

Twice nominated for the *Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (ALMA),* Gaël Aymon has worked as an actor, scriptwriter, director and producer, and has taught drama to children and teenagers. A folk tale specialist, he has been writing picture books and novels for young people (and consenting adults!) since 2010.

His books, written in a poetic or raw style, but always demanding, challenge stereotypes and have won numerous awards. Several of them have been translated into Chinese, Korean, Romanian, Italian, Spanish, German, Brazilian, Mexican and Braille.

Whether supported by *Amnesty International* or acclaimed in the press, his books deal subtly with subjects as varied as gender equality, bullying, the construction of identity, ecology, love... He covers a wide range of literary genres, from contemporary realist novels to SF, Fantasy or Thriller, as well as Romance and picture books for younger readers. Free will is central to his work. He defends the importance of complexity and nuance, as well as fear, in children's books.

His approach to fairy tales is multi-faceted, highlighting their oldest versions or twisting them to question their modernity. His young adult novels are full of references, whether to the Grimm brothers, Perrault, *The Wizard of Oz*, Balzac's *La Peau de chagrin*, or legends long forgotten.

A tireless mediator of literature for young people, he has already met over 15,000 students in classrooms throughout France and the French-speaking world.

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# PRESS REVIEW (EXTRACTS)

# It's not every day you get to witness the birth of a future classic. TÉLÉRAMA Gaël Aymon is the author who has dusted off fairy tales. BIBA Gaël Aymon's books should be declared of public utility! LA MARE AUX MOTS

# **ONE NIGHT IN MY CHILDHOOD**

- **Gaël Aymon is a virtuoso!** A thriller that builds to a crescendo of lies and betrayal until the tragedy is revealed. **BOOKSHOP LE CHAT PITRE Paris**
- A real favourite! A brilliant, thrilling and subtle psychological thriller. **BOOKSHOP LA BOUQUINETTE**
- A novel with strong characters and clear, sharp writing that begins like a psychological thriller and ends like a modern tale. Soizik Jouin, Bibliothécaire PARIS
- A gripping psychological thriller from start to finish. The sharp, vivid, clear and concise writing describes, always with finesse and sensitivity, strong characters with complex feelings. <u>NOTRE JARDIN DES LIVRES</u>

# THE APPRENTICE STORYTELLER

- This novel is absolutely unique and fabulous. Gaël Aymon is a born storyteller, his pen twirling and worming its way into the forgotten corners of stories from the past. A little gem of writing and construction, with a magnificent hero, wonderful characters and a magnificent cover! BOOKSHOP\_LES SANDALES D'EMPÉDOCLE
- A boldly written adventure novel that will have readers spellbound! BOOKSHOP DU PARC DE LA VILLETTE
- Delicious scares based on the fairy tales of Charles Perrault! BOOKSHOP PAGE ET PLUME
- A magnificent, frightening and intoxicating dream tale. Gaël Aymon is a magician with words! LA GALERNE

# **GRIM, SON OF THE SWAMP**

- A captivating adventure. A powerful story of friendship. An intoxicating novel! LE 1 DES LIBRAIRES
- A lavish novel, a marvellous yet terrible dystopia, combining fantasy and adventure to take us on a journey. A book that's hard to put down! PAGE DES LIBRAIRES
- Wide-ranging and ambitious, with a breath of fresh air and a belief in friendship that is all too often overused, Grim brings back memories of the thrill of reading "The Knife of Never Letting Go" That's how much of a success this novel is. BOOKSHOP <u>RÉCRÉALIVRES</u>
- Thrilling and profound! A fast-paced adventure novel that questions our societies. BOOKSHOP LA RUE EN PENTE
- Amazing! A hugely intelligent read filled with the most extraordinary adventures, dazzling twists and turns and friendships capable of changing the world. BOOKSHOP <u>L'ÉMILE</u>
- What a world, what a breath of fresh air, what a style! A magnificent reflection on the power of friendship. BOB & JEAN-MICHEL

# **SILENT BOY**

- Gaël Aymon takes a close-up look at the strangeness of adolescence, culminating in a beautiful finale that plunges us into a closed world of hormones and the scent of virility. DÉDALE
- A hard-hitting novel about masculinity. You read it in one go, and then close it again, stunned. LIBRAIRIE DU PARC
   A real favourite! This story goes straight to the heart of the matter and offers a pertinent reflection on
- A real juvounce: This story goes straight to the near of the matter and offers a pertment reflection on being and appearing. The text is strong, full of real emotion and says things without pretence. ARGALI LIT
   It comes from the aut It's deeply human intelligent finely analysed and masterfully written. The
- It comes from the gut. It's deeply human, intelligent, finely analysed and masterfully written. The reader is in for a real treat! ELFE LECTEUR
- An extremely realistic, uncompromising and original novel about the injunction to be masculine, a delicate subject tackled with great finesse. LA MARE AUX MOTS
- This novel is necessary! I hope it will be in every school library! LES DEMOISELLES DE CHÂTILLON

# **GOLDEN VALLEY**

- An essential novel for understanding the world and rising up against it! PAGE DES LIBRAIRES
- A passionate and committed novel in which the author excels in mastering narrative tension. RICOCHET
- What the hero of this unforgettable novel experiences is pure, untouched and unique! ON L'A LU
- Striking writing, modesty, powerful desire, intense and devastating love. An engaging and powerful novel. LIRADO

#### **MY REPUTATION**

- Just one book on bullying? "My reputation by Gaël Aymon! FRANCE INTER « Grand bien vous fasse »
- Few authors manage to penetrate the world of adolescence without breaking their teeth. Gaël Aymon does it brilliantly. This heartfelt tale is read in one sitting and asks the right questions. ELLE
- A shock. A powerful and intense book of astonishing realism. LES CAHIERS PÉDAGOGIQUES
- A concentrate of adolescence, a real success. L'OUVR'ÂGE
- A very fine portrait of a teenage girl. The message is positive and the tone just right. LIRADO
- A real favourite! You read it in one go. Positive, full of delicacy and joie de vivre. LA VIE DES LIVRES

# AND YOUR LIFE WILL BE MINE

- A well-crafted thriller with thrilling suspense that is utterly addictive! TÉLÉRAMA
- An adventure with many twists and turns, and the suspense just keeps building. **FRANCE INTER**
- One of Gaël Aymon's best novels, which keeps us on the edge of our seats right up to the last page! RTL
- Gaël Aymon's masterful take on a great classic is thrilling! FRANCE INFO
- An atrociously attractive Peau de Chagrin. What emotion, what writing, what a script! BOOKSHOP JEUX LIS LÀ
- Masterful. Addictive. Striking. Philosophical. Diabolically well-crafted. ACTU SF
- Stunning! A crazy, incredible, unclassifiable novel that is impossible to put down. Written with an exceptionally rich and energetic style, and told with passion. It's a MUST READ! <u>SOUS LE FEUILLAGE</u>
- Gaël Aymon reveals himself to be a great children's author with every novel! BOOKSHOP CHARLEMAGNE
- Relentless literary architecture and larger-than-life characters from an author whose mastery of writing grows with each book, for a novel that could become a classic CLUB ENFANTIPAGES
- The finest tribute to a great classic! L'ÉTERNEL ADO

# **THE PLANET OF THE 7 SLEEPERS**

- There is poetry in this subtly charming SF novel. And it is in this singularity of atmosphere, tone and literary ambition that its beauty unfolds, all restrained violence, illuminated in the end by a love story with timeless overtones. TÉLÉRAMA
- This book has all the hallmarks of the best Planet Opera novels! A worthy heir to Bradbury and Orwell! CULTURA
- Aymon brilliantly takes us from mystery to mystery, devouring the pages at breakneck speed. A highly unusual journey that we can only recommend. ACTUALITTÉ
- A tragic dance that raises many topical issues. **The pages turn at breakneck speed.** The characters, even the secondary ones, have been developed with care and precision, and nothing seems to be left to chance, even though much is left to our imagination. L'OUVR'ÂGE
- A little gem, let's not mince words! The novel offers young readers the classic keys to SF, in a lively prose, rich in temporal ellipses that impart a pleasant rhythm and tension. An indispensable quality, the novel appeals to our intelligence. None of the characters is archetypal, nothing follows a predictable pattern, everything rings true, possible, true. YOZONE

# FORGET CAMILLE

- A successful plunge into the mind of a hero who is realistic, courageous and extremely respectful. This intimate tale, full of humanity, is a must-read novel for young readers this autumn. ELLE
- A selection of **10 children's novels that take the cliché out of masculinity**. What does it mean to be a man? Yanis, a secondary school pupil in the process of developing his identity, will discover that **masculinity has many facets, and that poetry can often save the day!** TÉLÉRAMA
- Never before have so few words and so much finesse been used to capture what it's like to be 16 and on a quest to find your masculinity. Gaël Aymon paints a shatteringly authentic portrait of an adolescent simply trying to be himself. Luminous. EN QUÊTE D'UN GRAND PEUT-ÊTRE
- A huge favourite! Once again, Gaël Aymon manages to evoke the complexities of love with his trademark delicacy and pared-down style. This novel is a fair and honest analysis of the transition between 'fantasy' love and true love. DES LIVRES ET VOUS
- My favourite! A fantastic read! BOOKSHOP L'ÉMILE

### **MY BROTHER SOUL**

- The right words and the right tone to talk about this delicate period when you are searching for yourself and asserting yourself. PAGE DES LIBRAIRES
- A story that exposes the arrogance of a ruthless school system. **Gaël Aymon's penetrating style captures the depth of feelings and moods**, and will appeal to teenagers and adults alike. **RICOCHET**
- Gaël Aymon deals realistically and sensitively with the difficulty of finding one's place and resisting social or family pressure, exploring the relationships between girls and boys with acuity. BOB & JEAN-MICHEL
- An extremely rich, captivating and intelligent novel that is hard to put down. LA MARE AUX MOTS
- A moving and necessary discourse on building one's own future. A vibrant reflection on the visceral need of each and every one of us: to give meaning to our lives. L'OISEAU LIT
- A magnificent text that explores the questions of an extremely touching heroine. NETGALLEY

# **TALES OF A DIFFERENT KIND**

- A refreshing and salutary diversion for the next generation LE FIGARO.fr
- A timeless album that will go down in the classics. Gaël Aymon has established himself as one of the best writers of his generation. LA MARE AUX MOTS
- Sales staff's favourite FNAC
- An ode to individuality! CÔTÉ MÔMES
- Excellent ! LES MATERNELLES (France 5)
- Bold and poetic. We love it! VERSION FÉMINA
- A stunning feat of writing! ENFANTIPAGES LE MONDE.fr
- Gaël Aymon revisits three tales, shaking up gender norms with humour and finesse. L'HUMANITÉ

#### **SLEEPING BEAUTY**

- A powerful duo to wake up this sleeping beauty! PAGE DES LIBRAIRES
- At once dark and superb, hypnotic, like a piece of a dream! MYA BOOKS
- A version that is by turns tender, furious and dark. BOOKSHOP ENTRE LES LIGNES
- A duo like this couldn't disappoint! Finesse and poetry, exquisite, magical. Gaël Aymon makes this story his own. He loves it, respects it. His words transport us into another world ENTRE LES PAGES

#### **SNOW-WHITE**

- Surely one of the best adaptations of this story! ENTRE LES PAGES
- Powerful, rhythmic and twirling. A sensual and beautiful album. A little marvel! LES SANDALES D'EMPÉDOCLE
- An absolutely captivating work, surely one of the best adaptations of this tale. FOCUS LITTÉRATURE
- So much beauty! A sumptuous little gem that deserves a permanent place on our bookshelves. CULTURE KIDS

# THE BEST YEARS

- These little novels are devourable! VERSION FEMINA
- A fast-paced, intelligent story full of finesse, with delicate illustrations. PAGE DES LIBRAIRES
- A great series for 7-1 year olds that talks about their everyday lives, with a social dimension. The stories are exciting, full of twists and turns, and deal with many themes. LA MARE AUX MOTS
- A very good novel for young readers, who will love this gang of friends! LES LECTURES DE MADOKA
- **Chouchou series!** The difficulty with a children's series is that it has to last without resting on its laurels! We love the narrative **strength of the story.** Gaël Aymon skilfully explores the themes that shape the world of children in this age group. LA PETITE NOTULE

# BEAUTY AND THE BEAST WITH DIAMOND TEARS

• The sentences seem to swirl in a fairytale world where the language makes you want to start again from the beginning as soon as the denouement of the story is read. RICOCHET

# **SNOWDROP AND THE 3 OGRESSES**

- The birth of a future classic! TÉLÉRAMA
- The refined pen of a particularly gifted author! BIBA
- A rare breath of freedom and poetry. LE MONDE DES LIVRES
- Gaël Aymon skilfully draws a line between tradition and modernity, highlighting the incredible topicality of the story, which ends with a subversive illustration. We hope this book becomes a classic of children's literature. RICOCHET

#### A PLACE IN THE PLAYGROUND

- « 16 books to combat stereotypes » selection FIGARO MADAME
- A subtle book recommended by the SNUipp FENÊTRE SUR COUR

#### THE TALE OF THE 3 FLAKES

- **This initiatory journey opens up a whole philosophy of existence,** in which life, death, "reality" and fiction are interwoven. **An optimistic and luminous moral to keep in mind. RICOCHET**
- A sublime tale! A breath of love, hope and life! À L'OMBRE DU SAULE

# THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST SECRET

- Magnificent! Magical! LES SANDALES D'EMPÉDOCLE
- A huge favourite! A marvel to be read and reread by children aged 4 and over. BUTINER DE LIVRES EN LIVRES
- What a superb read! From the gentle, poetic pen of Gaël Aymon comes this little marvel, a veritable ode to Nature. It's an inspired and inspiring tale, and a real favourite! À L'OMBRE DU SAULE

#### THE SON OF THE GIANTS

- A selection of 6 must-have classics from the ideal library for 5/7 year-olds. BIBA
- Profoundly modern. A message of tolerance and love. RICOCHET
- A REAL FAVOURITE! A subtle and delicate philosophical tale for children aged 4 and over. A moving and superb text that opens a window on children's rights. SNUipp
- This lovely tale subtly evokes the freedom to be, to love and to choose one's life! OUEST FRANCE
- Gaël Aymon tackles parental love, same-sex parenthood and adoption with tact and poetry. L'HUMANITÉ

# **AWARDS & SELECTIONS**

# & AUTEUR NOMINATED FOR THE ALMA Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award 2024 & 2023 🔊

# **ONE NIGHT IN MY CHILDHOOD**

Selections : Prix T'aimes Lire 2023-2024

# AND YOUR LIFE WILL BE MINE

# \* PRIX LIRE ÉLIRE 2021 des lycéens de Blain

Selections : **Prix Imaginales des Collégiens, Prix Cognac Meilleur roman jeunesse, Prix Farniente, Prix** 15/17 Foire du livre de Brive, Prix T'aimes Lire, Prix des Lecteurs en Seine, Prix Imagin'à lire, Prix Garin des Collèges de Chambéry, Prix de la SCELF, Prix Ados du Festival du Livre de Jeunesse Occitanie, Prix Littérado, Prix Chimère, Prix 7 à lire

#### **SILENT BOY**

# \* PRIX LOUIS MATHIS 2021 St-Jean-d'Angély

Selections : **Prix franco-allemand pour la littérature de jeunesse, Prix Ados Loudéac, Prix Gr'Aisne de** critique, Prix Alizé, Défi Babelio Ado+, Prix RTS Littérature ado (Suisse), Prix Nord Isère, Prix de l'Estuaire, Prix Va t'faire vivre !, Prix des lecteurs de Cugand, Prix du livre jeunesse Marseille, Prix littéraire de la Mission locale Picardie Maritime, Prix Littérature et société

# **GRIM, SON OF THE SWAMP**

Selections : Prix Jean-Claude IZZO

# **MY REPUTATION**

- \* PRIX MARGUERITE BAHUET Foire de Brive 2017
- ★ PRIX JACARANDA (Morocco) 2016
- ★ PRIX SLAM TA LECTURE 2017
- ★ PRIX GR'AISNE DE CRITIQUE 2015
- **\* PRIX DE LA VILLE CHERBOURG-OCTEVILLE** 2015
- \* CHOIX DU PUBLIC ADOLISES Montélimar 2015

Selections : **Prix Gallimard des collégiens, Prix Littéraire des lycéens Goussainville, Prix Lire en chœur, Prix Littérature Jeunesse Cholet, Prix RTS littérature ado (Suisse), Prix Atout Lire, Prix Passerelle(s), Libre2Lire, Prix des collégiens du Touquet Paris-Plage, BiblioDéfi Herblay, Les goûts et couleurs** (Canopé Rennes)

# **FORGET CAMILLE**

- \* 2016 NATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMME Lectures cursives 4e « Dire l'amour, dire l'absence »
- ★ PRIX AU CŒUR DES PAGES Nort-sur-Erdre
- ★ PRIX DES COLLEGIENS DE CLAMART

Selections : **Prix des lycéens francophones de Turquie, Prix C@Lire des lycées Fougerais, Prix littéraire** Slam ta lecture, Prix des lycées de Rueil, Prix Litterado, Prix Tapage

# **MY BROTHER SOUL**

Selections : Prix de l'Estuaire, Prix Kezako

#### THE APPRENTICE STORYTELLER

Selections : **Prix Sorcières (Carrément Passionnant Mini), Prix Cœurs d'ados, Prix des Embouquineurs, Prix jeunesse des Monts d'Or, Prix du livre vivant, Défi Babelio Junior, Prix ADO'LIRE, Finale Nationale Petits Champions de la lecture** 

# THE PLANET OF THE 7 SLEEPERS

Selections : Prix littéraire du Giennois, Prix Books en scène Canopé 31, Prix des Lycées Professionnels du Haut-Rhin, Prix des bouquineurs d'Armor

# **SNOWDROP AND THE 3 OGRESSES**

- **\* PRIX LITTÉRAIRE DU VAL DE L'AURENCE** 2016
- \* Soutenu par AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Selection Prix Coquelicot

### **TALES OF A DIFFERENT KIND**

- ★ 15<sup>aine</sup> LIBRAIRIES SORCIÈRES
- \* Soutenu par AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

# THE BEST YEARS

Selections : **Prix des Embouquineurs**, **La Bataille des livres - Suisse** (The mansion of fear), **Prix littéraire de Rillieux-la-pape** (The Garage sale), **Grand Prix des jeunes lecteurs** (One friend too many)

# THE SON OF THE GIANTS

- \* Soutenu par AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL
- ★ Recommandé par le SNUipp

Selections : Prix St Exupéry, Prix Lire ensemble

### THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST SECRET

Selection **PRIX DES INCORRUPTIBLES** Selections : **Prix des P'tits loups, Prix Chapitre Nature, Prix Le livre élu, Prix Lis la vie, Prix Albums en fête, Prix Fabulivre** 

# A PLACE IN THE PLAYGROUND

# \* PRIX TARTINES FRAISES D'AULNAT 2013

★ Recommanded by SNUipp

Selections : Prix des écoles de Clamart, Prix du petit Mars

#### **FORGOTTEN HEROES VOL.1**

Selections : Prix des lecteurs du journal de Mickey, Prix Goupil

# THE TALE OF THE 3 FLAKES

Selection Prix jeunes lecteurs de Nanterre