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Picture book Format: 24 x 16.5 cm Hardcover Pages: 64 Retail price: €19.95

One of **dPICTUS**'s 100 Outstanding Picture Books 2023

CROSSING Author: Louise Heugel

One day, a curious gazelle follows a group of migrating birds across the ocean and ends up in an unfamiliar land, far from home. It befriends one of the birds, and as the two get to know one another, they have a blast playing, laughing, and enjoying one another's company. When it comes time for the gazelle to leave, the bird gives it a seed that will grow into a magnificent tree and serve as a constant reminder of his faraway friend.

Louise Heugel's sparing use of words and pulsing dichromatic palette make this universal tale of exploration and friendship buzz with energy and feeling that will resonate with readers long after they have turned the last page!



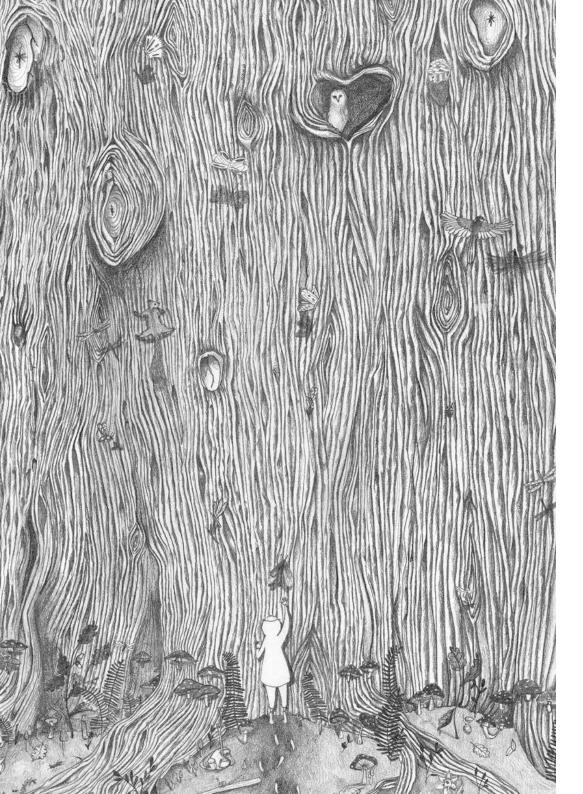
A vibrant tale of curiosity and exploration

A glorious expression of joy



An unforgettable journey that will entice readers to look beyond familiar boundaries!







Picture book Format: 23 x 32.5 cm Hardcover Pages: 48 Retail price: €23

THE TREE THAT WANTED TO BE AN AIRPLANE

Author: Antoine Vigne Illustrator: Léa Louis

A tree in the middle of the forest is so fascinated by the sparkling, glittering plane it sees crossing the skies every day that the desire to do likewise is almost too much to bear.

Weary of its roots and its heavy branches, the tree desperately wants to fly off into the sky, despite a growing awareness that the modern civilization that the plane symbolizes represents a serious menace to its own ecosystem.

Illustrated with intricate black-and-white drawings of nature and rich, pulsing acrylics that stir with the fertile energy and age-old wisdom of the forest, this stunning ode to nature is a fascinating exploration of the complexity of the modern world and nature's precious role within it.



Dreams that know no boundaries

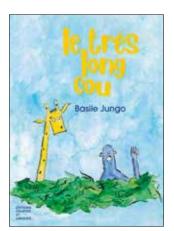
A poetic journey



An exploration of self, modern times, and the inestimable role of nature







Picture book Format: 20 x 27 cm Hardcover Pages: 48 Retail price: €19.95

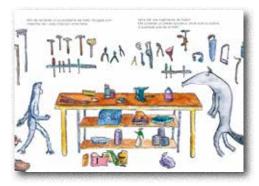


Author: Basile Jungo

This wacky tale of a pair of inseparable buddies is an ode to creativity and friendship.

One night, Lino the giraffe grows so fast that Douglas the monkey can no longer see his friend's face. Douglas begins to panic, for they can no longer hear one another and have no means of communicating.

So he enlists the help of Irene the anteater to concoct a multitude of crazy, ingenious solutions including a winged skateboard, a rocket ship, and a catapult in the hopes of reconnecting with his dear friend. As the two work themselves into a frenzy, Lino finds inspiration on his own, and the tale ends with a joyous celebration of their precious friendship!



The power of friendship to overcome obstacles

A poetic, quirky adventure



Find Lino, whatever it takes!

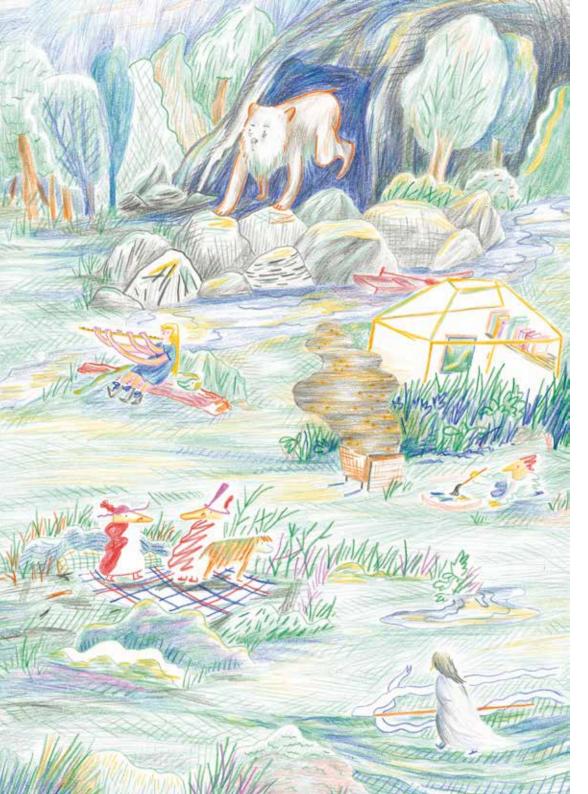
Douglas grimpe rejoindre Lino mais plus II monte, plus les branches deviennent fines si bien que l'ascension est inenvisageable. Il ne peut pas aller plus loin.

« Ah, mais vollà Lino ! se réjouit Douglas. Comment vas-tu, Mon Cher Ami ? »

Mais personne ne répond. « Hé! Oh! M'entends-tu? »

Pas une réponse, un vent glacial, puis un frisson... Douglas s'approche un peu.

Horreur I Le cou de Lino a grandi pendant la nuit. Les deux amis ne peuvent plus se voir, se parler ni s'entendre.





Picture book Format: 20 x 27.5 cm Hardcover Pages: 168 Retail price: €29.90

ILLUSTRATIO!

Author: Jean-Baptiste Bourgois

Illustratio! is a cunning mise en abyme of the creative process and an exploration of the genesis of imagination and style, the realms that fed and shaped the author's imagination, and the original sources of his creativity.

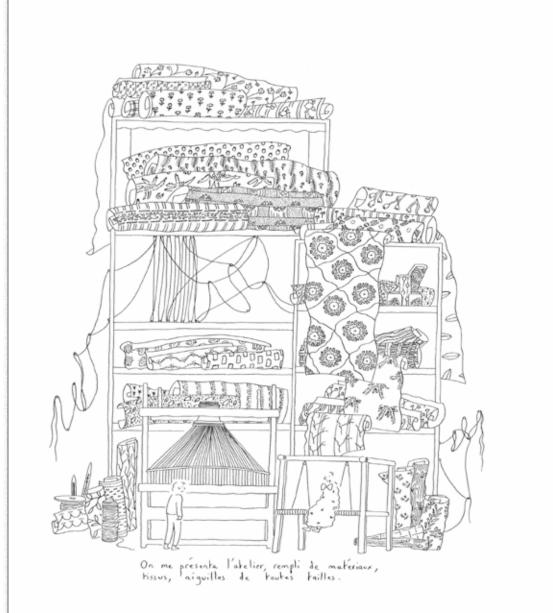
Using minimalist strokes highlighted with vivid colour, few words, and a good dose of humour and humility, Jean-Baptiste Bourgois describes his own trials and failures and his encounters with major artists, embarking readers on an extraordinary journey that will feed their own imaginations.

At once autobiography, picture book, graphic novel, and comic book, *Illustratio!* invites readers on an adventure through real and metaphorical universes that mirrors a more universal exploration of self and that which makes each individual truly unique.



A melding of genres





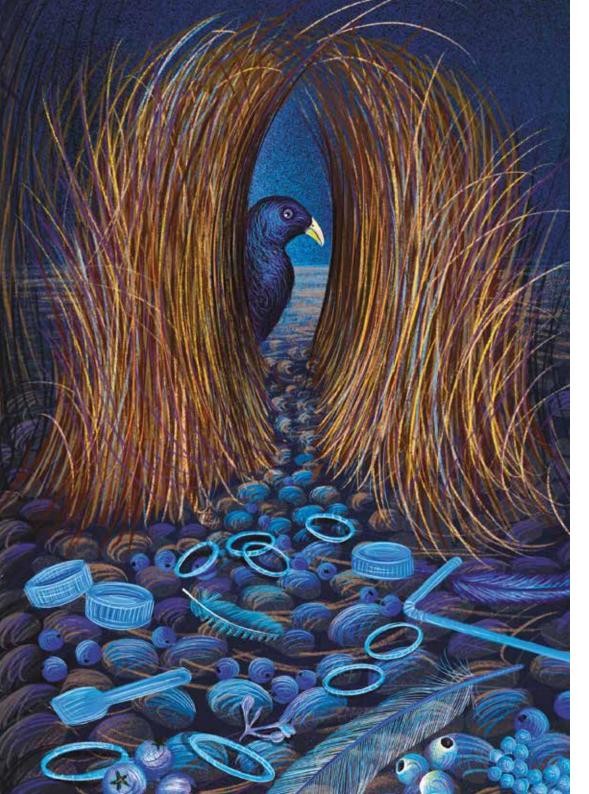


Je me mis av travail, me plaisant à imaginer quel souverein je deviendrais.





Pans laquelle je n'avais pas envie d'être vu.





Non-fiction picture book Format: 20 x 32.5 cm Hardcover Pages: 64 Retail price: €22 Rights sold: English (USA), Italian, Japanese

HOME

Author: Isabelle Simler

A stunning tribute to nature's most improbable architects and their meticulous craft, *Home* is a poetic, intimate exploration of twenty-seven extraordinary natural habitats, including nests, lodges, cocoons, webs, and more.

Isabelle Simler is a highly acclaimed author of children's literature, and she has mastered the art of depicting bewitching realms that are inspired by nature.

Her precise renderings of matter, colour, and light dazzle the eye, and the appealing way in which she narrates scientific facts makes understanding the structures and functions of these natural habitats and the behavior of their occupants a most delightful experience!



A picture book for all ages

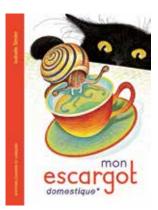
An exciting way to discover nature







Non-fiction picture book Format: 14 x 19 cm Hardcover Pages: 64 Retail price: €15 Rights sold: English (USA and Canada), German, Korean



Non-fiction picture book Format: 14 x 19 cm Hardcover Pages: 64 Retail price: €15

MY WILD CAT

Author: Isabelle Simler

What kind of pet drapes itself on a radiator before disappearing for hours, ignoring the anguished calls of its owners? Only the most cunning feline, as sly as its cousins in the wild, with the nonchalant attitude of a dandy, a stealthy hunter that likes nothing better than to purr the day away with not a care in the world... Until it decides to pounce on and play with you!

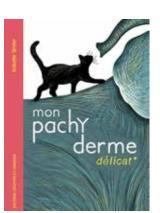


MY PET SNAIL Author: **Isabelle Simler**

Cats, dogs, bunnies, and guinea pigs are common pets. But who has ever dreamed about having a pet snail?

A young child makes a surprising discovery in the bathtub: it's a snail! Little by little, the child tries to tame it. After all, there's nothing wrong with having a pet snail? Or is there?





Non-fiction picture book Format: 14 x 19 cm Hardcover Pages: 64 Retail price: €15

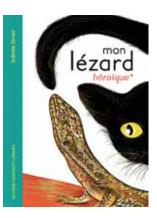


Author: Isabelle Simler

A droll, poetic documentary fiction, *My Exquisite Elephant* is filled with playful contrasts of scale between the author's iconic black cat, Plume, and a colossal pachyderm, alongside footnotes that make scientific facts particularly fun and easy to understand.

A deliciously ironic work, it will surprise young readers at every turn of the page!





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MY VALIANT LIZARD

Author: Isabelle Simler

A marvelous mix of naturalism and fantasy, *My Valiant Lizard* is a fictional tale peppered with easy-to-understand scientific facts about this popular reptile's morphology, personality, and habits.

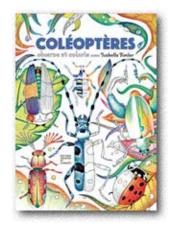
Children will delight in following the author's signature black cat, Plume, as it tries desperately to pounce upon the main character in this singularly clever tale.





the series Discover the World as You Colour with Isabelle Simler

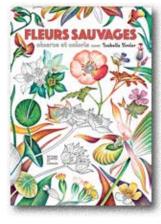
AUTHOR OF PLUME, A NEW YORK TIMES BEST ILLUSTRATED CHILDREN'S BOOK



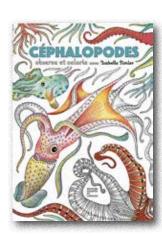
Beetles



Stream



Wildflowers

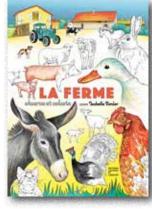


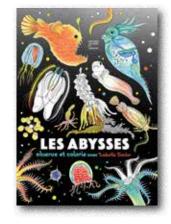
Cephalopodes



Forest









The FarmThe AbyssA fold-out book that young artists can take with them wherever they go!

Leporello colouring book Format when folded: 21 x 29.7 cm Unfolded: 126 x 29.7 cm Paperback - Pages: 12 Retail price: €9.90 Seven titles available



BACKLIST SELECTION / PICTURE BOOKS





LITTLE CREATURE Marjolaine Leray €22 • 112 pages



THE ANT, THE BIRD AND THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD Niels Thorez and Valérie Michel €20 • 40 pages



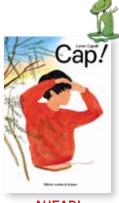
ALPHONSE AND BOLERO Laurent Condominas and Charlotte Huguenin €22 • 48 pages



FANTASTIC ARCHITECTURE Nancy Guilbert and Patricia Bolaños €22 • 48 pages



JACK THE LANDLUBBER Jean Poderos and Léa Louis €22 • 56 pages



AHEAD! Loren Capelli €24 • 120 pages





Niels Thorez and Jean-Charles Baty €19.50 • 40 pages



ANIMASCOPE Marie Donzelli and Marie Gastaut €22 • 48 pages



WHERE WOLVES SING Mickaël El Fathi and Odile Santi €23 • 48 pages



ODILON'S UNDERWORLD Julie Billault and Jean-Charles Baty €23 • 48 pages



THE COLLECTION Marjolaine Leray €9.90 • 32 pages

Le Chant des grands bateaux

SONGS OF SAILBOATS Nadine Brun-Cosme €22 • 48 pages









Les scribes

Ce mot vient du latin scriba, scribere qui désigne toute personne dont l'emploi est d'écrire.

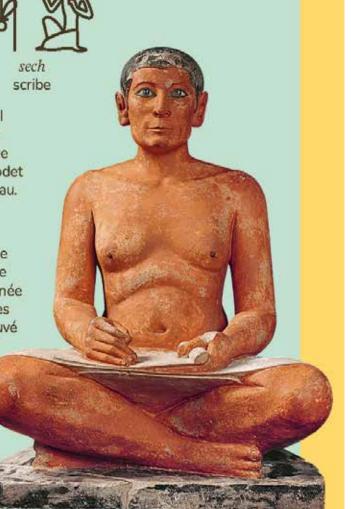


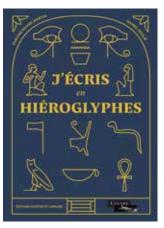
Ce signe représente le matériel d'écriture : à gauche, la palette avec les deux creux pour l'encre noire et rouge ; au centre, le godet d'eau et, à droite, l'étui à pinceau. Ce dessin est suivi par l'idéogramme de l'homme.

Cette profession est en principe réservée aux hommes ; nous ne savons rien de l'éducation donnée aux filles. On sait peu de choses sur les écoles, mais l'on a retrouvé des tablettes d'écolier.

Scribe accroupi

Saqqara, Ancien Empire, sans doute IV^e dynastie, -2620/-2500. Calcaire, cristal de roche, magnésite, cuivre et bois, 53,7 cm.





Non-fiction Format: 14 x 19 cm Hardcover Pages: 56 Retail price: €15

WRITING IN HIEROGLYPHS

Authors: Evelyne Faivre-Martin and Daniel Soulié

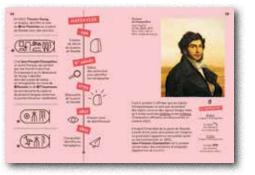
Co-published with the Musée du Louvre, *Writing in Hieroglyphs* offers a captivating introduction to the writing system of ancient Egypt, one of the world's most complex and fascinating civilizations. Thanks to its clear framework for understanding the fundamentals of hieroglyphs, readers will be able to decrypt examples from the Louvre's Department of Egyptian Antiquities.

Complete with a glossary and activities to help children and adults understand hieroglyphs, *Writing in Hieroglyphs* is a singular exploration of an ancient language that is intricately intertwined with the history, philosophy, and mythology of ancient Egypt.



An immersion in the history of art and civilizations

Learn to write in hieroglyphs





* Anne Vallayer-Coster, Panaches de mer, fithopfrytes et coquilles, 1769, Huile sur toile, 130 × 97 cm. Paris, musée du Louvre.





Non-fiction Format: 22 x 28 cm Hardcover Pages: 80 Retail price: €19.90

THIS IS NOT A STILL LIFE! Author: Caroline Larroche

Copublished with the Musée du Louvre, *This Is Not a Still Life!* takes a fresh, wide-reaching look at the still life genre. Objects, symbols, and other things that affect, play a role in, and symbolize daily life are omnipresent, and it is to foster a better perception and understanding of this phenomenon that artists of the past and the present continue to perpetuate the genre.

Art historian Caroline Larroche confronts dozens of works of art from various eras and styles to offer a multilateral vision—meticulously researched but nonetheless highly accessible—that will appeal to a host of audiences. Young readers will discover masterpieces from the Louvre and other major museums, and the fascinating, straightforward dialogue between them will inspire readers to see their own daily lives in a new light.

La conchyliologie est la branche de l'histoire naturelle consacrée à l'étude des MOLLUSQUES À COQUILLE. Un (e) conchyophile collectionne les coquillagés... sans le mollusque à l'intérieur!



GORGON

Ce sont des éléments indispensables des cabinets d'amateurs du xuil siècle. On a alors découvert peu de temps auparavant qu'elles ne sont pas d'origine végétale mais animale! Elles appartiennent à la famille des coraux et, comme eux, ce sont des animaux marins, qui sécrètent un squelette externe dur, lequel se ramifie en branches.



An upbeat, interactive format

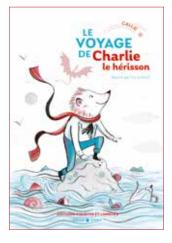
A work that inspires reflection



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NOVELS

Discover the new Étoile series and its singular novels for ages 7 and up!



Etoile series Format: 12.5 x 18 cm Pages: 128 Retail price: €12 Age : 7+

THE JOURNEY OF CHARLIE THE HEDGEHOG

Author: Callie Illustrator: Anna Griot

The Journey of Charlie the Hedgehog is a clever, fast-paced tale featuring a most unlikely yet utterly loveable hero.

Charlie the hedgehog is a stickler for good behaviour who enjoys spending his free time working on his guide to proper hedgehog etiquette. Until one day, when a natural disaster befalls the island on which he lives and he finds himself requiring the help of a fire-breathing dragon to save his fellow hedgehogs.

As the plot twists and turns, the novel's humorous trichromatic illustrations in red, blue, and black will have readers laughing out loud as they cheer Charlie on in this story of resilience, loyalty, and hope!



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Etoile series Format: 12.5 x 18 cm Pages: 48 Retail price: €9 Age : 7+

MONSIEUR DENIS

Author: Camille Hermand Illustrator: Betty Bone

Young readers will delight in joining the wacky, unexpected adventures of Monsieur Denis and his friend Jacky as they set off in search of Jacky's missing hat. What Jacky doesn't know is that Monsieur Denis is also secretly looking for a banana, for Monsieur Denis always has a banana for breakfast and that morning there were none to be had!

Vibrant trichromatic illustrations bring the most peculiar of situations to life as readers follow a host of clues ... and Monsieur Denis finally realizes that what he really needs is not a banana at all!



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NOVELS / NEW TITLES



Ultraviolet series Format: 15 x 22 cm Paperback Pages: 464 Retail price: €16.90 Age: 13+

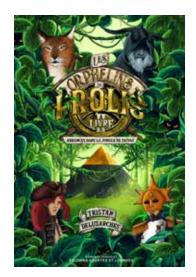
THE ORPHANS OF PROLIS, BOOK I: EVASION IN THE NEW WORLD

Author: Tristan Deluzarches

It is the fifth century of the Age of Light and young orphans Yann and Briac manage to survive by pilfering goods at local markets until Briac, the younger of the two, finally gets caught! To flee their troubles, the brothers join the crew of *Evasion*, a large ship about to embark on a secret mission.

Packed with the most unexpected turns of events and set in a fascinating, singular universe akin to those of the most celebrated epic tales, *Evasion in the New World* is the first book of the four-volume *The Orphans of Prolis* saga.

Its brilliantly rendered characters, exotic settings, and rousing battles are the work of exceptional young author Tristan Deluzarches, who first came up with the idea for his debut novel in junior high school. With *Evasion in the New World* he has fulfilled the dream of the young boy whose passion for writing and thirst for adventure continue to inhabit his soul!



Ultraviolet series Format: 15 x 22 cm Paperback Pages: 624 Retail price: €18.90 Age: 13+

THE ORPHANS OF PROLIS, BOOK II: WANDERINGS IN THE JUNGLE OF TAÏVAS

Author: Tristan Deluzarches

The second volume of the *Orphans* of *Prolis* saga is as jam-packed with breathtaking battle scenes and exhilarating adventures as the first.

When a military fort on Taïvas is attacked by the Others, the imprisoned crew members of the *Evasion* are unexpectedly given the opportunity to explore the hidden world of Baradoz, where the Others sought refuge after being persecuted and banished by the people of Prolis.

Yann, in the meantime, encounters a most mysterious character and Lucia discovers the truth about her father.

As the plot thickens, reality is turned upside down and our young heroes discover that their allies and enemies aren't necessarily who they thought they were!

NOVELS / NEW TITLES



Ultraviolet series Format: 15 x 22 cm Paperback Pages: 176 Retail price: €15.90 Age: 13+

THE FIRST PERSON TO SAY "I LOVE YOU" LOSES

Author: Élisabeth Brami and Marie Sellier

Told in the voices of Cécile and Aurélien, a pair of lonely teenagers who begin exchanging emails after Cécile has a serious accident and ends up in the hospital, this intimate, engaging novel throbs with emotion.

The adolescents write about their daily lives, the problems they face, and their feelings of loneliness—their families seem to care little about what happens to them as they grow closer, using lively, modern language that will resonate with teenage readers.

Aurélien wonders whether or not he wants to live with his parents any longer and Cécile, what really caused the accident that landed her in the hospital in the first place.

Supported by one another, Aurélien and Cécile form a powerful emotional bond so deep and unquestionable that it doesn't need to be named.



Ultraviolet series Format: 15 x 22 cm Paperback Pages: 176 Retail price: €15.90 Age: 13+

REFUGE

Author: Marie-France Zerolo

When Chloé and Marie wake up in the hospital, there are police officers waiting to interrogate them about a dead man.

As they retrace their steps, they recall the nature hike they had embarked upon two days earlier, the religious community led by Chloé's estranged father, and the intimate confessions each girl shared after they got lost in the woods.

Indeed, Marie is struggling to choose between a deeper spiritual commitment and a career as a concert pianist while Chloé is grappling with her father's hypocrisy and abandonment.

As the two confront their experiences and faith, they reveal the vulnerability of teenagers in the face of powerful leaders and the satisfaction that comes from self-awareness and making one's own choices.

NOVELS / NEW TITLES



Ultraviolet series Format: 15 x 22 cm Paperback Pages: 432 Retail price: €16.90 Age: 13+

LINES

Author: Jacques Arragon

Upon losing his job as a telecommunications cable specialist, Philibert Jacquemin finds himself at the heart of a global conspiracy to destroy humanity and must look deep within himself to find the strength he needs to resist the forces of evil.

Written by Jacques Arragon, a former engineer, *Lines* addresses the major preoccupations facing children of the 21st century, from the footprint we leave on the Earth's surface and the modifications it has led to in our natural surroundings, to the consequences of hyperconnectivity and communication at any cost and the challenges of supplying food to a growing population.

With biting humour, electrifying battles, unimaginable technology, and dizzying backdrops, *Lines* draws readers into a futuristic intrigue that cannot but enthrall.



Ultraviolet series Format: 15 x 22 cm Paperback Pages: 192 Retail price: €15.90 Age: 13+

130 DAYS OF LIES

Author: Nadine Brun-Cosme

130 Days of Lies is the story of three teenagers who have become liars by necessity: Léon steals to make up for his parents' indifference and lack of love; Manon pretends her mother is dead rather than admitting she abandoned her daughter to pursue her dream of becoming a fashion designer; and Mélanie, whose mother really is dead, feigns to believe in Manon's lies before ultimately betraying her. The three teenagers see their destinies intertwine, until the resilience of youth prevails and they figure out how to let themselves love and be loved in return.

Prolific author Nadine Brun-Cosme has a unique gift for using the power of memory and sensations to explore themes of absence and separation and a finely honed style that makes this work ring utterly true.

NOVELS / BACKLIST

Collection Supernova (9+)

Collection Ultraviolet (13+)



WELCOME TO OSWALD! Célia Garino €16.90 • 224 pages



THE MASKED CLOWN Rozenn Desbordes €14.90 • 128 pages



CORENTINO Benjamin Lesage €14.90 • 208 pages



OLD SOUL Nancy Guilbert €16.90 • 400 pages



ALL THE FALLEN HAVE WINGS Élisabeth Brami €14.90 • 112 pages



DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! Élisabeth Brami €16.90 • 144 pages



OPEN HEART Marie-France Zerolo and Élisabeth Benoit-Morelli €16.90 • 160 pages



THE STARS ARE DYING IN THE SKY Benjamin Lesage €16.90 • 224 pages Rights sold: Vietnamese



AMERICAN DREAMER Antoine Vigne €16.90 • 320 pages



THE CURVE OF YOUR EYES Nadine Brun-Cosme €14.90 • 128 pages

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