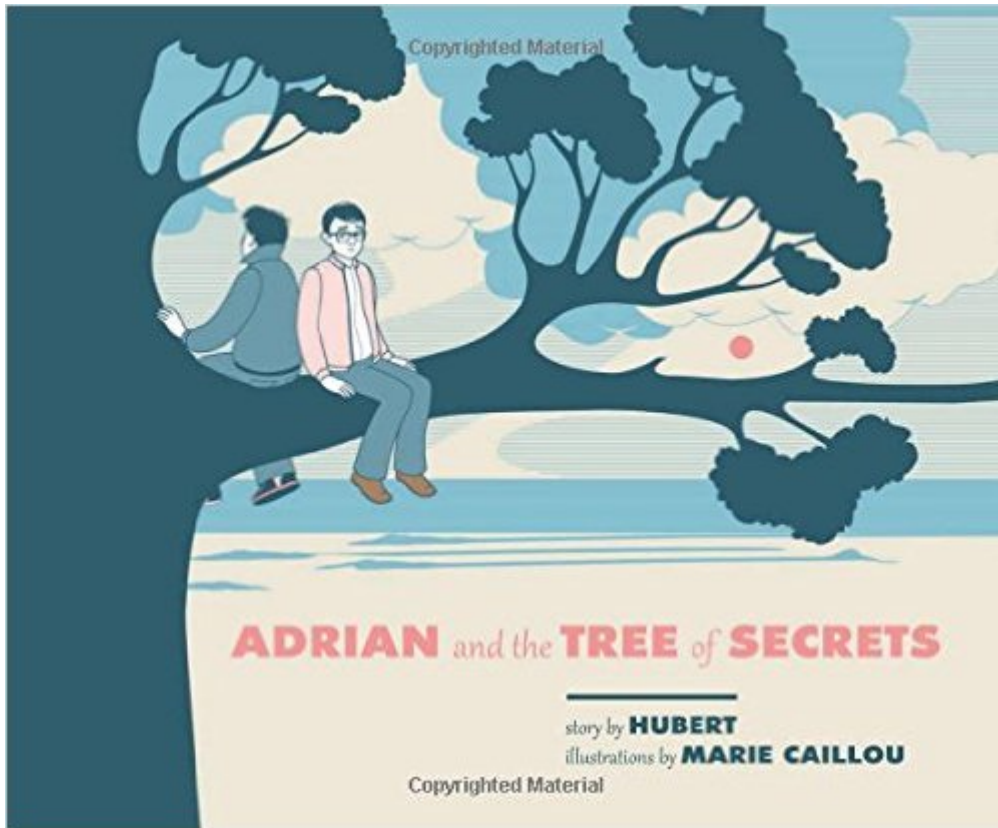


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Adrian And The Tree Of Secrets



Synopsis

Adrian isn't very happy these days. He lives in a small town and goes to a Catholic high school. He wears glasses, secretly reads philosophy books, and wishes he had more muscles. He's dogged by a strict mother, bullied by fellow players on the soccer field, and chastised by the school principal, who considers gay rumors about Adrian as a sign that he is "ill." But Jeremy, the coolest kid at school, thinks otherwise; he takes Adrian on scooter trips, where they end up in Jeremy's secret treehouse stealing kisses. Adrian finds himself falling in love, until Jeremy's girlfriend rats them out, sending Jeremy into a tailspin of embarrassment for being different than the rest. What will become of him?

Adrian and the Tree of Secrets is a poignant, beautifully illustrated graphic novel about first love, growing up, and having the courage to be true to yourself. Hubert studied at the School of Fine Arts in Angers, where he first set his career sights on comics. He has written a number of graphic novels and comic series in French, including one that has been translated into English: *Miss Don't Touch Me*, Vols. 1 and 2, a graphic novel series set in Paris in the 1930s. Marie Caillou studied fine arts in Strasbourg, France, and then in 1995 went to Brussels to study animation. She has directed short animated films, including a series entitled *Peur(s) du Noir* (Fear of the Dark). This is her first book to appear in English.

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Customer Reviews

In a long line of coming of age stories, this simple and subdued story stands out! The artwork is

stunning and while some of the themes may be very much hackneyed, it still somehow manages to captivate. I relate very much to Adrian as I'm sure many other gay people do. His experiences are universal and that's what makes this so successful. I'm proud to have this in my library and I can't wait to recommend it to all my friends.

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Seriously, in this day and age to be creating a story about young gay men that inevitably ends in tragedy! I thought we'd gotten past this story line years ago when it was de rigueur for any book with gay characters to feature a tragic ending. While the blossoming of first love and admission of attraction are handled well, and certainly there's still plenty of anti-gay bullying experienced by young people, to feature two suicides, one admitted and the final one suggested, without a disclaimer or even a suggestion of the resources available, like the Trevor Project, is grossly irresponsible. The message here is that if you don't have a supportive, understanding parent, if your first love rejects you out of fear and internalized homophobia, then the only way to resolve things is to throw yourself into the cold deep ocean and disappear. From a graphic perspective, while the overall look is appealing, it's also clear that Hubert never took an anatomy class and studied how people actually move, stand, bend, run, etc. There's an odd uncomfortable stiffness to the figures.

Unusual story about a kid's "coming out" in a French Catholic family.

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