



## MYSTERY MOTEL

### Unnerving stories for fearless clients

Annie Richard and Jean-Philippe Rousseau

The little-known and unnerving past of Quebec's hotels and motels, recounted by two investigators

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Iconic, historic, or absolutely ordinary and hidden away in the urban landscape, hotels and motels are unique places you just pass through, where you may encounter public figures or an army of nobodies. In this book, Annie Richard, also known as the crime-duster –, and her investigating sidekick, Jean-Philippe Rousseau, take us into a dozen hotels and motels, all over Quebec, which have been the settings for intriguing and sometimes even dramatic events. From the Château Frontenac to Place Bonaventure, and including several small motels elsewhere in Quebec, they describe the most bizarre events that have taken place inside the walls of these establishments, which have not always been havens of peace. We'll discover the story of a young American man who took his own life while taking great pains to hide his identity; a meeting between Churchill, Roosevelt, and Mackenzie King, during which the plans for the future Normandy landing might have gone astray, an event that would have completely changed the course of history; a kidnapping plot threatening star hockey player Guy Lafleur during the Stanley Cup playoffs in 1976; the mysterious presence of a UFO observed by dozens of clients. Proof that anything can happen around the corner of a hallway or in the peace and quiet of a hushed bedroom...

### Strong points

- A well-documented book containing a dozen stories told by two investigation specialists.
- A book written in an easy-to-read, straightforward style.
- Authors are known for their in-depth research, and also the creators of the *Rétro Crimes* podcast.
- Photos accompany each story.

**Subjects:** murder, mystery, crime, investigation, suspense, news, motel, hotel, anecdotes

*Annie Richard is a specialized educator who discovered nearly 10 years ago that she had a passion for archives and criminal investigation. As this interest developed, she began writing (La dépoussiéreuse de crimes), researching and presenting a documentary series (Sur ta rue), and co-presenting the Rétro Crimes podcast. She is especially motivated to delve into stories from the past that are just waiting to be dusted off.*

*Jean-Philippe Rousseau studied law and began his career as a political advisor in France. He has lived in Quebec since 2001, and works in the field of logistics, but has always been fascinated by investigations and historical crime. In 2019 he started to collaborate in investigations with Annie Richard, and in 2020 he began co-presenting the Rétro Crimes podcast, regularly ranked among the best on listening charts.*

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