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And the Birds Rained Down



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A historical drama, but also the story of men who have chosen the forest. Three freedom-loving beings who have made a pact with death. The book's movie adaptation raised more than 2 millions dollars in Quebec theaters only.

July 29, 1916. In the woods of Northern Ontario, the flames are rising. Soon, this will be known as the Great Fire of Matheson, one of many forest fires that ravaged the province in the beginning of the 20th century. On that day, the young Boychuck will narrowly escape death, forever scarred by the sight of his homeland in ashes.

Many decades later, a photographer takes interest in the survivors of those Great Fires. She will come to know some of them, venerable old hermits living deep in the woods, still prizing their freedom.

Other tormented souls will come into this story of survival and dignity, a shining demonstration that love, hope and the desire to be free do not wither with age.

Prizes:

Winner of the Prix des collégiens, Prix des lecteurs Radio-Canada, Prix des Cinq continents de la Francophonie, Prix Les irrésistibles, Prix France-Québec, Prix Salon du livre de Montréal, Prix Ringuet.

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Jocelyne Saucier was born in New Brunswick and lives in Abitibi, Quebec. Her book *And the Birds Rained Down* has won several awards in Canada and France, including the Prix des cinq continents de la Francophonie, making her the first Canadian to win the award. The English version of the work was a CBC Canada Reads Selection in 2015.