



SARAH JOLLIEN-FARDEL

WINS 2022 PRIX DU ROMAN FNAC FOR SA PRÉFÉRÉE



The twenty-first PRIX DU ROMAN FNAC (Fnac Fiction Prize) has been awarded to Sarah Jollien-Fardel for her debut novel *Sa préférée*, published by Sabine Wespieser.

She follows Jean-Baptiste Del Amo, who won in 2021 for *Le fils de l'homme*, published by Gallimard.

The Swiss author Sarah Jollien-Fardel has been awarded this year's Prix du Roman Fnac, the prize that sets the trend at the start of the new literary season. Her powerful and poignant debut novel about female emancipation and the burden of a violent past won over the jury of 400 Fnac members and 400 Fnac booksellers.

The Prix du Roman Fnac is part of the brand's commitment to uncover and support as many emerging talents as possible.

Sarah Jollien-Fardel will receive her award on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 during a special evening event at the Théâtre du Châtelet, also featuring Isabelle Carré and Dominique A.

Readers will get the chance to meet Sarah Jollien-Fardel throughout the autumn at events held at various Fnac stores across France (all local times):

Paris (Fnac Montparnasse) September 15 - 17:00	Strasbourg September 28 - 17:30
Rouen September 21 - 17:30	Bordeaux November 3 - 17:30
Angers September 24 - 17:30	Nantes November 8 - 17:30



From an early age, Jeanne learns how to escape her father's perverse brutality. While her mother and sister acquiesce to the blows and foul-mouthed tirades, she stands up to him until one day, aged eight, she answers back and he beats her badly. She is convinced that the village doctor will put an end to her nightmare, but the silence is deafening.

Her hatred of her father and disgust at the cowardice all around her will flame the fire that burns within Jeanne. When her sister commits suicide a few years later, it serves as an unbearable reminder of the violence she endured as a child.

Having taken refuge in Lausanne, the young woman finally starts to move on. Driven by an intense desire to forget the past and live her life, she surrounds herself with a friendly group of people and even dabbles in romance.

THREE BIG EVENTS TO MARK THE NEW LITERARY SEASON

This year, the awarding of the Prix du Roman Fnac will be accompanied by a program of three major literary events. Open to all, they will be held at various remarkable locations in Lyon, Nantes and Roubaix. These free events will also seek to provide a bridge between different fields of the arts and will showcase the season's biggest talents.

PROGRAM OF EVENTS:

CHAPELLE DE LA TRINITÉ, LYON

Friday, September 23 | 19:30

This historic location in the heart of Lyon's Presqu'île will play host to Kaouther Adimi, Carole Fives, Valentine Goby, Victoria Mas and the singer Pomme for a special evening dedicated to: *Women and transmission*.

LAB, NANTES

Tuesday, September 27 | 19:30

The Little Atlantique Brewery, which is steeped in the naval and cultural history of the Chantenay docks area, will play host to Dominique A, Olivier Adam, Pierre Guénard, Alain Mabanckou and Alice Zeniter for an evening of music and literature.

MUSÉE LA PISCINE, ROUBAIX

Monday, October 3 | 19:30

Located on the site of an old Art Deco swimming pool, the Musée d'art et d'industrie André Diligent in Roubaix, popularly known as "La Piscine" will play host to a meeting of literary minds in the shape of Djamel Cherigui, Yannick Haenel, Marcus Malte, Christophe Ono dit Biot, and Monica Sabolo. To open the evening, Elliott Armen will play some songs from his new album..



Fnac's new literary season will come to a close with the thirty-fifth awarding of the PRIX GONCOURT DES LYCÉENS.

Founded and organized by Fnac and the French ministry for national education and youth, under the distinguished patronage of the Académie Goncourt, the Prix Goncourt des Lycéens gives nearly 2,000 high-school students the opportunity not only to discover the works of contemporary authors but also to make their own voices heard choosing the winner from among the novels shortlisted by the Académie.

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