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This summer the French Book Department team has been working on new content for our website and we have lots of exciting news for *la rentrée* !

First of all, we are very happy to announce the opening of the brand new French reading room and [bookshop](#) on September 27th in our very own home at 972 Fifth Ave! Devoted to works in French and in translation, it will offer more than 14,000 titles from 30 French-speaking countries in genres, ranging from novel, non-fiction and children's books to art books and comic books. A festival will follow this opening from October 14 to 19.

Authors will also be coming to New York to present their newest titles or discuss topics such as the question of ethnics in France, the conflicts around language and speaking, poetry, sciences and wars.

Don't forget to check our [summer reading lists](#) which hold literary treasures for every season, and on Thursdays our [weekly review](#) of French literary news.

Feel free to visit our [website](#), [twitter](#) and [facebook](#) for updates, upcoming events, and the latest translations!

Laurence, Anne-Sophie, Marine, Juliette & Sophie.

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## EVENTS

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### Rodica Draghinescu on tour

September 6, 1 pm | Poets House (first event)

Linguist and francophone author Rodica Draghinescu will be touring in New York September 6-16, 2014. Poetry readings will be given by H el ene Cardona, David Amram and poet friends from the current American literary scene.

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### Elise Vincent's New Black Elite

September 10, 6-8 pm | Shearman & Sterling LLP

Immigration Journalism Award winner, and journalist for Le Monde, Elise Vincent will join the French-American Foundation to talk about her investigation on "the New Black Elite".

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Elise Vincent for Monde, le 7 septembre 2014

### Brooklyn Book Festival

September 21, 11 am | Brooklyn Borough Hall & Plaza

Francophone author Scholastique Mukasonga will participate in a debate on the question of faith in literature during the Brooklyn Book Festival, the largest free literary event in New York.

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## Bruno Latour at Columbia University

September 22-25 | Columbia University, International Affairs Building

Bruno Latour, professor at Sciences Po, scientist and anthropologist, author of numerous works on the consequences of scientific studies on social sciences subjects such as religion or law, will be visiting Columbia University in September.

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## Minds in Migration: Words and Conflicts

September 22, 7 pm | McNally Jackson

The Cultural Services of the French Embassy and the Collège International de Philosophie present Minds in Migration: a series of debates on contemporary issues. On the first panel, Scholastique Mukasonga and Jean-Godefroy Bidima will discuss words and conflicts, moderated by Adam Shatz.

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## Anne Sinclair in conversation with Kati Marton

September 23, 7 pm | Maison Française of NYU

Journalists and writers Anne Sinclair and Kati Marton will be in conversation at la Maison Française of NYU for the release of Sinclair's latest book *My Grandfather's Gallery: A Family Memoir of Art and War*.

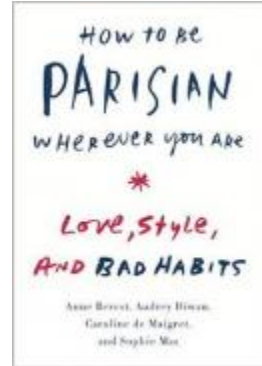
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### **NEW TITLES**

## How to Be Parisian Wherever You Are: Love, Style, and Bad Habits

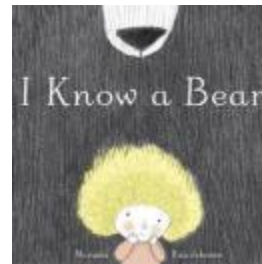
From four stunning and accomplished French women, discover a fresh and spirited take on what it really means to be a "Parisienne": how they dress, entertain, have fun and attempt to behave themselves.



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## I Know a Bear

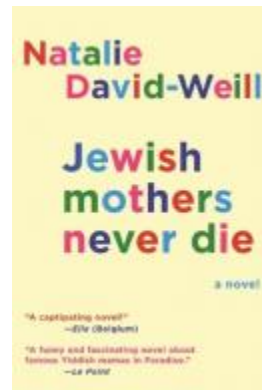
In this touching, hopeful story that reads like a modern classic, a young girl befriends a bear in the zoo. Using a gentle tone, spare language, and gorgeous illustrations, Mariana Ruiz Johnson reminds young readers that being a good listener is what makes for a good friend.



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## Jewish Mothers Never Die

The mothers of some of the most illustrious Jewish men in recent history—Albert Einstein, Marcel Proust, Sigmund Freud, Woody Allen, the Marx Brothers—are chatting in heaven. The subject: their respective sons—and their undying love for their mothers. Written with a delicate touch, *Jewish Mothers Never Die* reveals in tender, funny, and searing portraits how some women continue to live through their children—even after death.



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## On the Abolition of All Political Parties

Dissecting the dynamic of power and propaganda caused by party spirit, the increasing disregard for truth in favor of opinion, and the consequent corruption of education, journalism, and art, Simone Weil forcefully makes the case that a true politics can only begin where party spirit ends.

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### NEWS AND READS

## Summer Reads

Each week this summer, the French book team posted thematic lists of great titles so you could let your book worming desires run wild. If you missed any of these, or if you are simply out of inspiration for new reads, these will also do for any other season of the year. They are all to be found on our [Summer reads blog](#).

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## French Books USA: Week in Review

Keep up with the latest news on the French literary scene in France and the U.S. with the French Book Department's weekly paper. You can find all of the previous ones [here](#), including news about new ministers, statistics, *la rentrée littéraire*, book market battles, book reviews, new forms of literature or publishing strategies.

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