

## THE AFTER TIME... Emilie Ouellette

To survive in a world without adults, you have to know how to defend yourself ... and build alliances! The viral social network phenomenon, published at last!

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A worldwide pandemic has killed all of the planet's adults. Children, the sole survivors of this tragedy, have to figure out how to stay alive in a universe where the only laws are those imposed by newly formed clans. On one side are Margot and her younger sisters, intrepid Skye and innocent Charlie, along with their neighbours Karim and Naïm; on the other are Vincent, the most impulsive and cruel of them all, with his cousin Stella and their friends Max, Jules, Hugo and Océane.

For eight months, Vincent's gang has ruled the neighbourhood. It has total control of the food supply, and the other children have to obey its rules to get any. One morning, Vincent catches Skye, who has gone out looking for food, mistreating his dog ... and it's dead! He's convinced she has killed it in cold blood. In revenge, he kidnaps six-year-old Charlie, hoping to torture Skye. A war then breaks out between the rival gangs. But during a final confrontation, a traitor is revealed—someone is trying to eliminate everyone else in order to take control of the territory. To defeat this common enemy, the only solution for the two clans is to band together!

## STRONG POINTS

- Target readership: ages 12 to 16
- A story first told in episodes on social networks that quickly went viral! The author is followed by over 30,000 young people on Quebec's social networks.
- A story related to current events that transports teenagers into a not-so-distant but worrying future.
- A gallery of complex characters with multiple profiles for readers to identify with.

Emilie Ouellette is a scriptwriter. A graduate of the École nationale de l'humour in 2003 as a comedian, and again in 2015 as a TV comedy scriptwriter, she has participated in many comedy festivals. She also holds a Bachelor of Social Work degree and has had the opportunity to spend time with teenagers in youth centres.