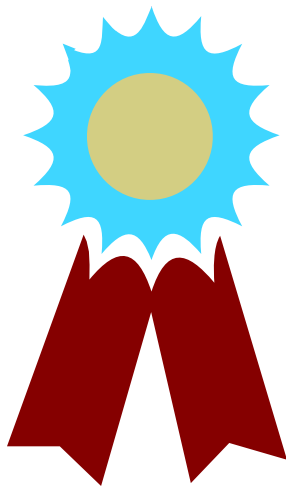


Award-winning Books/ Prix littéraires



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Booker Prize winners

2007

The Gathering
By Anne Enright
F E591g

As nine members of the Hegarty clan gather for the wake of their drowned brother Liam, his sister Veronica remembers the secret he shared with her about what happened in their grandmother's house thirty years ago, a betrayal that spans three generations.

2006

The Inheritance of Loss
by Kiran Desai
F D4415i

In a crumbling house in the remote northeastern Himalayas, an embittered, elderly judge finds his peaceful retirement turned upside down by the arrival of his orphaned granddaughter, Sai, when their world becomes threatened by a Nepalese insurgency.

2005

The Sea
by John Banville
F B219se

When Max Morden returns to the coastal town where he spent a holiday in his youth, he is both escaping from a recent loss and confronting a distant trauma.

2004

The line of beauty
by Alan Hollinghurst
F H7412L

Moving into the Notting Hill home of the wealthy, politically connected Fedden family in 1983, twenty-year-old Nick Guest becomes caught up in their rising fortunes and finds his own life forever altered by his association during the boom years of the 1980s.

2003

Vernon God Little
by DBC Pierre
F P622v GPB

In the small town of Martirio, Texas, fifteen-year-old Vernon Little finds himself in deep trouble after his best friend Jesus kills sixteen of his classmates before committing suicide as he becomes the target of both vengeful townspeople in search of vengeance and justice and the media's thirst for sensation.

2002

Life of Pi
By Yann Martel
F M3761L

Possessing encyclopedia-like intelligence, zookeeper's son Pi Patel sets sail for America, but when the ship sinks, he escapes on a life boat and is lost at sea with a dwindling number of animals until only he and a hungry Bengal tiger remain.

2001

True History of the Kelly Gang

Peter Carey

F C275tr 2000

Ned Kelly, the son of Irish immigrants, outlaw, and legendary nineteenth-century Australian folk-hero, describes in his own words how he, his brother, and two friends led authorities on a twenty-month manhunt, marked by widespread populist support, before his capture and execution.

2000

The Blind Assassin

by Margaret Atwood

F A887ba 2000

A multi-layered novel, in which Iris describes the 1945 death of her sister, Laura, who drives her car off a bridge, followed, two years later, by the death of her husband, a wealthy industrialist whose body is found aboard a sailboat. This story also features a novel-within-a-novel about two unnamed lovers who meet in a dark backstreet room.

Pulitzer Prize winners

2007

The Road

by Cormac McCarthy

F M1232r

In a novel set in an indefinite, futuristic, post-apocalyptic world, a father and his young son make their way through the ruins of a devastated American landscape, struggling to survive and preserve the last remnants of their own humanity.

2006

March: a novel

by Geraldine Brooks

F B8734m

In a story inspired by the father character in Little Women and drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father, a man leaves behind his family to serve in the Civil War and finds his marriage and beliefs profoundly challenged by his experiences.

2005

Gilead

by Marilynne Robinson

F R6633g

In 1956, the aging Reverend John Ames begins a letter to his young son. It is to be an account of his life growing up as the son of an Iowan preacher and the grandson of a minister who, as a young man in Maine, went west to Kansas to fight for abolition.

2004

The Known World

by Edward P. Jones

F J764k

When a plantation owner and former slave--now possessing slaves of his own--dies, his household falls apart in the wake of a slave rebellion and corrupt underpaid patrollers who enable free black people to be sold into slavery.

2003

Middlesex

by Jeffrey Eugenides

F E87m

Calliope's friendship with a classmate and her sense of identity are compromised by the adolescent discovery that she is a hermaphrodite, a situation with roots in her grandparent's desperate struggle for survival in the 1920s.

2002

Empire Falls

by Richard Russo

F R969e 2001

Miles Roby, the heir to a ruined Maine logging and paper mill empire, tries to hold his family together and provide for his parents, in this beautiful, evocative novel by the author of *Nobody's Fool*.

2001

The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay

By Michael Chabon

F C428a 2000

Samuel Klayman – self-described little man, city boy, and Jew – first meets Josef Kavalier when his mother shoves him aside in his own bed, telling him to make room for their cousin, a refugee from Nazi-occupied Prague. In short order, Sam's talent for pulp plotting meets Joe's faultless, academy-trained line, and a comic-book superhero is born. Before they know it, Kavalier and Clay (as Sam Klayman has come to be known) find themselves at the epicenter of comics' golden age.

2000

Interpreter of Maladies

by Jhumpa Lahiri

F L183i GPB

A collection of short stories blends elements of Indian tradition with the complexities of American culture.

Nobel Prize-winning authors

2007 Doris Lessing

2006 Orhan Pamuk

2005 Harold Pinter

2004 Elfriede Jelinek

2003 J. M. Coetzee

2002 Imre Kertesz

2001 V. S. Naipaul

2000 Gao Xingjian

1999 Gunter Grass

1998 Jose Saramago

1997 Dario Fo

1996 Wislawa Szymborska

Giller Prize winners

2007

Late Nights on Air

by Elizabeth Hay

F H4123L

Harry Boyd, a hard-bitten refugee from failure in Toronto television, has returned to a small radio station in the Canadian North. There, in Yellowknife, in the summer of 1975, he falls in love with a voice on air, though the real woman is even more than he imagined.

2006

Bloodletting and miraculous cures: stories

by Vincent Lam

F L213b

A collection of stories connected through the relationships that develop among a group of young doctors as they move from the challenges of med school to the intense world of emergency rooms, evac missions, and terrifying new viruses.

2005

The time in-between

by David Bergen

F B4954t

Three decades after serving during the Vietnam War, Charles Boatman disappears during a return visit to the country. His daughter Ada goes off in search for him, a trip that brings increasingly complex revelations and awareness about her life.

2004

Runaway: stories

by Alice Munro

F M968r

A collection of short fiction captures the lives of women of all ages and circumstances, as they deal with the limits and lies of passion, unfulfilled dreams, betrayal, and the bonds of love.

2003

The In-Between World of Vikram Lall

by M.G. Vassanji

F V337i

Young Vikram Lall and his sister, Indians in Kenya, become friends with an African boy, Njoroge, and two English children, Bill and Annie. It is 1953, and while the Lall family celebrates Queen Elizabeth's coronation, Mau Mau rebels are slaughtering white families to protest against British colonial rule, aided by "faithful" African servants and even Indian sympathizers like Vikram's beloved Manesh Uncle. In that tempestuous "year of our loves and friendships," eight-year-old Vikram is initiated into a confusing world of contradictory loyalties and agonizing losses.

2002

The Polished Hoe

by Austin Clarke

F C5975po

Clarke's novel opens as Mr. Bellfeels, a tyrannical plantation overseer of Flagstaff Village, has been killed. Bellfeels's concubine, the dignified Mary-Mathilda, is called up to the Great House to give a statement on the crime. Mary-Mathilda then unloads a soliloquy on village

history, specifically her existential alienation “ordered through the destinies of paternity” and “paid for by her body.”

2001

Clara Callan
by Richard B. Wright
F W9525c 2001

Told entirely in journal entries and letters, this novel follows the Callan sisters. Clara is a teacher in small-town Ontario, Nora has moved to New York become a radio soap opera star. Since both sisters are still "on the shelf," their roller-coaster love lives – Nora's in worldly Manhattan and Clara's in the more restrictive atmosphere of small-town spinsterhood – are a primary subject of their correspondence. This novel also won the Governor General's Literary Award in 2001.

2000

Mercy Among the Children
by David Adams Richards
F R514m 2000

At the age of 12, Sydney Henderson vows never to harm another human soul. Turning his back on his violent upbringing, self-educated Sydney wins the honest respect of his community at first.

Governor General's Literary Award winners/ Prix littéraires du gouverneur général

2007

Divisadero.
by Michael Ondaatje
F O583d

Fleeing the violence that destroyed her family, Anna finds refuge in south-central France, in an isolated house once occupied by a writer, while she continues to struggle to reconcile the past and present, the demands of family, love, and memory.

La mer de la tranquilité
par Sylvain Trudel
FR T866m

Voici neuf histoires inquiétantes et profondes comme l'eau des puits, où se mêlent la loufoquerie et le tragique, la chimère et le désastre, le souvenir et l'angoisse.

2006

The Law of Dreams
by Peter Behrens
F B4193L

On his odyssey through Ireland and Britain, and across the Atlantic to Boston, Fergus is initiated to violence, sexual heat, and the glories and dangers of the industrial revolution. Along the way, he meets an unforgettable generation of boy soldiers, brigands, street toughs and charming, willful girls - all struggling for survival in the aftermath of a natural catastrophe magnified by political callousness and brutal neglect.

La rivière du loup : roman

par Andrée Laberge

FR L1171r

L'auteure donne la parole à de multiples personnages qui témoignent des liens de filiation, de l'intolérance et de la différence.

2005

A Perfect Night to go to China: a novel

by David Gilmour

F G4885p

A father makes a casual error of judgment one evening and leaves his six-year old son alone for fifteen minutes. When he returns the child is gone and three lives are changed forever.

Hotaru: roman

par Aki Shimazaki

FR S556h

La jeune Tsubaki rend visite à sa grand-mère à la saison des lucioles. Obâchan est au crépuscule de sa vie et garde un terrible secret.

2004

A Complicated Kindness: a novel

by Miriam Toews

F T643c

Doomed to work at the Happy Family Farm, a chicken slaughterhouse in a town run by religious fundamentalists, sixteen-year-old Nomi Nickel manages to bear witness to the dissolution of her family with a dark, sly wit.

Le cercle parfait: roman

par Pascale Quiviger

FR Q83c

Dans ce récit entre le passé et le présent, une femme est dévastée par son amour et, en même temps, est sauvée par ce même amour.

2003

Elle

by Douglas Glover

F G5663e GPB

Based on details snatched from the margins of the historical record, Elle tells the story of a lustful young French woman abandoned on an island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence by the Sieur de Roberval, the leader of a disastrous attempt to colonize Canada. After surviving the onset of winter, Elle is found by an Inuit hunter, who becomes her lover, keeps her alive, and draws her into a bear-haunted dream world.

La maison étrangère

par Élise Turcotte

FR T933m

Cette maison étrangère c'est le corps d'Élisabeth, dans laquelle elle vit hors temps, partagée entre le présent qui lui échappe et un Moyen Âge qui pourrait, au bout de ses recherches, répondre à ses questions fondamentales.

2002

A song for Nettie Johnson

by Gloria Sawai

F S271s GPB

Most of the stories in the new book of short stories from Sawai take place in the 1940s and '50s in the fictional Saskatchewan town of Stone Creek, and the cast that appears in A Song for Nettie Johnson, the long novella that opens the book, keeps reappearing.

La Gloire de Cassiodore : roman
par Monique LaRue
FR L336g

Prenant pour décor un milieu qu'elle connaît bien puisqu'elle y enseigne depuis des années, l'auteure ancre son cinquième roman dans le département de français d'un cégep. Le personnage principal est un professeur qui connaîtra une certaine gloire médiatique, alors qu'il achève sa dernière année d'enseignement, suite à la publication de quelques chroniques d'humeur bien senties. Scandé par le passage des mois de l'année scolaire, le roman donne à voir ce microcosme avec humour et gravité, soulignant au passage les grandeurs et servitudes d'un enseignement qui se cherche alors qu'il est confronté à des valeurs sociales qui le nient.

2001

Clara Callan
by Richard B. Wright
F W9525c 2001

This book was adopted for the library by Ben Niederhoffer to honour the birthday of Malvina Greenspon..

Le ravissement : roman
par Andrée A. Michaud
FR M6222r

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2007

Half of a Yellow Sun
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
F A2352H

Re-creates the 1960s struggle of Biafra to establish an independent republic in Nigeria, following the intertwined lives of the characters through a military coup, the Biafran secession, and the resulting civil war.

2006

On Beauty
by Zadie Smith
F S664o

Struggling with a stale marriage and the misguided passions of his three adult children, art professor Howard Belsey finds his family life thrown into turmoil by his son's engagement to the socially prominent daughter of a right-wing icon.

2005

We Need to Talk about Kevin
by Lionel Shriver
F S5612w

The mother of a teenage boy who killed seven fellow students and two adults in a high-school shooting writes a series of letters to her estranged husband on their son's upbringing and questions what she fears may be her own part in the tragedy.

2004

Small Island

by **Andrea Levy**

F L6681s

In 1948, in a London still shaken by war Queenie Bligh takes into her house several lodgers who have recently arrived from Jamaica with dreams of starting a better life.

2003

Property

by **Valerie Martin**

F M3833p

The tragedies and emotional repercussions of slavery in the antebellum South are seen through the eyes of slave owner Manon Gaudet, who marries the owner of a sugar plantation, only to see her own slave, Sarah, become her husband's mistress.

2002

Bel Canto: a novel

by **Ann Patchett**

F P2942b

When terrorists seize hostages at an embassy party, an unlikely assortment of people is thrown together, including American opera star Roxanne Coss, and Mr. Hosokawa, a Japanese CEO and her biggest fan.

2001

The Idea of Perfection

by **Kate Grenville**

F G828i

A poignant story about an unlikely romance in the Australian bush between Douglas Cheesman, a shy and awkward engineer, and Harley Savage, a plain, large-boned woman who works as a museum curator.

2000

When I Lived in Modern Times

by **Linda Grant**

F G7622wh 2000 GPB

A young woman's journey to Palestine in the wake of World War II stands at the center of this compelling novel about the birth of Israel.

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Alabama Song

par **Gilles Leroy**

FR L6193a

La vie de Zelda prend un tournant décisif, quand elle rencontre le lieutenant Scott Fitzgerald qui s'est juré de devenir écrivain. Le succès retentissant de son premier roman lui donne raison. Le couple devient la coqueluche du Tout-New York.

2006

Les bienveillantes: roman

par Jonathan Littell

FR L7773b

Jonathan Littell nous fait revivre les horreurs de la Seconde Guerre mondiale du côté des bourreaux, tout en nous montrant l'épopée d'un homme emporté dans la traversée de lui-même et de l'Histoire.

2005

Trois jours chez ma mère : roman

par François Weyergans

FR W547t

Le héros de ce roman, un homme désespéré, décide, le jour de ses cinquante ans, d'annuler tous ses rendez-vous afin d'essayer de savoir où il en est. Il voudrait changer de vie, de métier, de femme, de ville, et même d'époque!

2004

Le soleil des Scorta : roman

par Laurent Gaudé

FR G266s

C'est la saga de 1870 à nos jours d'une famille du sud de l'Italie à laquelle chaque génération, chaque individu tente d'apporter, au gré de son propre destin, la fierté d'être un Scorta.

2003

La maîtresse de Brecht : roman

par Jacques-Pierre Amette

FR A514m

1948! Bertolt Brecht revient à Berlin, une ville détruite. Réceptions et discours sont pourtant de rigueur pour fêter son retour. Mais la confiance accordée au héros n'est que façade. Il faut suivre pas à pas celui qui a trop longtemps vécu chez l'ennemi, à New York. La Stasi (services secrets est-allemands) l'espionne par Maria, une actrice brillante, car ils savent qu'en collectionneur de femmes il ne résistera pas aux charmes de la jeune première. La jeune femme admire le dramaturge qui a lutté contre Hitler, mais l'homme avec lequel elle doit passer ses nuits finit par la dégoûter.

2002

Les ombres errantes

par Pascal Quignard

FR 848 Q62o

C'est le premier tome d'une somme de volumes dont Sur le jadis et Abîmes sont les épisodes suivants.

2001

Rouge Brésil : roman

par Jean-Christophe Rufin

FR R926r 2001

La grande aventure des Français au Brésil est un des épisodes les plus extraordinaires et les plus méconnus de la Renaissance. Ce roman raconte l'histoire de deux enfants embarqués de force dans une expédition pour servir d'interprètes auprès des tribus indiennes. À travers leur destin, ce livre met en scène deux conceptions opposées de l'homme et de la nature.

2000

Ingrid Caven : roman
par Jean-Jacques Schuhl
FR S385i 2000

Troisième livre de l'auteur (cf. "Rose poussière" et "Télex no 1"), silencieux depuis une trentaine d'années. C'est un récit-collage inspiré par sa femme comédienne, diseuse, chanteuse et ex-femme de R. W. Fassbinder, dans lequel convergent le journal intime, l'essai et l'Histoire. C'est, aussi, un récit d'atmosphère, en particulier celle qui régnait en France, pendant les années 1980, dans le "jet set" et le milieu artistique. Livre à l'écriture élégante et dissonante.

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Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction:

2007

Lullabies for little criminals
by Heather O'Neill
F O588L

Motherless, and still living with her heroin-addict father, thirteen-year-old Baby vacillates between childhood comfort and adult temptation. Her blossoming beauty captures the attention of a charismatic and dangerous local pimp who runs an army of sad, slavishly devoted girls. And when an escape disguised as betrayal threatens to crush Baby's spirit, she ultimately realizes that the power to save herself rests in her hands.

2006

De Niro's game
by Rawi Hage
F H1412d

Bassam and George are childhood best friends who have grown to adulthood in war torn Beirut. Now they must choose their futures: to stay in the city and consolidate power through crime; or to go into exile abroad, alienated from the only existence they have known. Bassam, obsessed with leaving Beirut, embarks on a series of petty crimes to finance his departure. Meanwhile, George builds his power in the underworld and embraces a life of military service, crime for profit, killing, and drugs.

2005

The Unyielding Clamour of the Night
by Neil Bissoondath
F B6233u

A young man from a family made wealthy from its printing business, believes that he can make a profound difference by educating the children of subsistence farmers and cottage industries caught in the battlegrounds of an undeclared civil war.

2004

Look for me
by Edeet Ravel
F R2525L

Dana Hillman's husband Daniel was burned in a freak accident during army reserve duty. She was barred from seeing him at the hospital, from which he soon vanished. Assuming that he left because he feared his disfigurement would repel her, she conducts an 11-year search for him only to find him hiding in plain sight.

2003

The Speaking Cure: a novel
by David Homel
F H765sp GPB

2002

Doing the Heart Good
by Neil Bissoondath
F B6233d

2001

Life of Pi: a novel
by Yann Martel
F M3761L

Possessing encyclopedia-like intelligence, zookeeper's son Pi Patel sets sail for America, but when the ship sinks, he escapes on a life boat and is lost at sea with a dwindling number of animals until only he and a hungry Bengal tiger remain.

2000

The Devil out there: a novella and stories
by Julie Keith
F K282d 2000

The devil out there -- Here in the mountains -- American tragedy -- Knowing -- Windward beach -- The other side of the world -- The steady state theory of the universe.

Prix des librairies du Québec

Lauréats Roman québécois :

2007

La fabrication de l'aube: récit
par Jean-François Beauchemin
FR 92 B372

L'auteur raconte un épisode de sa vie où il faillit mourir et les changements personnels à cause de cette expérience.

2006

Nikolski
par Nicolas Dickner
FR D553n

À l'aube de la vingtaine, Noah, Joyce et un narrateur quittent leur lieu de naissance pour entamer une longue migration. Fraîchement débarqués à Montréal, ils tentent de prendre leur vie en main, malgré les erreurs de parcours.

2005

Comment devenir un monstre : roman
par Jean Barbe
FR B233c

Un garçon intelligent, doué pour le bonheur, curieux et avide de vivre et d'aimer se transforme en un être sanguinaire capable de perpétrer, sans état d'âme, les plus horribles crimes.

2004

La héronnière : nouvelles

par Lise Tremblay

FR T7893h

Les histoires de "La Héronnière" mettent en scène un village en perdition où se cachent, sous les mensonges du quotidien, des drames qui viennent bousculer la vie de ses habitants.

2003

Music-Hall ! : roman

par Gaétan Soucy

FR S7193m

Nous sommes à New York, à la fin des années vingt, en compagnie d'une drôle de dégeance: une équipe de démolition. Il y a d'abord les funérailles d'une petite fille, tuée par leffondrement d'un escalier. Le cortège de deuil ondule lentement parmi les trous et les terrains vagues; des échauffourées éclatent entre ces deux clans maudits que sont les démolisseurs et, en face deux, les "démolis," les expulsés.

2002

Du mercure sous la langue : roman

par Sylvain Trudel

FR T866d

Parue en 1994, dans le recueil "Les prophètes," la nouvelle "Mourir de la hanche" est à l'origine du présent roman. Il s'agit du monologue-bilan d'un adolescent de 17 ans, à la fois cynique et sensible, révolté (contre la religion, la médecine, les romantiques, etc.), cancéreux en phase finale.

2001

Un dimanche à la piscine à Kigali

par Gil Courtemanche

FR C8631u

Premier roman d'un ancien correspondant de Radio-Canada. Une oeuvre centrée sur la guerre civile au Rwanda (1994), génocide inclus, et dont le héros est un journaliste québécois amoureux d'une "Hutue aux allures de Tutsie", qui s'efforce d'empêcher le massacre qui s'annonce. L'oeuvre ne dissimule rien de la responsabilité de la communauté internationale et de ses "hypocrites représentants" : coopérants, ambassadeurs, Casques bleus canadiens, etc.

Lauréats Roman hors Québec :

2007

Extrêmement fort et incroyablement près

par Jonathan Safran Foer

FR F654e

Oskar Schell, neuf ans, un an après la mort de son père dans les attentats du 11 septembre, trouve une clé. Persuadé qu'il résoudra le mystère de la disparition de son père, il part à la recherche de la serrure qui lui correspond.

2006

Les cerfs-volants de Kaboul

par Khaled Hosseini

FR H829c

Bien que frères de lait, Amir et Hassan ont grandi dans des mondes différents. Le premier est le fils d'un riche commerçant, le second est le fils de leur serviteur. Une déchirante histoire d'amitié et de trahison, dans un pays dévasté, l'Afghanistan.

2005

L'ombre du vent
par Carlos Ruiz Zafon
FR R9343o

En 1945, dans la Barcelone de l'après-guerre civile marquée par la défaite, la vie difficile et les haines, un homme emmène son petit garçon au Cimetière des Livres Oubliés. L'enfant, alors, doit exécuter un étrange rituel qui se transmet de génération en génération: adopter un volume parmi des centaines de milliers. Là, il rencontre le livre qui va changer sa vie: L'Ombre du vent. Tableau historique et roman d'apprentissage.

2004

Tout ce que j'aimais: roman
par Siri Hustvedt
FR H9723t

Une histoire d'amitié sur un fond artistique des années 70.

2003

Mystic river
par Dennis Lehane
FRM L522m

Trois amis d'enfance se revoient dans un contexte tragique. Le premier ne se remet pas de la perte de sa fille, sauvagement assassinée, le deuxième mène l'enquête à titre de policier et le troisième pourrait bien avoir commis le crime.

2002

Pilgrim : roman
par Timothy Findley
FR F494p 2000

L'étonnant destin de Pilgrim-le-suicidaire que les dieux refusent de faire mourir. Ce personnage dit avoir rencontré les héros de la guerre de Troie, sainte Thérèse d'Avila, Oscar Wilde, etc., et avoir inspiré la célèbre Joconde de Léonard de Vinci (plus de cinquante pages sont consacrées à cet épisode), mis le feu à la cathédrale de Chartres, etc. Devenu critique d'art, il se retrouve en 1912 dans la clinique du célèbre psychiatre et psychanalyste C. G. Jung qui s'inspire du cas Pilgrim et de ses existences antérieures pour mettre au point sa théorie de l'inconscient collectif. Un roman ambitieux et passionnant, un "thriller" dans lequel philosophie, psychologie, histoire et religion font très bon ménage.

2001

Balzac et la petite tailleuse chinoise: roman
par Dai Sijie
FR D132b

D'origine chinoise, Dai Sijie vit en France depuis quinze ans. Il a réalisé trois longs métrages, dont "Chine ma douleur". Il s'agit là de son premier roman.

2000

Stupeur et tremblements
par Amélie Nothomb
FR N912s 1999

L'Orient et l'Occident. La narratrice, qui se confond aisément avec l'auteure, raconte son séjour de quelques mois dans une entreprise japonaise. Un récit qui file à toute vitesse, plein d'humour, qui illustre bien le choc des cultures. Une héroïne dont le drame consiste à n'être la supérieure de personne et à recevoir des ordres de tout le monde.



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