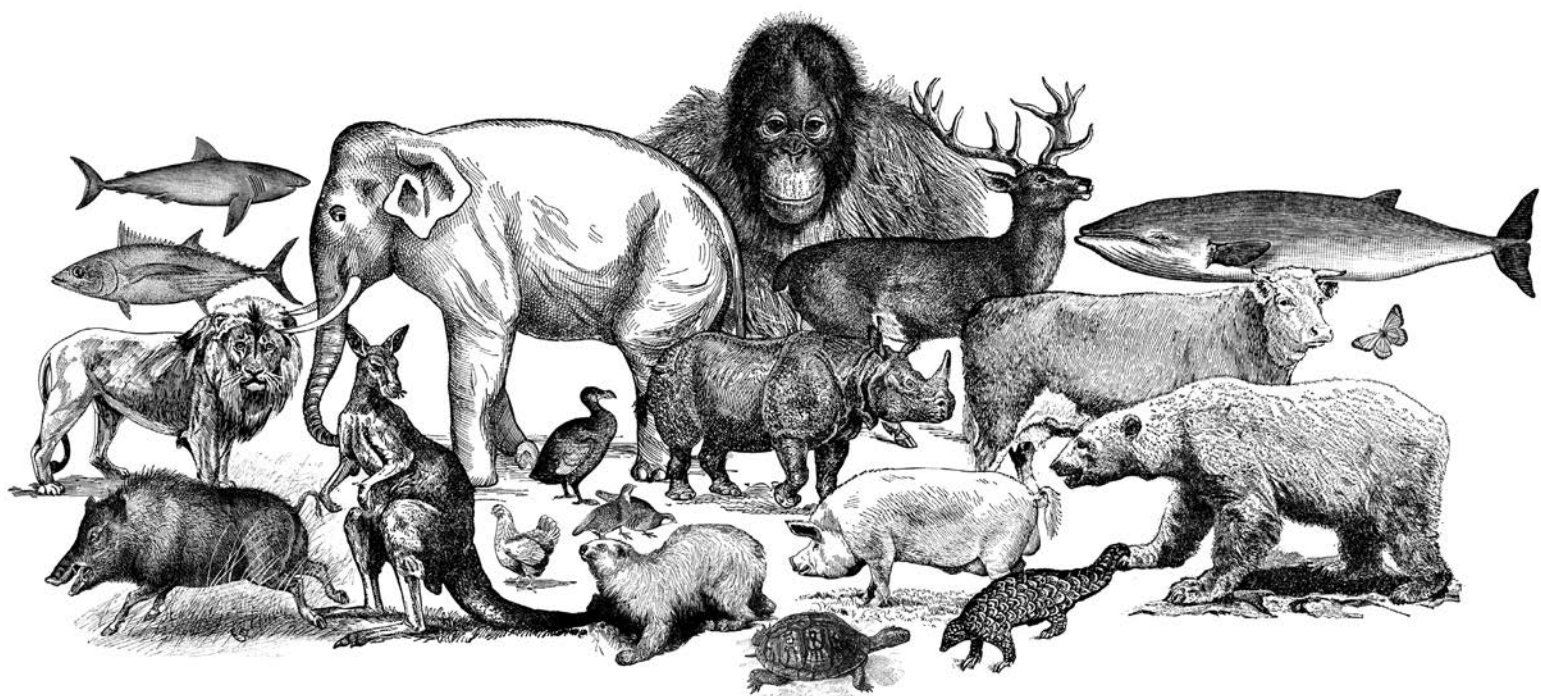


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NEW **THE FRUGAL CITY**
A MODEL FOR PREPARING THE POST-OIL ERA
JEAN HAËNTJENS

A reference in the field of urban planning

The notion of “sustainable city” tends to become a marketing motto or a politically correct formula, useful for creating consensus, but not very suitable for founding relevant urban organization strategies. However, our societies and our cities must prepare to operate with scarcer and more expensive oil. The most audacious cities have understood that energy constraint could be a great opportunity to reinvent themselves by relying on another vision of the city of tomorrow: a frugal city, reconciling the satisfaction of needs with an economy of means and resources. Illustrating his point with examples from France and Europe, Jean Haëntjens explains the principles of this model by applying it to the various components of our urban system: mobility, spatial planning, utilities accessibility, etc.

2021
 128 pages
 9 euros

PEDALING POWER
HOW THE BICYCLE TRANSFORMS OUR RUN-DOWN SOCIETIES
OLIVIER RAZEMON

The cycling transition manifesto

The bicycle is a quick, reliable, cheap, healthy, non polluting and space-and-energy-saving means of transportation. Many practitioners as well as some deciders seem to have understood the bicycle’s many advantages.

“A book that should be required reading for all elected officials so that they don’t limit themselves to superficial measures and attempt real solutions.” *Silence*



2018
 232 pages
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HOW THE DIGITAL GIANTS WANT TO GOVERN OUR CITIES
ALGORITHMS AND THE CITY
JEAN HAËNTJENS

An essay on the role and influence of GAFA in the city

The making and management of cities, like many other activities, are today facing the replacement of human decisions by algorithmic ones. The substitution is not only technical and professional but also political: it calls on the ability of local officials and citizens to think and be responsible for society projects. Jean Haëntjens takes a new approach by questioning the consequences of the growing weight of the digital economic giants on local democracy. He shows a way between the smart city and the traditional political city that still can find its place in this new landscape and reassert its meaning.

2018
 160 pages
 15 euros

“A formidable pedagogical book.”
 Xavier Capodano, bookshop *Le Genre Urbain* (Paris)



2021
 136 pages
 6,50 euros

NEW **TOWARDS FOOD AUTONOMY**
WHY, HOW AND WHERE TO GROW OUR FOOD
FRÉDÉRIQUE BASSET

An urgent call to reclaim our production of food

The industrialized world food supply chain is built on an unprecedented dependence on fossil fuels: if intensive agriculture needs oil to run its machines and supply itself with synthetic fertilizers, the distribution sector also depends on it to supply towns. What will happen when this now scarce resource runs out? As for the content of our plates, it would sometimes be better to know nothing about it, as the procession of pesticides, hormones and other GMOs circulating there poisons us step by step. However, experiences in France and around the world prove that, even in the city, it is possible to cultivate and feed a large part of the population in a healthy way. Frédérique Basset investigated these means of producing your own food with methods that are gentle on the planet, with no side effects for health.

ROOTS AND GENES
A WORLD HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE
VOLUMES 1 AND 2
DENIS LEFÈVRE

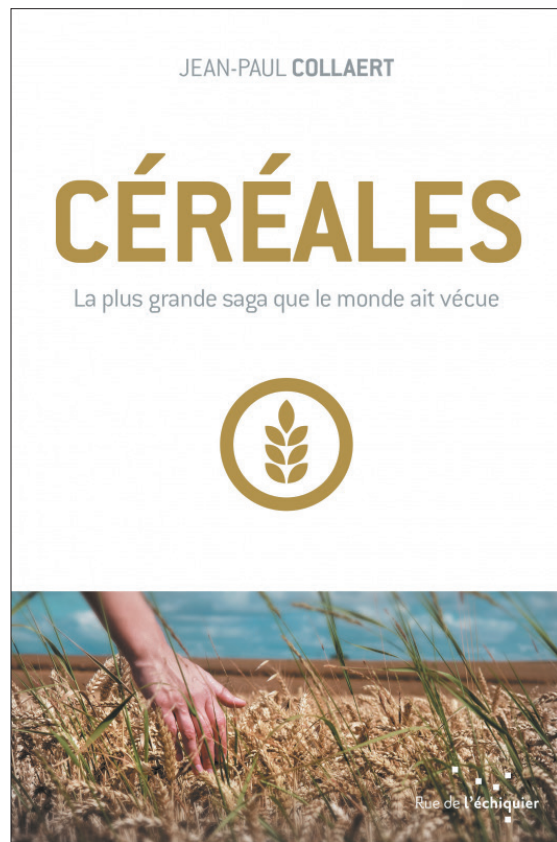
A sum of knowledge that you read like a novel

Throughout the history of agriculture, a whole essential swathe of the evolution of our societies opens up with its personalities, famous or not, who build this saga, both technological and social, cultural and ecological, religious and botanic, animal and economic, local and global. And let’s not forget all these generations of farmers, laboriously fighting in all times and all over the world against poverty and hunger. Even more, agriculture today figures as a central element in the challenges our society faces.



2018
 Volume 1 : 576 pages
 Volume 2 : 584 pages
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“A tremendously well-documented book, reflecting the vast knowledge gathered by Denis Lefèvre, a journalist and a writer who came from a farmer’s family.”
Sustained Development Dictionary

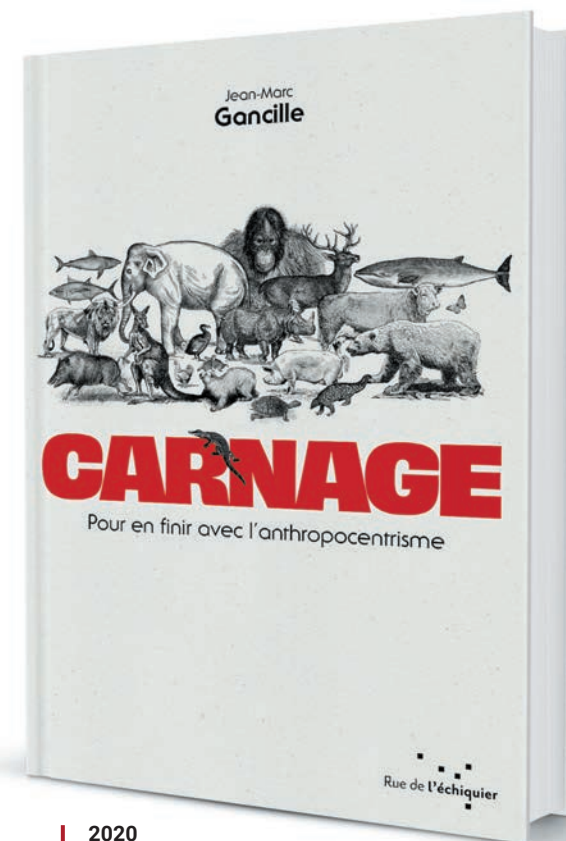


CEREALS
THE GREATEST SAGA EVER KNOWN
JEAN-PAUL COLLAERT

Once upon a time there were cereals

Cereals are part of our daily life starting from breakfast. They have accompanied human societies for over 10,000 years, and on every continent. Yet until now there has never been a book for the general public that covers cereals from all angles. Here, in particular, are very topical issues because cereals are at the heart of geopolitics, of climate change and the energy crisis, not to mention GMOs and tomorrow's food.

2013
 640 pages
 25 euros



CARNAGE
LET'S PUT AN END TO ANTHROPOCENTRISM
JEAN-MARC GANCILLE

An essay that strongly examines our relationship with animals and the living world

Jean-Marc Gancille presents an uncompromising picture of the relationship that human beings have with the animal world, based on domination and exploitation. He denounces this carnage, which turns out to be a tragedy for the human species because of the destruction of ecosystems it causes, an immoral denial of the sensitivity of animals and a deception of the food industry. Finally, he outlines a course of action and methods to "put an end to anthropocentrism".

"Carnage is a documented synthesis of the situation, addressed to all those who question our destructive relationship to the animal world as well as to animal activists who will find many arguments to defend their positions." Mr Mondialisation

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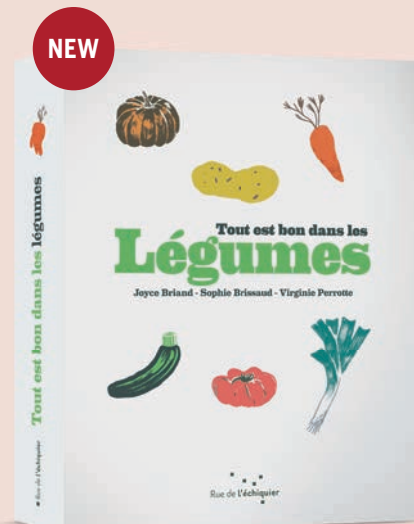
**SUSTAINABLE AND SIMPLE WAYS OF FOOD:
 OUR COOK BOOKS**



2021
 876 pages
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2019
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**LIKE A BEAST
 (OR HOW I BECAME A VEGETARIAN)**
CÉDRIC TALING

How a city slicker reconsidered animals and food

When Richard discovers that his 13-year-old goddaughter Camille has become a vegetarian it causes him to deeply question himself. As the pages go by he will gradually awaken himself to anti-speciesism vegetarianism and life in general. But will he manage to change his lifestyle and habits? With his own originality and humor Cédric Taling explores the question of food and the major stages of the transition to a vegetarian diet.



"A journey strewn with doubts, resistances and contradictions. And filled with love for our animal friends." Le Vif



2020
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A collection of short and sharp texts, signed by very committed authors on topical issues which contribute to the renewal of public debate.



NEW **THE ENERGY OF DENIAL**
HOW THE ENERGY TRANSITION
WILL INCREASE CO₂ EMISSIONS
VINCENT MIGNEROT

An unprecedented point of view on the energy issue

All states proclaim their ambition to reduce their CO₂ emissions through energy transition programs. Could so-called "green" energies satisfy all our needs tomorrow, instead of hydrocarbons? So far, no replacement has been observed. On the contrary: these new energies, rather than fighting against global warming, will ultimately contribute to making it worse. Vincent Mignerot shows how the hijack of scientific knowledge in the field of energy has given free rein to stories of green growth, which intentionally conceal part of reality in order to make it more attractive, in a context of systemic ecological crisis and risk of collapse.

2021
 96 pages
 11 euros

AGAINST PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

NEW **BEST-SELLER**

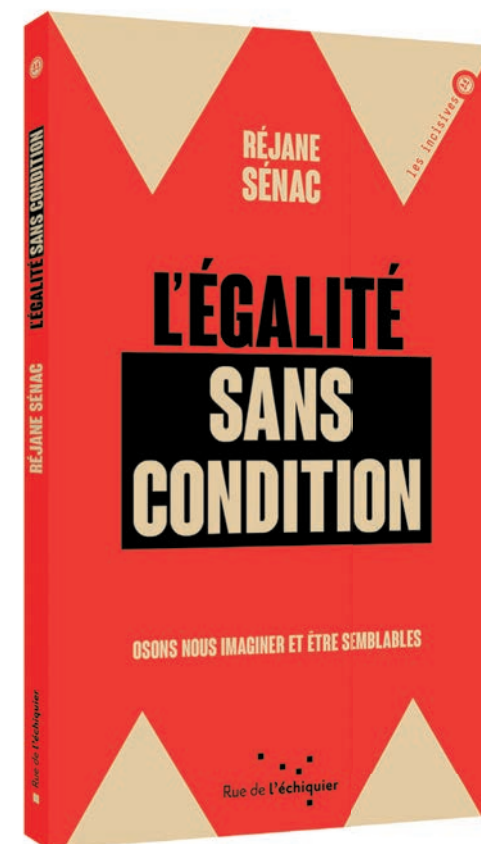
AUTHENTICALLY FAKE
THIERRY JOBARD

How the trend of personal development exacerbates individualism and distracts us from a collective commitment

Since the early 1990s, "personal development" has been booming. Constantly, we undergo an injunction to acquire a "surplus of being" to become a better individual. But behind these sweet talks, it is the rise of a political ideology that we are witnessing: in a world where everything revolves around the axiom "where there's a will, there's a way", the collective disappears from the screen to leave only individuals 100% responsible for everything, their destiny, their job, and even their health! In this jubilant essay, Thierry Jobard brilliantly denounces the vast deception of personal development, which advocates a model of society based on permanent performance and disintegration of social ties.

"Often funny, this little book shows in a convincing way that what personal development puts in place constitutes a neoliberal device of domestication of the person." *Le Monde Diplomatique*

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 96 pages
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UNCONDITIONAL EQUALITY
LET US DARE THINK AND BE ALIKE

RÉJANE SÉNAC

A groundbreaking feminist analysis that deconstructs the French myth of equality

Réjane Sénac challenges the conventional conception of equality as a myth to deconstruct in order to tend towards an unconditional equality: beyond sex, social or ethnic-racial origin, religion or sexual preference. Sénac critiques the French republic motto and demonstrates that equality can only exist if it is freed from talking about diversity performance. Women must be equal to men in principle and not because they bring something more.

2019
 96 pages
 11 euros
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"A call for emancipation from the capitalist, heteronormative and racist ideas of today's society."
Cheek Magazine

STOP LYING TO YOURSELF
LITTLE EXERCISE OF LUCIDITY IN TIMES OF ECOLOGICAL DISASTER

JEAN-MARC GANCILLE

The radical vision of an uncompromised ecology

In this powerful and persuasive book, Jean-Marc Gancille calls for radicalizing ecological activism. The Great Production Myth – the ideal of the enlightened citizen-consumer, the possibility of green growth, the advent of an ecological transition – are ideological time-consuming windbags. The solution is neither in "little steps in the right direction" nor recourse to traditional politics, but in combative action and the demonstration of our collective strength in opposition to special interests.

"A good slap to see straight!
 A must-read." *Elle Belgium*

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NEW BEST-SELLER
RECYCLING, THE GREAT MYSTIFICATION

HOW CIRCULAR ECONOMY HAS BECOME THE ALIBI OF DISPOSABLE
FLORE BERLINGEN

What if recycling was only a fraud?

In a context of over-consumption of resources and an explosion in the quantity of our waste, recycling appears to be the panacea to the heresy of landfill or incineration. We would like to believe in the virtues of a system that would allow us to continue to consume "as if nothing had happened", just by making the effort to sort it out. Communication campaigns by public or private actors maintain this mirage by ignoring the limits of recycling. As an expert in waste management, Flore Berlingen decodes the promises of a falsely circular economy that sustains the myth of infinitely recyclable products. She demonstrates how its feature, on the line of productivism and capitalism, contribute to perpetuating the use of disposable.

"We would like the whole world to read this book."
Alternatives Économiques

SURVIVING THE PLASTIC PERIL
SOLUTIONS AT EVERY LEVEL
MATTHIEU COMBE

A powerful essay on the plastic phenomenon

Since 1950 humanity has produced 8.3 billion tons of plastic, now omnipresent in our daily life. The ensuing pollution is a real ecological catastrophe: mountains of trash, continents of waste in the oceans, animals with intoxicated stomachs...

Matthieu Combe describes these impacts and presents technical and scientific solutions that already exist and can be applied right away and at every levels to renew the economy and uses of plastic.

"You will not emerge unscathed from this reading."
Alternatives Économiques



2019
256 pages
20 euros

CAN FASHION BE ETHICAL?

MAJDOULINE SBAI

A thorough investigation on the fashion world

Producing always more rapidly, the fashion industry has become the second most polluting industry in the world. French people have doubled their clothing consumption in twenty years. Yet 30% of their purchases will never be worn, meaning that 600,000 tons of textile are thrown out each year. On the manufacturing side, in countries with a low-cost labor force where the textile brands now operate, our "energy slaves" working conditions are sordid.

Majdouline Sbai presents measures that creators, NGOs and industrials are launching to make fashion more responsible, and describes the best practices on a daily level not to support "fast fashion" and its negative spin-offs.



2018
160 pages
13 euros



2020
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HOW ECOLOGY REINVENTS POLITICS

FOR AN ECONOMY OF SATISFACTION
JEAN HAËNTJENS

A new framework for a more accurate answer to the ecological emergency

Based on the analysis of the "satisfaction systems" that preceded and prepared the current consumer society and on the examples of local authorities that have succeeded in undertaking ecological conversions, Jean Haëntjens lays the groundwork for what could be an effective "economy of satisfactions". He uses this framework to construct concrete and unprecedented responses to three contemporary challenges: the inertia of our societies in the face of the ecological emergency, the implosion of democracy and the rise of a cybercapitalism that aspires to rule the world.

This book is addressed to all those who want to make a society fitting the limits of the planet, and to all those who are concerned about contemporary ecological and socio-political challenges.

"The interest of Jean Haëntjens' book is to stimulate our reflection. It helps us understand why and how the climate emergency is very poorly taken into account, due to the very functioning of the capitalist system."
L'Humanité

THE CLIMATE THAT HIDES THE FOREST
HOW CLIMATE QUESTIONS MASK ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS

GUILLAUME SAINTENY

The book that puts climate back in its place

Is the priority given to climate by countries, NGOs and the media justified? Isn't its place in environmental policies excessive? While climate change is incontestably a major environmental issue, it does not seem more important than air and water pollution, the erosion of biodiversity or soil degradation. Guillaume Sainteny demonstrates this by comparing the death rate due to these phenomena, their economic costs and the hierarchy of these findings and recommendations of the major international organizations.



2019
272 pages
9 euros

"A useful book on the real priorities of an integral ecology." *Le Figaro*

B I O M I M É T I S M E

> **Collection Biomimicry:** an exploration of biomimicry in its various fields of application



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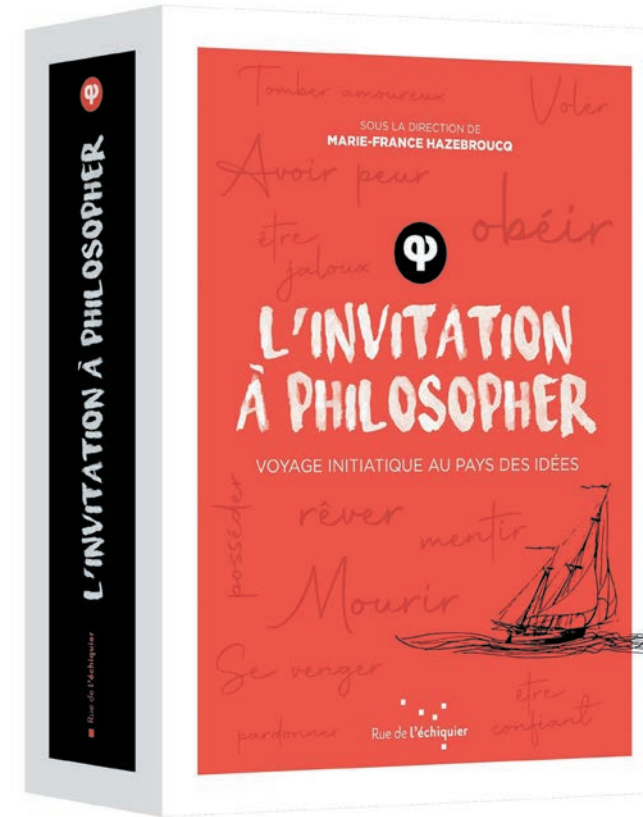
RESPONDING TO THE BIODIVERSITY CRISIS THROUGH BIOMIMICRY

EMMANUEL DELANNOY

What if the answers to the crisis of the living world came from the living itself?

According to Emmanuel Delannoy, there is no crisis of the living world, but a crisis of our relationship with the living world, and biomimicry, by seeking to make the economic flows induced by economic activities compatible with those of nature, can help us to face it.

After a first part devoted to the study of the limits and potential pitfalls of our current conception of ecological transition, the author describes the conditions, values and principles of action of an ethical approach to biomimicry, which would generate both a new relationship with living beings and a new collective vision.



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1 000 pages
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INVITATION TO PHILOSOPHIZE A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY IN THE COUNTRY OF IDEAS MARIE-FRANCE HAZEBROUCQ

This "invitation to philosophize" is for those who have seen the regions of philosophy without ever landing on it, and who may experience this "nostalgia of the land unknown", as Baudelaire wrote.

In ten chapters as many possible destinations, this book explores the multiple facets of lie and truth, those of fear and courage, jealousy and trust, the desire for revenge and forgiveness, love and indifference; then the various forms of the relationship to time, of dream and reality, of theft and possession, disobedience and obedience, perception of life and death.

Each theme is gradually deepened from ordinary situations and feelings, but also stories borrowed from cinema or literature. At the same time, the use of definitions, concepts, discussions or philosophical texts allows for a better understanding and resolution of the issues raised.

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- Avenging oneself / Forgiving
- Falling in love / Being indifferent
- Dreaming / Being down to earth
- Being jealous / Trusting
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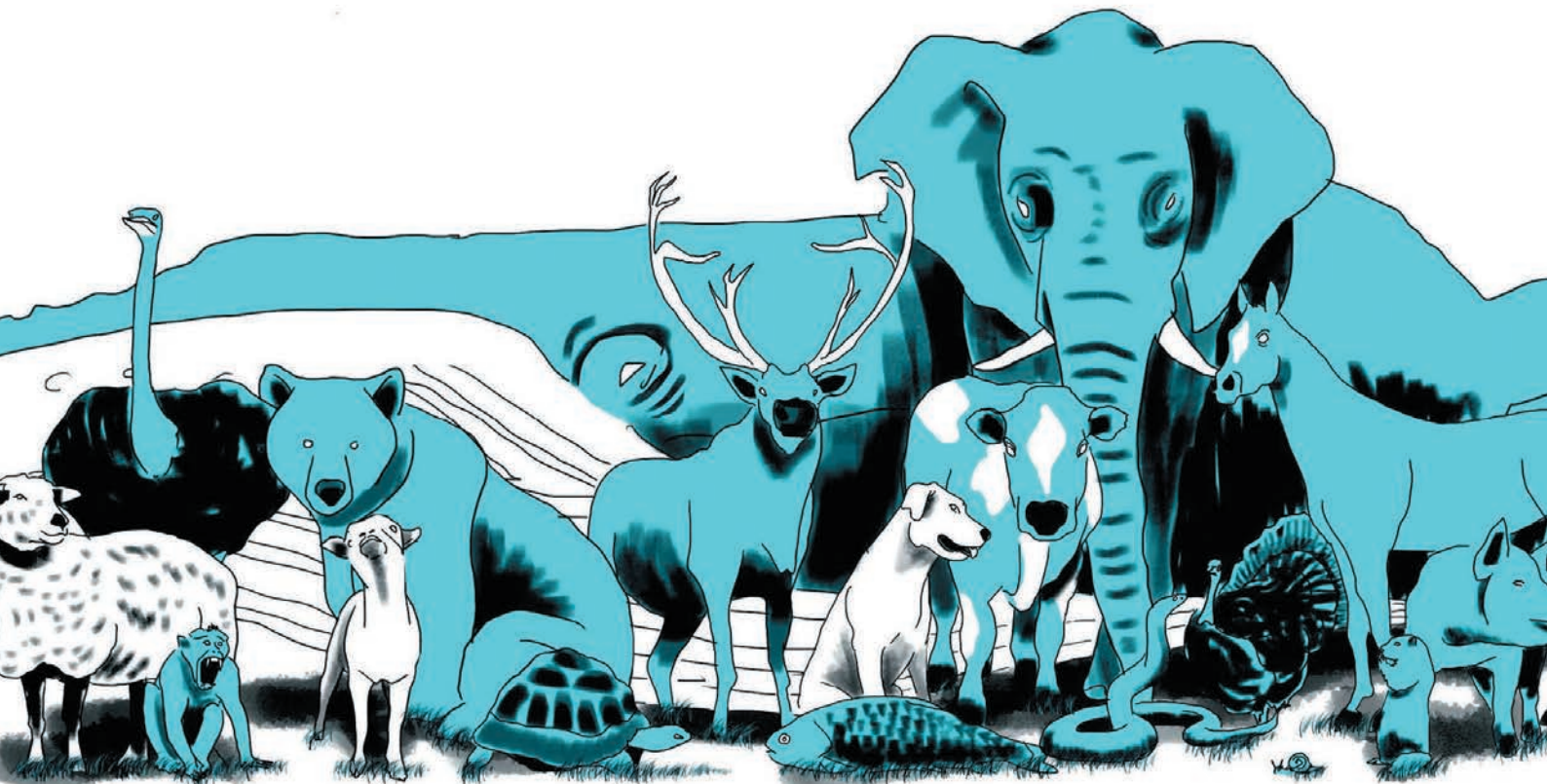
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