

Recommendations for crowd-pleasing French books

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LES MOTS VOLÉS

AUTHOR: Mélanie Florence
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Scholastic

Curious to learn more about her roots, a young Indigenous girl asks her grandfather how to say “grandfather” in Cree. That’s when he realizes he doesn’t remember how! He explains to his granddaughter that when the white people forced him to go to a residential school, he “lost his words.” The young girl decides to help him find them . . .



POW POW, T'ES MORT!

AUTHOR: Marie-Francine Hébert
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Les 400 coups

This is the story of two boys: Manu is dying to get home from school so he can play his war game, while Unam is dying to leave his house so he can go back to school. This dual narrative tells the story of two children living opposite lives.



ATLAS NE RÉPOND PLUS

AUTHOR: Frédéric Antoine
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Presses Aventure

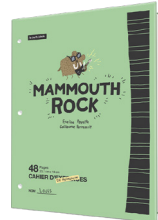
To shed light on some of our planet’s mysteries, Jimmy and his half-sister, Guadalupe, a brilliant scientist, travel the globe and embark on whirlwind adventures. Prepare to be swept up in the world of an extraordinary pair of investigators. The narrator, Jimmy Tornado, is a 15-year-old . . . gorilla. Just take our word for it!



GAME ON!

AUTHOR: Maxim Cyr
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Michel Quintin

Victor and Igor have returned home after a short trip to Japan. What they don’t know is that Trevor, the clone that Victor created while they were there, followed them. Now they have the deal with all tricks the clone is playing on them. It’s not always fun and games when you’re a scientist-in-training!



MAMMOUTH ROCK

AUTHOR: Eveline Payette
PUBLISHING HOUSE: La courte échelle

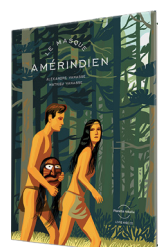
Louis has to give an oral presentation on a pet. To everyone’s surprise, he decides to do his presentation on a previously unknown species of woolly mammoth: the rock mammoth, a proud ancestor of the woolly musicians of the 1970s. Everyone thought this animal was extinct, but science whiz Louis is about to reveal its existence to the world.



C'EST L'INVENTION QUI COMPTE

AUTHOR: Jacques Goldstyn
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Bayard Canada Livres

Van is a budding inventor with big dreams. Generous, creative, and adventurous, he comes up with somewhat harebrained gadgets to solve his friends’ everyday problems. Even though he doesn’t always succeed, every story’s packed with humour and action!



LE MASQUE AMÉRINDIEN

AUTHORS: Alexandre and Mathieu Vanasse
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Planète rebelle

Thomas is a teenager who loves music, nature, and hunting. He wishes his annoying cousins would just leave him alone. To make things worse, he can’t get through to his dad. But everything suddenly changes when his cousins are kidnapped by a mysterious stranger with fiendish powers.



À PAS DE LOUVE

AUTHOR: Emmanuel Lauzon
PUBLISHING HOUSE: de la Bagnole

Immerse yourself in the story of Akiak, an Arctic wolf who now lives at Parc Safari with her son, Unnuk, and two other wolf cubs. She’s happy these days, but that wasn’t always the case. Her life has been anything but ordinary. Learn more about the world of wolves as you get to know Akiak.

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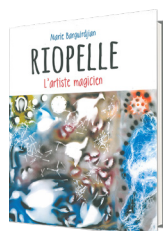
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QUAND EST-CE QU'ON ARRIVE?

AUTHORS: Benoît Archambault and Éric Bédard
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Auzou

Travel across Quebec with this larger-than-life family! Follow them from Saint-Jérôme to Percé, with stops in Quebec City and La Tuque, while learning loads about Quebec history along the way. Why are there cannons on the Plains of Abraham? Who was Félix Leclerc? Where does poutine come from? Find out the answers to these questions and many more!



RIOPELLE, L'ARTISTE MAGICIEN

AUTHOR: Marie Barguirdjian
PUBLISHING HOUSE: jeunesse

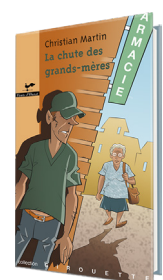
Intended for kids, this book recounts key moments in the life of painter Jean-Paul Riopelle. How did he decide to become a painter? What was his inspiration? What painting techniques did he use? This book is illustrated with over a dozen works of art and photos. You'll want to paint just like this great artist!



MONTRÉAL J'AI QUELQUE CHOSE À TE DIRE

AUTHOR: Collectif
PUBLISHING HOUSE: de l'Isatis

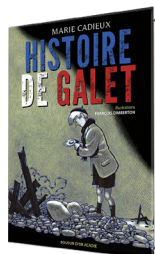
To celebrate Montreal's 375th birthday, 14 Montreal authors from all walks of life guide us through their city. For example, we take the metro with Simon Boulerice, Élise Gravel's cat leads us down her alley, and we savour the wonders of Jean-Talon Market with Rhéa Dufresne. Philippe Béha's vibrant illustrations bring each story to life.



LA CHUTE DES GRANDS-MÈRES

AUTHOR: Christian Martin
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Vents d'Ouest

When Pierre and Christian go to visit their grandmother in the hospital, they find out that she didn't have an accident—she was attacked. And she's not the only one! Is someone in Sainte-Praxède de Brompton targeting grandmothers? Will the boys manage to track them down and figure out their motive?



HISTOIRE DE GALET

AUTHOR: Marie Cadieux
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Bouton d'or Acadie

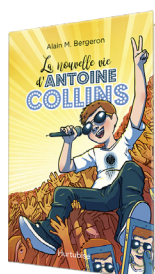
It is World War II, and France is under Nazi occupation. Living conditions are difficult and unstable. Martin, a normal teenager, is staying with a sharp and resourceful old lady named Agnès. He gets drawn into the war despite himself and meets someone who will change his life.



HORTENSE CRAQUEPOTE ET MOI

AUTHOR: Karine Lambert
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Pierre Tisseyre

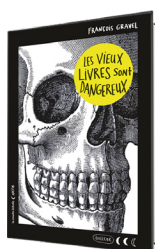
Pénélope has no idea that her life is about to change when she inherits her eccentric aunt's house. Trained in wizardry by a witch named Hortense, Pénélope learns to live in a parallel universe that's completely governed by the rules of magic. Her mission is to protect the seal that separates the world of humans from the world of magical creatures. Buckle up for magic potions, spells, and critters that will make your skin crawl!



LA NOUVELLE VIE D'ANTOINE COLLINS

AUTHOR: Alain M. Bergeron
PUBLISHING HOUSE: Hurtubise

Can a song really change your life? That's certainly what happened to Antoine Collins when he became a pop star. Now he can't go anywhere without causing a commotion. Even getting to school has become quite the adventure—and it's just the beginning of Collins' life in the world of show biz!



LES VIEUX LIVRES SONT DANGEREUX

AUTHOR: François Gravel
PUBLISHING HOUSE: La courte échelle

Boxing up dusty old books is a piece of cake, right? When the elderly librarian at Mathieu's school offers him a weekend job, he jumps at the chance. But once he's alone in the dark basement, he quickly realizes he's made a serious mistake.

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