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### Nez, the Olfactory Cultural Movement

Since its inception, Nez, the Olfactory
Cultural Movement has become a reference
in the field of perfume and olfaction, both
in France and internationally. Its founders,
Jeanne Doré (Editorial Director), Mathieu
Chévara (Creative Director) and Dominique
Brunel (Sales Director), have brought together
a collective of multidisciplinary experts,
including journalists, scientists, perfumers,
historians and artists, whose mission is to
reveal to the greatest number and in the most
accessible and relevant ways the richness
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# NEZ THE OLFACTORY MAGAZINE

The first ever periodical to be dedicated to scent and the sense of smell. Bringing together articles, interviews, surveys and critical analysis with an olfactory focus, *Nez* challenges us to use our noses to explore the world. Art, literature, science, history, perfume...

*Nez* is unique in its diverse and informative approach and helps us understand how our sense of smell connects us to the world.

Every six months, passionate contributors, including scientists, perfumers, writers, scholars, historians, photographers and artists, fill the richly illustrated pages. Each issue also comes with fragrance samples allowing the reader to dive right into the 'smell-scape'.

Nez combines the varied editorial style of a magazine with the quality and longevity of a book. A large proportion is obviously given over to fragrance and perfumery – where the industry is heading, product reviews and promoting the cultural heritage of the art. Online perfume reviews have shaken up the industry in the last decade and shown that alongside literary, film and music critics there is also a place for the perfume critic.

Nez is the first print publication to take on this critical dimension (and it gets very critical!). With the whole journal dedicated to the subject, each issue offers a unique focus shaped by the particular specialisms of the contributors. More than a magazine, Nez has become an international olfactory culture movement, associated to many initiatives around the world, the Musée international du Parfum, the SFP, Esxence, Pitti Fragranze, Fragrance Foundation, The Institute for Art and Olfaction.

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NEZ #1

# For an Olfactory Culture, Inventory

The first issue of *Nez* explores the vital role that olfaction plays in our lives, and discusses smell, in all its forms, and from every angle.

NEZ #2

### Clean & Dirty

This second issue of *Nez* invites you to explore the concepts of dirty and clean, with all the paradoxes, tensions and questions these two extremes provoke. Cultural or natural, but more importantly contextual, are our olfactory attractions and aversions as contradictory as they seem?

NEZ #3

### The Sex of Scent

The third issue tackles a vast and enigmatic subject - the scent of sex. The olfactory conventions that lend gender to our fragrances - where do they come from? What links the olfactory sphere to sexuality, desire and attraction?

NEZ #4

### Perfume & Art

The fourth edition of *Nez* continues our olfactory exploration, breaking down yet more confines, conventions and preconceptions around our sense of smell.

NEZ #5

### Natural vs Synthetic

This fifth edition of *Nez* looks at the issues surrounding the use of natural and synthetic ingredients in perfume. What role has chemistry had in building the perfume business of today? Why are natural products so favored, and are they always preferable to synthetic fragrances?

NEZ #6

### Mind & Body

How is our sense of smell connected with our mind and body? The sixth edition of *Nez* looks at perfume's therapeutic and spiritual roles, and explores the influence of odors in our daily lives on our health, our mood and our emotions.































NEZ #7

### The Animal Sense

How do animals use their sensitive noses? What is a vegan fragrance? Is the human sense of smell really as ancillary to our other senses as we think it is? The seventh edition of *Nez* examines the numerous, complex connections that link odors and animality.

NEZ #8

### **Addictive Substances**

Can you get hooked on an odor? Why is ethanol and perfume such a good combination? How do brands try to create olfactory dependency? Tobacco, alcohol, drugs... The eighth issue of *Nez* reveals the connections between our sense of smell and addictive substances.

NEZ #9

### Around the world

On a planet where borders often blur, fuelled by globalisation, what role do scents play? Simultaneously universal yet culturally specific, how do they

contribute to our heritage? How do raw materials and fragrant compositions travel?

NEZ #10

## Form the nose to the mouth

How does taste work and what does it have in common with smell? How are food flavourings created? What about fragrances with foody notes? Can odours influence our eating habits? This tenth issue examines the affinities between our nose and our mouth, perfumery and cuisine.

NEZ #11

### Live and let die

From the womb to the grave, how do scents follow us throughout our existence? Can our sense of smell help us survive? Do perfumes also die? This eleventh issue investigates the deep connections between the nose and the notions of life and death.

NEZ #12

### Design & perfume

Torn between its artistic, artisanal, commercial

and technical dimensions, between the rational and the emotional... And what if perfume were considered, first and foremost, as a piece of design? *Nez* explores the world around us via our sense of smell, adopting a novel approach that encompasses art, literature, photography, science, history, gastronomy and perfumery to illustrate the essential role that olfaction plays in our lives.

NEZ #13

### Near or far

Smells, whether intimate or infinitely distant, are closely connected to our environment. What is the olfactory dimension of the space that surrounds us? Nez invites us to explore the world via our sense of smell, adopting a novel approach that encompasses art, literature, photography, science, history, gastronomy and perfumery to illustrate the essential role that olfaction plays in our lives.

# THE NATURALS NOTEBOOK COLLECTION

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Nez joined forces with LMR Natural by IFF, a reference in natural ingredients for the perfume industry, and together they created a unique series: "The naturals notebook". An invitation to explore all aspects of the most beautiful raw materials: botany, history, art, anthropology, agriculture, chemistry, without forgetting perfumes and their perfumers.

DAMASK ROSE IN PERFUMERY Published April 11th, 2019 EAN 9782370630827

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YLANG-YLANG IN PERFUMERY Published October 20th, 2022 EAN 9782491567477

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- Atlas: geography, anatomy, key facts
- History, uses
- Crisscrossings: arts, extracts, interview
- 365 days in the field
- Transformation
- Perfumery: genealogy, selection of perfumes, interviews with perfumers
- Appendices: glossary, history of Laboratoire Monique Rémy

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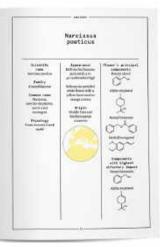






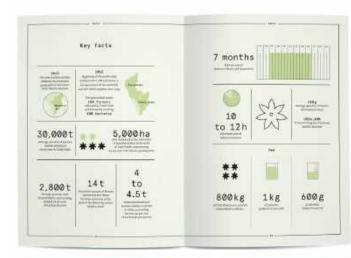




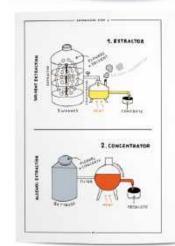






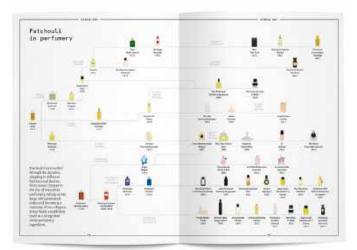


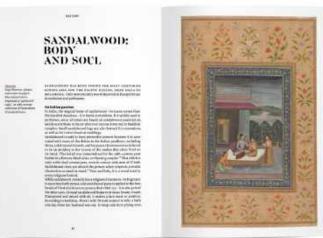




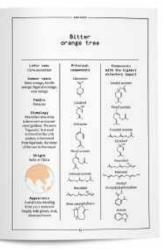












NEZ CULTURE COFFEE-TABLE BOOKS

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# A HISTORY OF FRAGRANCES

1880-2020

# "Are you ready to set out on an olfactory journey through time?"

Let the stories of perfumers, couturiers, creative directors and leading fragrance houses take you on a journey through time as you (re)discover the origins of celebrated fragrances such as *Fougère royale* by Houbigant and Gucci's *Mémoire d'une odeur* in the light of the major events of each decade. While perfume spent thousands of years confined to religious, therapeutic and hygienic uses, it went on to give birth to an industry in the late 19th century, becoming an increasingly accessible consumer item.

Just like other artistic fields, perfumery has always been in tune with the spirit of the times, giving olfactory form to the metamorphoses of each era: perfume creation has been shaped by world wars, societal shifts, epidemics and economic crises, an impalpable mirror of the society we live in.

In eleven chapters, the book moves from the Belle Époque to the 2010s, tracing the fascinating tale of perfumery in all its profusion, fashioned by the world around it.

Interviews with creators and experts add depth to this chronicle of a fabulous scented history, including Olivier Polge (Chanel), Thierry Wasser (Guerlain), Jean Jacques (Caron), Christine Nagel (Hermès), Michel Almairac, Olivier Cresp and Frédéric Malle.

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#### **Authors**

Yohan Cervi is a critic, lecturer on the history of modern perfumery, and consultant for luxury brands. In 2017 he cofounded the Maelstrom perfume laboratory. Yohan collects fragrances from the past and is the Auparfum editorial team's vintage expert. He has also contributed to various publications for Nez.

After graduating with a history degree, Anne-Sophie Hojlo became a journalist and spent 10 years writing for news magazine Nouvel Observateur. She joined the team at Auparfum, then Nez in 2018, and has since contributed to various publications, including the Naturals Notebook collection for Nez.

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# FROM PLANT TO ESSENCE

A world tour of fragrant raw materials

# "Creating a beautiful perfume requires good ingredients."

From Sicily to Laos, Paraguay to Madagascar, this book takes you on an incredible olfactory journey for a series of fascinating encounters with perfume plants, the producers who create fragrance essences, extracts and molecules, the perfumers who use them, and the iconic compositions in which you will find them. Vanilla, jasmine, bergamot, musks... This volume explores the diversity and richness of perfumery ingredients: their origins, cultivation, transformation and usage, as well as the innovations devised to address the environmental, economic and social challenges of today.

In honor of its 30th anniversary, the International Exhibition of Raw Materials for Perfumery (SIMPPAR) teamed up with Nez to pay tribute to the people whose expertise sustains a sector that is all too often overlooked.

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Under the direction of Jeanne Doré

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- The genesis of synthetics
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- The perfumery of tomorrow

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# THE BIG BOOK OF PERFUME

For an olfactory culture

# "A real encyclopedia, informative and packed full of fascinating facts." ELLE

The Big Book of Perfume is an accessible reference guide which invites readers to discover olfactory culture. For many people the world of perfume is still shrouded in mystery, but this work reveals hitherto unknown aspects of the industry, taking an informative approach, combining historical, scientific and aesthetic aspects. A reference work in France for both professionals and the general public, the book is now available in English. This new edition includes contributions by experts of the perfume industry from a variety of backgrounds. An essential guide featuring 20 exclusive interviews and a reflection on perfume as a globalized cultural product. The global perfume industry is worth 45 billion dollars, and each year around 2,000 new fragrances are launched worldwide. However, aside from often superficial and reductive communications, the perfume industry has long enjoyed keeping secrets and has cultivated a talent for maintaining mystery. What are perfumes composed of? Who are the perfumers behind these fragrances and what is their everyday work like? What happens between the conception of an idea in the mind of a director, project manager or fashion designer and the arrival of a new bottle on the shelves? What differences are there between a popular brand distributed on a large scale and a smaller company whose products are only available in a handful of stores? Once a perfume is launched, how does it survive the test of time? For the first time, a book - created by Nez, the Olfactory Cultural Movement - answers the questions you have never dared to ask.

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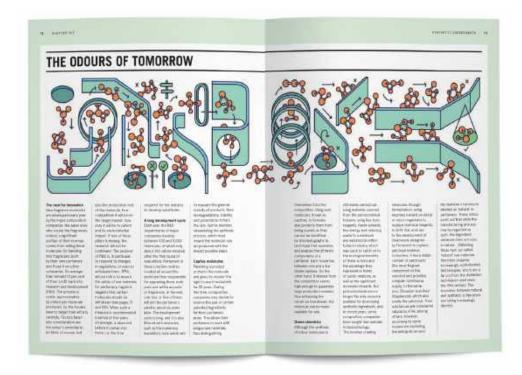












NEZ CULTURE PRACTICAL GUIDES

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# PERFUMES FOR MEN

The ideal selection

# The first perfume guide entirely dedicated to men.

Do you sometimes find it difficult to identify with a perfume for "an authentic, real man", who is "all-powerful", "hedonistic and flamboyant", who "answers to no one except his fantasies", and "is above all norms"? Then this is the book for you. Nez, the Olfactory Cultural Movement takes on an accidental category of perfumery: fragrances for men. Just like a piece of clothing, your perfume says a lot about you, who you are, or who you would like to be. Alas, unlike your sartorial style, widely documented, an olfactory wardrobe is not an easy thing to constitute. The male perfume market, still largely dominated by virile clichés and ads featuring muscular models, is stuck in a conformist attitude from days gone by, that the majority of its target market can't identify with. Today, you can allow yourself the freedom to find a perfume that suits you and create a veritable perfume collection that you can dip into according to your mood and your desires. Nez, the Olfactory Cultural Movement, presents a repertoire of fragrances for you to test, guided by male icons of perfume. These emblematic figures take us on a perfumed promenade mixing mainstream and niche fragrances, masculine, unisex and even feminine, tailored to all budgets, tastes, and allowing you to take risks.

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### Authors

Edited by Jeanne Doré, editor-in-chief of the magazine Nez and the website Auparfum. Journalists, perfumers, perfume critics – all members of Nez – contributed their passion and expertise in the creation of this work.

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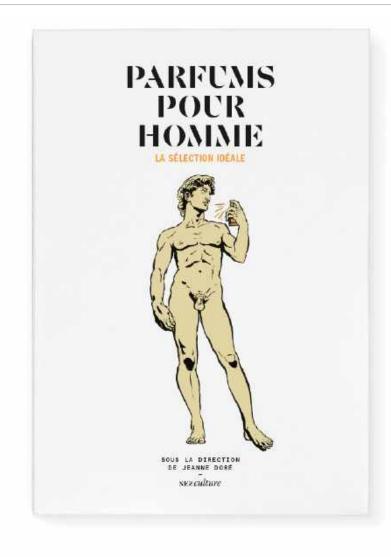
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Par les soin bless d'été, j'irai dans les sontiers, Picaté par les blés, finder l'herbe menne: Réseur, i'en senciens la fealabour à mes pinds. Je laterena le reni haigner mu têle mre. ANTIGORNALIS, «ORMATION» CARTO,

Rien de tel qu'us bel après mati d'itsi cò, allorqui pinda ma dans l'herbe fraiche d'une graigle ou d'un jurdice mangaille, je m'emploie à flemmanter, révesser, ronger à des jours mettleurs... Ces montante d'évision bucolique ne domain l'impublion pour écrire, deminer, colon Lapaisse ne nabipus un eparament dans la doubrar, ell'ecclébro aussille bonheur des sens le doux effune sum de chimophylio des polocors qui channalle mea narimer, chiayant ociui des poties tienne bianches qui bosdent l'étang et du pur parenol ou du figuer auputs duquel je viens chercher de l'ombre. L'odeur boisée du papier sur laquel je grifforme mus were et celle, humide, de l'oquarelle qui me sert à les illustrer se métant à la venture environnante dans une barmonie republicante, ju le reconnais, je eux insviscinat, un penidéaliste. Max, que vosles vous, j'aime m'enverdocette. atmosphère végétale ut remainique, propine à l'inspiration - 6 forcettation, même.

NEZ CULTURE PRACTICAL GUIDES

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# THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVEN PERFUMES YOU MUST SMELL BEFORE YOU DIE

New revised edition

# The ultimate inventory of cult fragrances: totally subjective, utterly essential.

Far from just a simple list, this reference guide takes readers on a journey through perfume history, spanning 130 years of scent creations. Jeanne Doré and the members of Nez, the Olfactory Cultural Movement, wanted to highlight the 111 perfumes that matter, be they iconic, celebrated, unknown, bestsellers or extinct. This new edition has a chapter devoted to extinct perfumes, while also presenting new creations launched since 2017. From Jicky (1889) to Tabac tabou (2015), this subjective and fanatical selection is organized into 7 periods that marked the biggest transformations of the industry. These texts, sensitive, peculiar and informative, are aimed at experts, connoisseurs, young enthusiasts, and the uninitiated alike. The one hundred and eleven perfumes you must smell before *you die* undeniably contribute to the highly anticipated arrival of a demanding and accessible olfactory culture, essential to better smell and feel the world around us.

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- of the niche
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# THE FABULOUS HISTORY OF EAU DE COLOGNE

Edited by Jean-Claude Ellena

"He may no longer be Fragrance
Director at Hermès but the nose
Jean-Claude Ellena, curator of the
'The fabulous history of eau de Cologne'
exhibition, remains a star of
the perfume industry." LEFIGARO.FR

Edited by Jean-Claude Ellena, this book traces the history of eau de Cologne, from 1709 – the alleged year of its first appearance – to today, covering the legends surrounding the perfume form, its ups and downs, and its evolution across the centuries. From Jean-Marie Farina to Frédéric Malle, via Roger & Gallet, Chanel and the popular Bien-Être brand, cologne is both classic and timeless. In this exclusive reference book, discover thirty iconic fragrances that have marked the last three hundred years of eau de Cologne history.

This work accompanies the exhibition "The Fabulous History of eau de Cologne" at the International Perfume Museum in Grasse.

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#### Editor

Jean-Claude Ellena is one of the most important figures of contemporary perfumery. His innovative yet simple approach is reflected in his many creations for Cartier, L'Artisan parfumeur, and Frédéric Malle. In 2004, he because the in-house perfumer for Hermès, where he produced his most famous fragrances.

#### Foreword

Élisabeth de Feydeau

#### Authors

Jean-Claude Ellena, Lionel Paillès, Sarah Bouasse, Eugénie Briot, Yohan Cervi

#### Table of contents

- The origins of eau de Cologne
- The early versions of eau de Cologne
- Long livre the neo-Cologne!

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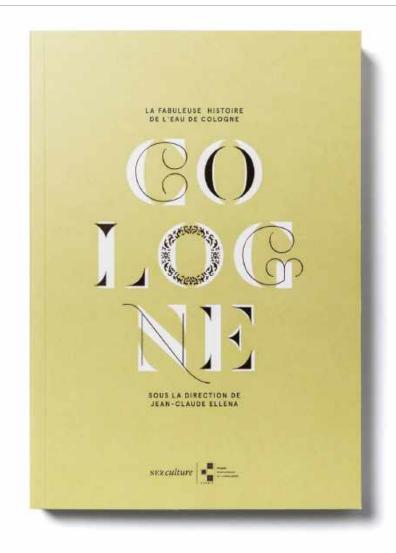
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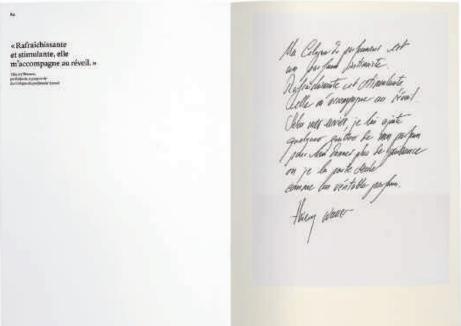
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Perfumers' texts, facsimile, Thierry Wasser, perfumer for Guerlain





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# THE SENSE OF SCENT

Mathilde Laurent

"Because it is directly linked to the vital breath that gives us life; because it is intrinsically connected to our very existence, for me, smell is the king of the senses. The sense of life."

Over the course of thirteen chapters, to be read in any order, Mathilde Laurent relects on her career, her explorations, and shares her convictions about a craft she wants to enable the widest possible audience to discover: perfumery. Defending a "perfumistic" vision of her profession, she strives to "bring sense, emotion, symbols and art" to her creations. In her view, imparting true and accurate information about the world of perfume is the only way for people to appropriate it, enjoy it and, more broadly, to learn to contemplate the world through the sense of smell. This personal, engaged narrative is a genuine manifesto for olfactory sensibility.

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After starting her career at Guerlain, where she authored her first successes (Pamplelune, Guet-Apens...), Mathilde Laurent became Cartier's in-house perfumer. From the "Heures" collection to La Panthère, and from Carat to L'Envol, she expresses a sensitive, personal vision, promoting a free and artistic perfumery.

A freelance journalist and writer specialized in fragrance, Sarah Bouasse co-authored *The Big* Book of Perfume (2020), Parfums pour homme (2020) and From Plant to Essence (2021) for Nez.

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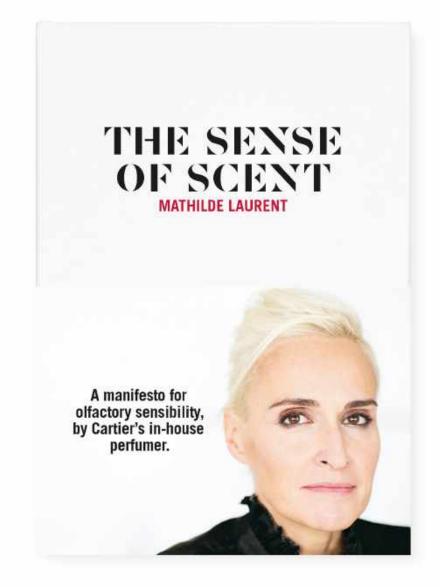
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# APHORISMS OF A PERFUMER

Dominique Ropion

"An event, place or encounter will always be associated with a perfume or scent, serving as an infallible and trusty aide-mémoire, a formula we do not always recognize but available if we need it."

Dominique Ropion is often described as reserved, gifted, playful and a hard worker. He defines himself as a composer, an arithmetician of fragrance, motivated by the idea that "the same formula recounts different stories on each person's skin". In these chapters, he deconstructs the smells that characterized his childhood, the ones he likes to come across in the street or through a spontaneous encounter, and the aromas of flowers —rose, narcissus, tuberose — to offer us their olfactory and emotional secrets. Exploring the notions of addiction, animality and attraction, he strives to create scents that will "bind to any being and mould to its inner depths, which will necessarily be different" from his own. Through this unique testimony, he reveals the sensitive and inimitable approach he takes to his work.

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#### Authors

Dominique Ropion has been a master perfumer at the fragrance house International Flavors & Fragrances (IFF) in Paris since 2000. In the last 30 years, he has authored some of perfumery's greatest triumphs: Ysatis and Amarige by Givenchy, La vie est belle by Lancôme, Alien by Thierry Mugler, Invictus by Paco Rabanne, and even Portrait of a Lady and Carnal Flower for Frédéric Malle.

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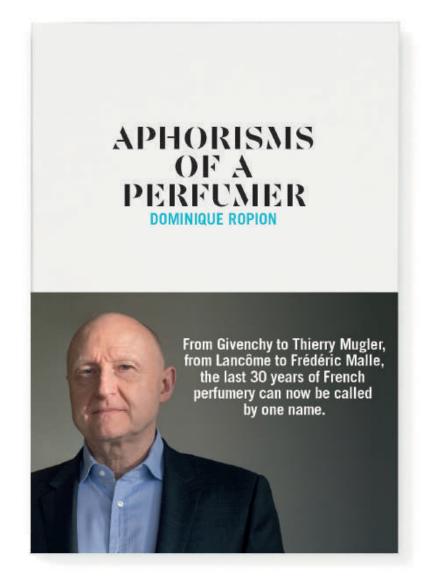
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# THE WRITER OF SCENTS

Jean-Claude Ellena

"It wasn't about making a 'blockbuster' perfume. It was about making it differently and being unique."

In constant search of freedom and striving for high standards, Jean-Claude Ellena never stopped asking the essential question: what does it mean to "be a perfumer"?

While the perfume market is booming and competition grows, in just decades composing a perfume has become a common act of manufacturing, forcing perfumers to gradually abandon their creativity. Jean-Claude Ellena devoted his life to opening up new doors, questioning established rules, and seeking answers. Is he a writer of scents? An olfactory painter? A creator of emotions? A sensorial artist? The insight he shares on his career shows us the many unknown sides to a profession that is all too often controlled by marketing. This exclusive account takes us on a journey and introduces us to a man who can be called nothing less than "a great artist".

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#### The author

Born in Grasse in 1947. in almost 50 years Jean-Claude Ellena has made his mark on the French perfume industry, achieving success after success in mainstream fragrances (Declaration by Cartier, First by Van Cleef & Arpels, Equ de campagne by Sisley...) as well as for niche brands (Bois Farine by L'Artisan parfumeur. L'Eau d'hiver by Éditions de parfums Frédéric Malle, Bois d'iris by The Different Company...). Ellena's style is inherently linked to his unique understanding of the perfume craft, which reached new heights the moment he was named Fragrance Director at Hermès (Terre d'Hermès. Un iardin en Méditerranée) in 2004. He now works as an independant perfumer and artistic director for different brands and still lives in the heights of Grasse.

### Foreword

Frédéric Vitoux, writer and academic.

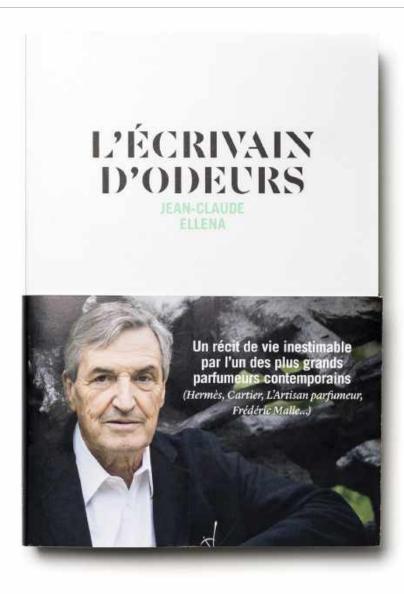
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