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Founded in 1988, Éditions MultiMondes is committed to publishing popular science books of all kinds, offering more than 300 active titles covering various subjects and issues related to the environment, astronomy, ethics, and horticulture. Now, the publishing house wants to extend its offer to provide the same quality books to younger generations!

From an early age, children have a natural tendency to ask questions about the world around them: they want to learn everything. This new line makes MultiMondes the only publisher in Quebec dedicated to promoting science for young audiences. Whether through science books, nonfiction, or ecofiction, MultiMondes is focused on keeping the pleasure of reading alive. Books sow the seeds for passion, and MultiMondes' wish is to help every child grow their interest in popular science.

The first title in the new line is **The Enchanted Quill**, a captivating tale for readers of all ages. Written by **Julie Lanthier** and illustrated by **Steve Adams**, the story places the animals of the boreal forest at the centre of a magical legend, at a time when the sun, the moon and the stars were yet to be invented...

In *Planet Forest*, a young girl from the city moves to the country and discovers the wonders of the forest. Written by *Benoît Archambault* and illustrated by *Marie-Ève Turgeon*, this love letter to nature conjures up the wide-eyed awe of childhood memories.

This fall, MultiMondes will publish a second title by **Michel Rochon**, author of *Music and the Brain*. His newest foray into the extraordinary world of sound, melody, and harmony, *The Music That Defies Science*, answers many unexpected questions: Why do humans need music? Can the brain tell the difference between musical genres? And what exactly is an earworm?

In this catalogue, you'll find all of MultiMondes' latest releases as well as the titles of its new line for young readers. Read on to find your next great literary adventure!

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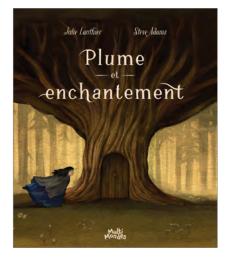
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THE ENCHANTED QUILL

Plume et enchantement Julie Lanthier & Steve Adams



CATEGORY: **FICTION/NATURE** PAGES: 32 PUB. DATE: September 2023 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD This eco-fable plunges the reader deep into the boreal forest of long ago, before there was day or night, winter or summer, wind or rain, moon or stars...

Life was difficult for animals until a little snowshoe hare found the courage to ask the great enchantress of the northern forest, Kakouajoula, for help. She drew a circle in the gray sky with a bald eagle feather, and a dazzling light spread across the valley.

The Sun was born.

News of the hare's story spread to other the animals, from the great horned owl to the black bear, lynx, spring peeper, grey wolf, and Canada goose. Today, we remember their story and admire nature's splendour as we walk through the forest.

JULIE LANTHIER developed a passion for the forest and its animals at an early age. Now a mail carrier, she travels across the boreal forest of Quebec's Côte-Nord and passes on her knowledge of the region's flora and fauna to her three daughters.

Inspired by the world around him, STEVE ADAMS draws on his imagination and creativity to bring illustration projects to life. He teaches at UQÀM's School of Design and illustrates children's books.



Kakousjoula sortiti alors sa grande plume et peignit le ciel en noir. Le pauve grand-due amaign l'entendit prononcer quelques paroles et POUF la nuit masqua le soleil, plongeant ainsi la foret dans une noirceur abolue. Se tournant vers le grand osieau, elle lui dit ceci-

— Voici la Nuit! Desormais, lo jour fera place à la nuit, puis la nuit fera place au jour, et ainsi de suite. Toutefois, je te demande à mon tour un service. Je voudrais que, pendant mon sommell, tu veilles suit a foret télle une sentinelle nocturme. Atnat, laisse-moi te nommer Grand Seigneur de la Nuit.

— Ó supréme Kakousjoula! Vous ne pouvez imaginer toute la reconnaissance qui jaillit en moi! Je veillerai comme vous l'entendez sur la forte chaque fois qu'une nouvelle nuit naitra Reposez-vous. Kakousjoula, reposez-vous!

La vie se devoulant patablement dans la grande foret du lordt. Un jour au crepancile, fokoagiuda alla patter for aus ne lo dor din ke. Ella salua au passago le revanter roux et le hurnet. la monffette et la lordte ta la cruite et la grand horon. Alora quide remplasatta ac acrefe, edle endendit un cacardement qui proventi de la potte hoire a l'astree bout da lue. httrigene, elle sudous ag survoi jupo et courut junque-la Ello y decouvrit une bornache du Canada debousside, qui apadetta aum relache

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 Bel oisseau, explique-moi pourquoi tu es si desempare. Je suis Kakouajoula, maitresse et enchanteresse de cette foret. Peut-être pourreis-je Caider?

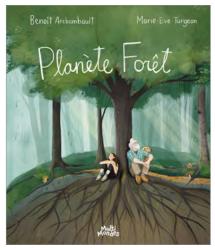
— Jat vole, Lant vole Jat tont d'abord eté avenglee. Ensuite, la notreur viet imposee Jat vole, vole I Des millions de flocons blancs mont fatt gredette et un vent glacita mi à fostute le bec et les planes. Jat vole vole I De gros mages sont arrivés et une plane torrentable viet abstrue sur mes alles. Je me suits posée sur ce lac el jat vu un dique blanc trancher sur la notreur de la matt. Je suis porfaei Mes sears ont dispart, je le ai pourtant appéleei Ja doit reguper le und avant que les flocons blancs et forda ne me urgressent encore.

 Chere voyageuse, que d'aventures te sont arrivees (Mais, ressure tot, je comais un moyen pour que tu retrouves ton chemin et tes scours, joite bernache disorientee.

PLANET FOREST



Planète forêt Benoît Archambault & Marie-Ève Turgeon

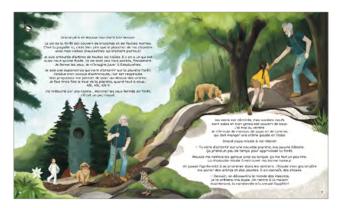


CATEGORY: **FICTION/NATURE** PAGES: 32 PUB. DATE: October 2023 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD Celeste is spending the summer at Grandpa Robert's house in the country. As she explores this new world, Celeste discovers that "Planet Forest" is an outdoor playground filled with wonder.

This ode to nature invites readers to join Celeste on her adventure through Planet Forest, a world with so much more to offer than she imagined. Inspired by Michel Leboeuf's book *Paroles d'un bouleau jaune* (MultiMondes), this richly woven story will make readers fall in love with the environment and the natural world.

BENOÎT ARCHAMBAULT is an author, composer, actor, media personality, and storyteller who has been delighting audiences of all ages for over twenty years. He also offers workshops in schools.

MARIE-ÈVE TURGEON is an artist from the Laurentians. She lives surrounded by nature, an endless source of inspiration. She loves to spread beauty and plant wildflower seeds everywhere she goes.





Yanick Villedieu

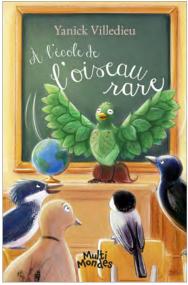
The start of another school year is always exciting, and this year there's a new teacher: Mélodie the blackbird. The other birds are amazed to see that instead of feathers, Mélodie is covered in leaves!

So when Mélodie explains what makes bird species different from one other, she's speaking from experience.

At Great Oak School, everyone learns math, geometry, history, geography, language arts, and—of course ecology. These lessons teach the bird community that their world, like the planet, is fragile. When they hear there are plans to turn the woodland into a housing development, the birds spring into action.

A timely fable about the importance of education and environmental protection. The book features illustrations to help budding ornithologists recognize the birds in the story.

YANICK VILLEDIEU is a science journalist and he has contributed to several magazines. In 2020, he was the recipient of the Prix Judith-Jasmin, awarded by the Fédération professionnelle des journalistes du Québec.



CATEGORY: **FICTION/FABLE** PAGES: 160 PUB. DATE: SEPTEMBER 2023 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD



THE RARE BIRD (vol.1) CATEGORY: FICTION/FABLE PAGES: 160 PUB. DATE: May 2021 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD

COCCINELLES, PAPILLONS ET AUTRES INSECTES



Anne Sverdrup-Thygeson & Marina Heide Disponible en langue française seulement



CATÉGORIE: DOCUMENTAIRE/ INSECTES

PAGES: 130 PARUTION: Avril 2021 Droits disponibles en langue française (hors Amérique du Nord)



Superbement illustré, ce livre raconte aux enfants une histoire dans laquelle les protagonistes sont nuls autres que des insectes.



Ces petites bêtes, qu'on retrouve dans les ruisseaux et les forêts, mais aussi dans les jardins et dans les maisons, font partie de nos écosystèmes et sont souvent essentielles à la survie des humains, des animaux et des plantes.

À l'aide d'analogies amusantes, d'un vocabulaire simple et d'un excellent travail de vulgarisation, tout en faisant continuellement référence à ce que les jeunes lecteurs connaissent (leur propre corps, leur quotidien, leur environnement), l'auteure nous révèle ainsi que les larves des mouches respirent avec un tuba, que les fourmis peuvent traire les pucerons comme des vaches pour recueillir leur eau sucrée, et qu'une espèce de guêpe arrive à transformer les coccinelles en zombies.

Cet album documentaire contient de magnifiques dessins d'insectes réalisés à l'aquarelle.

ANNE SVERDRUP-THYGESON est professeure à l'Université norvégienne pour les sciences de la vie. Docteur en biologie de la conservation, elle est spécialisée dans l'écologie des insectes forestiers. Son livre Terra insecta a été vendu dans plus de 20 pays.



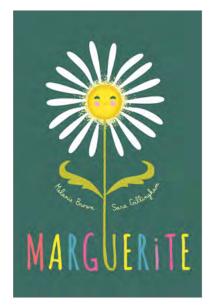
MARGUERITE

Melanie Brown & Sara Gillingham Disponible en langue française seulement

Un album tout en simplicité pour apprendre à connaitre une vingtaine de fleurs. Un bel exemple d'entraide et d'acceptation de soi.

Marguerite vient à peine d'ouvrir ses pétales que Rose lui annonce qu'elle n'est rien d'autre qu'une mauvaise herbe. Une mauvaise herbe? Une mauvaise herbe, lui explique Rose, c'est une plante qui n'a pas été semée volontairement et qui dérange. Marguerite n'est pas grande comme Tournesol, elle ne donne pas de fruits sucrés comme Fleur de fraisier et elle n'embaume pas comme Rose. Alors aue Marguerite est sur le point de se laisser convaincre, la rencontre avec d'autres plantes lui offre un tout autre point de vue.

Et si les mauvaises herbes n'étaient pas si mauvaises qu'on le dit ? Et pourquoi laisser les autres décider de ce qu'on est?



CATÉGORIE: **FICTION/NATURE** PAGES: 32 PARUTION: Avril 2023 Droits disponibles en langue francaise (hors Amérique du Nord)

MELANIE BROWN a travaillé à la fois comme enseignante dans une école primaire et comme designer d'intérieur. *Marguerite* est son premier livre.

SARA GILLINGHAM est une auteure et illustratrice de livres pour enfants primée. Elle a écrit et illustré plus de 25 titres pour enfants.

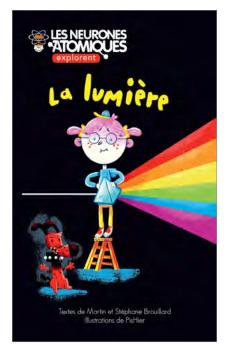




THE ATOMIC NEURONS



Les Neurones Atomiques Martin & Stéphane Brouillard (ill. PisHier)



An essential tool for educational development that opens students up to the world and provides an initial contact with science. "These books explain many natural events and offer basic science experiments that can be carried out at home or at school. The explanations are as brilliant as the characters are entertaining." -Mitsou Magazine

A child's first attempts at understanding the world are defining moments in their development. For parents, teachers, and other instructors, they can also pose educational challenges.

In a series of books featuring the endearing characters Charlotte, Alice, Jules, and Léon, the Atomic Neurons help explain the remarkable answers behind everyday phenomena.

Why does my bike rust? Why is there static electricity in my hair?

CATEGORY: NONFICTION/SCIENCE

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Winner Hubert-Reeves 2018 Award

Brothers MARTIN and STÉPHANE BROUILLARD founded the Atomic Neurons in 2004. They organize classroom workshops to support teachers, science camps, and even children's birthday parties geared towards science.

PIERRE GIRARD, a.k.a. PISHIER, works as atomic accomplice to provide the illustrations.

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LES NEURO











MUSIC THAT DEFIES SCIENCE La musique qui défie la science Michel Rochon



A great science communicator, Michel Rochon is a music enthousiast and accomplished pianist. Music as a universal language is one of his favorite topic.

MICHEL ROCHON is a science and medical journalist, lecturer, guest speaker and presenter. He has worked for several news teams at CBC/Radio-Canada. We can't live without music. From our earliest moments in utero through the milestones that mark our lives, music impacts our development in ways that are still poorly understood.

Our relationship to music can be perplexing, and has led many scientists to study what is often referred to as our universal language: Why do humans need music? Does it affect our mental health? Can the brain distinguish between jazz, rock, and classical music? Why do some songs get stuck in our heads? Why are some children musical prodigies? Why do certain drugs alter our perception of music?

Curious to know how music affects our brain? Michel Rochon's latest foray into the extraordinary world of sound, melody, and harmony is sure to strike a chord with music lovers everywhere.

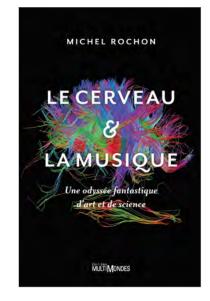
CATEGORY: **NONFICTION/SCIENCE** PAGES: 200 PUB. DATE: October 2023 RIGHTS HELD: World

MUSIC AND YOUR BRAIN Le cerveau et la musique **Michel Rochon**

"Neurology, cell biology, anthropology and even astrophysics: when Michel **Rochon says he approaches** music from a scientific perspective, he leaves no territory unexplored " -La Presse +

All it takes is a sound, a note or a melody to set our brains buz- zing. What is it about music that can bring us to tears, give us goosebumps, put a smile on our face or make us dance? What is so compelling about a Beethoven symphony, a Céline Dion song or an Arcade Fire concert? The answer starts with our ears. When we hear music, our ears capture sound waves and transform them into nerve impulses that are sent to different areas of the brain. But what happens next?

After this book, you'll never listen to rock, jazz, classical, opera, folk, rap or techno in the same way again.



Finalist - Hubert-Reeves Award 2019 Finalist - Opus Award 2019

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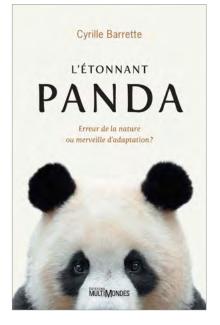
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LOVE, HATE AND THE BRAIN CATEGORY: NONFICTION/SCIENCE **PAGES: 192** PUB. DATE: October 2020 RIGHTS SOLD: Italian (Codice)

THE FASCINATING PANDA

L'étonnant panda Cyrille Barrette



Brilliantly adapted for the general public, this book lays out the interrelated aspects of natural history whose adaptive pressures influenced the panda's anatomy.

CYRILLE BARRETTE holds a PhD in ethology from the University of Calgary and is professor emeritus of biology at Laval University in Quebec City. Well known for his work on the behavior and ecology of mammals, he has authored several books on evolutionary biology.

CATEGORY: NONFICTION/ ANIMALS

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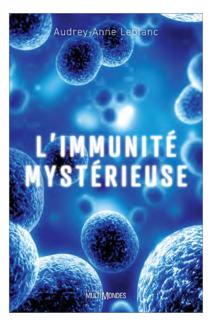
A mistake of nature, or a wonder of adaptation? A powerful exposé of the natural world, perfect for any animal lover.

Who wouldn't succomb to these adorable, chubby, cuddly bears? What's not to love! But the panda's history and evolution raise questions. How did it become a vegetarian? Where did it get such spectacular markings? How can we explain its extra thumb? And why is it so poorly adapted for digesting bamboo—its only source of food?

The giant panda evolved 2.5 million years ago, making it the oldest living member of the bear family. It has become a worldwide symbol of endangered species, prompting major conservation efforts. And yet its distinctive adaptive features could very well have doomed it to extinction.



THE TRUE NATURE OF HUMANS CATEGORY: NONFICTION/ BIOLOGY PAGES: 228 PUB. DATE: April 2020 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD



An essay that sets the record straight and counterbalances arguments used to market socalled "natural" medicine. Can we really boost our immunity with new treatments or vaccines?

The author explains in layman's terms our immune system responses and addresses popular health concerns like the effectiveness of vaccines, a much debated topic nowadays.

CATEGORY: NONFICTION/ HEALTH

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IMMUNITY EXPLAINED L'immunité mystérieuse Audrey-Anne Leblanc

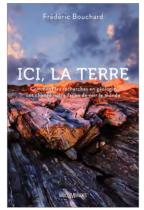
"This first essay by Leblanc is a detailed course on the immune system, an evolutionary jewel of great complexity. Nothing about human immunity is left out in this book. Her deconstruction of the myths about vaccination is trenchant." —Le Devoir

While it is often said that a healthy body can help strengthen immunity, the human cells will not rely on a diet of green tea smoothies to fight off antigens. In fact, scientists are still baffled by the fascinating complexity of the immune system.

As you read these words, your immune system is firing on all cylinders, rallying whole armies of lymphocytes, basophils, neutrophils or NK cells to keep your body healthy. These cells work around the clock to recognize and defend against dust, pathogens, viruses, bacteria and allergens that come into contact with our bodies on a daily basis. What is less known is that the immune system is also involved in fighting diseases like diabetes. Alzheimer's. cardiovascular disease and certain cancers.

AUDREY-ANNE LEBLANC is a micro biologist and science educator. A graduate of York University in Toronto, she is pursuing her research in biology as part of a research project at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.

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Ten extraordinary scientific adventures teach readers some of history's greatest geology lessons as they travel the world.

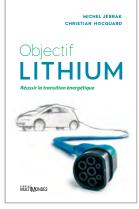
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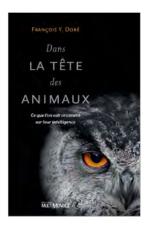


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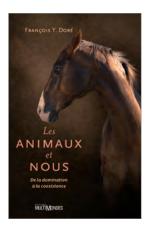
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An admirable synthesis of studies in comparative psychology and ethology made over a hundred years long.

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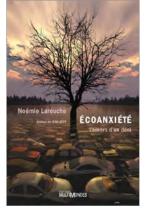
Discover the splendor of massive stars, a scientific reflection on the cutting edge of astronomical research.

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WORDS OF A YELLOW BIRCH by Michel Leboeuf

This is the remarkable story of a 250-year-old yellow birch, colossus of the Laurentian forest, who bares his soul to a biologist.



ECO-ANXIETY: THE FLIP SIDE OF DENIAL by Noémie Larouche

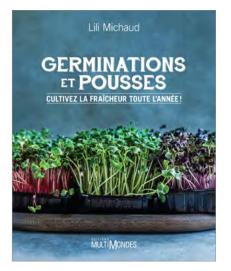
An essay that demystifies eco-anxiety in the face of environmental concerns.

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SPROUTS AND MICROGREENS

Germination et pousses Lili Michaud



Whether you're looking to try something new or to perfect your technique, this book is designed to help maximize your harvest. Jam-packed with nutrients and bursting with flavour, these little plants will soon find their way onto every dish.

CATEGORY: NONFICTION/ GARDENING

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COMPOST: WHY? HOW? CATEGORY: NONFICTION/ GARDENING PAGES: 226 PUB. DATE: March 2016 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD

> HERBS FROM THE EARTH CATEGORY: NONFICTION/ GARDENING PAGES: 354 PUB. DATE: January 2015 RIGHTS HELD: WORLD

Finally, a complete illustrated guide to sprouts and microgreens! Why grow them, you ask? These little plants are healthy, environmentally friendly, cost-effective and oh so tasty!

Author Lili Michaud relies on 40 years of first-hand experience and a lifetime of knowledge to make the art of germinating seeds accessible to everyone.

The book, containing over 500 photos, tells you everything you need to know about growing sprouts and microgreens:

- Which seeds to choose
- Buying and storing your seeds
- All necessary equipment
- Step-by-step instructions
- A detailed list of 51 seeds
- Harvesting
- Preserving methods
- Flavor descriptions for kitchen use

LILI MICHAUD is an urban agronomist. Passionate about ecology and the cultivation of edible plants, she has been teaching ecological practices for over 25 years.



GARDENING BACKLIST



URBAN GARDENING by Bertrand Dumont

in several forms: in a container, tain a small garden. Plus, the role friendly gardening. A book that vertically, in front, for children, that each plant plays in relation perfectly accompanies those indoors, with germinated seeds, to its companions is described who are new to gardening. or with recycled material.



PRODUCTIVE GARDEN by Bertrand Dumont

Approaches the vegetable garden Explains how to plan and main- An invitation to modest and in detail.



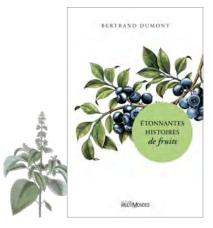
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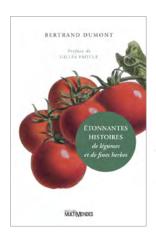
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AMAZING FRUITS by Bertrand Dumont

Explores the different myths and symbols associated with fruit around the world.

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