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## Some of American & English Books published in FRANCE

### Just question of passion for Literature

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**USPA NEWS** - FRANCE in general, PARIS in particular, are the perfect places to check how English speaking literature is popular. Thereafter, some of chosen English and American Books (two for each country to be fair) :

**WEIRD THINGS CUSTOMERS SAY IN BOOKSHOPS** (Propos cocasses et insolites entendus en librairie) by Jen Campbell - BakerStreet Editions. Jen Campbell grew up in the North East of England. She has also published poetry and short stories. As it was well said during the promotion 'Weird Things Customers Say in Bookshops' started life as a blog : a bookseller's collection of ridiculous conversations on the shop floor. Simply, Jen Campbell was inspired by the strange conversations she overheard at the bookstore she worked at. We can enjoy some of her own stories and submissions from other bookstore owners and workers. This book speaks and laughs for itself.

**A BIT OF FRY AND LAURIE** (Dérapages incontrôlables) by Hugh LAURIE & Stephen FRY - BakerStreet - 10/18 Editions. Stephen John Fry is an English comedian, writer, actor, humourist, novelist, poet, columnist, filmmaker, television personality and technophile. As one half of the Fry and Laurie double act with his comedy partner, Hugh Laurie who is an English actor, writer, director, musician, singer, comedian, and author. 'A Bit of Fry & Laurie' is a British sketch comedy television series written by those two men and broadcasted on both BBC1 and BBC2 between 1987 and 1995. It ran for four series and totalled 26 episodes, including a 36-minute pilot episode in 1987. The show did not shy away from commenting on issues of the day. This book is a reminder of some of the best sketches given by the great team made by Hugh Laurie and Stephen Fry.

**MURDER YOUR DARLINGS** (Le cercle des plumes assassines) by J.J. MURPHY - BakerStreet Editions. J.J. MURPHY is a long time fan of the famous American Miss Dorothy PARKER (Critic, poet and scriptwriter). This book is the third of a series set in the 1920s, going around the myth of the 'Algonquin Round Table' at the Algonquin Hotel in New York. Dorothy Parker is member of a Club named 'the Vicious Circle'. She shows up early for lunch one day at Manhattan's Algonquin Hotel only to find Leland Mayflower, the drama critic for the Knickerbocker News, under her usual table, stabbed to death with a pen. When a charming writer from Mississippi named Billy Faulkner becomes a suspect in the murder, Dorothy decides to dabble in a little detective work, enlisting her literary cohorts.

**THE MAYAKOVSKY TAPES** (in FRANCE = Vladimir M.) by Robert LITTELL - BakerStreet Editions : this book is an intriguing novel of Soviet Russia written by an American novelist and journalist who resides in France. He specializes in spy novels that often concern the CIA and the Soviet Union. He became a journalist and worked many years for Newsweek during the Cold War. 'The Company : A Novel of the CIA' was one of his famous Novel and the basis of a 2007 miniseries starring Michael Keaton, Chris O'Donnell, and Alfred Molina. The story of this book is about four women who meet in Room 408 of Moscow's deluxe Metropole Hotel in March 1953 to reminisce about Vladimir Mayakovsky, the poet who in death had become a national idol of Soviet Russia. Therefore, the poet's life was very complex and shows the limits of an political engagement after the Russian Revolution.

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