

LÉO P., PRIVATE DETECTIVE Carine Paquin, illustrations by Freg

Will Léo manage to find his father? Will the rookie private detective emerge from his new adventures unharmed?

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After his father's disappearance, Léo finds a series of clues that lead him to discover the man's double life. The person believed to be just a real estate broker turns out to be... a private detective! Léo decides to reopen some unsolved cases: he assumes that one of them will lead him to his father, but which one?

In the first volume, Léo has to find a dog belonging to a rather unpleasant client... Unless it's actually the very valuable jewel in the dog's collar? The young and inexperienced private detective is assisted in his quest by Laurie, his friend Sam's girlfriend, who is both resourceful and eccentric. Obviously, Léo has to pursue the investigation while concealing from his mother and close friends that he's now a private detective! Not to mention that he still has to go to school and qualify for the competitive soccer team...

With his first case closed, Léo opens a second top secret file, hoping to find clues that will lead him to his father... This time, the rookie private detective is plunged into the little-known world of auto racing online betting. Since Léo's mother has to go away for a while, his uncle agrees to take him in. Against his better judgement, his cousin Antoine also helps him carry out the investigation that will take him... to Italy! The summer promises to be busy, even dangerous. Clearly, investigations into missing dogs are a thing of the distant past, and Léo is now playing in the major leagues... and with major-league criminals as well!

Strong points

- Target: 10 years of age and over
- A unique series of four graphic novels created by a primary school teacher tired of seeing how her students could not relate personally to the children's books they were being given.
- This graphically stimulating series is a merger of the novel and the comic book, designed to keep young readers interested from beginning to end.
- The main character is both a typical young boy and a superhero: a stimulating role model for young people!

Carine Paquin is a primary school teacher, a drama teacher, the head of collections at Éditiö editions, and author of several books. Since she is firmly of the belief that learning and games go hand in hand, everything she produces is full of humour and fantasy. Frédéric Goyette (aka Freg) is a graphic artist and seriouscomic book collector. The creator of the Smikee's Gang universe, he also entertains children at primary schools, accompanied by his co-screenwriter Katerine Goyette (aka Makina).

