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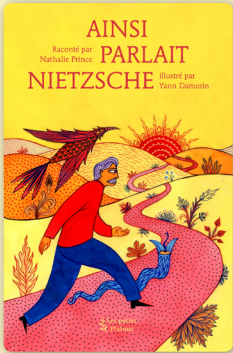
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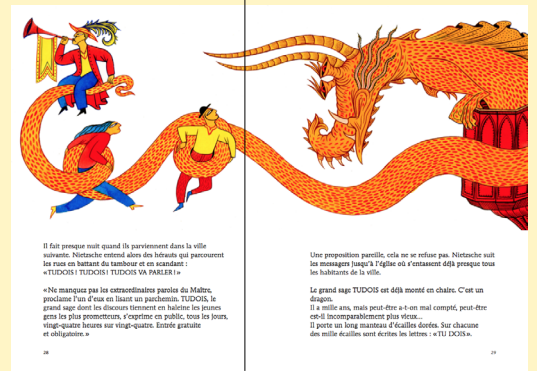
Thus spoke Nietzsche Nathalie and Christophe Prince, Yann Damezin

A story...

Withdrawn in the mountains, Nietzsche got in touch with reality and the beauty of life. He now returns beside men so as to offer them this wonderful gift. Unfortunately, they are the prisoners of Youmust, the terrible dragon, alongside their fears and resentments. To steer them towards the way of joy turned out to be more taxing than he imagined...

... and a reflection on ...

Joy, good and evil, duty, truth, courage, freedom, body, *Übermensch*, death of God, eternal recurrence.



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Parmenides and the Sun's Daughter Louise Guillemot, Laurann Quentric

A story...

The Sun's daughter vanished as a shooting star ! She left the Celestial Palace in order to unveil the real Truth. She will have to taunt the tin gods and swollen heads, dodge the ghosts, steer a magical chariot on the Ways of Day and Night... and meet Parmenides, the very first philosopher.

... and a reflection on ...

Truth, fantasy and reality, being and non-being, principle of noncontradiction.



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Thales and the Throne of Wisdom Yan Marchand, Clara Dupré

A story...

I shouldn't have given the wealthy King Croesus this Hephaestus-forged throne designed to give power to the wisest of men... I couldn't have imagined that the sovereigns' jealousy and greed would lead to such catastrophes ! Here we are now, Thales and I, imprisoned by Egypt's Pharaoh, destined to a gruesome fate if we don't succeed in measuring the Great Pyramid of Cheops' height before tomorrow...

... and a reflection on ...

Geometry, wisdom, lust for wealth, power, humbleness.



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Pythagoras and the Numbers' Great Escape Louise Guillemot, Anna Griot

A story...

That's it ! It was the one fatal miscalculation : you let 1, 2, 3 and 4 escape, leaving the universe on the verge of collapsing. The Numbers found refuge in the city of Croton, attracted by a voice flowing from under thick black curtains. Come along, don't be afraid, and learn about Pythagoras' thinking. Let the Numbers' Great Concert begin ! I'll beat time and you'll open the book : 1, 2, 3, 4...

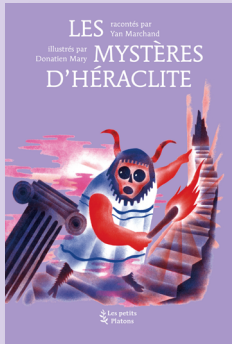
... and a reflection on ...

Mathematics, Pythagoras' theorem, cosmic order, beauty and metempsychosis.



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Heraclitus' Mysteries Yan Marchand, Donatien Mary

A story...

Heraclitus works hard at being a pious and renowned citizen, so that he can marry Nepias, the daughter of the richest man in the Greek city of Ephesus. But during a religious ceremony, he realises the mistakes of representing the Gods as human beings, and the vanity of human desires. How can people claim for eternal life, wealth without misery, perpetual peace and happiness, when the world is characterised by eternal change, and by an alternation of opposites?

... and a reflection on...

Nature, time, opposites, superficiality, desire.



Je restais assis à attendre la nouvelle à mon père, qui me félicitait en me demandant de ne pas perdre de vue l'essentiel!
« Corvoille Nepias, c'est très bien pour notre famille, car notre royaume n'est plus qu'un souvenir. L'effluence de Mélancrotes nous permettrait de restaurer la dignité qui fut autrefois. Cependant, le plus important est dans ce que je vais te dire: si tu pris sincèrement la déesse Déméter, qui veille sur notre famille depuis toujours, elle se mettra à toi pendant l'initiation pour effacer le calvaire suprême: l'immortalité. Tu vas un jour perdre les hommes. C'est pour cela que les citoyens écouteont ta voix plus que toute autre. C'est pour cela qu'ils t'offrent leurs richesses afin que tu ne manques jamais de rien. C'est pour cela que tu feras un grand mariage. Commence par séduire Déméter, c'est cela qui séduira Mélancrotes, et si tu séduis Mélancrotes, tu auras sa fille. »
L'immortalité m'apparait la réputation, la réputation force le respect des pères, et le respect des pères me donnera la fille. Que tout conclutait merveilleusement! Comme la fortune me paraît favorable!
Enfin, à l'aube de l'hiver, un bateau est affrété. Je vais partir pour Eleusis. M'embarquant sur le quai, mon père semble triste:
« Tu n'es pas content pour moi, père? »
« Si, seulement je me dis que le temps d'un souvenir, d'une femme et d'un enfant, et me voilà vieux. »
« Père, tu n'es pas si âgé. »
Tu meurs aussi tellement aimé te voir monter sur ce bateau.
« Tu lui raconteras toujours la rencontre dans les derniers jardins de Déméter. »
« Tu as bien raison. J'ai bonne impression à Eleusis et tu resteras glorieux à Ephèse. »

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Socrates in Love Salim Mokaddem, Yann Le Bras

A story...

Tonight, the most brilliant Athenian orators are attending a banquet. Aristophanes the poet, Eryximachus the doctor, Phaedrus the artist and Socrates the witty philosopher are among the guests. A profound and important question is asked: What is love?

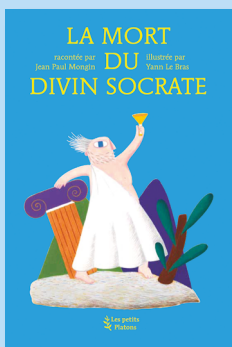
... and a reflection on...

Love, beauty, desire, wisdom, philosophy...



Socrate, laid, presque nu, en toge, parfumé et chaussé de belles sandales, marche d'un bon pas dans les rues d'Athènes. Il se voit entouré par deux Argiens qui organisent un banquet pour fêter son prix au prestigieux concours de poésie de la Cité. Mais en chemin, le philosophe s'arrête. Intrépidement posé par une idée.

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The Death of Socrates Jean Paul Mongin, Yann Le Bras

A story...

No mortal man is wiser than Socrates, who, on his daily walks through Athens, talks to everybody he meets. When the person he talks to take themselves to be very wise, Socrates asks so many questions that they end up admitting they know nothing. When he runs into people who know little, Socrates sets them on the way to wisdom. But not everyone shares Socrates' love for the truth. When the people of Athens put him on trial for his ceaseless questioning, how will he find the courage to continue to speak the truth?

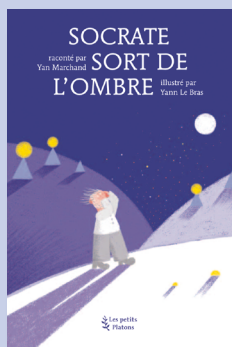
... and a reflection on...

Philosophy, socratic dialogue, wisdom, death.



Quand aux hommes dure la vie et est sainte, ce n'est pas vers des dieux les nocent dans les profondeurs que les ombres leur sont données. A leur mort, c'est vers la terre véritable et ses merveilleux qu'ils s'élevèrent. Et par là, c'est que si ce sont entièrement purifiés par le philosophe vivent éternellement sans corps, dans des demeures encore plus belles que les autres.

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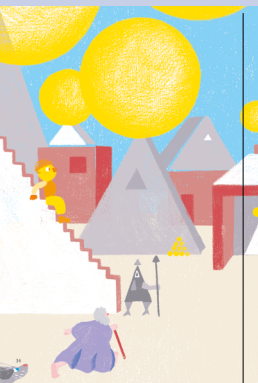
Socrates Moves Out of the Shadows Yan Marchand, Yann Le Bras

A story...

Socrates has been condemned to drink the hemlock, and is now entering the kingdom of the dead. Alongside him is Thrasymachus, a corrupted lawyer who is convinced that he is innocent as a lamb. It will take many adventures and reincarnations, in the company of Socrates and Homer, to make him understand the difference between justice and injustice, wisdom and folly...

... and a reflection on...

Justice, power, appearance and truth, poetry, the Allegory of the Cave.



Qui reconnaîtrait Socrate dans ce corps de chien?
C'est une bonne idée adaptée en poésie: aveugle portant le nom d'Homère. Depuis qu'il est aveugle, il guide cet homme hardi et prévoyant et sûr. C'est dit par l'Épique.
Lorsqu'un jour ils pénètrent dans la somptueuse Calliope, petite d'attours habillés et de guêtres à l'air doux, Socrate se dit: « Nièce » et s'écroule. Au lieu, sur les marches d'un temple, des vieillards discutent. Les regards du soleil lissent d'un face obscure blanche. Socrate remue la queue.

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Socrates President ! Yan Marchand, Yann Le Bras

A story...

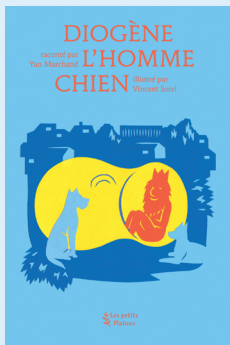
The situation in the kingdom of the dead is critical : there is no place left in the Tartarus, and too few just souls are granted a place in the Fortunate Isles... there is only one solution : to send Socrates back in the world of the living in the twenty-first century, and make him run for President ! But the eloquent Gorgias, who is appointed to help him, will make his life difficult.

... and a reflection on...

Justice, politics, eloquence, desire, the difference between persuading and convincing.



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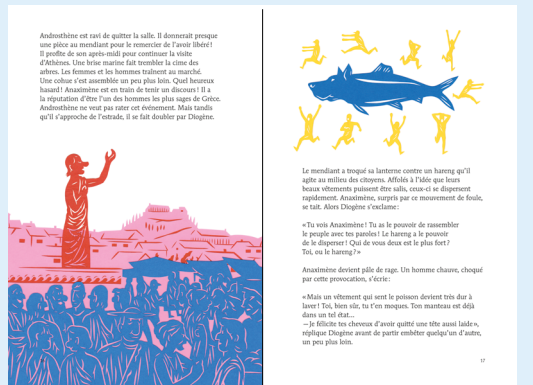
Diogenes the Dog man Yan Marchand, Vincent Sorel

A story...

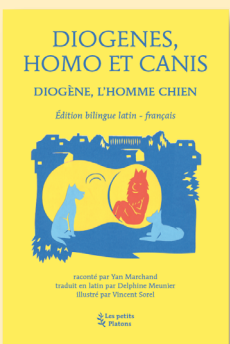
The young Androsthènes is sent by his father to Athens in order to complete his education as a free man. However, it is not Plato, rather Diogenes, the vagabond philosopher, who gets the young patrician's attention. Diogenes will teach him that, in order to be freer than a king, you should rather live... like a dog!

... and a reflection on...

Freedom, happiness and pleasure, work, fame.



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Diogenes, homo et canis Yan Marchand, Vincent Sorel, Delphine Meunier

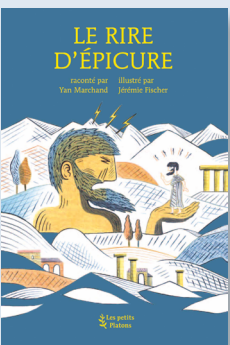
A bilingual Little Plato accompanied by a glossary !

Discover our emblematic title *Diogenes the Dog-Man* anew in a bilingual Latin-French version ! This album addresses beginners as much as the more seasoned. On each page, the Latin text is escorted by a lexicon facilitating an independent, enjoyable and recreational reading. At the close of the book, the translation in French allows a good understanding of the text and a genuine learning of the language and its vocabulary. The page layout keeps unspoiled the reading's comfort and the illustrations' delight.



The text in Latin A French-Latin lexicon for difficult words

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Epicurus' Laugh Yan Marchand, Jérémie Fischer

A story...

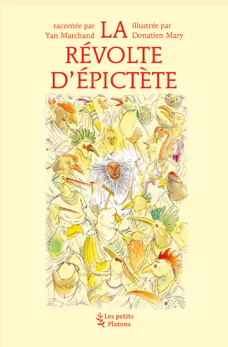
If the Olympians are blissful, then they don't care about men's business, and they should not be feared... Epicurus' speech drives the twelve Olympians on the warpath. But their attempts to defeat the philosopher remain unsuccessful, and even enable him to uncover the secret of happiness...

... and a reflection on...

Desire, happiness, friendship, fear of death, citizenship.



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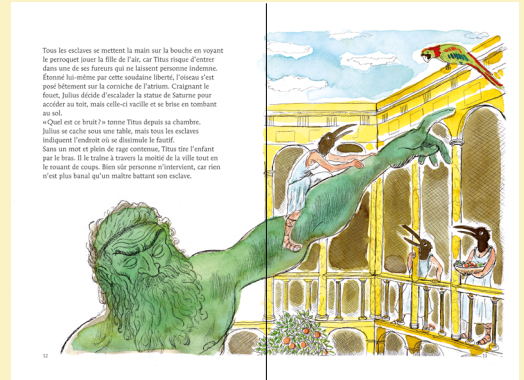
Epictetus' Rebellion
Yan Marchand, Donatien Mary

A story...

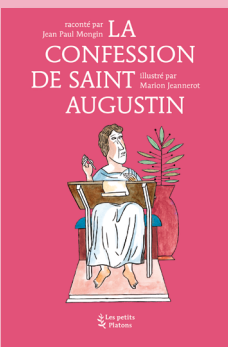
Julius, a roman slave in the time of Emperor Titus, dreams about being set free and escaping his poor condition. Should it happen to him, will he be able to see through the illusions of fame, wealth and luxury ? Will Epictetus, the stoicist master who leads a most humble life, be happier and more free than he already is ?

... and a reflection on...

Stoicism, desire, wealth, freedom.



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Saint Augustine's Confession
Jean Paul Mongin, Marion Jeannerot

A story...

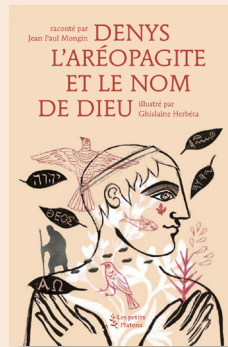
Saint Augustine used to seek happiness in honours, entertainments and in other pleasures while God was expecting him elsewhere. The wise and converted Augustine retrospectively confesses before God and before us, delivering a powerful declaration of unconditional love.

... and a reflection on...

Religion, redemption and forgiveness, sin, happiness.



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Dionysius the Areopagite and the Name of God
Jean Paul Mongin, Ghislaine Herbéra

A story...

Under the reign of the Emperor Tiberius, the young Denys is revealed the existence of a one God during a spectacular eclipse. He sets on a long journey to learn more about him : will he find the answer to his questions in the great Library of Alexandria, or by the last members of the Academy of Athens ?

... and a reflection on...

Polytheism and monotheism, judaism and christianity.



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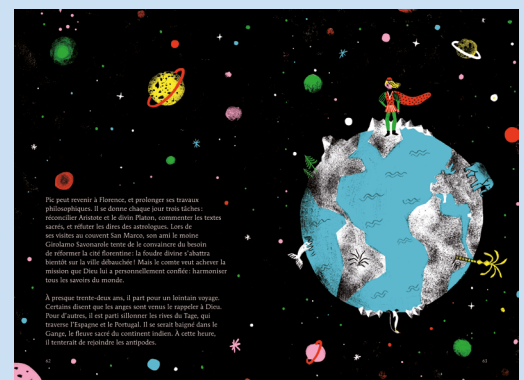
Pico della Mirandola and the Jealous Angel
Hélène Malard, Marie Mignot

A story...

In his early years, Pico della Mirandola promises his mother to reconcile the people of Europe, who have fallen apart. He spends his life trying to gather all scholars from around the world and get them to believe in one single truth. Pic's guardian angel, who protects him since his birth, becomes more and more jealous : how can an imperfect human be given such a mission by God ? Could men be the happiest of all creatures ?

... and a reflection on...

Human nature, God, jealousy, virtue.



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Erasmus and the Bell of Madness Claude-Henri Rocquet, Céline Le Gouail

A story...

The young learned Erasmus has to praise philosophy in front of all the Sorbonne's scholars. But the night right before, a strange woman knocks at his door and takes him on a journey through human history. What if the ones who knew less actually knew better? And what if being mad was wiser than pretending to be wise?

... and a reflection on...

Erudition, paradoxical praise, wisdom, war, desire of power.



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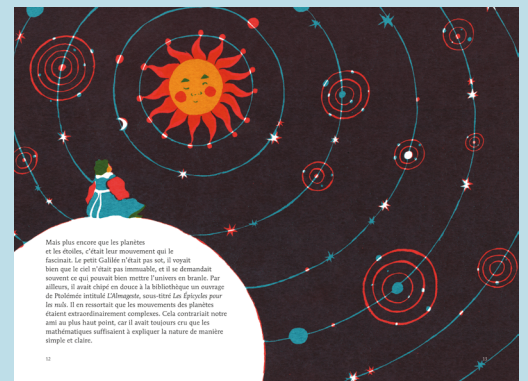
Galileo goes into a Spin Frédéric Morlot and Chiara Pastorini, Junli Song

A story...

From the top of the Leaning tower of Pisa, Galileo flings melons, pumpkins, and even melon-pumpkins, with which he disproves the ancient ideas of Aristotle. But he also exercises his science in taverns, where the encounter with a whirling Dervish inspires him an audacious theory: what if, despite all evidence, the Earth was not the center of the universe?

... and a reflection on...

Geocentrism and heliocentrism, knowledge and belief, scientific experiment, gravitation, the notion of frame of reference.



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Mr Descartes and His Evil Genius Jean Paul Mongin, François Schwoebel

A story...

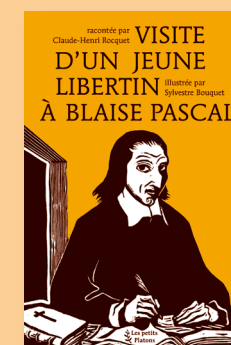
On a peaceful winter night, while the rest of the town sleeps, Mr Descartes is deep in thought: Can I trust my senses, or am I fooled by illusions? Is there an Evil Genius behind all things? Is the world actually a dream?

... and a reflection on...

Truth, perception, body and soul, God, demonstration.



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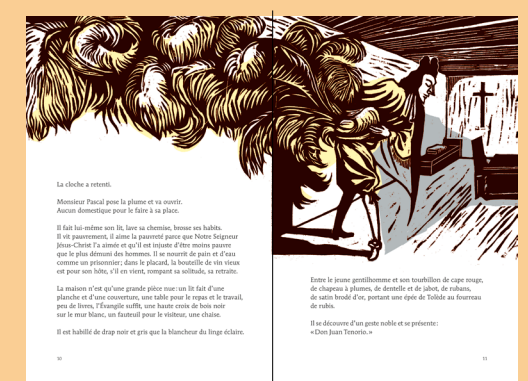
Dom Juan's Bet with Blaise Pascal Claude-Henri Rocquet, Sylvestre Bouquet

A story...

Under the reign of Louis XIV of France, while Catholics, Protestants and atheists quarrel on who holds the truth about God, Dom Juan decides to visit Blaise Pascal to question him about his scientific achievements. But the conversation turns out to be quite different than he expected, and makes him reconsider his fastuous way of life and his religious beliefs...

... and a reflection on...

Entertainment, Pascal's wager, richness and poverty.



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Leibniz or the Best of All Possible Worlds Jean Paul Mongin, Julia Wauters

A story...

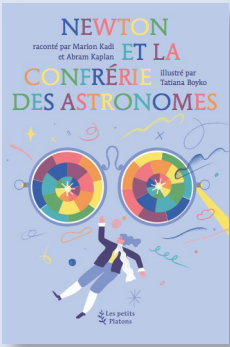
Late in life, Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, the universal genius of his time, puts down his pen and declares his description of the universe to be complete. But his young friend Theodor is bothered by one question: Why is there evil? And why do people commit crimes?

... and a reflection on...

God, Freedom, Evil, Leibnizian optimism.



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Newton and the Astronomers' Guild Marion Kadi and Abram Kaplan, Tatiana Boyko

A story...

How on Earth can one solve the mystery of the stars? Why not fly to the dark side of the moon! Because that's where the famous Astronomers' Guild meets: come along and hear what Isaac Newton tells them about his pioneering thoughts on the force of gravity and planetary orbits.

... and a reflection on...

Newton's law of gravitation, weight and mass, heliocentrism, optical phenomena.



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Professor Kant's Incredible Day Jean Paul Mongin, Laurent Moreau

A story...

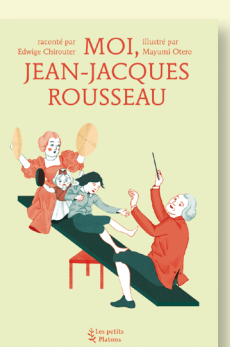
What can I know? What should I do? What can I hope? Professor Kant only wants to consider life's big questions. But when a perfumed letter arrives one day, it interrupts his studies. Just when it seems that all Königsberg is plunged into chaos, he realizes that it may hold the answers to his most pressing questions.

... and a reflection on...

Freedom, sociality, progress, moral law, lie.



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I, Jean-Jacques Rousseau Edwige Chiroutet, Mayumi Otero

A story...

Jean-Jacques Rousseau goes on stage to introduce his life and his interpretation of our history. He invites a wild child and attempts to define what a good education is. But will Rousseau's attempt to bring up the young boy without distorting his good nature be efficient?

... and a reflection on...

Nature, society, education, private property, social contract.



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Kierkegaard and the Mermaid Line Faden-Babin, Jakob Rachmanski, Lucia Calfapietra

A story...

Deep in the sea lives a beautiful little mermaid. She has everything to be happy : attentive parents, an extraordinary fiancé, a magnificent palace. However, she doesn't feel happy, and she goes in the Amsterdam harbour, wishing she was a woman. There she meets Kierkegaard, who helps her putting words on her distress, and teaches her self-acceptance to find serenity.

... and a reflection on...

Happiness, desire, despair, self-acceptance.



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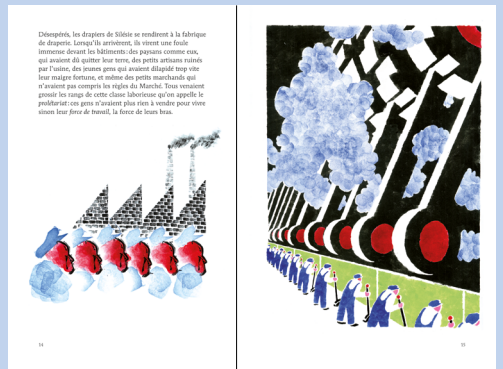
The Ghost of Karl Marx Ronan de Calan, Donatien Mary

A story...

With Marx, the reader witnesses the Industrial Revolution, the invention of Taylorism, and reflects on the value of money. Why are so many men thrown into misery because of the « market law » ? And who is that mysterious Das Kapital who is now ruling the world ?

... and a reflection on ...

Work, private property, class struggle, justice, relations of production.



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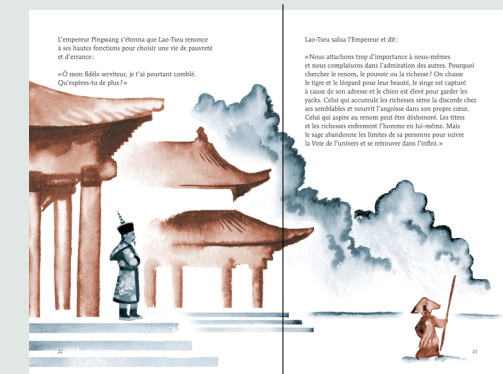
Lao-Tseu or the Way of the Dragon Miriam Henke, Jérôme Meyer-Bischoff

A story...

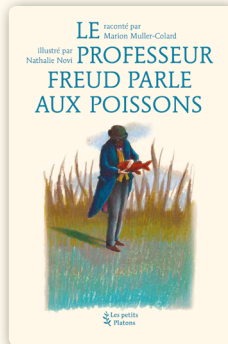
In body and mind an old sage from birth, Lao-Tzu devotes his life to deciphering the endless book of the world. But he soon becomes frustrated with the silliness of human order and impatient kings. He meets Confucius himself and ultimately finds the wisdom of the Dragon already residing deep in his own heart.

... and a reflection on...

Happiness, power, time, violence, wisdom.



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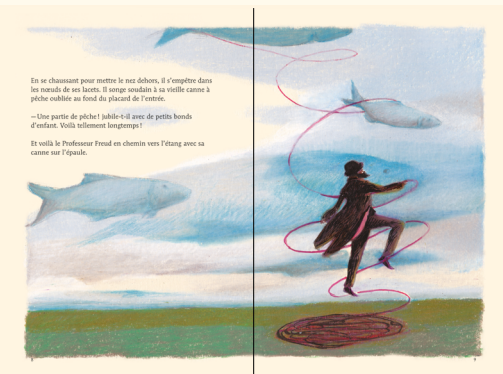
Dr Freud, fish whisperer Marion Muller-Colard, Nathalie Novi

A story...

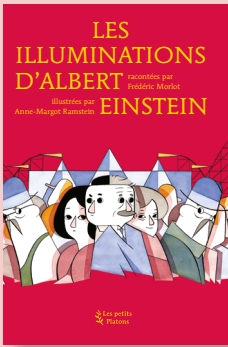
Sprawled in his favorite armchair, Dr. Freud notices a peculiar phrase on the page of his notebook: "preaching to the fishes." What could he have meant by this? If there's one thing he has learned working as a psychoanalyst, it's that the best way to make sense of yourself is through your dreams.

... and a reflection on...

The unconscious, Id, Ego and Super-Ego, shame, Freudian slip, Eros and Thanatos.



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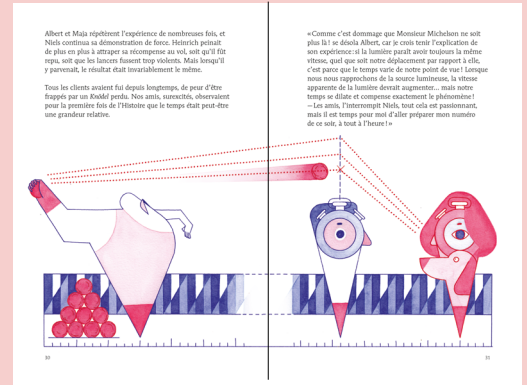
Albert Einstein's Bright Ideas
Frédéric Morlot, Anne-Margot Ramstein

A story...

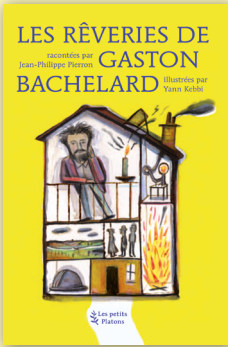
The young Albert Einstein has a very important job: he must deliver electricity to the big Oktoberfest celebration in Munich. As he hurries from one merry-go-round to another, nothing seems to be going as planned. Can he win a battle against the laws of the universe? The key may lie in this peculiar question: can a dumpling fly faster than light?

... and a reflection on...

The theory of relativity, chance, time and time-travel, speed.



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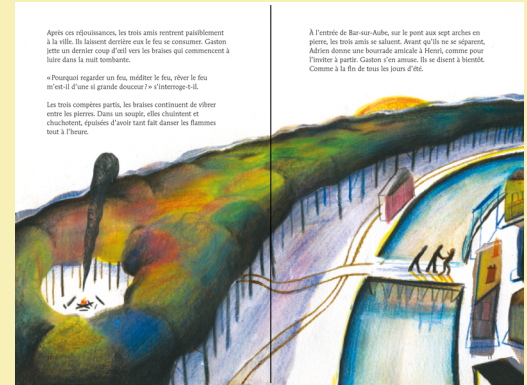
Gaston Bachelard's Daydreams
Jean-Philippe Pierron, Yann Kebbi

A story...

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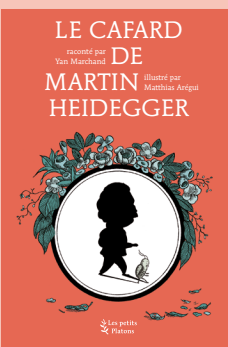
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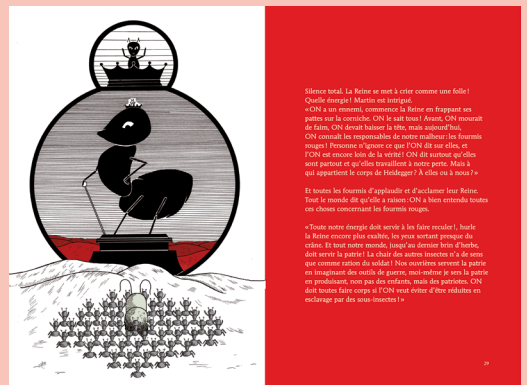
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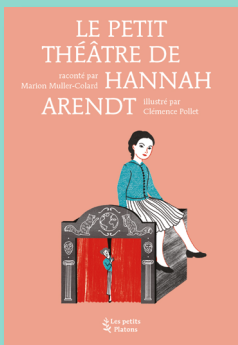
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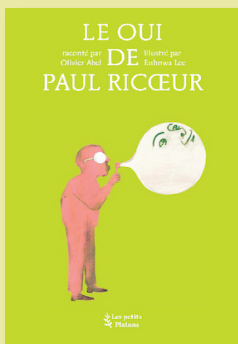
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