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Five Books for this Summer in FRANCE - Suspense, Climate Change, Politics, Music

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Preston & Child : 'Mortel Sabbat' (in English 'Crimson Shore'), published by L'Archipel Editions.

Special Agent Oloysius X. L. Pendergast travels to Exmouth to investigate the theft of a valuable wine collection accompanied by Constance Greene. Together they discover a bricked-up niche in the wine cellar that holds the remains of a man, tortured and then entombed alive 150 years ago. Soon after, they discover a freshly murdered body covered with mysterious symbols, in the salt marshes behind Exmouth.... Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child want Pendergast to conduct a private investigation initiated by sculptor Percival Lake, this time in a small town in coastal Massachusetts....

Preston and Child know how to write gothic tales of suspense, and fans of their previous novels will be thrilled to see how much Constance Greene has grown as a character. The shock and twist are perfect, he unusual becomes believable and normal.

Jean-Pierre Brierre : 'Bob Dylan, poète de sa vie', published by l'Archipel Editions.

Journalist & Historian, the author, after writing about Leonard Cohen, Johnny Hallyday, Barbara, Edith Piaf, Serge Reggiani and Jean Ferrat, this time, his new interest is Bob Dylan with the pretext that the last one had never, during his entire life, stopped playing with putting on different masks. Bob Dylan being the spiritual son of Woody Guthrie, the activist folk singer, the hallucinated rock star, the devoted father, devoted to Jesus, the crooner.... Never giving up his freedom, his sense of humor or of subversion.

Bob Dylan on Muhammad Ali :

'If the measure of greatness is to gladden the heart of every human being on the face of the earth, then he truly was the greatest. In every way he was the bravest, the kindest and the most excellent of men.'

Naomi Klein, Vandana Shiva, Jean Jouzel, Susan George, Desmond Tutu, Bill McKibben, Geneviève Azam, Pablo Solon... : 'Crime climatique. Stop !' L'appel de la Société Civile ('Climatic crime. Stop ! The call from the Civil Society'), published by Seuil Editions.

The climate deregulation kills, transforming hundreds of millions of human lives, starting with the one of the poorest and most fragiles. To keep our planet viable, nearly 80% of the fossil energy reserves should stay untapped. It is definitely not the case nowadays. The negotiations during the COP 21 in Paris are announcing a failure... This international call is for a mobilization and to build a large movement to consolidate our societies.

Jean-Robert Jouanny (French High Official) : 'Que veut Poutine ?' ('What wants Putin ?'), published by Seuil Editions.

The author explains at first that the foreign policy of Vladimir Putin is interpreted wrongly as the one of a power sure of itself. In fact, this policy does only reflect the weakness of Russia since the fall of USSR. This is the thesis of the author of this essay. Unfortunately, the subjectivity is obvious to anyone who has some knowledge in politics and French foreign policy. The international laws are ignored

or used in light ways, the examples supporting the 'thesis' come from non Russian personalities and centered around the Vladimir Putin's personality. Unfortunately also, we keep seeing, during elections' time (the presidentials are coming !) appearing too many 'experts' on political subjects confusing everyone... So, I dropped the book very quickly after reading !

Hervé Asquin : 'L'Elysée selon Hollande' ('The Elysée according to Hollande'), published by L'Archipel Editions.
The author was correspondent for AFP for years and since 2012, 'he covers The French Presidency at the Elysée'.

In this book, the author claims to want to share the 'off' he had with the French President François Hollande and what we don't see on Television. The thoughts of François Hollande on politicians such as Jérôme Cahuzac (and his lies), the firing of Aquilino Morelle, the undecipherable Vladimir Putin, the impetuous women of his life (Ségolène Royal, Valérie Trierweiler, Julie Gayet....) To be noticed : the author is very close to the relatives of the actual President but still claims to respect the duty of Truth !

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