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Yves Paccalet

Les Deux Mamelles du bonheur

The Two Sources of Happiness

A cruel and comical tale by the author of *Humanity Will Disappear*.

Progress and liberty: the two sources of happiness. Yet it is in the name of these ideals that the most atrocious crimes are committed.

This book is a philosophical novel. A cruel and comical tale told in the eighteenth-century tradition, with the irony of *Candide* by Voltaire, of whom the author is a literary descendant. “Black, very black humour, surrounding sad, very sad adventures, that are also funny, very funny...”

Yves Paccalet leads Benoît, his hero born from a genetic manipulation, into the worst spots on Earth, the worst moments in History, in the midst of the most mournful battlegrounds and massacres of the 20th and 21st centuries.

The South Africa of apartheid, the Rwanda of genocide, the South America of drug trafficking, the Iran of fundamentalist imams... Against a background of polluted natural environments, climatic chaos, and the destruction of the biosphere.

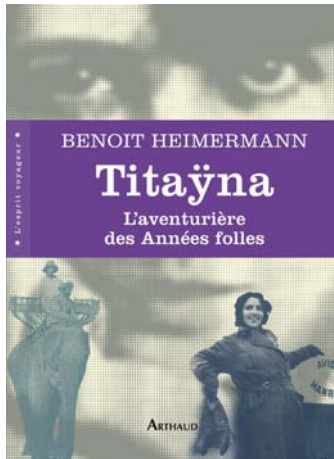
In the guise of the hilarious and only too human adventures of a naïve hero who dreams of nothing but finding his lost fiancée, this is the most violently satirical pamphlet targeting all powers and all ideologies to be composed in a long while.

THE AUTHOR

Yves Paccalet, philosopher, writer, naturalist, and committed ecologist, is the author of works including *L'Humanité disparaîtra*, *bon débarras* (45,000 copies sold).

KEY SELLING POINT

In the inspiration of *L'Humanité disparaîtra*, a black and humorous pamphlet, but even more extreme.



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Benoît Heimermann

Titajna L'aventurière des Années folles

Titajna

The Adventuress of the Roaring Twenties

The fascinating life of a woman at the heart of urbane society during the interwar period.

“Titajna” (1897-1966) – her real name was Elisabeth Sauvy – was the sister of Alfred Sauvy, the well-known demographer. Selfish and impulsive, she always forged ahead and had a veritable whirlwind existence. By turns, she was a companion for the sister of the Emperor of Japan, a writer of several novels, a foreign correspondent, and an aviation enthusiast. She visited China and Mexico, and made the acquaintance of Mustapha Kemal and Mussolini. Her friends included the renowned names of Cocteau, Giono and Mac Orlan. She was rich and famous.

But the Second World War was a fatal period for her, a time of bad relationships and bad decisions. Imprisoned for one year after the Liberation of France, then placed under house arrest, she fled to the United States following the death of her husband. It was there that she died, forgotten by all.

Retracing the novel-like destiny of a woman with a fiery temperament, tested by time, *Titajna* is above all a great tale of adventure.

THE AUTHOR

Benoît Heimermann, a special correspondent for *L'Equipe Magazine*, is the author of a number of works including *L'Aéropostale* published by Arthaud.

KEY SELLING POINT

The success of *L'Aéropostale*.



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Patrice Franceschi

L'Infatigable

The Indefatigable Explorer

Patrice Franceschi has packed several lives into his existence... This Corsican born in Toulon in 1954 embarked on his first voyage at the age of three months, tucked away in the luggage of his father, a young parachutist officer departing for Africa. This was the start of a long series of adventures.

When he professed a desire to become an adventurer, his father sceptically objected: "That's not a profession!" At the age of twenty, he fled to Guiana, returning to France only to organise an expedition to the Congo where he would almost die. He would go on to descend the Nile on foot, tackle the slopes of Everest, and venture to the Amazon. Over three decades, all the while writing and directing documentary films, he carried out dozens of expeditions as well as humanitarian missions. He took part in rescuing the boat people in the South China Sea on the *Ile de Lumière* in the 1970s. And in the 1980s, he signed up alongside Afghan *Mudjahideen*.

He was the first man to complete a round-the-world trip in an ultralight plane (1984-87). From 1999 onwards, he began taking his junk *La Boudeuse* on long exploration campaigns in the vein of the Enlightenment voyages. After losing his ship in a sinking, he bought a Swedish three-masted ship and took his crew on a world tour. In 2009, with an official mission letter in hand, the captain steered *La Boudeuse* towards new expeditions to South America and the Pacific Islands...

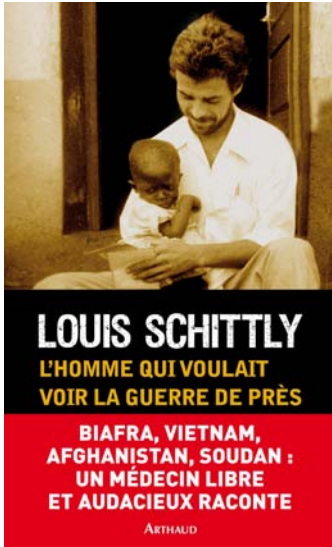
At the same time, he has also undertaken long years of philosophy studies, for being an adventurer "is not muscular but cerebral work". He is the author of over twenty books – narratives, novels, anthologies of poems, short stories, essays – and here he signs his autobiography.

THE AUTHOR

Patrice Franceschi, captain of the three-masted ship *La Boudeuse*, is a writer, seaman, and aviator. He is honorary president of the Société des Explorateurs Français.

KEY SELLING POINT

The autobiography of one of the last "old-fashioned" adventurers and a successful author.



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Louis Schittly

L'Homme qui voulait voir la guerre de près

The Man Who Wanted to See War Up Close

Louis Schittly, French doctor and co-founder of Médecins Sans Frontières, was born in the French department of Haut-Rhin in 1938. His life began on a small farm, but he dreamed of becoming a missionary in Africa. After his experience as a pupil in a minor seminary turned him off religion, he took up studies in medicine, and became an active participant in the May '68 student uprisings.

At the age of thirty, he accepted a Red Cross mission in Biafra. Here, with trifling means and immersed in the horror of a civil war, he took part in saving the lives of thousands of children, victims of famine.

After a short stay in Côte d'Ivoire, he left, under the aegis of the Order of Malta, for Vietnam where, as a witness of the "collateral effects" of the nearby war, he agreed to clandestinely pass medicine onto the Viet-Cong.

When he returned to France, he decided to take up studies in ophthalmology – a speciality which made its absence cruelly felt during his missions. But in 1980, he could not resist an offer from Aide Médicale Internationale to depart on a new mission, this time to Afghanistan, where far from great political debates, he decided to bring help to a population deprived of all medical aid.

Back to Alsace. Louis, now forty years old, was by this time married and had started a family. He had "settled" and practised medicine locally...

Until the day when Bernard Kouchner, a former companion from Biafra and now Secretary of State, called to "reenlist" him for southern Sudan...

Not only a formidable testimony and the narrative of an adventurer's life, this is above all a book by a pragmatic, rebellious, and fundamentally free humanist.

THE AUTHOR

Louis Schittly, a great figure in humanitarian medicine as well as a farmer, writer and ornithologist, lives in Bernwiller, in the French department of Haut-Rhin.

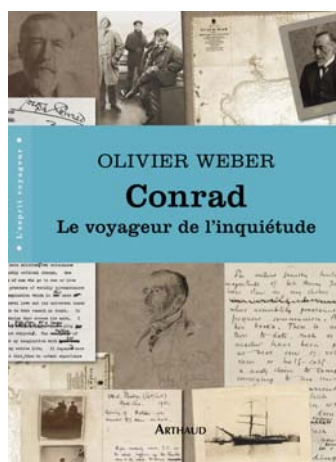
KEY SELLING POINT

The extraordinary testimony of a major humanitarian player.

Olivier Weber

Conrad, le voyageur de l'inquiétude

Conrad, the Troubled Traveller



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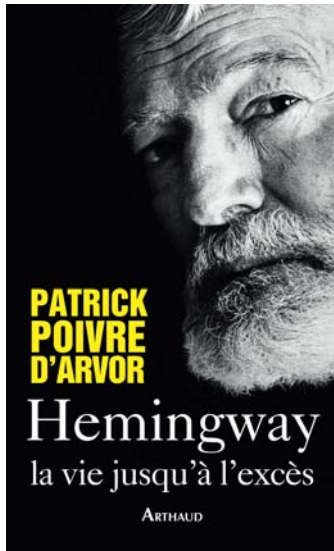
« This book is a literary promenade aimed at paying homage to Conrad, and above all, at settling my debt to this illustrious traveller. Beautiful biographies of this writer exist, but it seemed that a lantern was missing in the Conrad boat, a lantern lighting up his troubled nature, his agony drawing from or obliterated by the movement of his maritime escapades, and the timeless movement of the soul as described by his quill. A sum of torments leading Conrad from more or less seedy ports of call, brawls, Atlantic storms and humiliations in tropical seas to the writing desk, the site of other hurricanes which would end in either shipwreck or redemption. Three keys are indispensable for reading the situation: the secret of writing, sin, and faith in mankind. » Conrad, Polish in origin, was born in Russia in 1857, but went on to become one of the greatest English authors of the 20th century. As an orphan, he became a ship's apprentice at age 17 in Marseille, a captain at age 30, before deciding to write in the language of his new homeland. *Almayer's Folly*, *Heart of Darkness*, *Typhoon*, *Lord Jim*... An immense body of work, never reducible to sea stories, but a collection of profound and sombre writings.

THE AUTHOR

Olivier Weber, a writer-traveller, foreign correspondent, screenwriter and diplomat, has published numerous works – including a biography of Kessel published by Arthaud.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- An author crowned by numerous prizes (Lazareff, Albert Londres, Kessel...).
- A literary biography of one of the greatest writer-travellers.



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Patrick Poivre d'Arvor

Hemingway, la vie jusqu'à l'excès

Hemingway, a Life of Extremes

“All good books are alike in that they are truer than real life...”

He slid a bathrobe over his pyjamas and crept out of his bedroom. Going to the basement, he picked up the set of keys where his wife Mary had left them the previous evening. Without a noise, he proceeded to the cupboard where his firearms were stored. He put the key into the lock, opened the cupboard, and removed from the rack a Boss shotgun, one of his favourite weapons. He took a box of 12-gauge cartridges. Going back up to the ground floor with deliberate steps, he stopped before the entrance hall. This would be the spot. He slipped two cartridges into the chamber, set the shotgun straight, placed its butt on the ground, bent down, and pressed the double barrel against his forehead.

On 2 July 1961, around 7.30 in the morning, in Ketchum, Idaho, Ernest Miller Hemingway, 61 years old, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, a hunter, a fisherman, a boxer, a braggart, a genius, a paranoid, four-times married, three-times divorced, executed this series of gestures with determination, with the same spirit that drove him throughout his eventful life.

Pressing on the trigger in the same way that he once tapped on the keys of his typewriter, he thus put a full stop to his existence as if he were concluding a novel. The novel of his life.

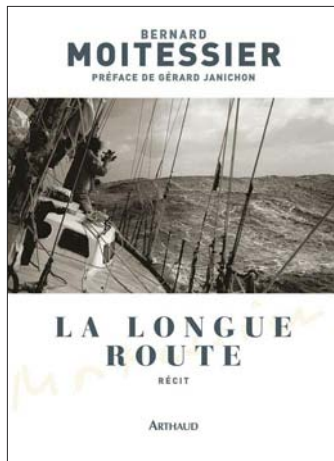
THE AUTHOR

Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, a writer before becoming a journalist, is the author of around fifty works including *Les Enfants de l'aube*, *La Mort de Don Juan*, *L'Irrésolu* (Prix Interallié), and *Lettres à l'absente*. He harbours a true passion for travelling writers and adventurers, to whom he has devoted, alone or with his brother, a number of books.

This great biography of Hemingway, the man, the adventurer and the author, represents a very personal vision of one person's destiny.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Fiftieth anniversary of the death of Hemingway on 2 July 2011.
- A well-researched and original biography of a mythical writer by Patrick Poivre d'Arvor.



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NETHERLANDS, HUNGARY

Bernard Moitessier

La Longue Route

The Long Way

The Long Way recounts the incredible story of Bernard Moitessier's participation in the first Golden Globe Race a solo, non-stop circumnavigation rounding the three great Capes of Good Hope, Leeuwin, and the Horn. For seven months, the veteran seafarer battled storms, doldrums, gear failures, and knock-downs, as well as overwhelming fatigue and loneliness. Then, nearing the finish with victory in hand, Moitessier suddenly pulled out of the race and sailed on. His 37,455-mile journey continued for another three months, finally ending in Tahiti. Never once in all that time had he touched land.

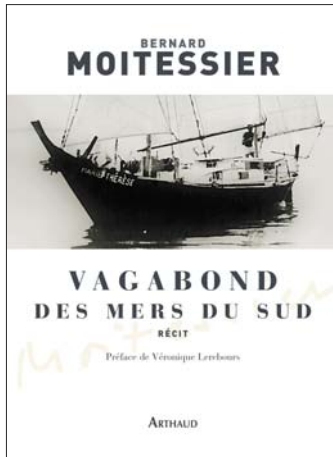
Leaving Plymouth on 22 August 1968 to take part in the solo non-stop circumnavigation event organised by *The Sunday Times*, Bernard Moitessier did not stop at "closing the loop" in leading position, but decided to just keep on going. This extraordinary sailor sought to journey to the very extremes of human resistance and that of his boat, riding a sea that was at times gentle, at others ferocious. In doing so, he accomplished what was then the longest ever solo voyage: 37,455 miles without touching land, ten months alone between the sea and the sky, with dolphins, flying fish, birds and the stars as his only witnesses.

THE AUTHOR

Bernard Moitessier was a model for many sailors, and also incarnated, through his ecological combats and altruistic philosophy, an entire era. He was born in 1925 in Indochina and died in June 1994.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- The popularity of all Moitessier's books.
- This new edition, in the Classiques Arthaud collection, is likely to follow the trail of *Vagabond des mers du sud* and will be appreciated by Moitessier fans. It will be prefaced by the great navigator and friend of Moitessier, Gérard Janichon, author of *Damien*.
- A DVD (Equator Editions) with a new version of the film *La Longue Route* is now available (several thousand copies produced).



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Bernard Moitessier

Vagabond des mers du Sud

Vagabond of the South Seas

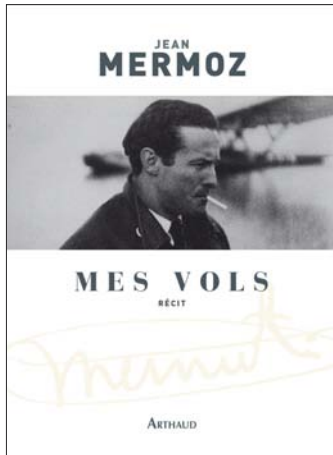
Born in Indochina in 1925, Bernard Moitessier sailed the Gulf of Siam with fishermen as a child. At the age of 27, he set off solo on board the *Marie-Thérèse*, a junk that he would see shipwrecked. In precarious conditions that even the most foolhardy would consider alarming, with only a compass and sextant at hand, he faced monsoon winds for eighty-five days before being shipwrecked in the Chagos Archipelago. He escaped alive, but lost his boat – in other words his whole fortune. Landing in Mauritius, he spent three years reconstructing a boat and took to the seas once again with the *Marie-Thérèse II*, heading this time for South Africa and the Antilles. This astonishing adventure is here told by Bernard Moitessier, a sea lover who became one of the greatest navigators of all time.

THE AUTHOR

Bernard Moitessier gained worldwide fame for his solo circumnavigation of the globe one and a half times, in 1968-69, following which he published *La Longue route*, now a cult book. Not only was Bernard Moitessier a model for many sailors, he also incarnated, through his ecological combats and altruistic philosophy, an entire era.

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Bernard Moitessier, one of the most mythical sailors along with Eric Tabarly, died in June 1994.
- At the same time as this new edition of *Vagabond des mers du Sud*, Arthaud is publishing *Bernard Moitessier, au fil des rencontres*, presenting testimonies compiled by Véronique Lerebours, his last partner.



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Jean Mermoz

Mes vols

L'autobiographie de Jean Mermoz, figure légendaire de l'Aéropostale

My Flights

The Autobiography of Jean Mermoz, a Legendary Figure of the Aéropostale

Published for the first time in 1937, only a few months after the disappearance of Jean Mermoz in the southern Atlantic Ocean, this book is the last trace left behind by the great aviator. Here he relates his debut, when the strength of passion alone allowed him to up to the face difficulties, then each of the highlights in an exploit-filled career.

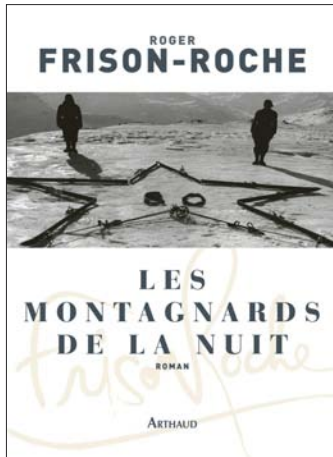
The second part of the book transcribes tributes to Mermoz published after his death (by Mauriac, Saint-Exupéry, Guillaumet...) and is enriched by notes by aviation specialist Bernard Marck, helping today's reader to appreciate the truly extraordinary dimension of the destiny of Mermoz.

THE AUTHOR

Jean Mermoz (1901-1936), a legendary figure of the Aéropostale, is still considered as one of the greatest aviators of his era. In 1929, he opened the "Andes Line" with Guillaumet. The following year, he succeeded in making the first crossing entirely by air between France and South America. His plane, the famous *Croix du Sud*, was lost at sea on 7 December 1936.

KEY SELLING POINT

Jean Mermoz remains a legendary figure in the world of aviation.



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Roger Frison-Roche

Les Montagnards de la nuit

Mountain Dwellers of the Night

The clandestine experience of Frison-Roche.

December 1943-summer 1944: it was during these decisive months that Frison-Roche chose to set the action of his novel, inspired by his own clandestine experience. This breathless narrative recounts several months in the life of a French Résistance fighter in the Secret Army based in the French region of Savoie. The reader will swiftly develop a steadfast attachment to the novel's heroes, whether we refer to Rivier, the Résistance leader, his deputy, Laurent, or the young Philo, loyal to his liaison role to the grave.

Frison-Roche provides a savvy portrayal of the difficulties encountered by these men and women, the dangers awaiting them, but also the rivalries between civilian and military Résistance members and the wariness of London agents... Yet all these setbacks only highlight the self-denial, the spirit of sacrifice and the valour of these Résistance members in their struggle for liberty. A novel published for the first time in 1968, but one which retains all its power.

THE AUTHOR

Roger Frison-Roche (1906-1999) is the author of some thirty works (published by Éditions Arthaud). Starting out as a mountain guide, he subsequently became a journalist and writer.

During the war, he was a war correspondent alongside the Allies on the Tunisian front. Imprisoned by the Germans in 1943, he was firstly transferred to Naples, then to Fresnes and Vichy. He succeeded in escaping and embarked on a clandestine life in the Beaufortain region. He became a liaison officer in the French Forces of the Interior, then within the Defence Staff of the 5th Half-Brigade of Chasseurs Alpains.

KEY SELLING POINT

Leading author of the "Classiques Arthaud" collection.

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