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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)**
**AUTHOR:** 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: she has a type of cancer. 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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