

Paul COLIZE

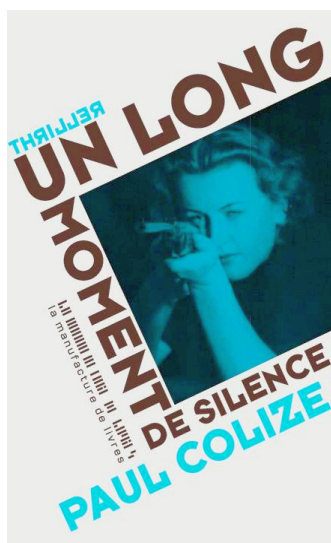
Born in Brussels in 1953, Paul Colize is a French-speaking Belgian author, specialist of the crime novel and thriller. He has already published 9 books and is known for his novel on the famous affair of the Brabant killers (**Les tueurs du Brabant**). **Quatre valets et une dame** was distinguished by the public, being among the 5 finalists for the Grand Prix Polar VSD 2009. His novel **Back Up**, published by La Manufacture de Livres, explores the rock 'n' roll era and the sixties. It was awarded the prize of the best Pocket book in the category Polars, in Saint-Maur.



Passionate about detective novels since his early childhood, Paul Colize's books are characterised by a substantive research work, a sophisticated plot and a great sense of humour. **Un Long moment de silence** (La manufacture de livres), his last novel, recently received the Landerneau polar prize as well as the first prize of the Boulevard de l'imaginaire*.

* Founded in December 2008 in Paris, the Ligue de l'imaginaire is a group of authors aiming to promote and defend the literature of the imaginary.

Un long moment de silence



The jury of the Prize of the Boulevard de l'imaginaire had a "crush on this book, half detective and spy novel, with an original historical background. A masterpiece from a master of the genre, beautifully and subtly structured."

We quickly understand why this fabulous novel was rewarded. The author recounts the true story of the mysterious clandestine organisation "The Owl" renamed "Le Chat" (The Cat) in the novel. Halfway between a thriller and an historical novel, the story spans from 1920 to the present, combining the destinies of real and imaginary characters.

Two stories occur in different time frames. The one of Stanislas Kervyn, a self-centred businessman, obsessed with sex, who launches himself into a quest to find the truth on his father's death, obscurely killed in Cairo in 1954. And the story of Nathan Katz, a Jewish immigrant, who becomes "the man who kills the rats looking at them straight in the eyes". He belongs to a group of avengers who track Nazi war criminals and judge them for their crimes. The plot is complex and characters have a strong dimension.

There is suspense and emotions, the whole novel being supported by an elegant, sober and precise style...
A true revelation!

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