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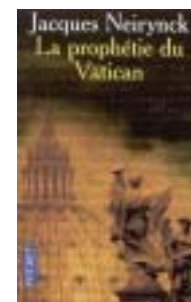
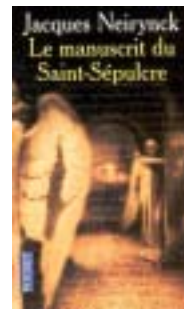
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## Jacques Neiryck

Belgian by birth, French by marriage and naturalised Swiss, Jacques Neiryck was born in Brussels on 17 august 1931. A recognised scientist, elected politician in Switzerland, popularizer and teacher, he is also a successful novelist.

Jacques Neiryck's trilogy, *Un pape suisse*, sees the completion of a fascinating project that belongs somewhere between science, history and police conspiracy. Well before the *Da Vinci Code's* international success, he had begun work, with the dating of the famous Turin shroud as his starting point, on a fresco that would take us back to the origins of Christianity. In a lively and erudite and yet never abstruse style, Jacques Neiryck undertakes a totally new rapprochement of science and faith with the help of two brothers: Theo, a utopian physicist and Emmanuel who will become, under the name of John XXIV, the first Swiss pope in history.



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