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**SELF
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proudly presents the award-winning
graphic novel biography of



Written by
**JOSÉ-LUIS
BOCQUET**

KIKI DE MONTPARNASSE



Illustrated by
**CATEL
MULLER**

Kiki is the muse of a generation that sought to escape the hangover of the Great War,
but she is above all one of the first emancipated women of the twentieth century.



Translated by
nora mahony



Also starring...

MODIGLIANI

KISLING

FOUJITA

MAN RAY

PICASSO

DESNOS

BRETON

TZARA

DUCHAMP

MOSJOUKINE

COCTEAU

HEMINGWAY

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In the bohemian and brilliant Montparnasse of the 1920s, Alice Prin (aka "Kiki") managed to escape poverty to become one of the most charismatic figures of the avant garde years between the wars.

Above and beyond her sexual and emotional freedom, Kiki made her mark with her freedom of style, word and thought that could be learned from only one school - the school of life.

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PRAISE FOR KIKI DE MONTPARNASSE

“Catel and Bocquet paint a passionate and tender portrait of the woman who became the companion to Fojjita and Man Ray, and a friend to Modigliani Duchamp, Cocteau, Desnos and Aragon”

– *Le Figaro*

“An intoxicating recreation of an extraordinary icon of Twenties Paris”

– *Paul Gravett*

People’s Choice Award – First Prize
– Angoulême Festival 2008

The RTL Comics Prize 2007

Best Illustrated Book
– Le Lyon de la BD

NOTES FOR EDITORS

- This is the first time that this multi-award-winning graphic novel has been published in English
- *KIKI*'s author, **José-Louis Bocquet**, began his career as a comics scriptwriter for the famous sci-fi and horror magazine, *Métal Hurlant* published by French comics legend, Moebius
- José-Louis lives and works in Paris. Aside from comic albums, he is the author of eight novels and many literary monographs
- Previous comic artists with whom he has collaborated include Serge Clerc, Arno, Max and Phillipe Berthet
- *KIKI*'s artist, **Catel (Catherine) Muller**, lives and works in Paris. She is a renowned illustrator of graphic novels and comic strips
- Before winning awards for *KIKI*, Catel won the prestigious People’s Choice Prize (2005) at Angoulême festival: Europe’s largest comics festival
- Heroines (ie Kiki, Piaf, Dolor) are a constant feature of Catel’s work
- **KIKI de Montparnasse** was born in 1901 in Châtillon-sur-Seine as Alice Prin, the daughter of a coal merchant. Alice left school at the age of fourteen and was thrown out of home when her mother caught her life modelling for a local sculptor.
- During her time in Paris and New York she was an integral part of a circle that contained some of the twentieth century’s most famous artists and writers.
- **Interviews & Call Ins: The authors will be in London mid-February 2011 for launch.** Review copies, interviews and any other media requests can be arranged via Paul Smith at SelfMadeHero.
- **Images:** cleared web and print images can be downloaded from http://bit.ly/KIKI_MediaPack with alternative images available on request
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