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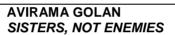
PIERRE PUCHOT TUNISIA. AN ARAB REVOLUTION

FOREWORDS BY EDWY PLENEL PREFACE BY RADHIA NASRAOUI / AFTERWORDS BY SABER MANSOURI

Pierre Puchot, Maghreb and Middle East foreign news reporter for the French leading online newspaper *Mediapart* has absorbed the social, political and everyday culture of contemporary Arab countries as thoroughly as to stand apart from other commentators: he saw and analyzed first what needed to be tracked in Ben Ali's Tunisia up to earn *Mediapart* a complete ban in Tunisia since 2008. From the economical boom to the vicious circle of the tourism industries, from corruption to disinformation, these pages show that everything was written and that Western naivety was nothing but hypocrisy.

A book about commitment and insubordination, *Tunisia*. *An Arab Revolution* is an invitation to fully understand what the "Ben Ali moment" was all about in order to build tomorrow's Tunisia.

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Alternating the point of view, this essay constitutes a historical-sociological survey of the situation of the Arabs in Israel.

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AVIRAMA GOLAN, D'UN PRIN TEMPS JSRAE AUTEUR DE VIJE A UNE AMIE PALESTIENNE

PIERRE PUCHOT

UNE REVOLUTION

TUNISIE

ARABE

RAJA SHEHADEH 2037

When Israel was established its constitution described the Israeli state as a state for all Jews and the law provided a right of return to any Jew anywhere in the world. The rest of the non-Jewish sector of the population were not accorded a similar right. Even to the extent of denying their right for the reunification of families that had been separated by the Nakba.

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Thirty years-old, serene Myrtille is a fruit that breathes love whatever the season is. Myrtille knows it: happiness is built on moving sand and is each day threatened by the tide. From Monceau Park to the heart of Montmartre, Myrtille can't help but spend her days inventing a universe for dream and imaginary. *Myrtille*: it is a strange bird-masked character that appears where one doesn't expect it; it is a white pages book, as white as nights are. It is Angelo in her heart, but not in her bed.

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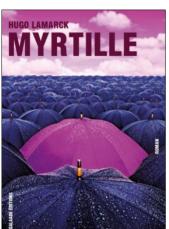
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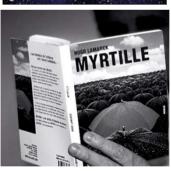
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- "Paris I love you!" TGV MAGAZINE
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THE AUTHOR

Hugo Lamarck is a lyric writer and writes plays for the theatre. *Myrtille* is his first novel.

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One tumultuous sleepless night, or, the ravishing of Léonce

MANUEL PIOLAT SOLEYMAT

TROIS SURPRISES À BORD DU BAHNHOF ZOO

(THREE SURPRISES ON BOARD OF THE BAHNHOF ZOO)
A NOVEL

One won't know anything precise, but the gestures are tumultuous. An established woman, Léonce abandons her home. While she flees away to meet and dance with other men, Michel accuses and exhibits the faults of this woman he hates and worships for her sensuality.

Choral and demanding, this short fiction stages the words and silences of one's life.

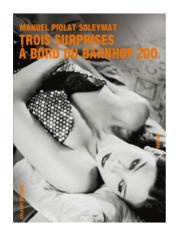
"One thinks about Duras, about Jon Fosse for the style, or the German romantism for the atmosphere." – *LES ÉCHOS*

"Alternating a syncopated rythm with the fluidity of the words pronounced, Piolat Soleymat explores the intoxicating movements of this danse." – *LA TERRASSE*

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- the words one tells and the words one holds
- women / infidelity
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THE AUTHOR

A writer and drama critic, Manuel Piolat Soleymat currently works on a new French theatrical adaptation of Shakespeare's *Othello*.

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2011 HIGHLIGHTS RENTRÉE LITTÉRAIRE

When that obscure object of desire meets the unbearable lightness of being

FRÉDÉRIC TEILLARD

L'UNIQUE OBJET DE MON DÉSIR

(THE ONLY OBJECT OF MY DESIRE)
A NOVEL

It is New Year's eve in Paris. Gilles is alone at home while Alix, his wife, supposedly visiting her parents in the South-East, is with her lover Nino in Normandy. A narration of intimacy, personal quest and doubts, a chronic of time as it passes, *L'Unique Objet de mon désir* tells about one's difficulty to write and adultery, through the days as they go by. Will the complex arrangement of these characters' life hold for the time of the holidays?

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- couple / infidelity / writing / inspiration
- the question of love and its volatility

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THE AUTHOR

Born in Belgium in 1956, Frédéric Teillard grew up in Belgium, France and Germany.

A psychoanalyst and professor of French, he lives in Paris. L'Unique Objet de mon désir is his third novel. The first one, Je ne sais pas (2002) and Ce ne sera pas là-haut (2004) have been published by Stock, and were remarked for their outstanding promise.

Brilliant and singular A literary tour de force

SYLVIE TAUSSIG

DANS LES PLIS SINUEUX DES GRANDES CAPITALES

(WITHIN THE SINUOUS FOLDS)
A NOVEL

It's a black blind wall in a street of Paris. Once, ten or fifteen years ago, it was part of Claude-Hélène's failed project of urban micro-interventionism. But why does it reappear now? And what does it mean, anyway? Astutely assembling all the pieces like a mosaic, Sylvie Taussig invents a tale about our cities and what they say about their inhabitants.

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THE AUTHOR

Born in 1969 in Paris, Sylvie Taussig is the author of 10 books including the novel *Prison* (2000) and *Patron titan* (Galaade, 2006). *Muette* is her third novel. The translator of Hannah Arendt, Tony Judt and Martin Walser, Sylvie Taussig is also a scholar affiliated with the National Center for Scientific Research.

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To free the imaginaries

EDOUARD GLISSANT, PATRICK CHAMOISEAU

A LETTER TO BARACK OBAMA

THE UNCOMPROMISING BEAUTY OF THE WORLD WHEN WALLS COLLAPSE
AN INTERVENTION TEXT

THE CALL

"We request that all the human forces, from Africa, Asia, the Americas, Europe that all the stateless people, all the 'Republicans' – all the tenants of the rights of man, that all the artists, all authority founded by citizens of good will raise up by all means possible, a protest against this wall ministry which attempts to house us badly, to get us used to the unsupportable."

With *Quand les murs tombent*, Patrick Chamoiseau and Edouard Glissant open a renovated reflection on the notion of identity and warn against "walls" which "are threatening the relation to the Other.

Hot-wired with *L'Intraitable Beauté du monde*, the best selling open letter to the first African-American to take on the White House, these two crucial yet literary texts form a diptych that actualizes the form of the pamphlet to address an all-embracing call to the world and to renovate contemporary migratorial politics.

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Edouard Glissant is a preeminent writer, poet and a major theorist in post-colonial thought. He received the Prix Renaudot in 1958 and was short-listed for the Nobel Prize in 1992 and 2010.



Patrick Chamoiseau was awarded the Prix Goncourt in 1992 for his novel *Texaco*.

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The reinvention of romance

LAURE KATSAROS

UN NOUVEAU MONDE AMOUREUX CÉLIBATAIRES ET PROSTITUÉES AU XIX^E SIÈCLE

(A LOVER'S NEW WORLD BACHELORS AND PROSTITUTES IN THE 19th CENTURY) ESSAY

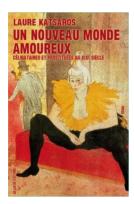
Her name was Fantine in Les Misérables, Fleur-de-Marie in Eugène Sue's Les Mystères de Paris. For Huysmans, she was Marthe; for Zola, simply, "Nana." In art, she was called "this Olympia woman from the Rue Mouffetard". Sarah Bernhardt was one of them too. Whether real or fictional, they all play their part on the boulevards of Paris, the greatest stage of all. At night, these dazzling idols, venal creatures, and whores-with-hearts-of-gold deck themselves out in garish colors, hoping to catch the eye of passing men. The clandestine prostitute denounced by the police as insoumise dances and spins in her scarlet stockings and high-heeled ankle-boots, her embroidered petticoats clenched in her fists. As she marches up and down the asphalt sidewalks, her eyes flash from beneath the shadow of her hat like a portrait in its frame. In the cafés, dancehalls, theaters, and racetracks of Paris, the visibility of these women infuriates both police prefects and family men; but it delights the bachelors, dandies, and flâneurs who also come alive at night under the gas-lights. Their names are Gérard de Nerval, Gustave Flaubert, the Goncourt brothers, Stendhal, or Joris-Karl Huysmans.

In those days, bohemian artists and women of ill repute lived in close contact, and often shared the same dismal fate. But their unholy union struck terror at the heart of the nineteenth-century bourgeois. In her exploration of modernity, marginality, and radically changing gender roles, Laure Katsaros brings the extraordinary world of dandies, *grisettes*, and brothel girls back to life, along with the fear and fascination inspired by this new world of love.

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THE AUTHOR

Assistant Professor of French at Amherst College, Laure Katsaros is a graduate of École Normale Supérieure in Paris (rue d'Ulm). She holds a Ph.D. degree in comparative literature from Yale University and a doctorate in American studies from Université Paris VII.

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A committed voyage into race and erudition

MAURICE OLENDER

LA CHASSE AUX ÉVIDENCES SUR QUELQUES FORMES DE RACISME ENTRE MYTHE ET HISTOIRE 1978-2005

(RACE AND ERUDITION)
ESSAY

Maurice Olender's work on erudition and racism is unique, both in its approaches and conclusions, and as such, it provides a much needed look into the genesis and history of key concepts and notions that have become, over time, highly charged ideological tools and political instruments with at times disturbing social implications.

While it has become somewhat fashionable for academics to write popular books or books devoted to "popular" subjects, Maurice Olender's work is a breath of fresh air because it delivers an unequalled combination of erudition, precision, meticulous respect for sources and contexts along with a lucid and uncompromising effort to understand the origins, metamorphosis and evolution of racist ideas in the West and the ways in which this history is intimately tied to the growth and development of intellectual disciplines: for example Marcel Mauss, Georges Dumézil, Léon Poliakov or Jean Starobinski.

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MAURICE OLENDER

La Chasse aux évidences sur quelques formes de natione entre mythe et histoire

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THE AUTHOR

A publisher, a writer and a historian, Maurice Olender teaches at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris). He founded a review in 1981, Le Genre humain, and wrote Languages of Paradise: Aryans and Semites, a Match made in Heaven (Harvard Univ. Press, 1992 and Other Press, 2003).

Why did it all began in Tunisia?

PIERRE PUCHOT

TUNISIE UNE RÉVOLUTION ARABE

FOREWORDS BY EDWY PLENEL PREFACE BY RADHIA NASRAOUI AFTERWORDS BY SABER MANSOURI

(TUNISIA. AN ARAB REVOLUTION)
ESSAY

"I don't belong to the Opposition, but to Resistance. The Arab revolution is under its way. People don't realize that, in ten years, the forces that will take the power won't have anything to do with these thugs. It is true that the Arab world is sinking in an endless crisis, but that is a tendency to see the glass as half-empty." Such were the words of relentless opponent to dictatorship Moncef Marzouki in 2009.

End of 2010: Tunisia is the first country to revolt and give rise to hope. Since then, the wind of democracy is blowing all over the Maghreb, up to the Middle East, and it shakes the whole world. As Editor-in-chief at *Mediapart* Edwy Plenel underlines it, "at the crossroads of these intellectual more than geographic constructions that are the Eastern and the Western Worlds, the Arab countries hold the keys for the world's future in early 21st century."

Pierre Puchot, Maghreb and Middle East foreign news reporter for the French leading online newspaper *Mediapart*, has absorbed the social, political and everyday culture of contemporary Arab countries as thoroughly as to stand apart from other commentators: he saw and analyzed first what needed to be tracked in Ben Ali's Tunisia up to earn *Mediapart* a complete ban in Tunisia since 2008. From the economical boom to the vicious circle of the tourism industries, from corruption to disinformation, these pages show that everything was written and that Western naivety was nothing but hypocrisy.

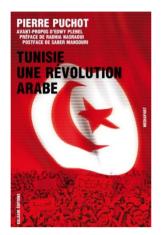
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A personal survey of one country's memories and traumas

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Investigating France's totems and taboos

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An incisive manifesto on the freedom of the press today

EDWY PLENEL COMBAT POUR UNE PRESSE LIBRE

(TO FREE THE PRESS)
ESSAY

"Imagine a country endowed with a founding act on the freedom of information, an act that forces public figures to answer citizens curiosity, journalists questions, medias investigations, and demanding every administrative document necessary for the public information to be unveiled. Imagine a president and a majority who, far from being frightened by such political liberalities, decide to increase it, proclaiming the 'priority to transparency'." – Edwy Plenel

Mediapart, an independent structure with no advertising, has imposed itself at the top of the French media scene in just three years. It was launched in March 2008 by a group of veteran press journalists led by Edwy Plenel, former editor of the daily newspaper Le Monde. Its trademark investigative reports have often been one step ahead of other French media, and have had worldwide coverage.

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Al-Jazeera's "*Empire*" guest on the week of the book's release: Edwy Plenel, a major commentator of today's France.

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A direct and fundamental essay on Israel's relation to the Arab world and beyond

RAJA SHEHADEH 2037 LE GRAND BOULEVERSEMENT

(2037. THE BIG CHANGE) ESSAY

When Israel was established its constitution described the Israeli state as a state for all Jews and the law provided a right of return to any Jew anywhere in the world. The rest of the non-Jewish sector of the population were not accorded a similar right. Even to the extent of denying their right for the reunification of families that had been separated by the Nakba.

The scale of changes caused by the revolutions in Egypt and Tunisia, their impact on the region's imminent geopolitical agendas urge us to consider this fundamental issue of the whole conflict between Israel and Palestine, to its resolution and future: "Whose Right of Return?".

This crucial question brings up such issues as what kind of Israel, which Israel, whose Israel, should Israel be for Israelis Jews and non Jews or for a population which is living outside the country? Much depends on how these questions are answered. Not only would the answer have bearing on the future peace but also on present policies such as the expansion of the state by building Jewish settlements, the religious nature of the state, and the country's relations to the Arab world and beyond.

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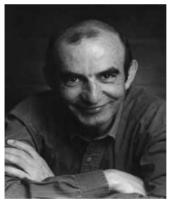
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