUPTURES

Monday, April 28, 2025.

Spain goes dark, paralyzed by a massive power outage.

Emma Bosch, a brilliant executive at StarCo — the tech empire founded by billionaire Milton Gail, rushes to her father's bedside who's reliant on ventilator. Within hours, she's found dead on a remote road. She was six months pregnant.

Other women connected to StarCo have died in recent months. Accidents. Suicides. Too many coincidences. Too much silence. Officially, their deaths were isolated tragedies. Unofficially, the pattern is impossible to ignore.

Lucia Guerrero, is assigned the case. As she digs deeper, she enters the orbit of Milton Gail — the man who promises to shape the future of humanity through artificial intelligence, genetic innovation, and the colonization of Mars.

A man celebrated as a genius. A man powerful enough to rival governments.

The closer she gets to the truth, the more Lucia puts herself in danger.

Until an unforgettable face-off with the man who has laid claim to both Earth and space.

WHEN TRUMP'S AMERICA & TECH TITANS RULE

AS ONE

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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LUCIA SERIES / Vol. 3



March 2026
Pages : 550

**A TAUT, INTELLIGENT &
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**THE TERRIFYING NEXT STEP
OF AI-ENABLED WEAPONS**

**THE NEW
LUCIA GUERRERO
INVESTIGATION**

**INITIAL
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THE ERASED (LES EFFACÉES)

TWO KILLERS
TWO OPPOSITE WORLDS
TWO DILEMMAS

In the Spanish region of Galicia, a killer kidnaps women early in the morning on their way to work. Invisible women. Erased. In Madrid, another killer targets billionaires, leaving on the walls of their homes the same message: KILL THE RICH. Two killers. Two opposite worlds. And in the light of a general frenzy, an explosive confrontation between social classes. What's at stake becomes gradually clearer for Lucia Guerrero, the investigator with the Guardia Civil, and what she sees is dizzying. Lucia receives messages from an unknown sender, and the question that begs an answer is: has she become a mere plaything in the hands of two killers?

“With this second Spanish investigation, Minier stays razor-sharp and crafts an unputdownable story.”
Bruno Corty / *Le Figaro Littéraire*

“Bernard Minier's great diabolical show.”
Anne Crignon / *L'Obs*

“Minier's diabolical imagination carries with it the major concerns of our time: social violence, misogyny & the influence of social media.”

Elise Lépine / *Le Point*

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**A RAZOR-SHARP THRILLER &
AN AUDACIOUS CLIMAX**

**A WEB OF MYSTERIES &
INCANDESCENT SOCIAL RAGE**

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LUCIA

A group of criminology students at Salamanca university discover the existence of a serial killer who has gone undetected for several decades and who stages his crime scenes to resemble Renaissance paintings.

In Madrid, detective Lucia Guerrero finds her colleague crucified on a calvary and sets out to follow the trail that leads to the man they nicknamed "The Glue Killer".

They are all confronted with their own past, their worst fears, and a truth more terrifying than any legend or myth.

AN ENDEARING HEROINE WHO FOLLOWS A TRAIL OF UNSPEAKABLE CRIMES

“

Lucia Guerrero, has the same obstinate warrior's determination as Stieg Larsson's Lisbeth Salander.

A thriller of a kind not seen since *Millenium*.

Anne Crignon / L'Obs

”

“

Readers will love the new saga by this master of the genre.

Bruno Corty / Le Figaro littéraire

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A heroine as intrepid as she is determined.

François Lestavel / Paris Match

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A smashing new heroine.

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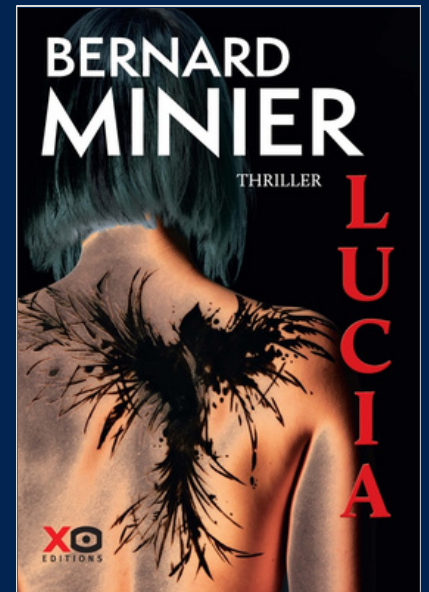
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ANGUISH ARE ALL ON THE
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THE APPETIZER & MYTHOLOGY
THE DESSERT

CONTEMPORARY SPAIN IS THE
BACKDROP

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XO EDITIONS

BERNARD MINIER

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"H" AS IN HAUNTED
"H" AS IN HECATOMB
"H" AS IN...

EVIL IS A LEGACY

Since Julian Hirtmann, the notorious and methodical serial killer, has recently escaped from the Austrian Leoben prison, Martin Servaz isn't the only one investigating. Everyone has joined the hunt, from amateur web sleuths and true crime enthusiasts to a bestselling author and Damien Dax, the host of one of the most-watched French TV shows. When journalist Charles Fayolle is found dead at his home, what appears to be a suicide reveals itself as murder. The discovery of a macabre dollhouse at the crime scene plunges Servaz into the darkest corners of human nature.

Meanwhile, Damien Dix issues a public challenge to Julian Hirtmann : a private meeting that will turn into a dangerous cat and mouse race. As the threat tightens around those he loves, Martin Servaz discovers an even more terrible truth: what if Julian Hirtmann were part of a greater, older, more deeply rooted evil than he had ever imagined.

“ This thriller takes the guise of political criticism and transforms into an enjoyable massacre against entertainment industry..

Anne Crignon / L'Obs

”

“ A new exhilarating, dark, and riveting thriller.

Victoria Lasserre / Cosmopolitan

”

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SERVAZ SERIES



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Pages : 544

THREE LITTLE "H" THAT WILL
MAKE YOU
SHIVER WITH DREAD

A LABYRINTHINE PLOT
PREMISED ON THE TRAUMAS
THAT CREATE MONSTERS

“ An ultra-contemporary thriller.
A novel that will keep you up all night
— no rest until its dizzying finale,
I promise it will leave you breathless.
Augustin Trapenard / La Grande Librairie

”

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BERNARD MINIER

SERVAZ SERIES BACKLIST

AN EYE IN
THE NIGHT380,000
COPIES SOLD2023
512 pages

THE HUNT

461,000
COPIES SOLD2021
480 pages

THE VALLEY

641,000
COPIES SOLD2020
548 pages

SISTERS

631,000
COPIES SOLD2018
480 pages

From one day to the next, the cult horror movie director, Morbus Delacroix, stopped making films and refuses all interviews, and any visitors. Except for one: Judith Tallandier, a young film student.

Full moon. A deer leaps out of the forest. His eyes are those of a... man. Chased! Hunted! Secret society, gangland killings & inflaming tensions in the suburbs. On the paths of fear, Servaz's life and honour are in jeopardy.

"I think someone is acting as if they think they are God..." A cry for help in the middle of the night. A valley cut off from the world. An abbey filled with secrets. A mysterious forest. A series of terrible murders. Terrified inhabitants who want justice done. A community on the brink of chaos!

A nightmare written in black ink. A spouse, two sisters, three communicants... For Servaz, the past, resurfacing, will turn into a nightmare. «Immense, enormous, the forest stretched out before them. Poor, fallen souls, I had to kill you...»

A stormy night on the North Sea. Kirsten Nigaard is investigating on a murder. A few days later, she finds herself in the office of Martin Servaz who is tracking Julian Hirtmann, the illusive killer.

What happens when someone takes control of your life and your relationships? And what is hiding in the darkness? Don't turn out the lights... and if you do, prepare for the worst!

An oppressive atmosphere! A surprise phone call from the past, a mysterious e-mail, both signs that the most twisted of all serial killers may be back...

In the Pyrenees, the body of a headless horse is found with traces of DNA belonging to an infamously dangerous serial killer, currently locked away in a neighboring psychiatric hospital.

NIGHT

584,000
COPIES SOLD2017
528 pages

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

DON'T TURN OUT
THE LIGHT641,000
COPIES SOLD2014
616 pages

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

THE CIRCLE

666,000
COPIES SOLD2012
572 pages

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

ICED

NETFLIX TV-SERIES

856,000
COPIES SOLD2011
572 pages

FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

BERNARD MINIER

STAND-ALONES

A HELL OF A STORY (UNE PUTAIN D'HISTOIRE)

DANGER IS NOT WHERE YOU THINK

Bernard Minier delves into a universe where danger is not where we think and intimacy is an illusion... he brilliantly tells us a dark and tension filled story... A hell of a story.

M, THE EDGE OF THE ABYSS (UNE PUTAIN D'HISTOIRE)

WELCOME TO THE DARKEST SCENARIO

While Moira is just starting her mission at Ming, the Chinese digital giant company, she is convinced that the truth that awaits her at the end of the night will be more frightening than the most terrifying nightmares.

THE CATS

15 MYSTERIOUS, DEVILISH & CRUEL STORIES

Two young couples addicted to macabre tourism, children confronted with the cruelty of their foster family, a TV presenter ready to do anything to boost ratings, animals suddenly delivered from men, a priest too good to be true, cats with strange intentions, a World War I aviator confronted with a primitive and perverse entity...

Fifteen unforgettable short stories, as chilling as they are spellbinding, about love and madness, death and revenge, greed and jealousy, lies and darkness.

The master of the French thriller unfolds in this collection of short stories all the facets of his talent between thriller, historical narrative, anticipation and fantasy.



715,000
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2015
Pages : 528



494,000
COPIES SOLD

2019
Pages : 576

SHORT STORIES



84,000
COPIES SOLD

2024
Pages : 336

**A MIX OF INTIMATE &
THRILLING,
OF BIZARRE & MONSTROUS**

15 SPINE-CHILLING JOURNEYS

**FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELT AND
GET READY FOR A ROLLER-
COASTER RIDE**

NICOLAS BEUGLET

TRANSYLVANIA

A RICH TAPESTRY OF SUSPENSE & FOLKLORE

Romanian police officer Mina Dragan is called to Bran Castle in Transylvania to investigate the mysterious murder of Hans Karloff.

As Mina delves into Karloff's belongings, she uncovers five files, each relating to a missing person: a priest, the marketing director of a major television network, a best-selling author, a historian, and finally, a psychologist known for her work on the collective unconscious of humanity. All five mysteriously disappeared on September 3rd, 2023, leaving behind objects evoking fairy tales.

The mastermind behind this global scenario soon reveals himself: Alphonse Grimm, the last descendant of the Grimm brothers. Three years earlier, he had kidnapped the five missing persons and forced them to write a book meant to convert humanity back to reading. *Once Upon a Time*: "the best story in the world since the Bible", a book that has "the power of myths, the charm of fairy tales, the depth of the sacred texts, the fluidity of a novel.

A chilling thriller set against the backdrop of a very topical issue: the decline in reading.

"Transylvania" will appeal to fans of the genre, but beware of a sleepless night!

Loise Delacotte / *Huffington Post*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



NICOLAS BEUGLET, a former TV screenplay writer, has chosen to devote himself to writing. In just a few years, he has become one of the most acclaimed French thriller authors. He published at XO Editions: "The Scream", "The Alliance", "Devil's Island", "The Last Message", "The Passenger with No Face", "The Archipelago of the forgotten", "The Final Warning". "Transylvania" is his 8th novel.



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A MANIFESTO ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF READING

THE INFLUENCE OF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE ON OUR
IMAGINATION

WHAT IF BOOKS & READING
COULD SAVE THE WORLD?

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THE 7TH MOST READ
FRENCH THRILLER
AUTHOR IN FRANCE
(2020-2024, SOURCE: GFK)

NICOLAS BEUGLET

THE FINAL WARNING (L'ULTIME AVERTISSEMENT)

A BEWILDERING DIVE INTO THE MEMORY OF MANKIND

Driving through the Appalachian Mountains, Felicia smiled at the sight of their snowy peaks. The young art expert had been asked to examine three pieces in the celebrated Castelmore collection.

But when she reached the famous family's mansion, her blood froze on learning that she would instead be investigating some unexplained human disappearances. Supported by a former cop turned priest named Armand, Felicia will embark in a feverish pursuit, on the trail of a mysterious group that calls itself The Sentinels. Tracked by deadly enemies as intelligent as they are powerful, the pair has no choice.

To escape the worst, Felicia and Armand will have to heed the final warning sent by those who have witnessed the unthinkable.

“The hunt for an Elon Musk copycat spares neither suspense nor mystery. Gripping!”
Jade Olivier / *Version femina*

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TIME CAPSULES &
THE TRANSMISSION OF
KNOWLEDGE TO FUTURE
GENERATIONS

WHAT WILL EARTH
AND HUMANITY LOOK LIKE
IN 6,000 YEARS ?

“You’ll be swept up in an addictive thriller, traveling through hellish lands and experiencing an almost cinematic adventure worthy of a James Bond movie...”
Bernard Babkine / *Madame Figaro*

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NICOLAS BEUGLET

GRACE CAMPBELL TRILOGY

THE ARCHIPELAGO OF THE FORGOTTEN (L'ARCHIPEL DES OUBLIÉS)

AN ODE TO THE POWER OF IMAGINATION

Detectives Grace Campbell and Sarah Geringën know this much: they must work together to catch the architect of a diabolical plan to destroy humanity. And they have only one lead: a manor house lost in the Scottish mists. In a race against time, they push back the boundaries of fear to reach the Archipelago of the Forgotten - the last stronghold against the chaos of the world.

THE PASSENGER WITH NO FACE (LE PASSAGER SANS VISAGE)

“YOU’RE NOT THE ONLY ONE SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH...”

The anonymous letter left on her doorstep is more than a signal: it’s an electric shock. Inspector Grace Campbell takes us from the isolated Scottish countryside to the depths of the Black Forest where the most chilling fairy tale of our childhoods is re-enacted. Grace could never have imagined she would be riding this train that appeared out of nowhere, having to confront the Passenger with no face...

THE LAST MESSAGE (LE DERNIER MESSAGE)

THE LAST MESSAGE IS ABOUT TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF HUMANITY

The island of Iona, west of Scotland. At the end of the “Street of the Dead”, the grey silhouette of the abbey. Behind its wind-battered walls, a resident has just been found murdered, his body mutilated in the strangest of ways. The five monks who live there only know his name: Anton. They also know that he had a secret study hidden away in the walls...

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GRACE CAMPBELL TRILOGY

2.5 MILLION COPIES
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2021
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2020
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NICOLAS BEUGLET

SARAH GERINGËN TRILOGY

DEVIL'S ISLAND (L'ÎLE AU DIABLE)

REVENGE IS A MATTER OF MEMORY

The body covered with a strange white powder... the extremities gangrenous... A face frozen in a grimace of pain...

Sarah Geringën is gripped with horror when she sees her father's body. And she's paralysed with fear when the pathologist gives her the key found in his stomach.

What if her father was not the man he seemed to be?

THE ALLIANCE (COMLOT)

WHAT IF, LONG BEFORE MEN, WOMEN RULED THE WORLD?

Norway. An island stricken by icy winds. Atop a cliff, the naked and martyred corpse of a woman. The country's Prime Minister.

While investigating the case, Sarah discovers that the same type of crime happened... 2700 years ago. Soon after, inside a sanctuary beneath the Prime Minister's house, she finds the names of three women in charge of carrying out an incredible mission: restoring the power of women.

THE SCREAM (LE CRI)

THE DISCOVERY OF A GREATLY TALENTED WRITER

Psychiatric Hospital in Gaustad, Oslo. After a night of bitter cold, the body of a patient is found strangled to death in his cell, his mouth open in a silent scream. Rushed to the scene, inspector Sarah Geringen immediately senses that this case will be unlike any other... While digging up CIA records, Sarah will discover the truth about one of the questions that haunts each and every one of us: life after death...

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SARAH GERINGËN TRILOGY

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2019
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2018
Pages : 496

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GREECE
POLAND
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651,000
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2016
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FULL ENGLISH TRANSLATION

JEAN RENO

THE ESCAPE (L'ÉVASION)

SHE MUST SEDUCE. BUT TO SURVIVE, SHE MUST NOT FALL

When Emma accepts Éric Martel's offer to work for the French Secret Service, she knows there will be no turning back and no second chances.

She is given a new name, a new past, a new face to the world: Lara Fragonard, an American-trained art specialist moving effortlessly through Paris's cultural elite. Her mission - code name Invidia - begins in Paris and leads her to Moscow.

Satellite images have revealed the existence of a remote Siberian penal colony. Officially, it doesn't exist. Unofficially, it holds Ukrainian teenagers "re-educated" into obedience—and possibly young Russian dissidents who dared to resist.

To expose the truth, Emma must infiltrate a shadowy network of activists, oligarchs, and Kremlin intermediaries where art, propaganda, and espionage intertwine.

At the heart of the operation stands Irina, a Russian woman driven by vengeance, a Russian woman driven by vengeance, determined to bring down the camp's brutal commander, whatever the cost. As the two women move closer to the target, desire and distrust collide.

Deep in Siberia, under the watchful eye of Moscow and the FSB, a single mistake could be their last.

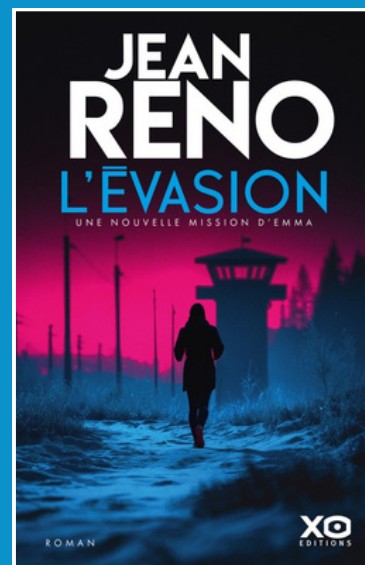
ABOUT THE AUTHOR



An icon of French and international cinema, JEAN RENO has always wanted to write a novel about a woman both strong and fragile who unwittingly turns into one of France's greatest detectives. Between suspense, love, and ambush, a winning combination!

NOVEL

ROMANCE & ESPIONAGE



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Pages : 330

EMMA IS BACK, CHASING PROOF OF RUSSIA'S HIDDEN CAMPS FOR UKRAINIAN TEENAGERS

A NEW IDENTITY FOR A NEW MISSION: GATHER EVIDENCE THAT WILL UNDERMINE PUTIN'S REGIME

2ND VOLUME IN A SERIES

“ Martel hands Emma a file labeled Lara Fragonard.

“Here is your new identity. Lara Fragonard is born. She has a background in art history, specializing in cultural mediation. She is passionate about Marina Abramović. At twenty-seven, she is a highly educated young woman who already has an impressive network of contacts

”

JEAN RENO

EMMA

ADVENTURE & PASSION
AGAINST A BACKDROP OF ESPIONAGE

Emma, a masseuse at a world-renowned hydrotherapy spa in Brittany, has everything she could dream of: a spoiled cat, a few but trusted friends, and an uninterrupted view to the Atlantic Ocean's horizon. Not to mention her spectacular beauty and the energy in her hands that works magic on her patients. When her massage talent is discovered by Tariq Khan, one of the most important leaders in Oman, the young woman agrees to leave for Muscat, the capital of the Sultanate. As Tariq is about to open a luxury retreat, her mission there is to train the masseurs staff. What Emma ignores is that by accepting this position, she has just embarked on a dangerous spiral...

“Anxiety, adrenaline, thrills, a new heroine is born...
This novel is about the legacy we carry within us,
the mistakes we make and what we turn them into.

” France Info

“Cleverly crafted, this exotic, feminist thriller also
explores romantic passion & maternal absence.

” Marie France

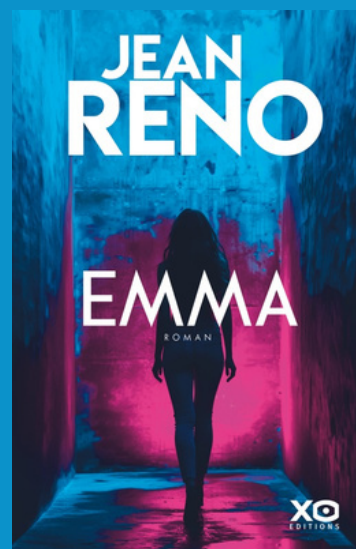
ABOUT THE AUTHOR



An icon of French and international cinema, JEAN RENO has always wanted to write a novel about a woman both strong and fragile who unwittingly turns into one of France's greatest detectives. Between suspense, love, and ambush, a winning combination!

NOVEL

ROMANCE & ESPIONAGE



May 2025
Pages : 380

A NOVEL FRESH IN APPROACH
TO THE SPY GENRE

A HIGHLY RELATABLE & ATTRACTIVE
HEROINE BOTH STRONG AND FRAGILE

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OLIVIER BAL

THE TRAP (LE PIÈGE)

A MERCILESS MANHUNT

“You’ll have nowhere to hide, nowhere to disappear. I’ll be there. Everywhere. Wherever you go, I will hunt you down... right into Hell.”

There's no escape. The Trap is everywhere.

Between 2016 and 2026, Harry Miller relentlessly hunts Frank Lombardo across the United States. Harry has devised a merciless strategy that gives Frank no respite. Each time, he allows him to settle in a new town, to rebuild a new life, to believe he might finally be safe—only to ensnare him again and ruin everything.

For ten years, Harry makes Frank endure a thousand deaths.

Why such relentless obsession? What is at stake? What is the secret behind this chilling, Machiavellian hunt?

Unless, in this diabolical game, the hunter is not the one we think he is...

“
He thought he was escaping.
But he was only being allowed to run.
Because survival is temporary.”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



A few years ago, OLIVIER BAL has taken the thriller world by storm. With each new novel he outdoes himself. Olivier Bal addresses human adventure through characters that he brings to life with the skill of a masterful puppeteer. He is the author of “Beware of Angels”, “The Clara Miller Affair”, “The Forest of the Vanished”, “Bloody stones”, “The Pack”, all published by XO Éditions.



April 2025
Pages : 464

**A MACHIAVELLIAN THRILLER
TAILORED LIKE A TRAP
WHERE PAST & PRESENT COLLIDE**

**A TRAP AS INSANE AS IT IS
SPINE-CHILLING**

**A MANHUNT ACROSS AMERICA
WHERE EVERY NEW BEGINNING
IS JUST THE PRELUDE TO A NEW
TRAP**

**A HIGH-CONCEPT
PSYCHOLOGICAL THRILLER**

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OLIVIER BAL

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PAUL GREEN SERIES

THE CLARA MILLER CASE

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The body floated up to the surface of the water, like those of the other women. Six in total... This cursed place, in the forests of New Hampshire, is known as Suicide Lake. Clara Miller was a journalist. Like Paul Green, the Globe reporter who takes up Clara's case. He is certain that she did not commit suicide.

THE FOREST OF THE VANISHED

111,000
COPIES SOLD2021
548 pages

Redwoods. An isolated town in Oregon, set between the Pacific ocean and an ancient forest of giant redwood trees. A town with a sinister record : every year, several ramblers disappear there without trace. In the heart of the forest, a man lives in total isolation. Here, he is known as The Foreigner...

BEWARE THE ANGELS

78,000
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480 pages

High in the California hills sits The Compound, a seemingly ideal spiritual community. Paul Green is convinced that the young woman he is looking for is trapped within its walls. In the underbelly of LA, Paul Green will have to confront one of the most notorious sects in the country.

STAND-ALONES

"Among you, there is a liar, a traitor, and a murderer." Malaven island. Four friends are invited to return to the scene of a forgotten tragedy, but they all know they've been to this island before, long ago... And to survive, they must remember. Each holds within them a piece of Malaven's terrible puzzle.

All over France, people of the high society are being murdered. Drugged. Buried alive. And on their tombs, the same killer signature, The Black Angel. At the same time, in Paris, Gabriel Geller, a criminal investigator, is looking into who is beating migrants to death.

Corsica, 1993. Ange Biasini is forced to return home. His younger brother needs his skills as a former professional freediver. London, 2019. In an apartment overlooking the Thames, the police have just found a Serbian billionaire strangled and a message written in blood: Che la mia ferita sia mortale!

MALAVEN

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THE PACK

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BLOODY STONES

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SANDRINE DESTOMBES

THRILLER

THE SHAPE OF HARM (LES MALVEILLANTS)

A LONG SILENCE LASHED BY A STORM

A deluge of heavy rains has lashed the south of France for several weeks now. An embankment collapses and the earth spits up a body : Océane, who disappeared eight years earlier. She was celebrating her birthday. She had just turned 12. She is 20 today. And alive.

The Nimes investigation unit is set to high alert. Captain Domitille Fourest and Major Gab Zeller are not just hunting a killer: they are tackling a secret that is both suffocating and suffocated. What happened to Océane eight years ago? Who saved her, and who destroyed her? Who killed Karine Alban, a reclusive who lived with her six cats and was brutally tortured? Who murdered Vincent Hachemin, whose body was found in a freezer? Who sealed Mathieu Witowski's head into a plastic laundry bag?

The investigation unfolds and the two detectives uncover a system of family abuse where rescue becomes confinement, love becomes domination, and truth becomes a breath that someone constantly tries to stifle.

“An exceptional detective duo! Like them, we are standing in front of a blackboard covered in arrows pointing in all directions.”

“A real page-turner, addictive and exhilarating, driven by a gripping atmosphere and finely crafted writing.”

Michel Bussi / about “The Twins from Piolenc”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Born in 1971, SANDRINE DESTOMBES won the 2018 VSD RTL Prize for best French thriller, with “Les Jumeaux de Piolenc” (translated into 8 languages). She is also the winner of the 2020 Ligue de l'Imaginaire prize for “Madame B”. “Les Malveillants” is her first novel published by XO Editions.



October 2025
Pages : 376

**A BONE-CHILLING INVESTIGATION
INTO LONG-BURIED SECRETS**

**A DETECTIVE DUO,
TWO APPROACHES,
A COMMON SENSE OF INTUITION**

**WHEN THE SILENCE OF THE PAST
SURFACE FROM THE VERY EARTH**

“Sandrine Destombes is an expert at crafting sinuous, chilling, labyrinthine, and Machiavellian plots. She'll take you deeper into her characters' minds than you've ever been before.”

La Razón

**SANDRINE DESTOMBES'
NOVELS HAVE BEEN
TRANSLATED INTO
8 LANGUAGES**

CEDRIC BANNEL

THE TOKYO CONSPIRACY (LA CONJURATION DE TOKYO)

When Nok, a senior United Nations official and his wife are found murdered in western Tokyo, the case is quietly labeled a drug deal gone wrong.

But Kido, a young UN financial analyst officer in Japan, knew the victim and feels something isn't right. With the help of her mother Sanae, she follows a trail that is anything but ordinary. Because in Japan, the yakuza avoid drugs, leaving them to the Chinese triads.

As she pushes past bureaucratic resistance and subtle threats, Kido uncovers fragments of a far more dangerous truth: shadowy meetings between politicians and gang leaders, and whispers of an operation designed to remain invisible.

Meanwhile, in the highest circles of power, preparations are underway for a discreet and historic visit by China's First Lady. What should be a moment of diplomatic thaw between old rivals is, in reality, the final piece of a devastating plan.

Behind the scenes operates a calculating mastermind known as "The Cat Who Slices" a former elite military.

As assassins close in and allies become uncertain, Kido must navigate between organized crime and international politics to stop a plot that could ignite East Asia.



May 2026
Pages : 320

**A GEOPOLITICAL THRILLER
UTTERLY SUSPENSEFUL**

**CONTEMPORARY TOKYO
AGAINST A BACKDROP OF
RISING GEOPOLITICAL
TENSIONS BETWEEN CHINA,
JAPAN & TAIWAN**

**A DISCREET HOMICIDE
INVESTIGATION SLOWLY
REVEALS A CHILLING
CONSPIRACY**

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Inheriting the mantle of the great espionage novelists, CÉDRIC BANNEL leads readers deep into the clandestine world of shadow wars and covert power struggles. He is the author of several novels, including *The French Spy* and *The Ghosts of Kyiv* (XO, 2023)

“Timely, intelligent & informed, “The Tokyo Conspiracy” delivers a relentless narrative anchored in a compelling female lead. Cédric Bannel rewards his readers with a finale where diplomacy, nationalism and revenge collide.

”

NADINE MOUSSELET

A MORBID PUZZLE (PUZZLE MACABRE)

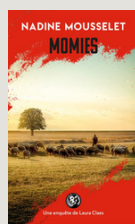
A DAZZLING SUCCESS IN SELF-PUBLISHING!

In a stretch of woodland near Lille, a hunter stumbles and falls —only to discover a woman’s leg, clad in fishnet stockings and evening heels. At the same time, an arm is found in the rubbish bins of a busy shopping street in the capital of Flanders. Then a head—one that does not “match” the arm or the leg—is recovered from the Canal de Furnes on the French-Belgian border.

Faced with such carnage, forensic team call in a specialized task force dedicated to hunting down serial killers. Among them Laura Claes, a psycho-criminologist whose instinct and razor-sharp sense of observation never fail to impress. The first clues lead investigators to prostitutes lured into a trap set by a methodical killer. He dismembers his victims before scattering their limbs to the four winds.

But to what end?

BACKLIST



May 2026
Pages : 400

**AN INCREDIBLY REALISTIC
STYLE THAT APPEALS GREATLY
TO READERS**

**A NEW PUZZLE ONLY LAURA
CLAES CAN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE**

**DARK, ATMOSPHERIC AND
DRIVEN BY A HIGH-STAKES
PSYCHOLOGICAL CAT-AND-
MOUSE GAME**

“Nadine Mousselet has invented 27 killing methods. She is the Agatha Christie of Normandy!”
Rodolphe Geisler / Le Figaro

“With Nadine Mousselet, XO Editions is expanding and showcasing the exceptional career of a self-published author who has built up an impressive and loyal readership.”
Eric Dupuy / Livre Hebdo

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Born in Belgium, NADINE MOUSSELET lives in Normandy with her husband. Once a school teacher, she raised Labradors before turning to crime fiction. Her style is blunt, her plots meticulously crafted. In 2025, she joined XO Editions, and her self-published novels are now out in paperback with Pocket.

CORALIE JANNE

DAY AFTER DAY (JOUR APRÈS JOUR)

WHAT IF, ONCE IN YOUR LIFETIME, YOU WERE GIVEN THE CHANCE TO RELIVE THE SAME DAY?

Ève works for Aracon, a company unlike any other. Around the world, people whisper their wishes into candles, fountains, temple walls. What they don't know is that those wishes are collected by Aracon, processed and sometimes granted.

Most wishes fall into three categories. The harmless ones, like reading minds. The unrealistic ones, like becoming invisible. And the strictly forbidden ones, like turning back time.

When a "Super Wish" alert flashes red on Ève's screen, she breaks protocol. Three strangers have made the exact same wish at the exact same moment: to go back to January 13, 2024, the day their lives were turned upside down.

Valentin, a 17-year-old basketball player, is in love for the first time. Gilles is an exhausted farmer on the verge of losing his wife. And Prudence is a hyper-cautious young mother about to seize the opportunity of a lifetime.

The synchronicity of their wishes is impossible! And yet, it's real. As Ève secretly dives into their lives, she uncovers the fragile chain of choices, regrets and missed chances that binds them together. But granting their wish would mean breaking the ultimate rule and disrupting the balance between destiny and free will.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



CORALIE JANNE is 35 years old. She wrote her first novel at 11, the story of a little girl who could step into the world of her own paintings. "What if You Came Back" & "So That Love Heals Us" have been published by XO Editions.

FEEL-GOOD NOVEL



March 2026
Pages : 368

**THREE LIVES SHATTERED
THREE CANDLES BLOWN OUT
ONE SHARED WISH...**

**TO GO BACK IN TIME.
TO REWRITE THE STORY
TO AVOID MAKING THE SAME
MISTAKE**

**BOTH HEART-WRENCHING &
UPLIFTING**

**A POWERFUL BLEND OF MAGIC
& CONTEMPORARY DRAMA**

“

Turning back the clock comes at a price. Because some choices can't be undone... and sometimes, fixing the past comes at an even greater cost... "Day After Day" is perfect combination between the fast-paced narrative of a page-turner & the emotional depth of women's fiction

”

CORALIE JANNE

SO THAT LOVE HEALS US (POUR QUE L'AMOUR NOUS RÉPARE)

CAN LOVE HEAL EVERYTHING AND TRULY SAVE US?

Lucas is a firefighter. His mantra? To save lives. With this commitment, he hopes to forgive himself for not having been able to avoid the tragedy that ruined his life and those of the two people he loved most in the world.

When he comes across Gabrielle, he can't resist the urge to help her. But he goes even further and starts following her. Every day. Like a new obsession.

Gabrielle is a life coach, she preaches positive thinking but, she is sad as a rock. She's fighting against an inexplicable sense of unease. Yet she has a comfortable situation and the nicest fiancé in the world, whom she's about to marry...

On the eve of her wedding, she suffers a serious accident on a mountain road. Lucas, who was still following her, comes to her rescue. Stuck in the middle of nowhere, Gabrielle and Lucas talk openly, getting to know each other. Then comes that incredible feeling that they've known each other all their lives...

Torn between two choices, Gabrielle tries to answer the question on everyone's lips: can love really heal everything?

“ An unputdownable novel (...) Coralie Janne's second novel is just as outstanding as her debut. The author explores the theme of love and takes her readers on an emotional journey, from laughter to tears.

Hubert Lemonnier / La Presse de la Manche ”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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FEEL-GOOD NOVEL



March 2025
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**A SPARKLING & MOVING
NEW NOVEL BY CORALIE
JANNE**

**SOMETIMES HE WHO SAVES
OTHERS
NEEDS TO BE SAVED HIMSELF**

**A CAREFULLY CRAFTED
SUSPENSE & A TAPESTRY OF
COMPLEX EMOTIONS**

“ A riveting story! Coralie Janne's writing style is a blend of Marc Lévy and Valérie Perrin. Twists and turns, a touch of the supernatural, endearing yet contrasting characters, emotion, humor.

Cécile Chevalier / Le Parisien ”

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CORALIE JANNE

WHAT IF YOU CAME BACK (ET SI TU REVENAIS)

A STUNNING FICTION DEBUT

LOVE IS THE GREATEST POWER OF ALL

Mia and Stan were the perfect couple. But ever since Mia's miscarriage, they've been lost in their own grief. After another endless argument, Stan leaves the apartment, fuming. He runs a red light... and Mia's world falls apart.

Mia feels responsible for Stan's death. She has survivor's remorse and no longer wants to live. She goes to visit his tombstone for the last time, to remind herself of the couple burning with love that they once were, and also to ask for forgiveness for letting herself fall into a pattern of bitterness and hatred.

On a bench in the cemetery, a stranger comes up to her who seems to know everything about her.

The question he asks her will change her life, and even Stan's, from beyond death.

“— WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO BRING BACK THE MAN YOU LOVE?

— ANYTHING, I'D DO ANYTHING !”

“

A tear drop from Faust, two dashes of fantasy, a pinch of humor... the delicious cocktail of this debut novel.

Gilles Médioni / Marie-France

”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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March 2024
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A MODERN-DAY FAUST

A HEARTRENDING STORY
OF ABSOLUTE LOVE

A NOVEL FULL OF DARING &
SUSPENSE

“

Addressing themes such as forgiveness, the meaning of sacrifice, unconditional love, regret, and the fear of death, this novel intertwines different insights, pushing readers to their limits and shifting between dramatic and light-hearted writing.

A real emotional roller coaster.
Eloïse Judéaux-Legendre / Cosmopolitan

”

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GAVIN'S CLEMENTE RUIZ

THE CAFÉ OF UNspoken DREAMS (LE CAFÉ DES RÊVES)

Inès, 30, an AI engineer in Berlin, has just been fired... by EVA, the Artificial Intelligence she herself designed. EVA now performs better than its creator. On the very same day, her boyfriend Pablo breaks up with her over a video call.

The bottom line? No job, no boyfriend, one cat named Balthazar — and the irrepressible urge to run away.

Ines leaves for Andalusia and moves in with Pilar, her grandmother, in a village where time seems to have stood still. Surrounded by the women of the “sacred circle”, by Luz—who dreams of launching a literary tapas food truck—and by Ruben, the owner of the Nameless café, Inès slowly rediscovers what she had forgotten: talk, laugh, breathe.

At the village café, a postcard box invites locals to anonymously share their secrets, longings, and confessions. Inès begins illustrating them.

But when EVA reaches out to her with a groundbreaking new project in Berlin, Inès faces a choice: return to a life of performance and optimization... or stay in the village where she has finally found peace.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Born in 1978, GAVIN'S CLEMENTE RUIZ is the Secretary General of *Le Guide du Routard* and a radio columnist. He is the author of four previous novels, including *Le Club des Feignasses* (The Slackers' Club) and *Comment papa est devenu danseuse étoilé* (How Dad Became a Prima Ballerina).



May 2025
Pages : 288

**UNDER THE ANDALUSIAN SUN,
LOST HEARTS FIND THEIR WAY
HOME**

**A STORY OF LOVE & LOSS &
LAUGHTER**

**CHARMING, WITTY &
HEARTWARMING**

**A GRACEFUL STORY OF
WOMEN'S VOICES CARRIED
ACROSS GENERATIONS**

“At once intimate and luminous, “The Café of Unspoken Dreams” celebrates the power of sisterhood and the fragile art of new beginnings. Both poignant and gently funny, the novel captures the bittersweet truth that sometimes we must return to where we began in order to move forward.

”

BENOIT D'HALLUIN

A CRY IN THE OCEAN (UN CRI DANS L'OCÉAN)

Thailand. On a December evening in a small fishing port. Arun, a thirty-something of Cambodian origin, finds refuge in a bar, after an argument with his boyfriend Olivier. A man offers him a drink. A few hours later, he wakes up in a locked room, with no papers and no cell phone. Arun realizes that he is in the hold of a fishing boat, in the middle of the ocean... The next day, Olivier who has no news from his boyfriend, is convinced that Arun has chosen to disappear and he returns to Paris alone. In the apartment where they had lived together for 7 years, Olivier stumbles across a notebook left by his boyfriend. What he reads in Arun's notes challenges all his certainties.

Arun was no longer happy; he felt ignored by his lover, whom he still loved in spite of everything. Olivier knows now that he absolutely has to find Arun and rebuild a healthy love story with him. So he sets off on a mad odyssey and gradually discovers a cruel reality that goes under the radar : slavery at sea, to which hundreds of thousands of men fall victim.

“ You'll grab onto the railings and face big waves head-on. And love too. Which makes the violence of men less bitter.

” Pierre Vasseur / *Le Parisien weekend*

“ A call to action against slavery and the overexploitation of the ocean

” José-Manuel Lamarque / *France Inter*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



BENOIT D'HALLUIN is 38 years old. Born in Toronto, he moved to France at the age of ten. A French-Canadian, he works for a luxury cosmetics brand. He feels equally at home in European and American culture. Alongside his business studies, he studied art history at the École du Louvre.



BOOK & SEA
HENRI QUEFFÉLEC PRIZE

January 2025
Pages : 448

IN THE SILENCE OF THE SEA,
A MAN CRIES OUT WITH
DESPAIR

THE UNTOLD STORY OF HUMAN
TRAFFICKING AT SEA

AN ODYSSEY WHERE VIOLENCE
STRIKES SEA AND MEN ALIKE

“ This novel is a magnificent cry of distress and love for the ocean. It also deals with an essential contemporary issue: slavery at sea. *Ici Paris* ”

A NIGHT WITH NO DAWN
(UNE NUIT SANS AUBE)



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ENGLISH SAMPLE
AVAILABLE

2022
368 pages

HENRI LŒVENBRUCK

SO THAT WE HAVE NO REGRETS (POUR NE RIEN REGRETTER)

DARE DREAM OF A BETTER FUTURE

« My name is Vera, and I wanted to tell you about the sound of rain on corrugated roofing sheets, which is so painful to remember, just like a good memory. » In Providence, a small town lost in the middle of nowhere, a voice rises softly above the silence. A special, a different voice. An unusual voice. Vera's voice.

Little by little, Vera – a sensitive, delicate and tormented soul – will become a symbol of resistance in the face of the injustices of the modern world. With a strong heart and filled with love for her planet, she draws those around her into the ultimate combat of David against Goliath.

Because even on the ruins of a devastated earth, there are fragile flowers that nothing can prevent from blossoming.

“ I wanted to write a novel that makes readers want to give the kids a hand.

Henri Loevenbruck

“ Henri Loevenbruck narrates a profound paradigm shift in our societies. The young generation finds fulfillment through commitment and the fight against injustice and inequality. A different path, but the same ideal: freedom.

Léonard Desbrières / Lire Magazine

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



HENRI LŒVENBRUCK was born in Paris in 1972. He is the author of over twenty novels that have been translated into many languages. His Gabriel Joly series set during the French Revolution met a huge success.



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AN ODE TO HOPE & FREEDOM

A COMMITTED NOVEL
AGAINST A BACKDROP
OF ENVIRONMENTAL
DESTRUCTION

AN ORIGINAL & ENDEARING
NARRATIVE VOICE
RECOUNTING THE HUMAN
COST OF PROGRESS

“ A burst of hope, the book celebrates the ever-possible triumph of David over Goliath.

Claire Julliard / Le Nouvel Obs

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HENRI LÆVENBRUCK

THE MISSING OF BLACKMORE (LES DISPARUS DE BLACKMORE)

THE MULDER & SCULLY OF THE 1920s

Blackmore, October 1925. On this island cut off from the world, off the coast of Guernsey, murders and one disappearance after another spread terror. While the police waffle, Lorraine Chapelle, the first woman in her graduating class at the Criminology Institute of Paris, is called in for reinforcement. This resolute Cartesian pursues her investigation with the help of Edward Pierce, a British detective specializing in the occult. Together they confront Blackmore's darkest secrets, including the mysterious statues strewn across the landscape, rumored to belong to a cult lurking in the shadows. And then there is that ceaseless brutal wind, the Murmur of the Mist. The duo will have to untangle the real from the fake, the secrets, and the lies, in a diabolical race against the clock.

Historical crime, Gothic novel, and esoteric quest blend together seamlessly in this investigation full of twists and turns and an unexpected finale.

L'Est éclair

Thrills on every page (...) A fantastic atmosphere infuses this mystery novel, a tribute to Lovecraft and Agatha Christie.

Claire Julliard / L'Obs

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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**A GRIPPING & ENIGMATIC
THRILLER IN THE STYLE OF
H.P. LOVECRAFT & AGATHA
CHRISTIE**

**A DUO OF INVESTIGATORS AS
IMPROBABLE AS TOUCHING**

**AN ODE TO THE POPULAR
LITERATURE OF THE 1920s**

ENGLISH SAMPLE AVAILABLE

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HENRI LÆVENBRUCK

THE PHANTOM OF VERSAILLES (LE FANTÔME DE VERSAILLES)

A TRIBUTE TO REVOLUTIONARY WOMEN

October 1789. The city is in turmoil and famine fuels riots when the Parisian elite is informed of the sudden death of renowned journalist Gabriel Joly. On the evening of the October 5th, thousands of Parisian women march on Versailles. In no time, the palace is stormed.

In the corridors, an elusive figure haunts the King's House, which has become the scene of a series of murders. Caught up in the turmoil, Gabriel's companions unite to unmask the Phantom of Versailles. Between court intrigues and popular fury, each clue brings them closer to a truth more dangerous than they could have imagined...

As the fate of the monarchy is threatened by the rebellious women of Paris, the shadow of Colonel Duvilliers reappears. Does his past conceal a plot to overturn History?

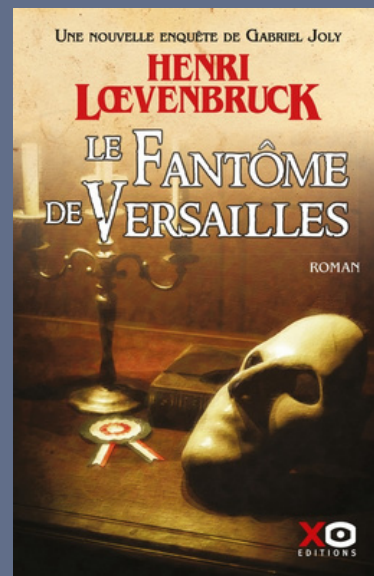
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HISTORICAL CRIME NOVEL

GABRIEL JOLY SERIES / VOL. 4



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THE FINAL VOLUME OF A
COMPELLING SAGA BETWEEN
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION &
GREAT HISTORY

A GRIPPING HISTORICAL
THRILLER IN THE VEIN OF
ALEXANDRE DUMAS

GABRIEL JOLY
SERIES
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HENRI LŒVENBRUCK

THE MURDERER OF THE RUE VOLTAIRE (VOL. 3)

SOMETIMES THE COMÉDIE-FRANÇAISE
TURNS BLOODY

Paris, August 1789. On one end, The Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen is being drafted... On the other end, people are assassinated behind the curtains of the Comédie-Française. Actors, spectators, revolutionaries, the suspects are all over !
The nascent revolution shakes the whole of France and the mysterious Wolf of the Cordeliers reappears in the Parisian streets. As for Gabriel Joly, young investigative journalist, he is taken over by these murders in the Comédie Française. And what if the Wolf of the Cordeliers himself became his best ally?

THE RED HAND MYSTERY (VOL. 2)

THE TURMOIL OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION

July 1789. As Parisian revolutionaries storm the Bastille, brilliant young journalist Gabriel Joly makes the greatest discovery of his new career. He has uncovered the identity of the Wolf of the Cordeliers, a mysterious vigilante who haunts the streets of Paris at night...

A high-speed pursuit ensues that will take Gabriel Joly to the Corsican scrublands on the trail of the Red Hand, a strange secret society whose members have connections with the Revolution raging in the capital.

THE WOLF OF THE CORDELIERS (VOL. 1)

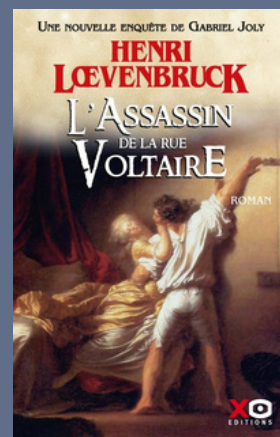
A DIVE INTO THE BACKSTAGE OF THE FRENCH
REVOLUTION...

In May 1789, a wind of revolt blows in Paris. Gabriel Joly, brilliant young provincial, goes to the capital where he dreams of becoming the greatest journalist of his time. His first challenge: to unmask the Wolf of the Cordeliers, this terrifying vigilante who, at night, holds a wolf on a leash and commits bloody murders to protect women in the streets of Paris...

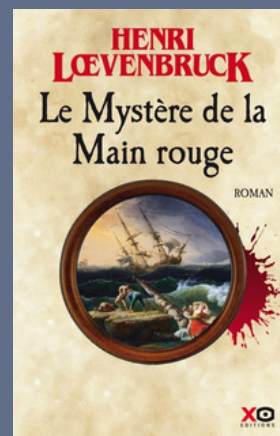
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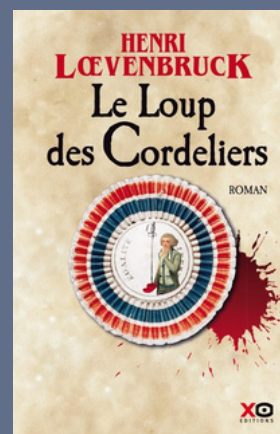
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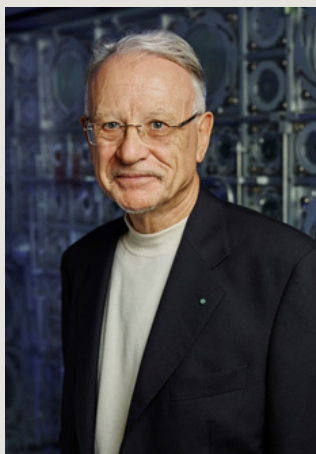
Heliopolis, Egypt's oldest sacred city.

As preparations are underway for the election of Ounis as head of the Fifth Dynasty, the vision of the Great Seer Branir blurs, raising fears that the golden age of Pharaonic Egypt is coming to an end and that extreme dangers await the land cherished by the gods.

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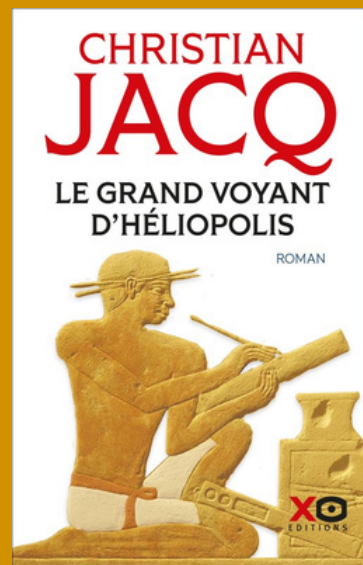
However, one of Ounis' opponents has decided to hire a Libyan assassin to eliminate him. Will the great seer be able to identify him in time, neutralize him, and overcome all the other obstacles that stand in his way? The stakes are high: the preservation of the sacred values that make Egypt a civilization of light.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



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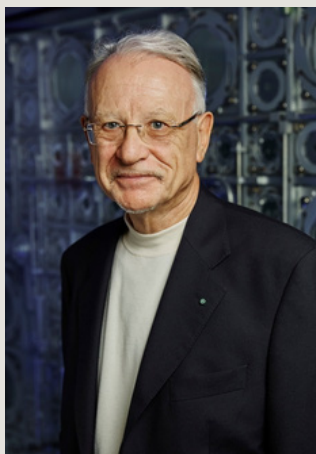
He is one of the world's most renowned specialists on ancient Egypt. Through novels and essays, Christian Jacq has led us to discover its history, its heroic figures, and the spirituality that underlies each of its wonders.

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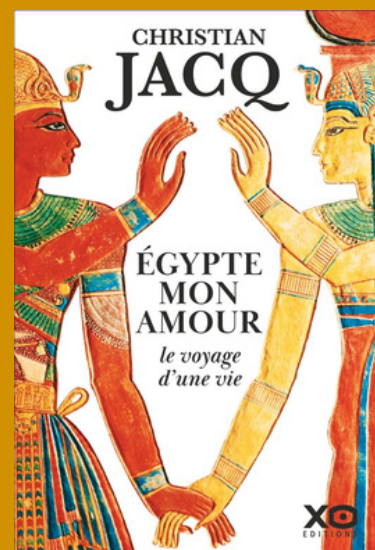
The author reminds us that for the ancient Egyptians, "to love" means to dig a channel through which energy flows, then build a pyramid. Indeed, ancient Egypt is not a country like any other. With this book, Christian Jacq invites us to walk in his footsteps to understand its profound meaning.

From Memphis to Philae, from the pyramids of Giza to the temples of Karnak, through the Valley of the Kings and the desert oases, each chapter plunges the reader into a new adventure. The author brings unique moments to life: the exploration of mysterious tombs, encounters with legendary queens like Nefertari, unique experiences in the desert, and moments of grace in sacred places.

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MORGANE, THE QUEEN OF MISTS (MORGANE DES BRUMES)

Armorica, 6th century.

Led by Vortigern, the throne usurper, and his formidable sorcerer, the army of Saxons and the Black Mages storms the Armorican lands.

Only an unlikely alliance between Arthur, the rightful heir, and Morgane of the Mists, Vortigern's daughter, can turn the course of the upcoming battle.

But while Brocéliande, the source of white magic, prepares for the confrontation, the hand of Darkness falls upon the druids, the creatures of the Little People... and Morgane's very heart.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



MIREILLE CALMEL born in 1964, has been writing since the age of eight. Like many authors, her writing career started discreetly, with songs and short stories. Then, she took several years to write her first novel, "Eleanor's Bed" (XO, 2002), the success of which was like a fairytale come true for Mireille. Her novels published with XO, have all been best-sellers.

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GILBERT BORDES

AN THE TREES BEGAN TO SING (ET LES ARBRES SE MIRENT A CHANTER)

On a summer morning, the destinies of two broken souls battered by life cross paths.

Paul is a talented luthier. Or rather, "was". Since the death of his daughter in a car accident and that of his wife from cancer, his soul has been silenced and his hands can no longer hear the song of wood. Alone and aging, with his dog Râteau as his only companion, Paul's life is now nothing more than a solitary wandering among memories.

Angline is a former cellist who had to give up her career after a domestic accident. Since then, the mere sight of a cello has been like a knife twist in a still-open wound. She now works in a clothing store and shamefully drowns her distress in a gambling addiction.

Their encounter, as unlikely as it is salutary, brings a new light to these two battered lives. Together, they will take the path that leads back to the soul of the wood. Angeline finds refuge in Paul's workshop when he begins to teach her the craft of luthiery: listen to trees, find those whose wood will enhance the sound of instruments. A promise is born!

“From the heart of forests where the trees seem to sing the promise of a sovereign music, to the bench where singular instruments are born, this novel is an ode to resilience.”

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



GILBERT BORDES used to be a teacher, then he became a journalist, before turning to writing. He is a peerless story teller, author of "Jésus", "The Last Night of Pompeii", "The Newfoundland Violin", "The Children of the Winter".



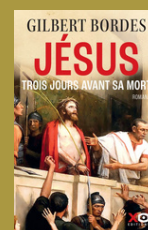
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ROSELINE HAMEL & NASSERA KERMICHE & SAMUEL LIEVEN

SISTERS IN SORROW (SOEURS DE DOULEUR)

Roseline Hamel is the sister of Father Hamel, murdered in his church on July 26th, 2016, as he finishes celebrating mass. Nassera Kermiche is the mother of one of the two terrorists killed during the raid.

Two women for whom this friendship became a vital resource and the necessary path to overcome their suffering as sister and mother.

Sisters in sorrow is a book written by three people: Roseline, Nassera and Samuel Lieven, the journalist who gathered the testimonies of these two women whom horror should have driven apart, yet brought them together in a dialogue of hope and peace.

The evening after her brother's funeral, Roseline kept asking herself who else could suffer more than her? The answer to this rhetorical question became immediately obvious: the mothers of the two young men who killed her brother. Roseline refused to let hatred prevail over the need to understand, and she decided to contact Nassera. A dialogue developed between these two women wounded by the same tragedy, and transformed, over the years, into friendship.

Samuel Lieven was the first journalist to receive the Jacques Hamel Prize. It was on this occasion that he met Roseline and Nassera, who entrusted him with the story of their encounter and friendship.

This moving dialogue between the sister of the priest murdered murdered in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray and the mother of the terrorist tells of a magnificent human endeavor and reveals an extraordinary call for forgiveness shattered by the intolerable violence of the crime.

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MEMOIRS (MÉMOIRES)

Beautifully written, intelligent, and insightful, the *Memoirs* of Farah Diba Pahlavi open a window on the life of one of the great women of our time and offer a unique perspective on the extraordinary country over which she and her husband reigned before darkness fell.

Empress Farah broke many barriers during her two decades on the throne. She was Iran's first crowned female sovereign and the first woman crowned anywhere in the Muslim world. She was the first woman in a Muslim country to publicly donate blood.

She continues to work and speak out on behalf of her people, and she closely follows events back in Iran and is in daily contact with compatriots who write and express their support and friendship.

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I have been living in exile, far from my country, for nearly half a century. And yet Iran has never left me, not even for a moment. Every word spoken, every poem, every dream brings me back to this country that I cherish with all my being. I live with my compatriots, I rejoice in their individual successes, I suffer with them.

I am proud of their resilience, admire their determination, and am dazzled by their courage at a time when fierce repression is being unleashed on these freedom-loving women and men. My heart beats to the rhythm of the spasms shaking my country.

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