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## **THREE AUTHORS Published in FRANCE - STEPHEN McCAULEY, MICHEL WOLFF, RHYS BOWEN**

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**USPA NEWS** - - "Retour À la Case Départ" (My Ex-Life) by Stephen McCauley and published in FRANCE by Robert Laffont Editions. Stephen McCauley is an American author. He has written six novels, including "Insignificant Others" and "Alternatives To Sex". His best known novel is The Object of My Affection, which was made into a film starring Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd. He was raised outside Boston and went to public schools for his education. As an undergraduate, he attended the University of Vermont and then spent a year in France at the University of Nice.

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Many years ago, David Hedges (now in his 50s) and Julie Fiske (Before coming out as gay,) had a short, sweet marriage, before they parted ways and left for opposite coasts. Now, they haven't seen each other in almost 30 years, and both are going through a rough patch in life. David's boyfriend, Soren, has left him for an older man. His job is exasperating. As his life reaches new lows, his weight reaches new highs. Nowadays, Julie makes ends meet by renting her rooms on Airbnb, her second marriage has recently ended, leaving her with shared custody of her high school-senior daughter, who's not having a great time of it. And she has two whole months to come up with the money to buy said house from her second husband before their divorce is finalized. She'd just like David's help organizing college plans for her 17-year-old daughter.

With sex off the table, David and Julie are yearning for a sort of companionship built on shared heartbreak and wry wisdom. Neither is looking for love, or even all that concerned with its absence. Nor are they out of the game entirely.... Things start to go awry when other people come sniffing around the protagonists' houses.

- "Son Espionne Royale mène l'Enquête" (Her Royal Spyness) and "Son Espionne Royale et le Mystère Bavaois" (A Royal Pain). Both by Rhys Bowen and published in FRANCE by Robert Laffont Editions. Janet Quin-Harkin is an author best known for her mystery novels for adults written under the name Rhys Bowen. Before she began writing novels, she worked in the drama department of the British Broadcasting Corporation in London and, later, for the Australian broadcasting system in Sydney, Australia. She also worked as a drama teacher and a dance teacher. She moved to the United States when she married John Quin-Harkin.

In the 1990s Quin-Harkin began writing mystery novels for adults under the name Rhys Bowen. She has written three series under this name: one featuring British aristocrat Lady Georgiana ("Georgie") in 1930s England; one featuring Irish immigrant Molly Murphy living in early 1900s New York City; and one featuring a Welsh police constable named Evan Evans. She is also author of the Boyfriend Club series for young adults featuring four freshmen girls in Alta Mesa High School (Arizona): Roni, Ginger, Justine, and Karen.

Two First Books of The Royal Spyness Series (now published in France) :

\*\* "Son Espionne Royale mène l'Enquête" (Her Royal Spyness). Lady Victoria Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie is the daughter to the Duke of Atholt and Rannoch. And she is flat broke. As the thirty-fourth in line for the throne, she has been taught only a few things, among them, the perfect curtsey. But when her brother cuts off her allowance, she leaves Scotland for London. Then an arrogant Frenchman, who wants her family's 800-year-old estate for himself, winds up dead in her bathtub. Now her most important job is to clear her very long family name.

\*\* "Son Espionne Royale et le Mystère Bavaois" (A Royal Pain). The Queen of England has concocted a plan in which Georgie is to entertain a Bavarian princess called Hanni, and conveniently place her in the playboy Prince's path, in the hopes that he might finally marry. But queens never take money into account and Georgie has very little, Then there's the worrying matter of the body in the

bookshop and Hanni's unwitting involvement with the Communist Party....

- "Etat de Siège - Trump seul Contre Tous" (Siege, Trump under Fire) by Michael Wolff and published in FRANCE by Robert Laffont Editions. "Siege: Trump Under Fire" is a book by Michael Wolff and which according to him, details the behavior of U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration. The book is a sequel to "Fire and Fury: Inside the Trump White House". Wolff's narrative begins in February 2018, and ends with the release of the Mueller Report in March 2019. He claims to have 150 sources for the book. Michael Wolff's "Siege: Trump Under Fire" looks at the 45th president's second year in office, detailing everything from a potential indictment to Melania Trump's mysterious hospitalization.

To keep us quaking, Wolff gives his gossipy narrative a militarised title: we are asked to imagine Trump holed up in the White House as his enemies, armed with subpoenas, close in. Mostly Siege retells scandalous stories that are pretty familiar, with few fresh disclosures. The book does have some sharp insights about Trump's "mental deficiencies". Wolff diagnoses narcissism and megalomania, but adds that Trump, despite his keening self-pity, is too imperceptive about people and incurious about their motives to suffer from paranoia.... Controversial author Michael Wolff's new book, "Siege: Trump Under Fire," hit stores in the U.S. under a barrage of criticism from both the left and right of the political aisle, and with little of the excitement generated by its predecessor.... Michael Wolff, who admits to a "train-wreck fascination with Trump," was hoping for a catastrophe to coincide with his book's publication, and reserved his final chapter to deal with the indictments he expected Mueller to issue.

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