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A PUBLIC BODY

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Morgan's body is constantly a public matter. At twelve, the gynecologist wants to put her on the pill. At twenty, her parents would rather see her as a babysitter than as an usherette. Her drama teacher thinks that actresses are "hysterical", her sex friend confuses sex with narcissism... Then Pierre enters her life. The couple wants a child.

A graphic novel that finally brings to light all the ways in which women find themselves, at different times in their lives, dispossessed of their bodies.

MATHILDE RAMADIER lives between Berlin and Arles. She is an author of essays and comics and a translator. She studied applied arts, philosophy and psychoanalysis.

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PRAISE

"Avoiding the pitfall of overdoing it while still being plenty militant, the authors are spot on in reminding us of the ambivalences present in each of us." **ELLE**

"The drawings are precise and modern; the words are striking from one bubble to the next. The result will have you reflecting once you're done reading". **Vanity Fair**

"An important album to finally bring to light all the ways in which women find themselves, at different times in their lives, dispossessed of their bodies." **Cheek**

"An agitated but accurate picture of what it means to grow up free (...). A thoughtful reflection on notions of belonging [between tradition and reliance on myths and representations] and emancipation [the boundary between the public and the private realm]." **DBD**

"A beautiful feminist comic to reflect on the public appropriation of women's bodies, to be read at any age!" **Toute la Culture**

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"Far from being a collection of pessimistic or depressing ideas, *A Public Body* is a lucid and enlightened picture of a young woman's life in the 21st century" **Maze**

"A symbiotic duo fighting against sexism." **Neon**

"A portrait of a contemporary woman, and, through it, a list of battles yet to be fought. As for Camille Ulrich's modern and free drawings, they value the body positive, healthily exploding the norms related to female bodies." **CanalBD**

"The co-authors subtly press where it hurts (...) Behind the small violence of everyday life, they also show us rare images of childbirth and postpartum. About time." **Urbania**

"A beautiful comic book, to put in all hands and especially those of young and very young women." **Psychologies Magazine**

"Seizing with intelligence and poetry the subject of women's bodies, this comic shows us the extent of the ambivalence of these discourses and diktats, but also the impact they have on our lives, our sexualities, our sexual and mental health. Through Morgan's journey - from her desire for independence and career, to her desire for pregnancy - the authors tell of this difficult quest for freedom to be oneself, and of this ambivalent desire to be a mother (...or, indeed, not). A graphic novel that is a favorite, carried by the author Mathilde Ramadier's pen and Camille Ulrich's genius pencil stroke!" **Tapages, the reading list of My Little Paris**

"*A Public Body* is a very beautiful work, illustrating (...) the way in which the intimacy of women's lives is a public topic for society. (...) Huge congratulations for this book, which without modesty or artifice, tackles what is, but should not be anymore, the daily life of many women." **A voir à lire**

"*A Public Body* is an album that puts the reader in front of those fights that still mark the daily life of many women and that should not need to be fought anymore. The reader can't help becoming as infuriated as Morgan facing this raw truth, depicted in striking drawings and not shying away from subjects still all too taboo in this day and age. For nothing is left out, not even childbirth or the convalescent body in post partum." **Actualité**

"How to reconcile desire, personal and professional while saving face and not betraying one's convictions? This is the question that this militant but never heavy-handed album tries to answer, offering a unrelenting and very relevant reflection on the notions of belonging, subordination and liberation." **Baz'art**



