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## Three FRENCH Books on INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

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'UNE AFFAIRE ATOMIQUE : UraMin/Areva, l'hallucinante saga d'un scandale d'Etat' (An atomic case : UraMin/Areva, the incredible saga of a state scandal) by Vincent CROUZET (Robert Laffont Editions). The Author is well-known for having already published, since 2003, Five Spy Novels. The latest one 'Radioactif' (2014) was dealing with the famous scandal regarding AREVA (Multinational French Energy Sector Company) being a 'victim' of an international financial scam. This time, it is as a narrative non-fiction format. Respecting his style as a novelist, he takes us inside the dangerous world of Finance, Politics, Business and Corruption. From his own experience, he became a unique witness and testifies openly with an incredible precision.

AREVA's publicly declared operations : AREVA supplies high added-value products and services to support the operation of the global nuclear fleet. The company is present throughout the entire nuclear cycle, from uranium mining to used fuel recycling, including nuclear reactor design and operating services. AREVA is organized into two main activities, with New AREVA (NA) and AREVA NP (NP). New AREVA includes all of the fuel cycle activities. New AREVA, refocused on the production and recycling of nuclear materials and waste management, will develop its activities in mining, uranium chemistry (conversion and enrichment), used fuel recycling, logistics, dismantling and fuel cycle engineering. (Source : Areva) - (Review by Ruby BIRD)

'L'ENQUETE BALKANY' (The Balkany's investigation) by Laurent VALDIGUIE (Robert Laffont Editions). The Author is Editor in Chief for the Newspaper 'Journal du Dimanche', before that, he was running the Investigation Department of the Newspaper 'Parisien-Aujourd'hui'. Having already published Eight investigation books regarding high level Politicians, Laurent VALDIGUIE comes back with a new 'Target' the Balkany spouses (Patrick and his wife Isabelle Balkany). An exceptional investigation, an investigation into the fortune of the couple, an investigation covering four continents, a unique police and judicial device... All this for solving the mystery of two officials of the Republic.

Enquiries by justice or numerous journalists are often made about the Balkany's city management. But Patrick Balkany and his wife always react and consider that they are aggressed. Patrick Balkany is a member of the National Assembly of France, he represents the Hauts-de-Seine Department, is a member of the The Republicans and known as being a very close friend of former President Nicolas Sarkozy. Isabelle Balkany (his wife) is a member of the The Republicans and First Deputy Mayor of the city Levallois-Perret led by her husband Patrick Balkany.... (Review by Ruby BIRD)

'LES ESPIONNES RACONTENT' (Spy tell) by Chloé AEBERHARDT (Robert Laffont Editions). The Author is Journalist at 'M' which is the Magazine part of 'Le Monde'. After having spent Five years investigating in Paris, Washington, Moscow and Tel-Aviv, she comes with this narrative dealing with the world of espionage and focussing on the role of women believing that they were through History underestimated and not given the opportunities to prove themselves because of the heavy machism going around in western countries. So, she goes searching for interesting unexpected modern women spies...(Review by Ruby BIRD)

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