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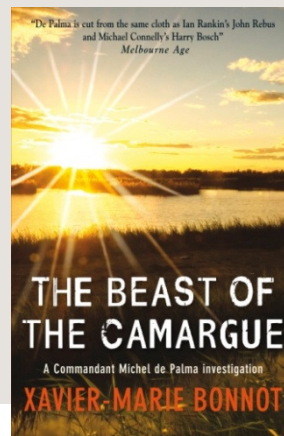


The Beast of the Camargue

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Commissaire Michel de Palma is confronted by a series of unexplained deaths, all bearing the grisly hallmarks of an ancient myth

Description

For centuries the ceremonial order of the Knights of the Tarasque have met to bear the effigy of a mythical beast through the Provençal town of Tarascon. But one summer's night the ceremony is broken by a gruesome discovery: a mutilated body found at the feet of the effigy, apparently torn apart by enormous teeth and claws. Can the monster of legend be more than just myth?

The case draws an unwilling Michel de Palma, of the Marseille murder squad, into the dark heart of Provence, where mythology and untold history are part of everyday life.

As more dismembered corpses continue to appear, de Palma falls into a world coloured by murky financial intrigues and the tortured history of post-occupation France. It's a world where de Palma's uninvited investigations could soon see him in mortal danger.

Sales Points

- The second title in Bonnot's bestselling quartet of Michel de Palma mysteries to be translated into English
- 'Cut from the same cloth as Ian Rankin's John Rebus and Michael Connelly's Harry Bosch, de Palma, nicknamed the Baron, dominates as a force of nature.' – *The Age*
- Winner of France's premier crime novel award, the Roman Policier Prize
- Gripping and clever, steeped in history, this will appeal to fans of Henning Mankell or Fred Vargas

Author Profile

Xavier-Marie Bonnot has a PhD in History and Sociology, and two Masters degrees in History and French Literature. *The Beast of the Camargue* is the second of the De Palma investigations, following *The First Fingerprint* (Trade paperback ISBN: 9781847243539, RRP: \$32.95; B format paperback ISBN: 9781847245939, RRP: \$24.95).



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