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Patrick Delperdange

Born in 1960, Patrick Delperdange lives and works in Brussels. He is the author of some ten novels, for adults as well as young people. He was first published in 1985. He won the Prix Simenon for his second book, a detective novel entitled 'Monk'.

The book's title 'Chants des gorges' (Throat songs) is in no way misleading. Patrick Delperdange's writing does indeed read like a song, for this is the odyssey of an unruly boy, rejected by his mother, haunted by a murderous urge, living in a world of priests, workers, gypsies and drug addicts, where both physical and psychological violence rule. A heart-rending tale about human distress, incapable of recognising itself in the child's marginality and where spiritual elevation is rejected.

In 2005, the book was awarded the most prestigious prize in francophone Belgium, le Prix Victor Rossel.



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