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Elizabeth George was born in Warren, Ohio. She was a Student of English, having received a Teaching Certificate from the University of California, Riverside. While teaching English in the Public School System, she completed a Master's Degree in Counseling and Psychology. She received an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Cal State University Fullerton in 2004 and was awarded an Honorary Masters in Fine Arts from the Northwest Institute of Literary Arts in 2010. She also established the Elizabeth George Foundation in 1997... She is a Writer of Mystery Novels set in Great Britain. She is Best Known for a Series of Novels featuring Inspector Thomas Lynley, 20 in Number as of 2018. The First Eleven were adapted for Television by the BBC as Earlier Episodes of The Inspector Lynley Mysteries.... This Book is the LATESST ONE (published in 2018 and now in FRANCE in 2019).

There's been a Death in custody in Ludlow, an Historic Town under the Jurisdiction of West Mercia, and the Met has been tasked with undertaking an independent inquiry. This means Det Chief Supt Isabelle Ardery is about to leave town and Barbara Havers is going with her. The Death in Custody seems like an Open and Shut Case of Suicide and Ardery is Content to go through the Motions, complete their Investigation and High-Tail it off back to the Smoke. But Havers is more Circumspect. Her Gut tells her something is off, and if the DCS won't listen.... When their Investigation finally finishes, the Pair return to Base. But something that Havers uncovered is about to set the Cat among the Pigeons and soon she's back on the Road to Ludlow, this time in the company of Lynley. Now the Investigating can really start"

- "Vue Pour la Dernière Fois" (Girl Last Seen) by Nina Laurin and Published in FRANCE by Presses de la Cité Editions. Nina Laurin is the Author of Two Bestselling Psychological Thrillers. Arriving in Montreal when she was just twelve years old, she speaks and reads in Russian, French, and English, but writes her Novels in English. She wrote her First Novel while getting her Creative Writing Degree from Concordia University, and "GIRL LAST SEEN" was published a year later in 2017. The Second One "WHAT MY SISTER KNEW" is not yet published in FRANCE.... Nina Laurin Nina is fascinated by the Darker Side of Mundane Things.

Olivia Shaw has been missing since last Tuesday. She was last seen outside the entrance of her elementary school in Hunts Point wearing a white spring jacket, blue jeans, and pink boots... Ten Years before, it was Ten-year-old Ella Santos abducted Several dDys before her Abusive, Drunken Mother bothers to report her missing... Three years later Ella Santos is found on the Edge of a Road with Inch-Wide Scars on her Wrists and Ankles. And Pregnant. Ten years pass, and Ella Santos is now Laine Moreno, addicted to whatever Drugs she can buy or steal, living in by Herself in a Squalid Apartment because she can't stand to share Space with anyone else, and working at whatever Menial Job she can find... Lainey instinctively knows that whoever kidnapped Olivia Shaw is the same Man who kidnapped her. Her Instinct is confirmed when Sean Ortiz, the Police Officer who found her on the Side of the Road and now a Detective with the Seattle PD, contacts her at the Bar where she works the Late Shift....

- Lovecraft Country" by Matt Ruff and published in FRANCE by Presses de la Cité Editions. Matthew Theron "Matt" Ruff is an American author of thriller, science-fiction and comic novels. Ruff was born in New York City in 1965. His Family are Lutheran, and he

has German Ancestry. His Father was a Hospital Chaplain, and his Mother was a Missionary's Daughter. At the Age of 5, he decided he wanted to be a Fiction Writer. He spent his Childhood and Adolescence learning how to tell Stories. As a Child, many Adults around him did not take his Desire to become a Writer Seriously, and attempted to persuade him to choose a Different Career. However, Ruff's Mother was very Supportive of him and his Hope to become a Writer. Ruff spent a lot of his time focusing on Novel-Length Fiction. Although, he did write some Shorter Stories. In Elementary School, he wrote a number of Short Stories, many of them starring his Classmates in Scenarios cribbed from Movies or TV. Ruff has said that reading these aloud in English Class was his first Experience performing in front of an Audience and his first Solid Evidence that he had what it took to entertain People with his Storytelling....

Matt Ruff's New Book is therefore a Kind of Exorcism. It pits a Predominantly Black Cast of Characters against "America's Demons" [?], though the Shoggoth in the Woods is not nearly as Dangerous as the Systemic and Ubiquitous Racism they encounter. In the Overture, set in 1954, we meet Atticus, a Veteran of the Korean War, who learns that his Estranged Father has disappeared in Massachusetts, trying to find out a Family Secret. Along with his Uncle, the Publisher of The Safe Negro Travel Guide, and his predictably Feisty friend Letitia, he sets off on a Rescue Mission that involves Secret Societies, Portals through Reality and Everyday Bigotry.... The First Story takes up a Quarter of the Book, then Subsequent Chapters focus on Individual Characters and feature a Haunted House, a Pocket Universe, a Malign Mannequin and a Cursed Book....

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