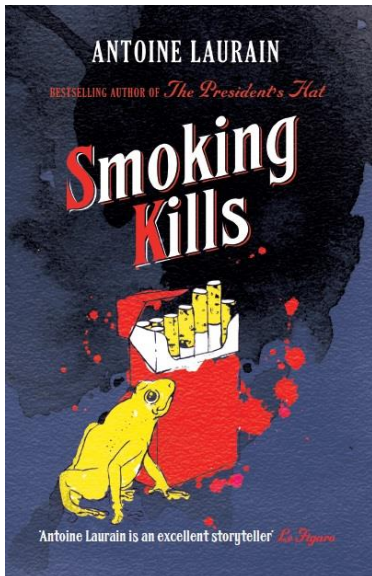


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A Q&A with Antoine Laurain, author of *Smoking Kills*



Describe *Smoking Kills* in one sentence

Close your eyes, and listen the particular noise of a lighter... Now you can start to read this novel.

Why did you write this book?

Because I used to smoke many cigarettes during the last 25 years. I know what I'm talking about.

Where did the idea for this novel come from?

The idea was: how to do a novel with murders and cigarettes. And all that stuff is linked!

Which is our favourite phrase or passage in the novel?

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to be the quote from Winston Churchill.

What is the message of the story?

You can be a smoker, a serial killer and... a very nice guy! because I really think Fabrice Valentine, the main character is a very good man.

How do you construct the characters?

As usual: imagination mixed with people I can see around me, and of course ... myself!

Did you do special research for this book?

About the crimes. Yes. That was an important part. Because there is no weapon and no blood. All those crimes are derivate from real crimes committed during the Cold War by secret services. Mainly from US and Russia. It took me months to select them.

What are the most frequently asked question(s) about you or your work?

Where do you get those ideas?!

What is next for Antoine Laurain?

It will be "Millesime 54" a very funny book about a very special wine. When you drink it... you are back in the French 50's! it will be available in France in less than one month. I mean the book, not the wine...

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