

Hurtubise

**RIGHTS
CATALOGUE**

SPRING 2023

**GENERAL FICTION/
JUVENILE & YA
FICTION**



Hurtubise

Founded in 1960, Éditions Hurtubise now boasts one of the most prestigious catalogues among Canadian French language publishers. The 2023 edition contains approximately 1200 active titles including general fiction, YA and juvenile fiction, historical series, reference and illustrated books for readers of all ages. These books have experienced great commercial success, and several have been recognized for literary awards.

Many new talents published by Éditions Hurtubise have achieved remarkable success. These include the popular and charming voice of Benoît Picard with his light-hearted and refreshing debut novel, *One-Way Ticket to the Unknown*, and his newest literary addition this spring: *Into the Horizon*. The sequel to his first success story in which he takes readers on a journey around the world that stirs up a nostalgia for travelling and meeting new people.

Regarding audiovisual updates, good news for Sarah-Maude Beauchesne's YA titles, as the feature film based on her bestselling novel *Billie Blue* (2014) will be released in the summer of 2023. The producers have also acquired the rights for the two novels that complete this series: *Window Shopper* (2016) and *Maxime* (2017).

YA readers will enjoy bestselling author Valérie Chevalier's new book: *Compass Rose*. A coming-of-age story featuring an endearing heroine who takes responsibility for her choices, lives in the moment, and gains a fresh perspective on herself and the world around her thanks to a surprise trip to Paris.

This spring is also filled with established authors for younger readers such as Marc-André Pilon. He is back this season with a new hair-raising dystopia *The Abyss*, a gripping thriller set in the future where small communities fight for survival in a postapocalyptic world left charred and deserted.

Éditions Hurtubise continues to publish popular novels for younger audiences, such as the hit series *Juliette* by Rose-Line Brasset (700,000 copies sold). Now published in various languages, these novels offer a chance to travel the world while highlighting

the important role family and friendships play in young people's lives. In 2023 Juliette's new adventures will include trips to Florida and Boston.

As the publishing house becomes increasingly active in international sales, the success of our titles continues to grow both at home and abroad. In recent years, we have sold the rights to a number of books, allowing our authors to reach a new readership around the world.

You can find these unique voices, along with many others, in the following pages. We can't wait to share them with you!

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INTERNATIONAL TRANSLATION GRANTS

CANADA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS

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Eligible works

Translation funding is available for fiction and short stories, poetry, drama, graphic novels, children’s and YA literature, and literary nonfiction.

Amount of funding

Up to 50% of translation costs and a maximum of CA\$20,000 for each translation. Each applicant is eligible to receive up to two translation grants per year. Costs are calculated based on translation fees.

For more information:

Visit the Canada Council for the Arts website:

<https://canadacouncil.ca/funding/grants/arts-abroad/translation>

Or contact a Program Officer:

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SODEC

SODEC provides financial assistance for the translation of literary works written by Québec authors and published by Québec publishers. This program aims at providing visibility for Québec authors and literature throughout exportation by helping with translation costs for foreign publishers who have bought the rights to a book.

Eligible works

Poetry, theatre, storytelling, novels, short stories, children’s literature, human sciences essays, comic books or songbooks.

Amount of funding

The request for funds must be submitted to SODEC by a Québec-based publisher. The subsidy granted may be up to 75% of the translator’s fee and up to a total amount of CA\$12,500.

To find out about eligibility criteria: _

[Programme SODEXPORT](#)

THE NATURAL DISORDER OF THINGS

Le désordre naturel des choses

Camille Beauchamp



A luminous, touching ode to freedom of choice in the face of the so-called “natural order” of things.

“I found that these women who decide not to have children are not well represented in the culture, in the current media, so I wanted to give them a place. I wanted their story to be a legitimate one.”
—Interview with the author for *Le Journal de Québec*

CATEGORY: **FICTION/
CONTEMPORARY**

PAGES: 264

PUB. DATE: February 2023

RIGHTS HELD: World

Many women question their desire to become mothers, and yet the reality of childfree women has only rarely been addressed in literature.

At 27 years old, Sophie is diagnosed with an ovarian anomaly and learns she will never be able to have children naturally. In the wake of the news, she decides to swear off motherhood once and for all. Deep down, she always knew she never wanted children, but she kept ignoring that little voice inside of her. The revelation prompts a breakup and move, and Sophie is left questioning her identity as well as the dreams for her future. She must also face the reactions of those around her, including a barrage of criticism.

While volunteering at a seniors' residence, Sophie meets Irène, an octogenarian with a penchant for saying what's on her mind. After accompanying Irène to Mexico on the trip of a lifetime, Sophie will find the courage to break out of the mold and move past her doubts and insecurities.

CAMILLE BEAUCHAMP has a degree in communication and social work. In addition to writing, she loves to travel, organize board game nights with her friends, cook and discover new hobbies.

INTO THE HORIZON

Jusqu'à l'horizon

Benoit Picard

A refreshing and inspiring story that stirs up a nostalgia for travelling, meeting new people, and memorable anecdotes shared year after year.

Rosalie never really came back from her trip to the unknown. The proof: a few weeks after her return, she takes off again for Pakistan. But after experiencing unusual symptoms, she realizes she needs to head home. And for good reason: Rosalie is pregnant and the father is Liam, the man who just left her to spend his final months alone before dying from an incurable disease.

Along with her friend Clara, Rosalie travels to Mexico, the last place she knows Liam has gone. But time is running out, and between her month-long leave from work and the pregnancy, Rosalie doesn't have room for error. Will she ever find Liam? And if so, what state will he be in?



ONE-WAY TICKET TO THE UNKNOWN
7,500 copies sold in a few months!



Relying on the same formula that seduced readers of *One-Way Ticket to the Unknown*, Benoit Picard takes them on a journey around the world that alternates between Rosalie's and Liam's experiences in Asia and Rosalie's and Clara's adventures in Latin America.

CATEGORY: **FICTION/
CONTEMPORARY**

PAGES: 226

PUB. DATE: March 2023

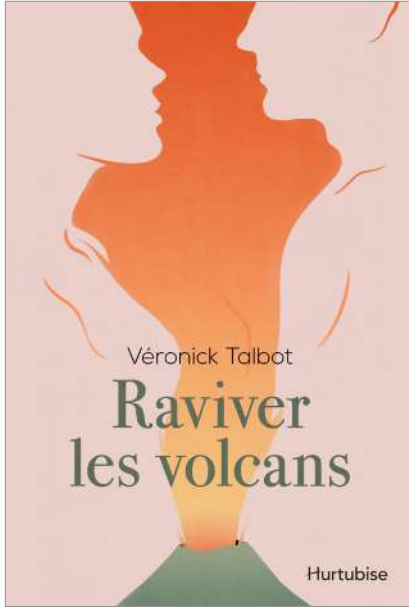
RIGHTS HELD : World

BENOIT PICARD is a passionate traveler. His writing is filled with humour and inspired by his memories of the many countries he has visited.

WAKING VOLCANOES

Raviver les volcans

Véronick Talbot



The author uses a sensitive pen, rich imagery, and nuanced language to create complex characters that are easy to root for.

My wounds are still there, and they will always be part of me. Without them, I wouldn't be the woman I am. As my mother used to tell me, "The most beautiful path is the one you create." I couldn't have found a better way to express my state of mind at the end of this life-changing adventure. Now, it's up to me to write the rest of my story.

CATEGORY: FICTION/
CONTEMPORARY

PAGES: 256

PUB. DATE: May 2023

RIGHTS HELD: World

A debut novel filled with emotion whose vivid descriptions will make you want to jump on the first plane to Indonesia.

Alexe has just turned thirty and struggling to find meaning in her life. She was deeply shaken by the death of her mother years earlier. Now, Alexe dreams of rekindling the embers lying dormant in her heart.

Luca is single and loves adventure, though he is afraid of appearing vulnerable if he shows too much emotion. He is planning a trip to Indonesia with his best friend Carl, who unexpectedly pulls out at the last minute. Luca is blindsided, so Carl posts a wanted ad in an effort to find his friend a travel buddy. To Luca's great surprise, the person who answers is... Alexe.

The trip to Indonesia will be lifechanging for the both of them, forcing Alexe and Luca to confront their deepest fears. Will the pair be able to conquer the volcanoes within them?

VÉRONICK TALBOT holds a bachelor's degree in public relations and has worked as a journalist, editor and political attaché. She now works as the director of information at Médialo. She is also very involved in the community.

WHILE SUMMER LASTS

Tant que ce sera l'été

Marianne Brisebois

Breaking away from a cult is not always enough to escape it, as the characters will learn when sudden shock forces them to return to their families as summer draws to a close.

Emma and Gabriel are driving from Montreal to the Gaspé Peninsula. As the pages unfold, so does their story, revealing how these two young adults who barely know each other have ended up on the run together.

Fleeing families who have been recruited into a cult, Gabriel's first instinct is to seek refuge with the friends who took him in a few years ago when he first tried to escape. Thus begins the summer that will change everything. While Gabriel has some idea of what the outside world is like, Emma knows almost nothing. In just a few short months, she'll discover what it takes to amaze, overwhelm, and excite her.



Cults have always fascinated outside observers, yet we rarely get an inside view of post-cult life and integration into society.

A troubling, touching novel that addresses themes of emancipation, self-discovery, and independence.

**CATEGORY: FICTION/
CONTEMPORARY**

PAGES: 456

PUB. DATE: May 2023

RIGHTS HELD : World



BUT AUTUMN IS HERE (vol.2)

To be published in fall 2023

MARIANNE BRISEBOIS has a fresh, confident and mastered style. When she's not writing, this psychology and communications graduate loves to debate, and discuss.

RINGS OF SATURN

En plein cœur de Saturne

Marie-Christine Chartier



The author's fifth novel tackles anxiety disorders by exploring the impact they can have on the individual, as well as their relationship.

Her first four novels have sold over 70,000 copies so far.

MARIE-CHRISTINE CHARTIER is a former tennis athlete. When not studying, she loves to write. Her previous heart-warming novels have received great critical and commercial success.

CATEGORY: **FICTION/ CONTEMPORARY**

PAGES: 224

PUB. DATE: September 2022

RIGHTS SOLD: French audio (Studio Bulldog)

“A novel about anxiety disorders and their impact on a couple. But above all, it’s a novel filled with hope, love and fears overcome. A unique, authentic, empathetic story that fills in some of the gaps that can be created in a couple’s starry sky.”

—La CliQC

It’s the story of a break, if not quite a breakup. It’s the story of the fragments we struggle to hold together while everything around us is falling apart.

Right from the start, it’s love at first sight for Félix and Élise. An illustrator brimming with creativity, she is sensitive and very anxious. He works in law, swears by sports and is generally unflappable. Despite their differences, the pair is inseparable for three years.

Until one day, Félix asks to spend some time apart.



HOW TO CATCH A RAINBOW TROUT

RIGHTS SOLD: Czech (Metafora), Arabic (ASP), Russian (MTS)

PROMISE ME SPRING

Promets-moi un printemps

Mélissa Perron



“This novel is full of hope, because when everything goes wrong, all it takes is a small spark to dream of spring. Fabienne, yet lost, will discover in her long winter an unexpected path where art and distress meet. Touching.”—*Les Libraires*

Fabienne has it all: a promising career as a painter, a beautiful house close to nature, a devoted partner, loving friends. Yet, overwhelmed by an angst that drains her by day and keeps her awake at night, she isolates herself, stops painting and pushes her boyfriend away.

Vol. 1 : On her 30th birthday, Fabienne has to face the truth. Despite what her mother and her agent think, she is suffering from depression—but there is hope. A delicate story of resilience featuring a disease that remains taboo.

Vol. 2 : Surprised to learn she was autistic, a diagnosis that reframed her past and continues to inform her daily life, six years after her breakdown, Fabienne finally has the life she's always dreamed of.

Vol. 3: Three years after moving closer to the sea, Fabienne senses a storm is brewing despite the picturesque setting, perfect partner and simulating job. A story of secrets jealously guarded by people, families and objects.

CATEGORY: **FICTION/
CONTEMPORARY**

PAGES: 242 (vol. 1)

PUB. DATE: August 2019 (vol. 1)

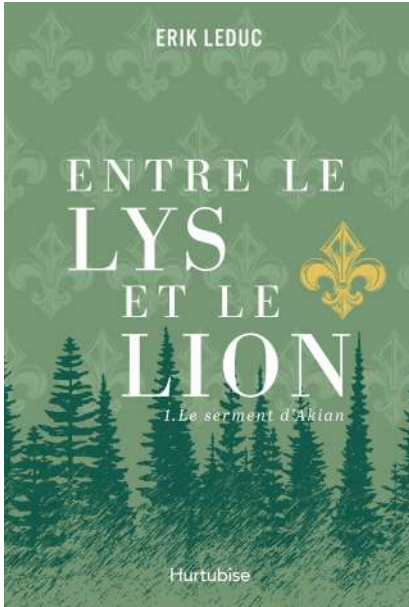
RIGHTS SOLD: TV Series (Zone 3),
Russian (Alpina)

MÉLISSA PERRON still lives at the bottom of the mountain where she was born and where she perfects her writing. Her diagnosis of autism is what makes her stand out as an artist, a woman and a mother. Her leitmotif? Anything is possible!

BETWEEN LILY AND LION

Entre le lys et le lion

Erik Leduc



Akian woke up, raised his head and spat out sand. He was on the beach, lying on his stomach. His hands were tied behind his back. He no longer had his tomahawk. Around him were several men, women and children - Canadian prisoners - whose faces were in distress. Many Iroquois hovered around and watched the group, while others kept a huge fire going in the center of the beach.

This work of historical fiction is an ode to the great outdoors and a life of adventure and conquest. A well-researched text that highlights achievements of lesser-known historical figures.

Akian is an eighteen-year-old Abenaki boy living in a peaceful community. However, everything changes the night his village is attacked by Iroquois warriors. His family is killed and the brave Alouki, whom he secretly loves, is kidnapped to be traded to New England slave drivers. With his village in ruins, Akian follows the advice of an old woman who appears to him in a dream and vows to take revenge on his enemies and save Alouki.

Akian and his friend Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville leave on an expedition in pursuit of the Iroquois, unaware that a war has broken out between France and England. Soon, the conflict will spill over into America, sucking Canadians and Indigenous people in its wake.

ERIK LEDUC has always been a history enthusiast. This former lawyer turned farmer devotes a large portion of his free time to learning about and writing about the subject that fascinates him. He is committed to help people discover the lives of the heroes that have marked our history.

CATEGORY: **FICTION/
HISTORICAL**

PAGES: 280

PUB. DATE: May 2023

RIGHTS HELD: World

ADULT FICTION BACKLIST



COMMON SOLITUDES
by Marianne Brisebois

A rare novel that lifts the taboo on male anorexia and deals with eating disorders, a subject often left to the realm of nonfiction.

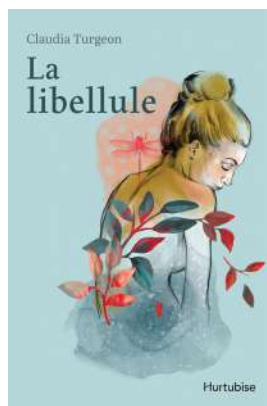
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SEA OTTER SLEEP
by Marie-Christine Chartier

“A deeply human and beautiful story, in which the characters are skillfully brought to life.”
—*La Presse*

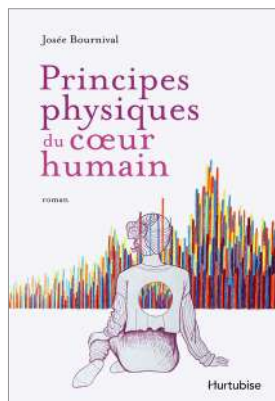
More than 15,000 copies sold
Rights sold: Russian (MTS)



THE DRAGONFLY
by Claudia Turgeon

This poignant novel explores with modesty and sensitivity the difficult, yet necessary theme of perinatal loss.

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PHYSICS OF THE HEART
by Josée Bournival

This intimate, tender novel follows the lives of four characters as their paths intersect, forming a fascinating quilt of relationships that offers rich insights into human nature.

Rights sold: French excl.
N. America (Eyrrolles)



YOU CAN ALWAYS RUN
by Valérie Chevalier

An open window on a daily love life sometimes rocky and painful, but never lacking in self-derision.

30,000 copies sold
Rights sold: French (Leduc),
French audio (Audible).



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
by Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette

A powerful and unforgettable read in which the lives of three families intersect an apartment block in a low-income neighbourhood.

28,000 copies sold
Rights sold: French (J'ai lu),
French Audio (Audible).

COMPASS ROSE

Rose des vents

Valérie Chevalier



Valérie Chevalier is a bestselling author and she has published five successful adult novels so far:

- *You Can Always Run* (2015)
30,000 copies sold
- *You Can Always Stay* (2019)
20,000 copies sold
- *The Fitted Sheet Story* (2016)
30,000 copies sold
- *Tiny Storms* (2017)
30,000 copies sold
- *The Tumult of Possibilities* (2021)
15,000 copies sold

CATEGORY: YA/

REALISTIC FICTION

PAGES: 280

PUB. DATE: April 2023

RIGHTS HELD: World

A unique YA story to help readers bridge the period between adolescence and early adulthood. A coming-of-age novel featuring an endearing heroine who takes responsibility for her choices, lives in the moment, and gains a fresh perspective on herself and the world around her.

In a few weeks, Rose will graduate high school and begin her summer of freedom. She'll work days, party nights, and enjoy life to the max. But for now, as prom night approaches, all she wants is to find the courage to tell Hakim how she feels about him...

Unfortunately, doubt creeps in and the plan quickly turns into a disaster. Rose doesn't think she can hold a candle to the other girls her age—certainly not to Chloé, the prettiest and smartest girl in school. And social media doesn't help! Keen to support Rose any way he can, her father surprises her with a plane ticket to Paris. There, alongside an old friend of her mother's and the flawless Chloé, who just happens to be in France too, Rose will find out what she's made of.

VALÉRIE CHEVALIER is a host, columnist, comedian and writer loved by the public. Her best-selling novels with fine writing and dynamic narration, have been highly successful in Canada.

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FEATURE FILM COMING SUMMER 2023!

BILLIE BLUE SERIES

Série Cœur de slush

Sarah-Maude Beauchesne

“We fell in love with this story of first teenage love. The author has found the right words and the necessary sensitivity to tell the story of the intensity of first love in an authentic and luminous way. A must read!”
—*Cool Magazine*

A novel that stays faithful to the reality of teenagers in its subject matter, form, and narrative. A dazzling story; naïve, often funny, but also tender and sad. Because at seventeen, loving a boy is the greatest of dramas.

Vol. 1 : Billie is charmed by Pierre, a cycling prodigy. A story of summer love in the middle of a heat wave; a story of discovery and new desires. It's all ripped jeans and parties, root beer flavor lip gloss and french fries.

Vol. 2 : A year later, Billie moves to Montreal with her older sister and their mom. She wants to get over her first breakup and wishes for little rebellions.

Vol. 3: After spending the summer serving grilled cheese, Billie moves in her bestfriend. She is stronger than before, less vulnerable when it comes to looking into a boy's eyes.

SARAH-MAUDE BEAUCHESNE is a screenwriter, author, and actress. A prolific artist, she is inspired by the women around her and her complicated love stories.



More than 60,000 copies sold!

CATEGORY: YA/
REALISTIC FICTION

PAGES: 224 (vol. 1)

PUB. DATE: Oct. 2014 (vol. 1)

RIGHTS SOLD:

Movie rights (Christal Films),
Audiobook (Audible)

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THE ABYSS

Le gouffre

Marc-André Pilon



A hair-raising dystopia that will leave readers breathless.

The author has quickly established himself in the horror genre for young readers with the success of his first three novels: *Infected 1*, *Infected 2* and *Raging Waters*.

CATEGORY: **JUVENILE/
HORROR FICTION**

PAGES: 224

PUB. DATE: April 2023

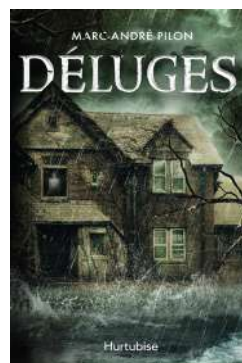
RIGHTS HELD: World

MARC-ANDRÉ PILON is a French teacher and the author of horrifying stories, masterfully handled. His novels have all been a great success among his readers.

At an unspecified time in the future, small communities fight for survival in a postapocalyptic world left charred and deserted.

Teenaged Aleksuan has never left the village where he lives with his mother and two brothers. Ever since his father left, he too dreams of a different life for himself, perhaps in one of the legendary big cities in the South that are said to still exist.

But one day, his village is brutally attacked by the Black Scorpions, a group of mercenaries that roam the region. Alek is captured and forced to fight for them. Alek and the other soldiers are given the order to extract a priceless mineral from the bottom of a terrifying crevasse—but nobody has ever gone down and come out alive. There, lurking in the darkness, a mysterious creature as old as time is keeping watch...



RAGING WATERS

Rights sold: French excl. N. America

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NIPISHISH: THE UPROOTED

Nipishish: Les déracinés

Michel Noël

The story of a young Indigenous orphan who returns to the reserve after years spent in a residential school.

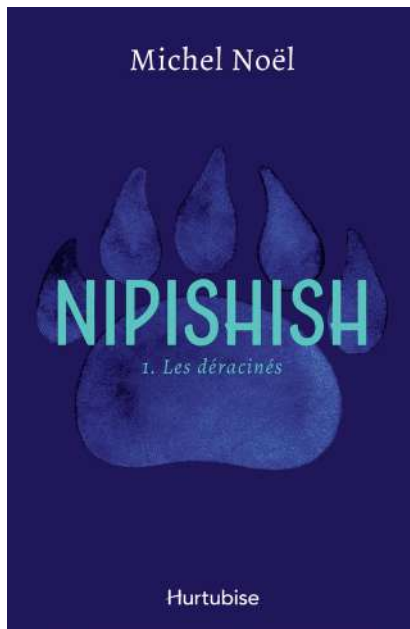
He rediscovers the forest of his youth, his real name, Nipishish (Little River), and the beautiful Pinamen. Above all, he wants to learn more about the death of his father. Part quest for identity, part love story, and part meditation on nature.

Michel Noël's text tackles the Indigenous cultural crisis head-on through the experience of a young Métis living in the 1960s. As Nipishish searches for his identity, he will experience rejection, racism, the effects of alcohol and greed, work, and even prison alone. Through his naïve yet insightful eyes, readers encounter the devastating effects of government attempts at assimilation.



NIPISHISH: THE RETURN (vol. 2)

To be published simultaneously



Nipishish reveals the contradictions of the Indigenous reality today and addresses many aspects of this culture: hunting, the importance of the natural world and the seasons, and relationships with white men and the band council.

CATEGORY: **JUVENILE/
HISTORICAL FICTION**

VOLUMES: 2

PAGES: 200 (vol. 1)

PUB. DATE: March 2023 (vol. 1 & 2)

RIGHTS SOLD: English (Groundwood)

MICHEL NOËL is a writer and ethnologist of Algonquin origin. Winner of many awards, he has placed the transmission of First Nations heritage and traditions at the center of his work.

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LOVE MAKES YOU STUPID

Les jambes en spaghettis

Clarisse Bérubé



A light-hearted read that tackles some of the most pressing issues for adolescents: self-affirmation, toxic relationships, bullying, love and friendship.

“A youth novel in which love is not the main subject. Yes, Léonie falls in love, but it is not her priority. She is driven, ambitious and ready to make her own place in the world of journalism. A novel that will definitely appeal to teenagers.”
—*Pour coeur littéraire*

CATEGORY: **JUVENILE/
REALISTIC FICTION**

PAGES: 242

PUB. DATE: January 2023

RIGHTS HELD: World

There's no way Léo will change her mind about love. Unless...

Love? Count Léonie out. Love makes you stupid. Case in point: one of her best friends is going out with the dumbest guy on the planet and the other is dating the dullest. Léo would rather focus on school, her friends, and her ultimate goal: to become a journalist and travel the world. And she's just been asked to write for the school paper!

The only person standing her way: Guillaume. Her former best friend moved away three years ago without saying goodbye, but now he's back in town. He and his dreamy eyelashes are intent on making up with Léonie and falling back into their old friendship. Initially suspicious of his overtures, Léo is finding it harder and harder to resist him. And now she has other worries: the editor of the school paper and her assistant want to kick her off the committee, and Léo's sister has suddenly become very secretive.

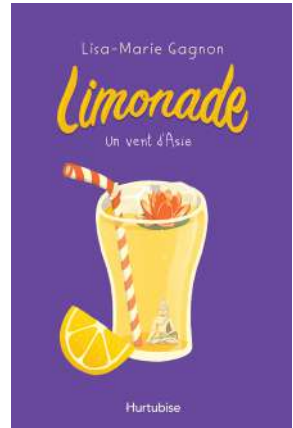
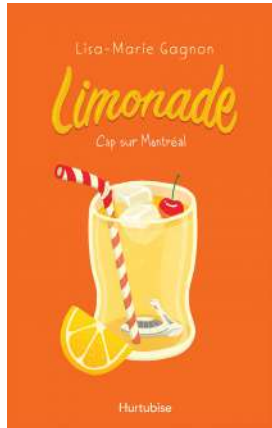
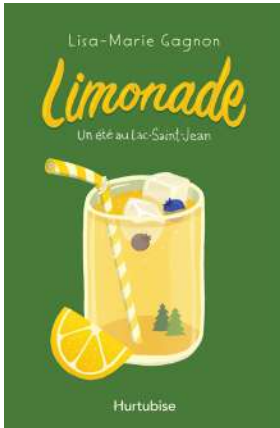
CLARISSE BÉRUBÉ has a degree in public communication and social work from Laval University. From writer to social network manager, she is now a social worker with teenagers and their families.

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LEMONADE SERIES

Série Limonade

Lisa-Marie Gagnon



“With a pen full of tenderness and humour, the author offers a magnificent novel with a summer feel. She accurately deals with the notion of emancipation during adolescence, that very special period when we learn to discover ourselves.”—*La CIIQC*

Ever since her parents divorced, Charlie has become increasingly withdrawn and she sees her life as endlessly uneventful. But everything is about to change the summer she turns sixteen.

Vol. 1: She becomes a camp counselor and she chooses “Lemonade” as her camp name. Deep in the forest, she will overcome her fears, make lifelong friends and create unforgettable memories.

Vol. 2: While she leaves the family nest and move to an apartment with her two best friends, her boyfriend travels to Indonesia for several months, which makes her very insecure.

Vol. 3: She flies to Thailand to produce a documentary with her best friend. Through the adventures she will experience in Asia, she learns to stand on her own two feet and assert herself.

More than 8,000 copies sold!

Finalist - Prix Cécile-Gagnon 2022

Finalist - Prix des libraires du Québec 2023

LISA-MARIE GAGNON lives in Montreal and works in television. An avid reader, she has always dreamed of writing a novel.

CATEGORY: **JUVENILE/
REALISTIC FICTION**

VOLUMES: 3

PAGES: 258 (vol. 1)

PUB. DATE: May 2022 (vol. 1)

RIGHTS HELD: World

AGAINST THE TIDE

Mathéo à contre-courant

Pierre-Alexandre Bonin



The novel features an endearing and humorous protagonist; it tackles bullying with deft, sensitive language that never feels overdone.

Mathéo is a wonderful role model for teens. While fatphobia is an increasing subject of media attention, it is not often addressed in children's literature. A rare novel for teens that chooses body-positivism to address issues of weight stigma.

CATEGORY: **JUVENILE/REALISTIC FICTION**

PAGES: 224

PUB. DATE: November 2022

RIGHTS HELD: World

“A sensitive and intelligent hero, preoccupied by issues of his age without being overly tormented, a hero who struggles with his emotions and doubts in a realistic way. An original and caring novel, open, light and sensible.”
—*Page par page*

Mathéo splits his time between the pool, where he trains with his school swim team, and the mall, where he works as a mascot. He's excited about starting his final year of high school, especially since his coach has just named him captain of the team.

But at the first meet of the year, a swimmer from an opposing team insults his weight. Deeply shaken, Mathéo's performance in the pool takes a hit—leading him to throw himself into workouts, to the detriment of his health and grades.

Mathéo will need to accept his vulnerability and seek out support before it's too late. Will he ever be able to enjoy swimming again?

PIERRE-ALEXANDRE BONIN is the author of more than 20 books for young readers. He has worked for several years as a children's book-seller and he now teaches children's literature as a lecturer at UQAR. With *Against the Tide*, he offers us his most personal novel to date.

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THE WING SYNDROME

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Victoria Grondin

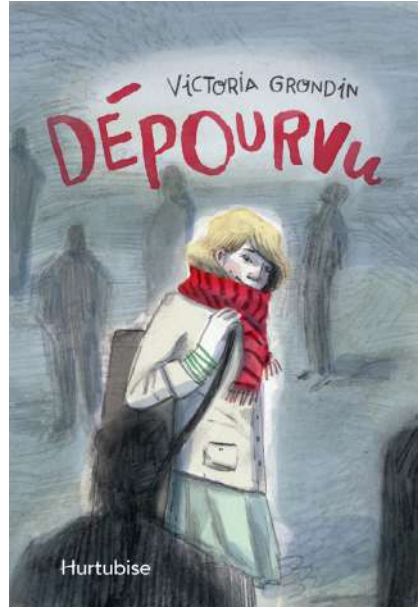
“A daring novel. A relevant way to understand autism from a new angle, to grasp that the difference is not always where we think it is.”—*Les Libraires*

Imagine for a moment a universe where all the roles are reversed. The entire population is born with an Autism Spectrum Disorder. Society is perfectly functional, tailored to the needs of its people. Then there’s you, little old you, who arrives. You are, in our world, a perfectly normal human being. However, in this story, you are disabled. A difficult case, hard to handle. The world is upside down. How would you react? This is William’s complicated reality, until he meets Grace, the only person who can understand him.

Despite the harshness of its world, this story also contains its fair share of optimism and proposes many avenues for thought as well as information and resources on the delicate subject of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

English excerpt available.

VICTORIA GRONDIN studied social science. In her free time she writes, studies neuropsychology, and draws. She wrote this novel as her final high school project. When her initial project (an experiment on autism) fell through, she wrote *Upside Down* in two months.



An intelligent and moving first novel in which the reversal of perspectives prompts us to some disturbing reflections.

Winner - Prix Cécile-Gagnon 2016

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ROSE-LINE BRASSET was born in Alma, Quebec. A journalist and researcher, she holds an MA in Literary Studies. Her work has been widely published in newspapers and magazines.

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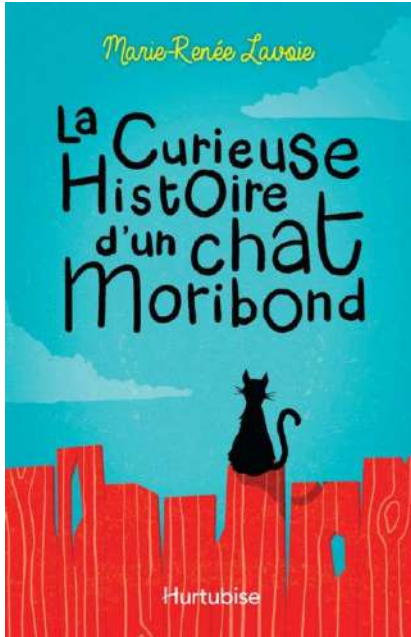


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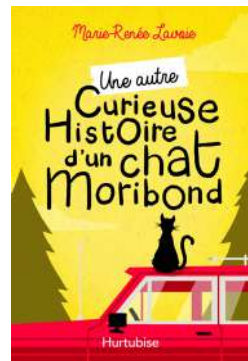
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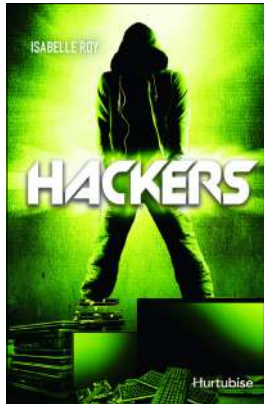
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