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#### Essay

# The Polar Bear: Vagabond of Snow and Ice

L'ours polaire, vagabond des glaces

Rémy Marion 2024/320 pages 9782330185602/€22.5

An embodied text that shines the spotlight on field experience, to try to better understand the private life of this formidable mammal. Rémy Marion recounts his encounters with polar bears in the Arctic, which he has been traveling for over 30 years. He deconstructs its image as a "symbol of global warming": polar bears are under threat, but no more so than the other inhabitants of the Arctic. If the polar bear goes extinct, that won't drastically change the Arctic ecosystem, but we humans will have lost a millenary landmark and an indispensable anchor.

# 5 → ACTES SUD



#### Essay

#### Long Live Crows: A Plea for Sustainable Cohabitation

Vivent les corneilles. Plaidoyer pour une cohabitation responsable

Frédéric Jiguet, Guillaume Reynard (illustrations) 2024/176 pages 9782330185619/€21

#### Frédéric Jiguet recounts in great detail the lives of these often unpopular birds and invites us to rediscover the City of Light through their eyes.

An ornithologist, the author was tasked with the mission to observe the behavior and daily life of crows by the city of Paris. He offers up a summary of this research and provides recommendations for a harmonious cohabitation between humans and birds in France's capital city.



#### Essay

## Nature and Prejudice: Inviting Humanity into Natural History

Nature et préjugés. Convier l'humanité dans l'histoire naturelle

Marc-André Selosse, Arnaud Rafaelian (illustrations), Erik Orsenna (foreword) 2024/448 pages 9782330185619/€25

#### A deconstruction, with humor and goodwill, of the prejudices that have prevented us from understanding nature and adjusting our actions accordingly.

Marc-André Selosse takes a step toward the humanities to try to think about the upheavals and changes of the 21<sup>st</sup> century through the eyes of a naturalist. Each chapter is dedicated to a preconceived idea that has prevented us from seeing nature (including human nature) as it really is, oversimplifications that have widely circulated during the modern era and are partially responsible for the directional errors that have led to the crises we are experiencing today.



#### Essay

## The Method Behind the Method: The Lost Manuscript

La méthode de la méthode. Le manuscrit perdu

Edgar Morin, in collaboration with Jean Tellez 2024/400 pages 9782330180034/€24

#### Edgar Morin's lost volume of *The Method*, a masterful work that he began in 1977 as an invitation to rethink the world.

In 1977, Edgar Morin published the first volume of his great work, *The Method*, in which he explained in detail his fundamental concept of "complexity". In 1983, he wrote the third volume, but lost it, and went on to publish volumes 4 through 7, the last of which was published in 2004. But the lost manuscript has now been found, the real volume 3 that Actes Sud is publishing today with a historical recontextualization.



#### Essay

#### Obsolete Futures: What Space Conquest Tells Us About the Future

*Futurs obsolètes. Ce que la conquête de l'espace nous dit de l'avenir* 

Julien Le Bot, Tom Haugomat (illustrations) 2024/232 pages 9782330185183/€26.5

An investigation in the form of a great illustrated story that recounts and reviews the behind-the-scenes stakes of the revival of space conquest. Obsolete futures. That which space conquest tells us about the future goes back to the origins of our fantasies about space to question our quest for freedom in outer space. It also tackles the promises of "astropreneurs" when it comes to the right, the physical limits imposed by space, or even the absurdity of their economic models that are supposed to turn the exploitation of celestial bodies into inexhaustible deposits of riches for our societies.

# 7 → ADVERBUM

# Adverbum

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Reference Books

#### Anatomy for Movement: An Introduction to the Analysis of Body Techniques

Anatomie pour le mouvement. Introduction à l'analyse des techniques corporelles Blandine Calais-Germain, François Germain 2023/304 pages 9782364032255/€35 Éditions Déslris

#### A reference work on functional anatomy, this new edition has been enhanced with QR codes for viewing joints in 3D!

For almost 40 years now, and through 5 successive editions, this book has provided easy access to the basics of anatomy for all people studying anatomy and/or practicing a body technique.

#### More than one million copies sold worldwide

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#### Reference Books

### The Energetic Arts Method: A Cross-Disciplinary Path of Personal Development

*Méthode d'arts énergétiques. Voie d'accomplissement transdisciplinaire* 

Alain Jacopino 2024/192 pages 9782364032286/€17 Éditions Désiris

This method offers clear and concrete answers to the questions that any practitioner may have and gives you the means to improve your health!

Alain Jacopino's long experience in martial arts, his daily practice of internal arts, and the teaching he does himself all enable him to offer original approaches to themes that are essential to these arts. This work, which is both theoretical and practical, provides clear, concrete answers to the questions that any practitioner may ask and provides the means to improve not only movement and physical health, but also the psychological, emotional, and energetic qualities of the human being.



**Reference Books** 

# Therapeutic Running: Running to Shape Yourself and Shaping Yourself for Running

Course thérapeutique. Une foulée pour tout changer

Frédéric Brigaud 2023/192 pages 9782364032163/€17 Éditions Désiris

#### Therapeutic running, or the art of rediscovering the benefits of the forefoot stride.

More than just running, it's the way that matters and that shapes us. Developing a forefoot stride is a long process during which a slow transformation of the body takes place. This stride is a new therapy that is part and parcel of a new art of running. But running economy also depends on elements that develop with quadruped or climbing exercises and that improve the dynamics of running.

# 9 → ADVERBUM



#### Christianity

#### Six Paths to Unveil Wisdom and Intelligence: In Search of the Beatitudes

Six chemins pour connaître sagesse et intelligence. À la recherche des Béatitudes

Jea-François Froger 2024/144 pages 9782367660561/€12 Éditions Grégoriennes

This Revelation has a logical structure, the signature of the Logos whose word has awakened human intelligence from century to century! Everyone has heard of the Beatitudes proclaimed by Jesus to his disciples as the "inaugural discourse" of his teaching. The first intention of this discourse is to reveal Jesus as Messiah. The second is to lead the disciples to a profound conversion towards Wisdom. There are several paths with a journey of spiritual initiation, whose goal is precisely a "happiness" that ordinary experience ignores but that Revelation brings within our reach.



#### Reference Books

#### Great Treatise on Cucurbits: Melons, Cucumbers, Gourds, Pumpkins, and More, From Small Cucamelons to Large Pumpkins

Grand traité des cucurbitacées. Melon, concombre, gourde, courge et Cie, du petit cucamelon au gros potiron

Mireille Gayet 2024/212 pages 9782364022102/€39 Éditions Le Sureau

Everything you need to know about cucurbits, from the art of cooking them to how to turn them into artistic objects or musical instruments! This great treatise on cucurbits focuses on those used for culinary or artistic purposes. It retraces their incredible diversity and their histories, from their country of origin to our plates. to tell a story where taste and health are not in competition - quite the opposite. Mireille Gayet's watercolors wonderfully reflect this colorful world with great subtlety. Here, the author puts her scientific research and culinary skills to good use.



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#### Essay

#### **The KGB Job Interview** L'entretien d'embauche au KGB

legor Gran 2024/224 pages 9782227501249/€19

# An exceptional document revealed and translated by legor Gran.

The translation of a KGB school's manual, interwoven with fascinating, funny, and erudite texts by legor Gran, who tells, explains, and contextualizes how a KGB school functioned and talks about what this manual inspires in him: laughter, disgust, fascination.

## 11 → BAYARD



#### Essay

After the April Rain Après la pluie d'Avril

Isabelle Darras 2024/272 pages 9782227501874/€20

#### Thirty years after the genocide against the Tutsi: how do you live when you've survived the worst?

1994, in the aftermath of the genocide against the Tutsi, Isabelle Darras, a young journalist, volunteers to go to Zaire, to a Rwandan refugee camp. Thirty years later, she meets up with those whose childhood or adolescence was shaken by the extermination of the Tutsi. She weaves together traumatic memories, life projects, and a present full of rage and hope. This genocide, for which France bears a heavy responsibility, also reveals unexpected paths of light.



#### Essay

### **A Thousand Origins** *Mille Origines*

Charif Majdalani 2023/240 pages 9782227500877/€19

### A book about multiculturalism in the heart of the emblematic city of Beirut. Charif Majdalani is passionate about cultural blends, in all their richness, humor, and complexity. His reflections

focus on Beirut, his city, his home, so emblematic of these intersecting populations. He meets some twenty people who tell him their stories of exile, war, multiple religious identities, and thwarted love. The author paints a kaleidoscopic portrait of Beirut and of Lebanon, just like the infinite crossroads that come together all over the world.



### Spirituality

The Tightrope Life

La vie Funambule

Marion Müller-Colard 2023/70 pages 9782227501560/€11.9

#### What literature, faith, and, above all, mutual love can do in the face of illness and loss.

Hölderlin wrote, "But where the danger is, also grows the saving power". This is the balance evoked in this letter addressed to the child who will soon be baptized even though his mother is critically ill. The author, witness of the tightrope life in which this young mother tamed the vertigo of death for an unheard of "life of more", entrusts to this letter everything she learned from this crossing of the wire.



#### Essay

**Understanding the World** *Comprendre le monde* 

Delphine Horvilleur 2020/90 pages 9782227497993/€12.9

# Stories and great texts help us understand the world.

Delphine Horvilleur questions how we understand the world, and how we tell it. Rabbis know the importance of storytelling better than anyone. So she talks about her profession as a woman rabbi, defining it as an act of listening and openness. Texts seek to establish a link between generations, the fact that each one is different, and that the world needs updates. Reconstructing the meaning of words to make them relevant.

# 13 → CNRS ÉDITIONS

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#### Ethnology/Anthropology

#### When the West Seizes the World (15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries): Is It Possible to Modernize Without Being Westernized?

Quand l'Occident s'empare du monde (XV®-XXI® siècle). Peut-on alors se moderniser sans s'occidentaliser?

Maurice Godelier 2023/504 pages 9782271146762/€25

A re-reading of the birth and the rise of the modern world by a major figure in contemporary anthropology. In his latest work, Maurice Godelier draws on a life of research on how societies work to ruthlessly assess the role and the place of the West, now necessary to meeting the challenges

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of the 21st century.



#### Scientific Culture

#### Everything You Wanted to Know About Biodiversity (or Almost!)

*Tout comprendre (ou presque) sur la biodiversité* 

Philippe Grandcolas, Claire Marc 2023/140 pages 9782271146816/€18

A clear and concise graphic work to learn everything there is to know about biodiversity, the other major environmental issue of our era.

Isn't it dangerous to be more concerned about the polar bear than the dung beetle? What role do microorganisms play in the health of animals and soils? How quickly does all of this evolve? What makes a species go extinct and how do we know if a species is endangered? What are the consequences? And... what can we do about it? This work reflects what we really know about biodiversity, as well as how this knowledge came to be.

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#### History

## The Holy Roman Empire in the Face of the World: Contesting and Redefining Imperiality (15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)

Le Saint-Empire face au monde. Contestations et redéfinitions de l'impérialité, XV<sup>e</sup>-XIX<sup>e</sup> siècle

Indravati Félicité 2024/456 pages 9782271146311/€27

A major contribution to a rapidly developing history of imperiality. Did the Germanic world take part in the global turning point of the modern era and the process of conquest and colonization that characterized it? Despite being a major player in international relations from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the early 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, the Holy Roman Empire is largely absent from research on empires today. Indravati Félicité helps us to rediscover this connected empire and in doing so, offers up a reflection on the notions of empire and imperiality.

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Ethnology/Anthropology

### They Must Die: Genocidal Infanticide in Rwanda in 1994

*Tout les oblige à mourir. L'infanticide génocidaire au Rwanda en 1994* 

\_\_\_\_ Violaine Baraduc 2024/304 pages 9782271148797/€25

#### The logic behind genocide at its point of incandescence: infanticide.

The genocide against the Tutsi resulted in hundreds of thousands of victims and upended social and familial ties. To the extent that some Hutu mothers killed their own children, identified as Tutsi. Here, the massacres are seen through the prism of this unheard of crime. Bringing together testimony from survivors, judicial archives, and interviews with incarcerated criminals, this investigation questions the place and role of women in genocide, revealing some of its fundamental inner workings.



#### Scientific Culture

#### **In the Face of Climate Change** *Face au changement climatique*

Valérie Masson-Delmotte 2024/96 pages 9782271150462/€8

#### Informing, raising awareness, acting: a scientist in the face of climate change.

From her participation in international programs in Greenland and Antarctica to her experience within the IPCC, the climatologist Valérie Masson-Delmotte shares her journey with us, and evokes the necessary commitment – and the form it can take – of a researcher working on these questions. A book that makes us take stock of the importance of climatology, to better understand these abrupt changes, and to anticipate their implications for the future evolution of the climate and our planet.

# Éditions de la Villette

Founded in 1980, Éditions de la Villette publishes fundamental works about architecture, the city, and the landscape intended for academics, professionals, specialists, and amateurs. Exploring the arts of space through cultural, historical, social, technical, or esthetic angles, its publications are divided into three categories: essays about spatial issues in the contemporary world, pedagogical books, and republications and/or translations of fundamental texts that marked the discipline in the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

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#### Essay

## The Edifying Image: The Role of Reference Images in Architecture

L'Image édifiante. Le rôle des images de référence en architecture

Anne Frémy 2023/168 pages 9782375560440/€29

#### Between esthetics and architectural theory, this essay sheds light on the relationship between architects and images.

The artist and theorist Anne Frémy, who regularly works with architects as an iconographer, explores the tension between the tangible images before their eyes and the mental images that convey the architect's developing vision, which is initially hazy, vague, and intuitive. This richly illustrated work calls upon many other iconographic traditions associated with space to shed light on the conceptual and operational role of images in the process of architectural creation.

# 17 → ÉDITIONS DE LA VILLETTE



#### Essay

### With Alberti: Untimely Considerations Regarding Architecture

Avec Alberti. Considérations intempestives sur l'architecture

Arnoldo Rivkin, Pierre Caye 2024/264 pages 9782375560457/€29

#### Alberti's treatise sheds light from afar on contemporary architectural practices in the face of technological, urban, and environmental issues.

The race toward digital innovation, the explosion of urban planning, and the global environmental crisis form a context in which the architect struggles to find his place. But what if, on the contrary, this millenary culture was overflowing with ideas and alternative tools? Let's rediscover one of the discipline's canonical texts: *De re ædificatoria* by Leon Battista Alberti. These concepts enable us to rethink the scales, which are too often disjointed in our built environments.



#### Essay

#### Les Halles-Beaubourg 1970-1971: Temporary Urbanization of a Neighborhood On Hold

Les Halles-Beaubourg 1970-1971. Urbanisation provisoire d'un quartier en suspens

Jean Zetlaoui, Françoise Fromonot 2023/280 pages 9782375560525/€25 Co-edition with Centre Georges-Pompidou

#### A young architect wanders Paris's empty central neighborhood, documenting the spontaneous and temporary urban life that unfolds there.

For his capstone project in architecture in 1970-1971, Jean Zetlaoui chose to work on the Halles/ Beaubourg neighborhood. The wholesale market had already moved to Rungis, but the Pavillons Baltard were still standing. The Centre Pompidou had not yet been built or even completely planned out, but urban renovations had already left a vast informal parking lot. Armed with his camera, Zetlaoui created an astonishing photographic census of this neighborhood on hold.



#### Essay

## Urban Ground Floor: The Hidden Dimension of the Urban Project

*Rez-de-ville. La dimension cachée du projet urbain* 

David Mangin, Soraya Boudjenane 2023/464 pages 9782375560471/€35

#### An investigation to observe the world's cities at "urban ground floor" a crucial interface of the urban experience.

Why are our urban and suburban landscapes so inhospitable? In the face of the upcoming transitions, it is imperative to reform the methods behind urban projects. David Mangin and Soraya Boudjenane propose to introduce the notion of "urban ground floor", which enables us to rethink public spaces, the interiors of blocks, ground floors, underground networks, built settings, and urban practices. A comparative investigation that examines urban ground floor on four continents, to rethink the city.

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#### History

#### Projects and Memories: Writings About Art and Architecture, the City and the Landscape

*Projets et souvenirs. Écrits sur l'art et l'architecture, la ville et le paysage* 

Michel Vernes, Manuel Charpy 2023/92 pages 9782375560419/€37

# 32 major texts to explore the eclectic and truant work of Michel Vernes.

Convinced that poetic writing is more capable of reproducing an architectural element than photography, Michel Vernes was truly a writer of architecture. This collection, along with an unprecedented iconography, offers an overview of his original, demanding, eclectic, and truant thought, and highlights his primary working themes. Between art and architecture, city and landscape, these learned and unusual texts invite us to explore roads less travelled where the mind learns by wandering.

# Éditions des femmes - Antoinette Fouque

Founded in 1974 by Antoinette Fouque "to lift the repression of women's writing", Éditions des femmes has fulfilled its mission and played a leading role in French publishing and cultural life. The catalogue includes over 600 titles and a dozen collections. Created in 1980, "La Bibliothèque des voix" features over 150 texts read by their authors or by leading performers. In 2013, Des femmes published the Universal Dictionary of Women Creators [Le Dictionnaire universel des créatrices]: an unprecedented contribution to the world's cultural heritage retracing 40 centuries of women's creation.

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Political Sciences

### Antoinette Fouque: A Pioneer in Women's Liberation

Antoinette Fouque, une pionnière de la libération des femmes

Julia Pietri 2024/96 pages 9782721013040/€18

#### A playful and instructive dive into the thoughts and actions of Antoinette Fouque, a key figure in the Women's Liberation Movement.

From the creation of physical and symbolic places for women to Antoinette Fouque's conceptual input, let's take a journey through her battles for women's rights. Here, her intellectual contributions to women's liberation are explored through leading concepts in her thought. She was never content to simply describe the oppressions that women suffered; she sought to analyze the root causes and come up with paths to liberation in order to permanently transform society.



#### Political Sciences

#### The Best of Europe for Women (French publication)

*Le meilleur de l'Europe pour les femmes* (publication française)

Choisir la cause des femmes 2023/320 pages 9782721012302/€9

#### An innovative political initiative to drive progress for women's rights in Europe. By Choisir, the movement created by Gisèle Halimi.

How can women benefit from the construction of Europe? Gisèle Halimi and other women have decided to take the most advanced laws in a country on a given subject, and ensure that these laws apply to all women citizens of Europe. Today, these militants have decided to act to drive progress and change laws. This book features the second package of laws most favorable to women in the EU. It was simultaneously published in English.



#### Philosophy **Genitality: Feminology IV** Génitalité - Féminologie IV

Antoinette Fouque 2023/272 pages 9782721009999/€18

#### A fundamental reference for considering humanity through the prism of women's contribution.

The forth opus in Antoinette Fouque's "Essays in Feminology", which started with *II y a deux sexes*, this volume brings together over thirty texts written between 1975 and 2013, featuring a wide range of intellectual diversity as well as an unwavering commitment to united struggles for women. This corpus further enriches the invention of a women's science, which she named Feminology, a place to investigate women's genius, expressing a knowledge determined by the primary experience of gestation.

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#### Essay

#### In the Face of Destruction: Psychoanalysis in Times of War

Face à la destruction. Psychanalyse en temps de guerre

Houria Abdelouahed 2022/160 pages 9782721009722/€16

#### What is the experience of the analyst who works with men and women who have fled war or survivors who have seen or experienced the unbearable?

The civil war that quickly evolved from the uprising in Syria, born in the wake of the Arab Spring, contributed to the development and integration of the Islamic State. The cruelty of an increasingly complex war has incited people to flee. What is the experience of the analyst who works with these men and women who have fled war or survivors who have seen or experienced the unbearable? How does one work in times of war? And is it possible to remain neutral?



#### Essay

#### WLM - Psychoanalysis and Politics, 1968-2018: 50 Years of Women's Liberation. Volume II: The Longest of Revolutions

*MLF-psychanalyse et politique, 1968-2018 : 50 ans de libération des femmes. Volume II -La plus longue des révolutions* 

Collective publication 2019/300 pages 9782721006899/€15

#### This volume retraces the movement's thought regarding the difference between the sexes and Antoinette Fouque's contribution to thought and to women.

Fifty years ago, the French women's liberation movement ushered in a new era in which women exist and affirm it. To turn this into a "civilizational movement", Antoinette Fouque created a kind of popular seminar, "Psychoanalysis and Politics". This second volume starts in 1974-1975 and retraces the movement's thought regarding the difference between the sexes and its contribution to psychoanalytic theory, the humanities, politics, and contemporary culture.

# Eyrolles

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#### Philosophy

#### Philosophy of Daily Life: An Inner Adventure in 70 Ouestions

Philosophie de la vie quotidienne. Une aventure intérieure en 70 questions

Tania Sanchez 2023/192 pages 9782416008115/€18

# For all those who want a daily dose of philosophy.

Why should something ordinary have less value than something that only happens once? This book is an opportunity to use our everyday experiences to be astonished and to avoid spending our lives thinking the same thoughts over and over again. On this philosophical stroll, we meet objects and places from everyday life that make us question our relationship to the world, others, and ourselves.

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# 23 → EYROLLES



#### Geography/Demography

#### Just Geopolitics: Understanding the World and International Relations

La géopolitique, tout simplement. Comprendre le monde et les relations internationales

Anne Sénéquier, Pascal Boniface 2023/328 pages 9782416009327/€29.9

#### An illustrated, pedagogical, and playful introduction to geopolitics and international relations.

Every day, international news stories prove that events from outside our borders are not really foreign to us. Featuring evocative drawings, archival photos, and detailed maps, this book offers an entertaining and original approach to current events. Drawing on a dynamic page layout, each chapter will enable you to get informed, depending on your level of knowledge and your degree of curiosity.

#### 14,000 copies sold in France



#### Psychology/Psychoanalysis

#### Nunchi: Connect Yourself to Others. The Korean Method to Develop Your Capacity to Sense the Thoughts and Feelings of Others for a Harmonious Life

Nunchi: connectez-vous aux autres. La méthode coréenne pour développer sa capacité à deviner ce que pensent et ressentent les autres pour une vie harmonieuse

Jimin Lee, Deborah Romain-Delacour 2024/256 pages 9782416012730/€17

#### Boost your emotional intelligence thanks to nunchi, the Korean art of interpersonal relationships.

Nunchi is an interpersonal skill. It enables us to understand implicit language and to act efficiently in social situations. Being able to detect unspoken communication and use this information to positively influence the interpersonal relationship enables us to build an authentic bond with others.



#### Essay

#### Patience: An Inner Generosity. Giving Yourself Time from Day to Day

La patience, une générosité intérieure. S'offrir du temps au jour le jour

### Helen Monnet 2024/208 pages 9782416010699/€16.9

# What if patience had the power to make us more generous?

Cultivating patience in everyday life has become, more than ever in our society, a lost art. In a world ruled by acceleration in which many humans demonstrate a constant need for immediacy, we have forgotten how to fully explore a long view of time as well as the present moment. Through a prism that is both psychological and ethical, Helen Monnet shares with us a veritable guide to being patient, in order to lead more serene daily lives.



Psychology/Psychoanalysis

#### Salmon Gymnastics: Strengthening and Relaxing Your Emotional Intelligence. The Art of Reinventing Yourself to Navigate Life's Ordeals

La gymnastique du saumon. Muscler et assouplir son intelligence émotionnelle. L'art de se réinventer pour traverser les épreuves de la vie

Alice Hachet, Camille Syren 2024/160 pages 9782416014826/€16

#### A progressive method for better understanding our inner mechanisms and our self-defense systems, featuring many exercises.

We all have the most sophisticated dashboard ever invented by nature: our emotions. But you have to know how to decode them and sometimes, like a salmon, swim back to the source. This book will give you the keys you need to gain mental agility and learn to go from feelings to appropriate action.

# 25 → FAYARD



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#### Essay

#### The Racial Burden: An Overwhelming Silence

*La charge raciale. Vertige d'un silence écrasant* 

Douce Dibondo 2024/270 pages 9782213726724/€20

#### When the racism eating away at our society becomes unbearable, Douce Dibondo offers a life-saving survival guide for future emancipation.

Does racism have two faces? On one hand, the racism of explicit, brutal violence, and too many deaths and aggressions. And on the other, the racism of a common, quieter violence that worms its way into everyday relationships and hinders the construction of one's identity. In this essay, Douce Dibondo reveals the silence surrounding the hidden wound of the racial burden and demonstrates its full impact through lively language, blending psychoanalysis, art, and personal accounts.



#### Essay

#### Seeds of Wisdom

Graines de sagacité

Edgar Morin 2024/100 pages 9782213727400/€10

#### This collection of Edgar Morin's short quotes sow in our minds the foundations of a manifesto for life, resistance, and hope.

With every one of his thoughts, Edgar Morin is sowing seeds of wisdom. His intention is to guide us on a perilous journey: how can we live a meaningful life in today's civilization of war, hatred, and ecological peril? The renowned French sociologist becomes the voice of hope and awakening, just in the nick of time, for humankind leaning over the edge of the abyss.



#### History

#### Superstition: The History of a Word. 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Centuries

«Superstition»: Histoire d'un mot. XV<sup>e</sup>-XXI<sup>e</sup> siècle

Philippe Martin 2024/440 pages 9782213725444/€25

#### Are we not all a little bit prone to superstition? This book guides us through the diversity of meanings attached to superstition.

Rituals used to predict the future or protect oneself from disease may be considered superstitious by some but religious or folkloric by others. Philippe Martin lets theologians, sociologists, and philosophers speak for themselves as they describe the phenomenon as a way of coping with anxiety, as well as superstitious people. In doing so, he shows how the word draws a line between what is licit and illicit, accepted or not, and outlines the horizon of a world to which we aspire.

# 27 → FAYARD



#### Philosophy **The Philosophers' Real Jobs** Le vrai métier des philosophes

Nassim El Kabli 2024/300 pages 9782213727455/€15

In this original and easy-to-read book, Nassim El Kabli enlightens us as to the "real jobs" of philosophers. What were the jobs of the philosophers we still read and study today? Some of them are consistent with the idea people might have of a professional philosopher (anatomist or mathematician, lawyer, diplomat, journalist, or priest). Others are more unusual, ranging from a jazz pianist to an emperor, or a cyclist to a motorbike mechanic. The question is rarely asked, because all too often we forget that we cannot live on wisdom alone.



#### Essay

# Take a Break! Tips to Align Your Life

Pause. Pour une vie alignée

Alexandre Mars 2024/216 pages 9782213727028/€19

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Scientific Culture

#### The Sea Geniuses: When Sea Animals Defy Science

Les Génies des mers. Quand les animaux marins défient les sciences

Bill François 2023/272 pages 9782080264022/€25

At a time when humanity challenges living species to survive our destructive madness, this book is an invitation to learn to see the extraordinary genius and the stunning beauty of what surrounds us. This illustrated book is a modern rereading of marine biodiversity, revealing the science behind sea species' behaviors as well as their interactions with each other and the world above sea level. The physics, chemistry, and mechanics of the turtle, the krill, the albatross, and dozens of species more or less known to the general public become a fascinating story, beautifully illustrated by Valentine Plessy.

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# 29 → FLAMMARION



#### History

#### The Legends of the Century: A History of the Olympic Games in 12 Medals

Les Légendes du siècle. Une histoire des Jeux en douze médailles

Fabien Archambault 2024/280 pages 9782080429070/€19

#### Another history of the Games.

What images are historically associated with the Olympic Games? The answer will always be the raised, black-gloved fists of two American sprinters in Mexico City; often the hostage-taking of Israeli athletes by a Palestinian commando in Munich; or sometimes the bloody water polo match between the USSR and Hungary in Melbourne. This book analyzes some of these episodes and attempts to solve a mystery: why did the Olympic movement end up with global resonance when it should have disappeared?



#### History

#### The Nardal Sisters: In the Vanguard of the Black Cause Les Sœurs Nardal.

À l'avant-garde de la cause noire

Léa Mormin-Chauvac 2024/250 pages 9782080429780/€21 Éditions Autrement

#### The first book about the Nardal sisters, pioneers of the Black Cause in 1930s Paris.

Paulette, Emilie, Alice, Jane, Cécile, Lucie and Andrée: why have the Nardal sisters been erased from militant history in favour of Aimé Césaire and Léopold Sédar Senghor? What were their differences? From Fort-de-France to Paris, via England and the United States where Paulette became a member of the UN, Léa Mormin-Chauvac retraces their lives and pays tribute to these women, symbols of the feminist and anti-racist struggles.



#### Economics

#### Feeding Without Devastating: A Brief Guide to Globalization VIII

Nourrir sans dévaster. Petit précis de mondialisation VIII

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#### History

#### The Book of Infinite Love: Apollonius, the Life of a Divine Man

Le Livre de l'amour infini. Appolonios, vie d'un homme-Dieu

Maxime Rovere 2024/38 pages 9782081459878/€21,9

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#### Essay

#### The Shock: Rwanda 1994. The Genocide Against the Tutsi

*Le choc. Rwanda 1994: le génocide des Tutsi* 

Stéphane Audoin-Rouzeau, Annette Becker, Samuel Kuhn, Jean-Philippe Schreiber 2024/432 pages 9782073056764/€22

#### The facts, causes, and consequences of the genocide in Rwanda analyzed by a group of authors.

In spring 1994, Rwanda suffered a major tragedy: a genocide that decimated most of the Tutsi population. Here, the authors explore the shock that these events engendered: their own speechlessness; the ways in which these massacres oriented their research, writing, or creations; and the cultural, ideological, social, and political roots behind this genocide. Because this mass crime was the fruit of a complex chain of causalities.



#### Political Sciences

#### **Secret State, Clandestine State** *État secret, état clandestin*

Sébastien-Yves Laurent 2024/360 pages 9782070145737/€22.5

#### Ever since the Snowden Affair, secret documents have been subject to leaks. Could the State today be a transparent State, stripped of its mysteries?

The State has always had its reasons and secrets: the State's reasoning authorized diplomatic, police, or military actions whose success resided in their secrecy. Enter the political liberalism of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Secrets were recognized and institutionalized and the secret State was born. Enter the shift to our era of neoliberalism that imposed the ideology of transparency with respect to public action. The clandestine State was born in the shadows. And democracy was permanently weakened.



#### Essay

#### **The Defeat of the West** *La Défaite de l'Occident*

Emmanuel Todd 2024/384 pages 9782073041135/€23

#### A profoundly original essay that draws on resources from critical economics, religious sociology, and depth anthropology.

The defeat of the West is twofold: an external defeat (the war in Ukraine) but above all an internal defeat (the demographic, moral, and economic decline of Western societies). In this work, the author makes an argued case against the leading classes of the West. Readers will rediscover that which makes Emmanuel Todd's method so relevant and efficient: analysis of familial models, statistics, and the bigger picture, all with uncommon scholarship.

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Retrouver Estelle Moufflarge



#### History

## Finding Estelle Moufflarge

Retrouver Estelle Moufflarge

Bastien François 2024/432 pages 9782073040633/€22.5

# In the footsteps of a teenage victim of the Holocaust.

Estelle Moufflarge was deported to Auschwitz on October 28, 1943. She would never come back. Decades later, Bastien François discovered that this teenage girl lived just a few buildings from his home in Paris. Thus begins a meticulous and fascinating investigation to piece together the life of this young orphan, the daughter of poor immigrants, caught up in the whirlwind of History. Therein lies the challenge: telling the story of Estelle's life, without unjustly reducing it to her death.



#### Religious History

#### Cathedrals in the World: Between Religion, the Nation, and Power

Les cathédrales dans le monde. Entre religion, nation et pouvoir

Mathieu Lours 2024/352 pages 9782072943287/€9.9

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Founded between the 4<sup>th</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> centuries, cathedrals have been coveted by national powers. Although they remain the symbol of a Church's influence in a place, with globalization, they have proven to be universal in nature. Starting in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, a patrimonial revolution began to take shape, as demonstrated by the Notre-Dame fire and the staggering donations to rebuild it: the cathedral now asserts itself as a worldwide cultural object, a touristic and media icon.

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#### <sup>Essay</sup> **Man Diminished by AI** L'Homme diminué þar l'IA

Marius Bertolucci 2023/232 pages 9791037031570/€22

#### An essay that presents the extraordinary potential as well as the dangers of AI, all while pleading for strict controls of its use.

Artificial intelligence is everywhere. Its abilities are developing exponentially in all fields. The countless forms of AI that are accessible to the general public reveal the challenges of human/algorithm cohabitation: studies show that constant exposure to AI diminishes our capacity to create, learn, and think, and alters our social ties and autonomy.

# 35 → HERMANN



#### Essay

# **Confronting Auschwitz**

Éprouver Auschwitz

François Rachline 2020/160 pages 9791037002723/€16

#### What does Auschwitz represent in the collective consciousness of those who did not experience the Holocaust?

Auschwitz is separate. Temporally and spatially. It is a past metamorphosed into a perpetual present, a place and a non-place. A wound that does not heal. There is no other place on earth where humans can expose themselves to the extremes that humanity itself has engendered. Auschwitz will never let the living rest in peace.

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#### Essay

#### **From Art to Culture** *De l'art à la culture*

Jean Baechler 2019/132 pages 9791037001306/€16

#### A short essay questioning the slide, in the era of globalization, from art towards culture.

Once upon a time, humanity distinguished the arts from other artisanal or industrial production (art and non-art), and organized each type of art into a hierarchy that varied depending on the civilization and era. With globalization, a new paradigm seems to have taken root: a paradigm of the "all-cultural", which mixes all aspects of creation together, in which the beautiful infiltrates even artisanal and industrial spheres that don't claim to be "artistic".


#### Scientific Culture

#### **Plane Geometry and Algebra** *Géométrie plane et algèbre*

Laurent Lafforgue 2018/214 pages 9782705695453/€28

#### An epistemological manual of mathematics.

This manual presents the equivalence between the geometric theory of affine or Euclidean planes and the algebraic theory of bodies and their linear or quadratic equations. Laurent Lafforgue pedagogically illustrates how to connect algebra, geometry, and harmonic analysis in the context of number theory – an opportunity for this great mathematician to reflect on notions of theory and models. An important and accessible work of epistemology.



#### Judaism

## The Rabbi and the Shrink: The Need for Interpretation

Le rabbin et le psychanalyste. L'exigence d'interprétation

Delphine Horvilleur 2020/64 pages 9791037003171/€14

## A reflection on what it means to interpret a religious text, with openness.

The rabbi and the shrink: two professions that represent the promise of revealing meaning. To this end, patients often ask their psychoanalyst to reveal the meaning of their dreams to them. In truth, the doctor is never the bearer of a single "true" interpretation or authentic meaning. Contrary to this theory, which confines interpretation in a sterile and deaf fidelity, Rabbi Horvilleur invites us to open up to the diversity of meaning.

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## Sociology

**The Confiscated Future** *L'avenir confisqué* 

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#### A sociological analysis of subjectivity.

Blending speculative reflection with research on the lower, middle, and upper classes, Nicolas Duvoux demonstrates how feelings about the future constitute a precious indicator of social position. He shows how subjectivity can reveal inequalities, especially regarding social class. Drawing on scientific research, he presents an approach to the social world that combines the present, the past, and the future as one imagines it, the objective and the subjective, the individual and the collective.



#### History

#### Sports: In the Beginning

*Le Sport. Récit des premiers temps* 

Jean-Manuel Roubineau 2024/184 pages 9782130838289/€12

## A complete history of sports in Ancient Greece.

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#### Essay

## They Came Out of the Night: When the Belongings of Victims of the Nazi Camps Are Returned to Their Families

Ils ont surgi de la nuit. Quand les objets des victimes des camps nazis sont restitués à leurs familles

Elise Karlin 2023/220 pages 9791032925812/€20

### How does one return objects confiscated by the Nazis 80 years ago to the deportees' families?

In a fascinating account blending History and family secrets, journalist Elise Karlin tells the little-known story of the Arolsen Archives. She tells, in these moving pages, how she returned belongings of those deported to the Nazi camps. She recounts her meetings with the families as well as the many broken lives and fates she was able to clarify. This book tells the story of a quest for the truth, working against oblivion and paying homage to those whose very existence almost disappeared forever.

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#### History

## The Origins of the Arab-Israeli Conflict (1870-1950)

Les origines du conflit israélo-arabe (1870-1950)

Georges Bensoussan 2023/128 pages 9782130794899/€10

#### History beneath the memories.

The genesis of the Arab-Israeli conflict remains little-known. A cultural confrontation covered up by a "religious" conflict and polemics regarding the Zionist project crystallized at the end of WWI. But it took shape well before 1914 in the discourse of the Arab elite, the Sephardic Jewish community, and the Zionists of Central Europe. Georges Bensoussan shows that this discourse falls short in truly grasping this history, by revealing the importance of cultural and anthropological dimensions.

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### Essay With the Fairies Avec les fées

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## Sylvain Tesson's great romantic maritime book.

"Summer had just begun when I went to look for the fairies on the Atlantic coast. I don't believe in them; our modern eyes no longer perceive such phantasmagoria. The word fairy suggests reality revealed through a certain visual angle. A way of perceiving the world and discerning the miracle of the immemorial, and of perfection. Fairies appear because we look at nature with deference. Since night had fallen on this world, I gave myself three months to try and observe it. I left. With the fairies."

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#### Essay

### Cancel! From a Culture of Censorship to the Erasure of Culture

Cancel! De la culture de la censure à l'effacement de la culture

Hubert Heckmann 2022/96 pages 9782369563143/€9

### Understanding the dangers threatening the debate of ideas and art in France today.

An overview of the history of cancel culture, from its birth in American progressive movements defending minorities, and considered from the perspective of a much wider history of the censorship of opinions and works, enables us to understand the dangers threatening the debate of ideas and art in France today. The expression "cancel culture", while controversial, nevertheless describes a culture of censorship that is taking root before our eyes with the best of intentions.

## 43 → ÉDITIONS INTERVALLES



#### Essay

## Post-Truth or Disgust for the Truth

La Post-vérité ou le dégoût du vrai

Claudine Tiercelin 2023/80 pages 9782369563181/€12

Working with a "scientific spirit" implicates refusing any and all compromising behavior with respect to society, morality, and practice. This essay suggests avoiding elementary misunderstandings regarding the concepts of truth, knowledge, or reality. To be wary of our most deeply anchored metaphysical prejudices and to work for an authentic metaphysical knowledge; to move into an academic and democratic space of reason, by demonstrating that the ideals of truth and knowledge are not so much a shield or denial of life, but rather the best allies of our ideals of solidarity and social justice.



#### Essay

### **Feminism's New Clothes** *Les Habits neufs du féminisme*

Sabine Prokhoris 2023/96 pages 9782369563280/€11

How to continue to implement a feminism that doesn't renounce its necessary vigilance or the issue of accord between the sexes? Ever since #MeToo, a certain strain of feminism no longer sees woman as a subject free to embrace her desires, but as a fragile being subjected to the injunctions of the patriarchy made responsible for her condition. Far from the call to arms for the right to vote or sexual freedom and equality, this new feminism also fails to understand the complexity of the sex/gender relationship, and therefore that of the process of sexuation, always marked by enigmatic subconscious identifications.



#### Essay

### Literature Is Not a Combat Sport: Essays About a Few Brave Women

La littérature n'est pas qu'un sport de combat. Essais sur quelques femmes courageuses

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Political Sciences

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Menahem Begin, Anouar el-Sadate 2014/184 pages 9782916355924/€22

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#### **Political Sciences**

#### Ukraine, from Independence to War

L'Ukraine, de l'indépendance à la guerre

Alexandra Goujon 2023/192 pages 9791031805634/€21

## The Russian invasion showed us how poorly we understand Ukraine. Starting with preconceived ideas, the author paints a well-documented portrait.

Ukraine has been at the heart of international news since the Russian invasion on February 24, 2022. The numerous debates following this invasion demonstrated the extent to which our knowledge of this country has often been limited to clichés: a cradle for Russia, a land of Cossacks, the USSR's breadbasket, corrupt governments, and the scene of a new cold war. Deconstructing these preconceived ideas, Alexandra Goujon paints a well-documented portrait of this country.

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#### Scientific Culture

## Geopolitics of Space: In Search of Space Security

*Géopolitique de l'espace. À la recherche d'une sécurité spatiale* 

Florence Gaillard-Sborowsky 2023/108 pages 9791031806105/€20

### Space has always been a place where power and rivalries reigned, revealing the many ways of exerting sovereignty.

The transformation of space and its ecosystem since the brink of the 2000s has been accompanied by a surge of the intrinsic stakes at play and goes hand in hand with contemporary societies' increased dependence on space systems. Space security is becoming a priority and a major geopolitical issue. It necessitates consideration of the positions of the different players and uses, both nationally and internationally.



#### Media and Communications

## Geopolitics of Film: From Globalization to Platformization

Géopolitique du cinéma. De la mondialisation à la plateformisation

Chloé Delaporte 2023/208 pages 9791031805825/€20

## The recent boycott of certain Russian films and actors reminds us of the extent to which film is at the heart of geopolitics.

Used as a soft-power weapon, even as propaganda, film is also a very lucrative sector for certain States. At the crossroads between numerous disciplines and many geographic scales, from the local to the international, the geopolitics of film also call upon a wide variety of actors. Beyond the "historical" questions, new challenges are arising: diversity and inclusion, but also the fight against climate change in this industry with a considerable carbon footprint.

## 47 → LE CAVALIER BLEU



#### Political Sciences

## Syria Beyond the War: History, Politics, Society

La Syrie au-delà de la guerre. Histoire, politique, société

Manon-Nour Tannous 2022/184 pages 9791031804354/€21

Constantly in the news for over 10 years, Syria presents a face wounded by a never-ending war that hides its past power and wealth. The recent war masks the Syria "from before", the Syria of Antiquity, Aleppo, Damascus, Palmyra, and, more recently, the heart of Arab nationalism. Under the Assad regime, the images are often caricatural: a secular State, a mosaic of communities, a modernizing president, collusion with Iran, a relentless fight against Israel... and the choice between "Bashar or the Islamic State". Manon-Nour Tannous invites us to go beyond the preconceived ideas of this major player in the Middle East.



#### Political Sciences

## Jerusalem: Preconceived Ideas About a Border City

*Jérusalem. Idées reçues sur une ville frontière* 

May Maalouf-Monneau 2023/176 pages 9791031805955/€21

## The archetype of a border city, is Jerusalem doomed to remain suspended in time?

Jerusalem is one of the rare cities to house so many contrasts, one of those places where it's challenging to "move on from the past", where the old is not only subject to memory, but also to protest. At the heart of this nearly centenary conflict, desired by Israelis and Palestinians in an unbalanced dynamic of power, Jerusalem is a city simultaneously divided and claimed by both nationalisms and monotheisms.

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#### Sociology

## Capital and Race: History of a Modern Hydra

*Capital et race. Histoire d'une hydre moderne* 

Sylvie Laurent 2024/512 pages 9782021498882/€25

Capitalism and racism have been indissociable since 1492, as this book demonstrates by retracing their entwined destinies.

We still often see the crossing of the Atlantic Ocean in 1492 as a "closing" of the world. But it was actually the double advent of capitalism and racism. In the tradition of heterodox thinkers such as Rosa Luxembourg and W.E.B. Du Bois, Sylvie Laurent revisits classical authors and questions figures of colonization, such as Christopher Columbus or Robinson Crusoe, suggesting that there cannot be a capitalistic appropriation of the land without a reasoned system of expropriation and domination.

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#### History

How Palestine Was Lost: And Why Israel Has Not Won. History of a Conflict (19th-21st Centuries)

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#### History

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#### Essay

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#### Essay

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### Bertrand Badie 2023/144 pages 9782415007218/€16.9

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## 59 → PLON

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#### History

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Dominique Cardon, Sylvain Parasie, Donato Ricci, Atelier de cartographie de Sciences Po 2023/144 pages 9782724641509/€25

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#### Essay

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Société du matching

Melchior Simioni, Philippe Steiner 2024/192 pages 9782724642605/€16

## Monster, "The Match", or Tinder: what do sorting algorithms do to social ties?

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## 63 → PRESSES DE SCIENCES PO



#### History

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Des Scouts en Malaisie britannique. Une histoire de la mondialisation culturelle de la jeunesse

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#### History

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Psychology/Psychoanalysis

## Don't Trust Your Brain: 30 Cognitive Biases Described and Explained to Avoid Mistakes and Reason Better

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## Politics of Being: Wisdom and Science to Build the New World

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*Le Malheur des uns fait le business des autres* 

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#### Psychology/Psychoanalysis

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#### Essay

## The Paradox of Laughter

Le paradoxe du rire

Olivia Gazalé 2024/416 pages 9782232146305/€22 Éditions Seghers

## Is it possible to laugh without hurting anyone?

Laughter: an ancestral mystery and human specificity. Joyous or hateful, it varies from culture to culture. A weapon for defense or domination, laughter is plural and complex. Can we laugh at anything? Freedom of expression collides with respect for others. To kill laughter is to give in to censorship. Funny when it perturbs, it often disturbs. Olivia Gazalé explores this enigma throughout history, from thinkers of Antiquity to comedians today.

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#### Essay

#### **Breathe** *Respire*

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Marielle Macé 2023/128 pages 9782378561802/€8.5

### This book talks about today, our asphyxiations, and our overwhelming need for air.

A rather stifling atmosphere is in the process of becoming our everyday reality. And yet, we dream more than ever of breathing: detoxifying the soil, the sky, relationships, daily life... Just taking a deep breath in and out. Maybe we only talk to breathe, to make it all breathable. Say the word "breathe", and the outside world comes running, hopeful, drawn, sucked in by the call of your lips.

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## 71 → VERDIER



#### Essay

## Ferdinand's Possibilities

Ferdinand des possibles

Francesca Pollock 2024/96 pages 9782378561994/€8

An ode to being different and unique, to the unknown, to imperfection, to humanity, to solidarity, and to joy. Francesca Pollock is Ferdinand's stepmother. Ferdinand is multidisabled. At first, this book intended to speak to Ferdinand, who can't talk or hear. But then, over the writing process, new words appeared to express the uniqueness of sharing his life. Francesca Pollock talks about Ferdinand: his way of being in the world, his passions (fridges, train stations, traveling), and his very particular approach to resolving problems and getting around difficulties.



#### Philosophy

**Maybe Begging** *Mendier peut-être* 

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Étienne Helmer 2023/160 pages 9782378561840/€18

## What if, instead of turning the world upside down, begging put the world right side up again?

This book invites us to question and reflect upon this sharing of lives, to rethink the figure of the beggar and the practice of begging: not as the archetype of a reduced life, but as a form of a critical life that bears a renewed vision of the good life, on individual and collective levels.



#### History

## The Dawn of the Harvesters: From the Neolithic in Particular and Archeology in General

L'aube des moissonneurs. Du néolithique en particulier et de l'archéologie en général

Jean Guilaine, Laurence Turetti, Georges Chaluleau 2023/192 pages 9782378561833/€21

#### Why did Homo sapiens become farmers?

In this interview with a historian and a journalist, Jean Guilaine shares the historical research that he's been conducting for decades, starting from raw facts from the field, about the fundamental transformation that was the advent of Neolithic societies and their heritage. Archeology enables us to correct official History, often re-written by those in power. It invites us to engage in a critical re-reading of the history of humanity as seen through the prism of domination.



#### History

### **Who Discovered What?** *Qui a fait le tour de quoi?*

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