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LE SAMARITAIN - COMPLETED SERIES

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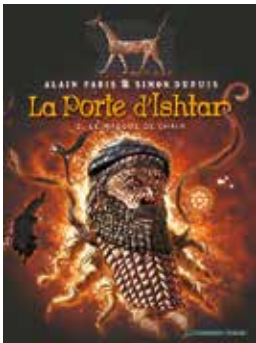
Shimon of Samaria is a judge for the Sanhedrin assembly of Jerusalem. Born a Samaritan and educated in Rome he is torn between the two disparate cultures. Working within two jurisdictions, with very different sets of laws, his actions are quite precarious as he plays both sides and risks losing everything. In Jerusalem, the merchants of the temple rule. While restoring buildings damaged by an earthquake, a dead body is found under the rubble. Is it an unfortunate victim of a natural disaster or is it a murder hastily disguised as an accident? And who is this victim that nobody seems to know? To answer these questions, Judge Shimon will have to reconstruct, piece by piece, the identity and history of the dead man, even if it means disrupting the sects that are swarming around in these times of great change.



GALATA - COMPLETED SERIES

Alain Paris, Fred Le Berre & Stefano Palumbo

As he takes up his duties as Provost of Istanbul, Ogier de Mercœur narrowly escapes an assassination attempt by Wallachians who mistakenly murder a young French poet instead. The plot thickens when it's revealed that the alleged murderer is the offspring of the Duke of Venice and the protégé of the Sultan, who holds the Christians of Istanbul at his mercy. To unravel this case of diplomacy and politics, Ogier may have to plunge the entire harbor district and the Venetian embassy into chaos. And Ogier's calamitous and irresponsible deputy - foisted on the Provost - isn't helping in his quest.



LA PORTE D'ISHTAR - COMPLETED SERIES

Alain Paris & Simon Dupuis

Ancient Babylon, the capital city of the Assyrian-Babylonian Empire, was the most populated city in the world, surrounded by a wall with seven gates. One of them is dedicated to the goddess Ishtar, and capital punishments are carried out in the square in front of it. The dried skins of condemned criminals are nailed down on the gate as a foreboding warning. Taliya, a young scribe girl, is chosen by Queen Semiramis to lead the police force and investigate all levels of this prosperous city. Her first investigation (contained in a two-volume story) is into the murder of an important citizen who seems to have let himself be strangled without resistance. To uncover the truth, Taliya will have to confront a chauvinistic society full of old-fashioned prejudices.



LE MAÎTRE ROUGE - COMPLETED SERIES

Francesco Artibani & Ivo Milazzo

Inside the Pontifical State of Rome in 1830, civil life is governed with an iron fist by the ecclesiastical authorities. The hero of this series is inspired by the character of the Red Master, a pontifical executioner for almost 70 years who put 515 people to death. Giovan Battista Mori, the Pope's executioner for the last 30 years, is a quiet man who devotes himself to his woodwork shop when away from the scaffold. His hangman trade has made him one of the most unpopular men in the city. Yet, his detachment is only ostensible, as Mori still holds the weight of a passionate crime he committed long ago - for which an innocent man was executed. The obsessive feeling of guilt drives him to investigate the cases of prisoners on "death row".

LE SAMARITAIN

Vol.1 - Tu ne Tueras Point, 48 pages, color, 2005
Vol. 2 - Les Châtiments de la Mer Morte, 48 pages, color, 2006
Vol.3 - Bethsabée de Jérusalem, 56 pages, color, 2009
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GALATA

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LA PORTE D'ISHTAR

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NOVIKOV - COMPLETED SERIES

Patrick Weber & Bruno Brindisi

Alexis Novikov, an officer in the Imperial Police, solves criminal mysteries in a Saint Petersburg torn between the eternal Russia of the ancient Tsars and the modern, enlightened European version envisaged by Peter the Great. He doesn't hesitate to use "unorthodox" methods in his investigations. A fanatic named Troubelkine accuses Saint Petersburg's elite society of corruption, libertinism, and decadence. The man soon becomes the prime suspect when several members of the aristocracy are savagely murdered with a crucifix through the heart. Yet, those same aristocrats seem to protect this man people call the "Starrets," the

"Fool of God." Despite numerous pitfalls the investigation turns personal for the dashing Novikov, who believes this wealthy class are responsible for the death of his own wife.



CEIL DE JADE - COMPLETED SERIES

Patrick Weber & Emanuele Tenderini

Detective Wang Fu Min, a former soldier, conducts unique inquiries in Longmen, a central Chinese city where the justice system is plagued by corruption. Although separated from his two wives, he's stayed close to his children, especially his 18-year-old son who accompanies him during his investigations, and his 10-year-old daughter, who knows how to melt the heart of this incorruptible civil servant who lives a simple life, close to his people. While his southern accent suggests a certain innocence, this excellent policeman is honest to a fault, as well as being a fine marksman. Yet, his complex relationship with the Manchu outlaw called "The White Tigress," is filled with esteem, defiance,

passion, and repulsion. Their positions as enemies—yet their attraction to each other—confounds her crimes and foils his investigations, on a road littered with corpses and stolen treasures.



SALOMÉ - COMPLETED SERIES

Eric Prunnaud & Giuseppe Palumbo

In 43 A.D., Rome is a modern, cosmopolitan, mystical, and dangerous city. A city of sects, secret societies, conspiracies, murders, orgies, and other distractions invented to placate a people always quick to revolt. In this city lives Salomé, a psychic woman renowned for her accurate clairvoyance. However, her success is due to more than a simple "gift of the gods." Her astute mind, psychological awareness, and cunning personality all allow her to "foresee" the truth. If a friend or a parent disappears suspiciously, people come to her for help. Behind her front as a clairvoyant, she runs a meticulous, and

logical investigation, especially when it concerns one of her nearest and dearest...



ANTOINE SÈVRES - COMPLETED SERIES

Laurent Rullier & Alessio Lapo

Antoine Sèvres is a Dominican monk, a member of the order that created the Inquisition. Due to certain circumstances, he is no longer attached to any monastery nor does he exercise any particular duty. He is, above all, a free man. Freed after imprisonment by the Moors, Antoine returns to his role of inquisitor monk and joins a convoy crossing France. During the trip, he is assaulted by two rogues. The soldier leading the convoy, Robert, saves Antoine and kills one of his assailants, thereby gaining the eternal gratitude of the monk. When Robert, is killed the next day Antoine becomes determined to

get to the bottom of the soldier's murder, as a matter of honor. However, he doesn't realize that he's entering a mysterious and misleading game...

NOVIKOV

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