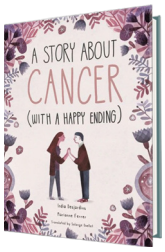
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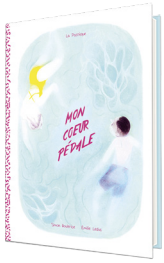
12-17 years



A STORY ABOUT CANCER WITH A HAPPY ENDING (ORIGINAL TITLE : UNE HISTOIRE DE CANCER QUI FINIT BIEN)

AUTHOR: India Desjardins and Dianne Eastman
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Frances Lincoln Children's Books

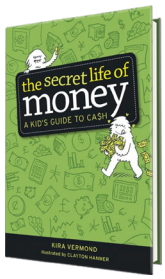
Inspired by a chance meeting, this is a story about a 15-year-old girl with leukemia. Having reached the end of her treatment, she goes to see her doctor to receive her final diagnosis. On the way, she's reminded of all the difficult times and happy moments she's experienced since her treatment began.



MON CŒUR PÉDALE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Simon Boulerice and Émilie Leduc
PUBLISHING HOUSE: de la Pastèque

Chantal is Simon's mother's sister, but the two women couldn't be more different. Simon loves his aunt, with her bleach-blond hair and Samantha Fox-inspired style. But since last year, the sisters have been in a cold war. Now, Chantal is going to look after Simon for a whole month. As the weeks pass, he will learn about disappointment, complicity, betrayal, and forgiveness.



THE SECRET LIFE OF MONEY: A KID'S GUIDE TO CASH

AUTHOR: Kira Vermond and Clayton Hanmer
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Owlkids Books Inc.

Making money is a little bit like baking an apple pie. You need skill, patience, and a variety of ingredients. And when it comes time to eat (or spend!), some people are greedier than others. This book explores a slew of money-related questions, including work and salary, consumerism, debt, and saving. It also touches on world poverty, ethical consumption, and fair trade. A practical, simple, and efficient guide!



CURIUM (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Collectif
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Publications BLD

Curium is Quebec's science, technology, and culture magazine for teens. Each issue features articles on topical subjects like nutrition, genetics, climate change, the internet, robotics, and new technologies that are sure to captivate young readers. Scan the magazine's integrated QR codes to access additional content online!



HIER, TU M'AIMAIS ENCORE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Robert Soulières
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Soulières éditeur

How many heartbreaks can you experience in a lifetime? This long poem follows Mélanie, a young girl who is going through a breakup. At first, she's shocked. She feels abandoned, then confused. She's overcome with doubt and anger. Then, one day, a chance meeting renews her hope that she'll fall in love again. Through its slow, rhythmic pace and strong imagery, the text conveys a range of human emotions, from sorrow to joy.



SOUFFLER DANS LA CASSETTE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Jonathan Bécotte
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Leméac

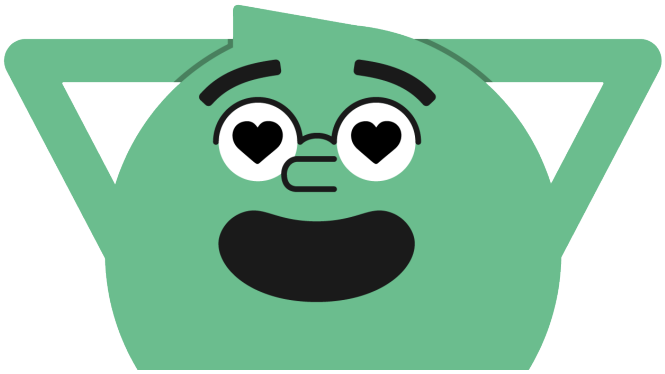
In this poetic novel, two elementary school boys forge a strong friendship over the course of a school year and summer. Their games and adventures shape them into the men they become. The author invites the reader to relive the innocence of childhood, from the first days of school to the pain of first heartbreak.



AVEC UN Y ET PAS DE E (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Edith Girard and Mathieu Benoit
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Hurtubise

Cathryn has a full life. She has friends, does lots of school activities, and loves her comic book classes. She's also crushing hard on Samuel, a boy she just met. But after a mishap with her mother, she learns a few surprising details about her family that send her head spinning.



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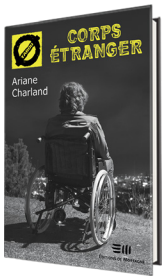
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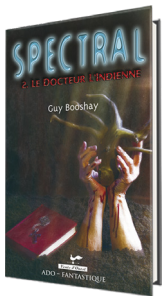
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CORPS ÉTRANGER (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Ariane Charland
PUBLISHING HOUSE: de Mortagne

In the blink of an eye, everything can change. After a diving accident, 17-year-old Samuel becomes quadriplegic. The old Samuel is gone. But Clara, his friends, and his family are still there. Life goes on; Samuel experiences highs and lows, tears and laughter, eventually finding a new normal. Many would prefer to die than live without the use of their limbs. But Samuel chooses to move forward and pick up where he left off.



LE DOCTEUR L'INDIENNE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Guy Booshay
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Vents d'Ouest

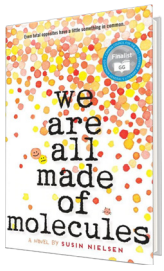
Sarah, deeply depressed since the death of her young son, Olivier, leaves her husband and moves to the country. But not long after her arrival, a series of supernatural occurrences threaten to drive her insane. When her friend Samuel Vincent, an occultist, and a psychologist named Brijit Baskanegan step in to investigate, they find themselves on the trail of a former serial killer. Will they be able to save Sarah's soul?



NISKA (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTEUR : Étienne Poirier
PUBLISHING HOUSE: du soleil de minuit

A story about family and loss, this novel explores the tragic reality of Canada's Indigenous residential schools in the 1950s. Siméon was one of the children who lived through this difficult time. Many years later, he's still haunted by the memories. Will he be able to keep the promise he made to his father so long ago? How will he answer his granddaughter Niska's questions?



WE ARE ALL MADE OF MOLECULES

AUTHOR: Susin Nielsen
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Tundra

When their parents move in together, two very different teenagers are forced to live under one roof. Their new living situation comes with its share of obstacles. What's more, both teens are struggling to come to terms with family turmoil. Academically gifted Stewart lost his mother, while "it" girl Ashley is trying to accept her father's homosexuality. This novel tackles difficult subjects with humour, intelligence, and compassion.



LE ROYAUME DE SABLE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Yves Trottier
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Les Malins

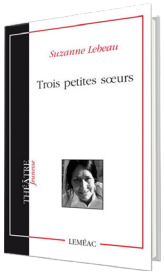
In the Kingdom of Hudor, lakes and rivers no longer exist, and the cities are locked in a ruthless war for access to drinking water. But legend foretells that the descendants of the Blue Tigers will overthrow the natural forces of fire. In a village nestled in the heart of the desert, a brother and sister are preparing to take part in the annual warriors' tournament. Little do they know that their lives are about to be changed forever.



UNE DIFFICILE ASCENSION (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Daniel Guay
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Les Éditeurs réunis

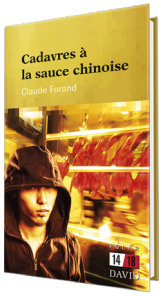
Thomas Fortin is an ambitious young hockey player with dreams of playing for the Montreal Canadiens. But when he joins a Midget AAA team, he can't seem to find his footing. One day, he finds a hockey stick signed by the legendary Maurice Richard. When he takes it to the rink, his performance improves dramatically. Just like that, it seems Thomas's dreams might actually come true! But what will he do if his magical stick vanishes?



TROIS PETITES SŒURS (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTEUR : Suzanne Lebeau
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Leméac

Alice, the youngest of three children, is a strong-willed girl who can't wait to start school. But she keeps getting these terrible headaches. When the first day of school rolls around, she's too sick to go. After a series of tests and a lot of worrying, she receives a difficult diagnosis and must begin treatment. With remarkable perception and tenderness, the author explores the family's suffering and small joys, weaving a story of resilience and hope.



CADAVRES À LA SAUCE CHINOISE (FRENCH ONLY)

AUTHOR: Claude Forand
PUBLISHING HOUSE: David

Detective Dubuc is a small-town cop—but then his niece Mélanie's best friend is found dead in a Toronto alleyway with her throat slit. To solve the case, Dubuc teams up with a Franco-Ontarian detective named Dave Blanchette. It isn't long before the two realize that Mélanie is also in danger. As the investigation heats up, Dubuc and Blanchette follow the clues into the heart of Toronto's Chinatown—and the world of organized crime. Will they be able to save Mélanie?

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