Partout les autres David Thomas DAVID THOMA WINNER OF THE EVOK 2023 LITERARY AWARD

PRESS RELEASE



For the fourth year in a row, Evok maintains its commitment to culture, and is organising a new edition of its literary award, which is one of the many examples of Evok's audacity, energy and freedom. This literary prize is one of the many illustrations of Evok's boldness, energy and freedom, consistently breaking new ground.

In collaboration with Tristane Banon and Emmanuelle de Boysson, the Evok Literary Award remains a joyful occasion to celebrate the book of the summer. This book must not only have obvious literary merits, but must also reflect the spirit of the summer season. Following the success of the first three editions, which awarded prizes to Anne-Sophie Stefanini for her book "Cette Inconnue" in 2020, Constance Joly for her book "Over the Rainbow" in 2021, and Nathalie Azoulai for "Une fille parfaite" in 2022, the Evok literary award is back this year with a new panel of judges, who have selected David Thomas's book "Partout les autres", published by Éditions de L'Olivier. The members of the jury gathered at Brach Paris were particularly moved by David Thomas's exploration of human nature in some 60 short stories.

So, what is "Partout les autres" about?

Unfulfilled love.

Destructive madness.

Beloved places.

Violence that leaves you speechless.

Kleptomania, a philosopher rat and cherry stones.

In this work, humankind accepts its complexity and imperfection.

It is revealed as we look at ourselves in the mirror, as we listen to ourselves in the dark.

Free of any manners or pretence.

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TRISTANE BANON DAVID BELLEMERE LAURENCE BENAIM CHARLOTTE BOUTELOUP EMMANUELLE DE BOYSSON ROMAIN BRAU KARIMA CHARNI BORIS DERICHEBOURG ARIELLE DOMBASLE RAPHAËL ENTHOVEN LAURENCE FERRARI LIANE FOLY OLI INES REG ANNE-MARIE REVOL AURÉLIE SAADA **EMMANUEL SAUVAGE** LAURA TENOUDJI KERENN ANN ZEIDEL

PRIZE

The prize includes a cheque for EUR 1,500, a night in each of our Parisian establishments, a jeroboam of Deutz champagne, and other surprises... EVOK will purchase 200 copies of the winning book, which will be placed in each of the rooms in our establishments with a "Evok Literary Award" banner.

PARTICIPATING BOOKS

UN VRAI DÉPAYSEMENT

Clément Benech, Flammarion

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Laura Ulonati, Actes Sud

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ABOUT EVOK

Using property owned by Pierre Bastid, Evok was formed and developed by Romain Yzerman and General Director Emmanuel Sauvage and opened in 2014. The aim of its three co-founders was to create new lifestyles and destinations that change the rules of what a luxury hotel can be. At each of its addresses, Evok offers its guests the welcome of their dreams, providing a unique contemporary interpretation of European culture and lifestyle.

Every Evok brand has its own distinct identity, but what they all share is the desire to provide a warm, authentic atmosphere that draws influence from the various environments in which the hotels are situated. Nolinski is a haven of tranquillity at the very heart of bustling city-centre locations. At Brach, Evok brings a sophisticated, welcoming lifestyle to imposing districts, while at Sinner, it draws on the vibrant energy of a historical neighbourhood, transforming it into an uncompromisingly edgy interpretation of a cultured lifestyle. Evok also invites you into some highly exclusive properties: the Hameau de la Volière, Palais Royal Restaurant, and Cour des Vosges.

Each location has its own brand, ambition, concept, and atmosphere inspired by its surroundings. For every project, the aim is to identify a suitable location, bring it to life and give free rein to the imagination of Evok's chosen designers: Philippe Starck, Tristan Auer, Jean-Louis Deniot, Christophe Tollemer and LeCoadic-Scotto, among others. The end goal is to provide unique, joyful moments of pleasure and wellbeing through outstanding service and the careful curation of every detail.

The group aims to be a key contributor to society, helping its team members to grow, imparting expertise and life skills, energising and striving for a more environmentally friendly future. It is our way of giving back, sharing our successes and promoting an exchange of skills and ideas as part of a project that goes well beyond the company itself.

Evok has developed real flair and expertise in the hotel, restaurant and wellness industries. From creating new hotels to refurbishing existing ones, in the group's native France and beyond, we offer bespoke services thanks to our strong management, auditing and consulting expertise.

Building on a collection of six extraordinary premises, the story continues with the international expansion of the group's brands: Nolinski in Venice (2023), and Brach in Madrid (2024) and Rome (2025).

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