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MAX D'EXXILA

Charles-Étienne Ferland



TEEN NOVEL | 2024 | 272 PAGES
ISBN: 9782895979753

THE BOOK

Max lives on the planet Exxila, which is undergoing severe climate change, but no one is prepared to admit this truth or even acknowledge the widespread cooling that threatens their survival. Like all young Exxilians, Max is forced to take part in a training course, a kind of imposed ritual. He tries to escape, but is forced to attend classes with his friend Aya. Exploring the capital and its secret areas, he realizes that the teachings he's been given don't quite correspond to reality, and may even serve to mask it... Curious and daring, Max decides to unravel the mysteries of Exxila.

THE AUTHOR

Author of the best-selling novel *Dévorés* (Éditions L'Interligne) and its sequel *Métamorphoses*, **Charles-Étienne Ferland** takes an interdisciplinary approach, integrating the arts and sciences into his projects. He also wrote the short story collection *Une dent contre l'ordinaire* (Prise de parole) and the album of piano compositions *Microcosmes*. With a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and biology and a master's degree in insect ecology, Charles-Étienne works at the Insectarium de Montréal as project manager and coordinator of educational activities for the Monarch Mission program.



[SHORT-LISTED FOR FRENCH TEACHERS ASSOCIATION LITERARY AWARD 2025]

[COMMUNICATION-JEUNESSE SELECTION – WINTER 2025]

AT A GLANCE

› In this original and captivating science-fiction novel in the space opera genre, Charles-Étienne Ferland shows that when decision-makers bury their heads in the sand, only the courage of citizens can save the planet from the dangers that lie inexorably in wait.

LA COULEUR DU FEU / 1. LES MAGES DE BALKA

Alex Trahan



TEEN NOVEL | 2026 | 384 PAGES
ISBN: 9782898660955

THE BOOK

At sixteen, William has spent his entire life training to hunt the monsters that lurk near the village of Skiff. But on the evening of the equinox, he and his best friend are attacked in an alley. William then unleashes an unexpected power.

Kidnapped by mercenaries, he meets Aki, a thief with irresistible charm, and Miho, a banished elf with a mysterious past. The three of them flee to Balka, a secret sanctuary where the Union trains mages.

When an army of demons targets them, William has no choice but to face his destiny. What will he do with his power? Will he become a legendary hero – or a monster himself?

THE AUTHOR

Alex Trahan lives in Montreal and is a graduate of the École supérieure de théâtre at UQÀM. He works as an actor and director in theater and circus. Notably, he played the lead role in the children's show *Top Cornichon* (Télé-Québec) and has portrayed several characters in well-known series such as *STAT*, Un *doute raisonnable*, *L'Empereur*, and *À coeur battant*.



AT A GLANCE

› In this debut fantasy novel full of twists and turns, Alex Trahan – also known as an actor and director – reveals the full extent of his imagination and storytelling talents.

UNE TERRE, QUATRE VISAGES

Lamara Papitashvili



TEEN NOVEL | 2024 | 352 PAGES
ISBN: 9782895979517

THE BOOK

Four teenagers from all corners of the world settle in Canada, each with their own past, hopes, and wounds. Through four intertwined stories, they'll try to find their place in a new country, until the day their paths cross.

Caught between a sense of rootlessness, a search for identity, and the hope for a fresh start, Athena, Naomi, Alex and Tarek will follow paths that are as chaotic as they are moving.

THE AUTHOR

Born in Damascus, Syria, **Lamara Papitashvili** comes from a family with Georgian, Ukrainian, and Russian roots. With a degree in political science and the arts, she leads creative writing workshops for adults and teenagers. Lamara is particularly interested in childhood, family traditions, the status of women in our societies, travel as a source of personal growth, and questions of identity and heritage.



[PRIX AAOF DE LITTÉRATURE JEUNESSE AWARD 2026]

AT A GLANCE

- Teenagers will identify with this novel, which ends on a hopeful note thanks to the four characters' reunion upon their arrival at college.
- A polyglot and citizen of the world, Lamara Papitashvili has firsthand experience with the challenges of immigration and uprooting.

Michèle Laframboise



THE AUTHOR

Michèle Laframboise draws on her scientific background to craft imaginative stories rooted in inventive, captivating science fiction filled with unexpected twists and turns.

AT A GLANCE

› This gripping science-fiction series features neurodivergent protagonists, with each novel offering a standalone story that can be enjoyed independently.

LE SECRET DE PALOMA



TEEN NOVEL | 2021 | 330 PAGES
ISBN: 9782895977827

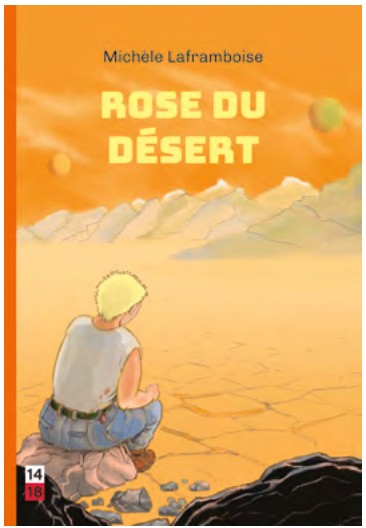
THE BOOK

Stranded on a planet where air pressure drops dramatically after sunset, a human colony struggles to survive behind an airtight barrier.

When Alouette discovers her best friend's body in the desert, everyone mourns what appears to be a suicide. Consumed by guilt, the young girl wants to know what could have driven the cheerful Paloma to head out into the dunes. A broken heart? An argument? But the diary that might hold the answers has vanished.

Could her friend's death be linked to the orbit of the Troll, a malevolent comet whose tail bombards the planet with meteorites? What Alouette discovers will shake the colony to its core forever...

ROSE DU DÉSERT



TEEN NOVEL | 2024 | 352 PAGES
ISBN: 9782895979517

THE BOOK

In the hostile world of Serail, families continue to survive behind the Curtain that protects them from the deadly drops in pressure.

Young Rose hates everything and everyone: Alouette-la-parfaite, Paruline-la-coquette, William-le-pelucheur, the dry river chores, and her own "capricious brain" that flickers from idea to from one idea to another... and struggles with math!

Convinced that the chépasquoinium curtain is about to let them down, Rose locks herself away in a fierce solitude that even Paruline, who tries to get close to her, can't break through. But incidents occur and the drought worsens. Rose must overcome her shortcomings and reach out to others to find solutions.

[FINALIST – PRIX DU LIVRE JEUNESSE TRILLIUM 2025]

[FINALIST – PRIX CHAMPLAIN 2025 YOUTH CATEGORY]

[PRIX AAOF DE LITTÉRATURE JEUNESSE AWARD 2024]

FRANCO-ONTARIAN AUTHORS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR YOUTH LITERATURE

LES FANTÔMES DE SÉRAIL



TEEN NOVEL | 2027 | 438 PAGES
ISBN: 9782898661419

February 2027

THE BOOK

Strong and hot-tempered, Moineau has often settled his problems with his fists. He dreams of escaping the grueling daily routine of life on Sérail, but he must take care of his depressed father. On top of that, the whims of the Thorn Rose and her strange boyfriend, the Eaglet, frustrate him, while the mystery of the deadly drops in air pressure that occur at night persists.

Moineau must control his inner violence as very real threats brew among the people of the Theater. Will he find answers in the mysterious ruins rising from the desert?

Mathieu Muir



THE AUTHOR

Mathieu Muir holds a Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a Master's in environmental studies from the University of Sherbrooke, and has a particular interest in climate change and its consequences. His scientific knowledge combined with his talent for storytelling gave rise to the saga *Le cycle de l'Expansion*.

AT A GLANCE

- Wanting to offer a realistic science-fiction story, Mathieu Muir combines scientific and political hypotheses to imagine the future.
- A funny and modern portrait of the peoples of the Earth, their foibles and their humanity.
- The author addresses topical issues such as overpopulation and climate change.

L'ÈRE DE L'EXPANSION



TEEN NOVEL | 2027 | 438 PAGES
ISBN: 9782898661419

THE BOOK

It is 2208. Since the Treaty of Tokyo, planet Earth has been divided into four poles: the American Star, the Trans-European Union, the Southern Alliance and the Eastern Sun. The borders are now closed

in an effort to limit population growth and address the environmental challenges that threaten each of the poles. Can planet Earth survive like this? Will cooperation prevail over competition?

The discovery of a new technology will affect the course of history and precipitate the Era of Expansion. Through their actions in different periods, Frank Blist, Eva Miller, Baiko Mori, Voile and Léa Flamand may seal the fate of the Earth...

[CÉCILE-GAGNON AWARD 2019]

Whether or not you are a fan of science fiction, L'ère de l'Expansion *will surprise you with the finesse of its tone and the quality of its plot.*
— Geneviève Bossé, *Sophie Lit*

LES HÉRITIERS DE L'EXPANSION



THE BOOK

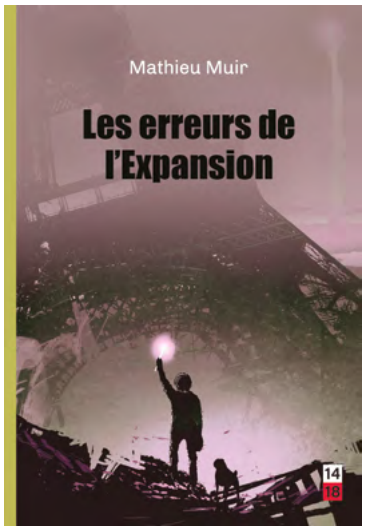
Since the conquest of Mori by the Eastern Sun in *L'ère de l'Expansion* (2019), the other three poles that occupy Earth have been trying to survive as best they can. The American Star has embraced excess, the Trans-European Union is continuing its research into teleportation and the Southern Alliance is encouraging its people to have faith in the eventual return of the Eastern Sun. A few individuals, however, could be the source of a new hope.

TEEN NOVEL | 2027 | 438 PAGES
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[SUZANNE-POULIOT ET ANTOINE-SIROIS AWARD 2023]

Mathieu Muir's novel is a happy blend of advanced physics, philosophy, history and sociology.
— Paul-François Sylvestre, *L'Express*

LES ERREURS DE L'EXPANSION



THE BOOK

In this third volume of the Expansion series, we navigate through the years 210 to 282 of the Expansion era. Human progress is hampered by a number of mistakes made by the leaders of the four poles of humanity, each of which controls a planet.

This final novel in the Expansion cycle is far from reassuring for the future of humankind, and sends out a strong warning to future generations...

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Katia Canciani

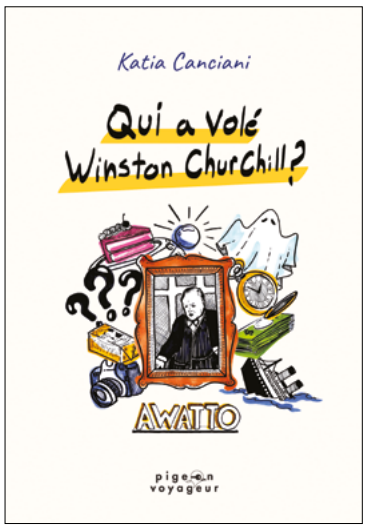


THE AUTHOR

Author of fifty books, mostly in children's literature, **Katia Canciani** has won several literary awards, including the Prix Saint Exupéry (2023) and the Governor General's Literary Award (2020). She is also a professional pilot. After completing her training as a bush pilot in 1991, she became a flight instructor. She has been working at Transport Canada since 2017, where, among other things, she set up the Conflict Zone Information Office, which she currently heads.

Mother of three grown daughters, Katia now lives in Gatineau, nearby Ottawa. She has a passion for the history of her adopted region, which she would like to share in this “Club Awatto” series.

QUI A VOLÉ WINSTON CHURCHILL ?



THE BOOK

Rémi, Jeanne, Mryia and James never imagined that their evening would be so unforgettable. Reunited by chance at the Château Laurier for the preview of the documentary about the theft of the famous portrait of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the four decide to conduct their own investigation to solve the mystery. Who stole Winston Churchill? A famous CBC journalist? An employee? The Karsh's family? What if the ghost of Melville Hays, who haunts the castle, has something to do with it?

TEEN NOVEL | 2024 | 208 PAGES

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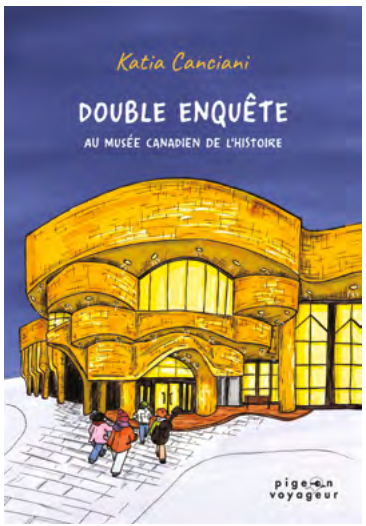
[SHORT-LISTED – AQPF-ANEL AWARD (9-12 YEARS OLD)]

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THE CASE OF THE MISSING CHURCHILL

- The theft of the iconic photo of the late former British prime minister Winston Churchill, one of the world's most famous portrait taken by celebrated Canadian photographer Yousuf Karsh in 1941, has made headlines around the world.
- The theft was discovered six months after the crime, when an employee realized that it was replaced by a faux. In the meantime, the original portrait was sold by Sotheby's in London and acquired by an Italian collector for a fraction of its value
- *Qui a volé Winston Churchill ?* was released on November 13th, 2024, and the book launch was held at the Château Laurier just two days before the return of the Winston Churchill's famous portrait on the walls of the Château. The book is now part of the items sold at the gift shop of Château Laurier.

DOUBLE ENQUÊTE AU MUSÉE CANADIEN DE L'HISTOIRE



TEEN NOVEL | 2027 | 156 PAGES
ISBN: 9782898661389

January 2027

THE BOOK

Rémi, Jeanne, Mryia, and James meet up at the Canadian Museum of History to celebrate Mryia's birthday. But while they're touring one of the museum's many galleries, they stumble upon a crime that has just been committed. Could this act of vandalism be connected to the person who seems to have been following them since they arrived? They quickly decide to investigate!

In this second book in the series featuring the Awatto Club, the four friends are confronted with the still very real consequences of the history of residential schools.

LE KAIJU DE MISSISSAUGA

Michèle Laframboise



TEEN NOVEL | 2026 | 168 PAGES
ISBN: 9782898660924

THE BOOK

In November 1979, a freight train derailed in Mississauga; the propane in the tank cars caused an explosion so powerful that the fireball was seen as far away as Niagara Falls. Victor Tremblay, a young fan of Japanese monsters, felt his house shake and woke up to find the sky glowing orange. Curious, he went close enough to catch a glimpse of what he believed to be a fire Kaiju stomping on the railroad tracks…

Soon after, the mayor declared the city under lock-down! Along with his parents and his friends Lucie and Henry, Victor must be evacuated, leaving his cat and his precious memories behind… When will he be able to return home?

THE AUTHOR

Michèle Laframboise draws on her scientific background to craft imaginative stories rooted in inventive, captivating science fiction filled with unexpected twists and turns.



The novelist doesn't just tell the story of an epic evacuation that took place in the pre-Internet era. She weaves a surprising tale that highlights friendship, mutual support, and honesty.
— Paul-François Sylvestre, *L'Express*

AT A GLANCE

› *The Kaiju of Mississauga* recounts an epic evacuation in the pre-Internet era. A surprising and captivating story that celebrates friendship, solidarity, and honesty.

FUIR LE FEU

Micheline Marchand



TEEN NOVEL | 2024 | 150 PAGES
ISBN: 9782895971006

THE BOOK

Katya Séguin, a young visually impaired teenager, lives on the banks of the Rivière des Français in Noëlville, Ontario. Her summer begins with a newfound sense of freedom thanks to the arrival of Onyx, her guide dog. However, the heat and drought suddenly spark a violent wildfire that engulfs the region. Disaster looms over her family.

Chased by the flames, Katya and her new companion will have to summon their courage to face the danger. Will they manage to escape unscathed?

[FINALIST – TAMARAC AWARD 2027]

[FINALIST – AAOF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE AWARD 2026]

The author "shows that vulnerability does not prevent strength from emerging in the face of chaos."
— Caroline Ruest, *Lurelu*

THE AUTHOR

Born in Lafontaine, Ontario, **Micheline Marchand** still lives in her native region of Huronia, near the shores of Georgian Bay. She draws inspiration from the history of her Métis and Franco-Ontarian ancestors. *Fuir le feu* is her sixth novel. She is the recipient of the Champlain Literary Award and the AAOF Children's Literature Award for *Perdue au bord de la baie d'Hudson* (2020).



AT A GLANCE

- Micheline Marchand is a Franco-Ontarian author who has received several literary awards for her previous novels (Trillium, AAOF, Champlain);
- The author's experiences with people who are visually impaired inspired this story, in which one of them faces a serious natural disaster and must show courage.

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