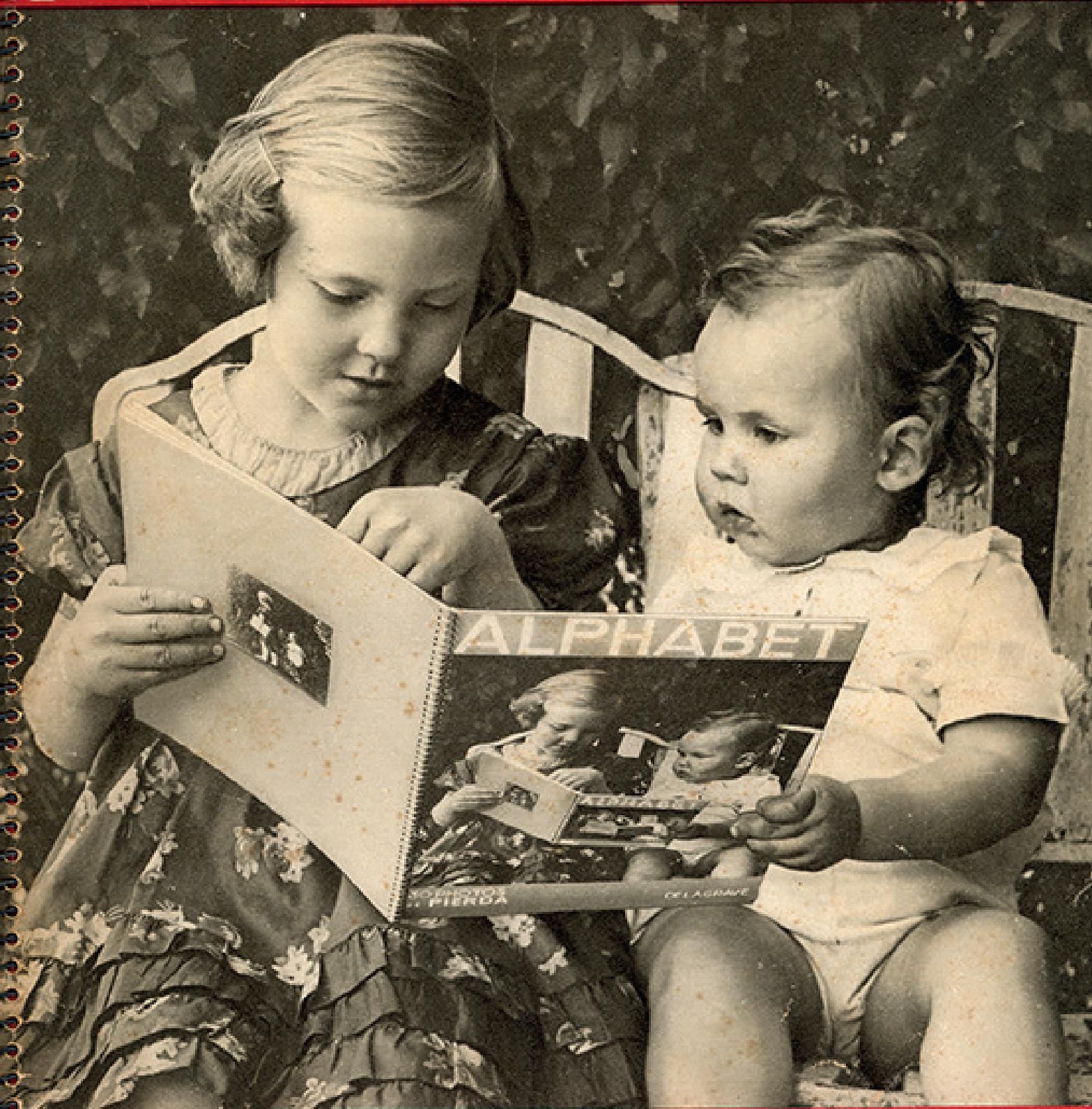


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Exhibition curator
Laurence Le Guen

*The exhibition comprises loans from public
(Médiathèque Françoise Sagan) and private collections*

Opening exhibition
Thursday february 29th 2024 / 6pm
at Maison Doisneau, Gentilly

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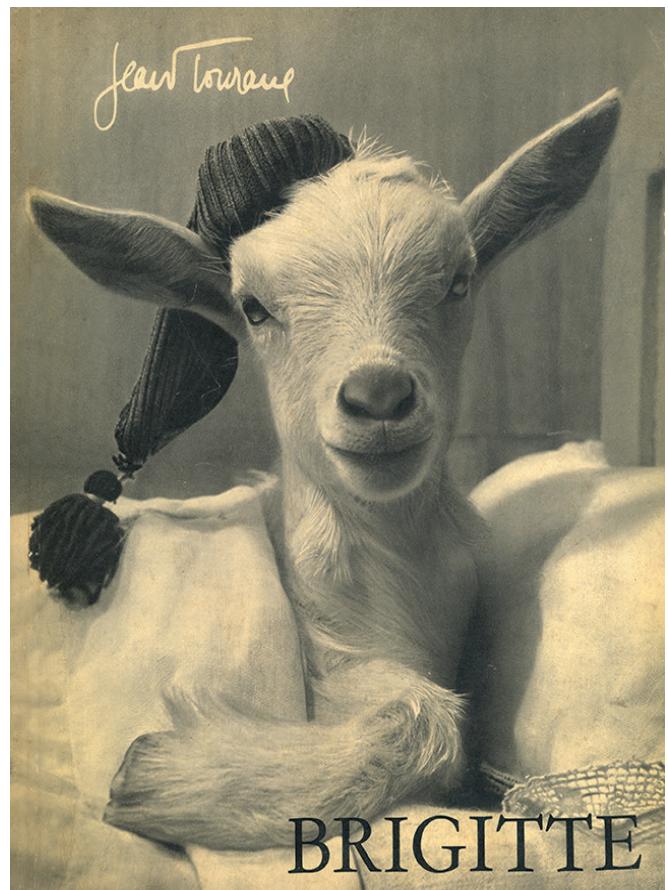
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Photography was invented in the 19th century and the medium associated itself with books from early on, seeing them as an effective way of reaching the widest audience possible. Far from using this means of distribution to focus solely on adults, photographers realised it was also an opportunity to win over a new audience: children. Working closely with authors, they enthusiastically tried their hand at creating books for children and were highly inventive in their approach to creating works of fiction, textbooks and innovative albums based around their images.

These so-called *photo-literary* creations are the reflection of their times, bearing witness to both the sheer variety of schools of thought in the fields of education, aesthetics and politics, as well as the technical progress that accompanied the development of photography.

For many years, photography was shunned by the world of children's books. Even today, the use of photography in children's literature is marginal and photographically illustrated books still suffer from a lack of recognition. In recent years however, we have rediscovered just how important and varied the rich production of the early proponents of this medium truly was and realised that a large number of great photographers actively contributed to its development: Ansel Adams, Laure Albin-Guillot, Claude Cahun, Edward Curtis, Dominique Darbois, Robert Doisneau, Hannah Höch, Frank Horvat, André Kertész, François Kollar, Ergy Landau, Jacques-Henri Lartigue, Thérèse Le Prat, Duane Michals, Annette Messager, Sarah Moon, Marc Riboud, Alexander Rodtchenko, Cindy Sherman, Emmanuel Sougez, Edward Steichen and William Wegman, for whom these books were or are an integral part of their body of work.

Moreover, titles by the masters of photography are being republished and are now to be found on the shelves of children's libraries. For example, the assemblies of incongruous objects by surrealist photographer Claude Cahun (1894-1954) for the *Coeur de Pic* are accessible once more; the fur of the bear cubs in the photos of animal photographer Ylla (1911-1955) now seems even softer and silkier and young readers can once again turn the pages of *Taka-Chan and I* and admire the deep black and white photos of Japanese photographer Eikō Hosoe (born 1933).

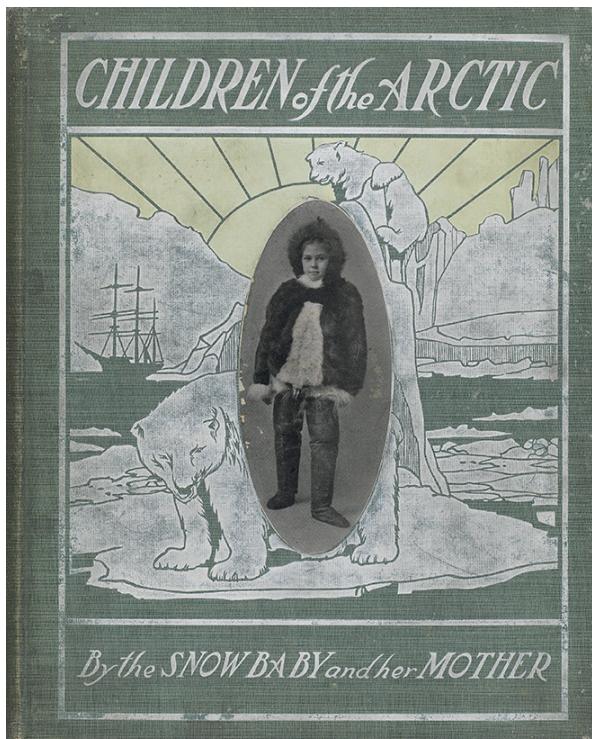


Brigitte de Jean Tourane, Ides et calendes, 1952
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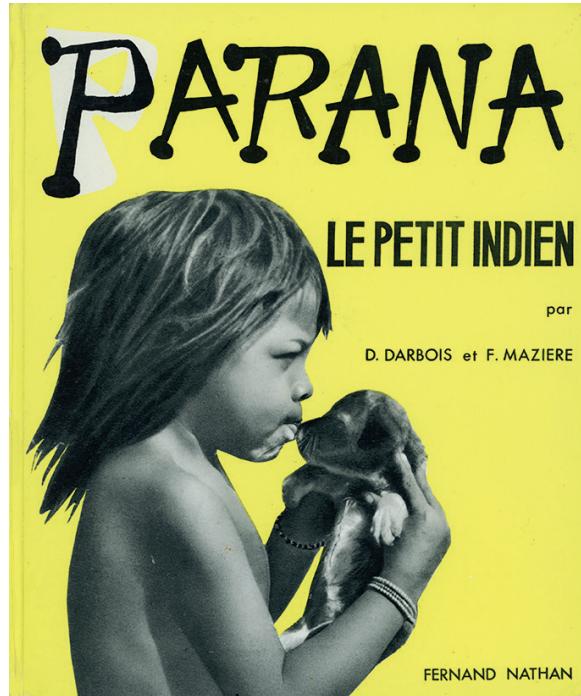
The Maison de la Photographie Robert Doisneau invites the public to rediscover the history of this rarely exhibited production. *Regarde ! 150 ans de livres de photographies pour les enfants* provides an opportunity to see some one hundred books published from the middle of the 19th century to the present day in an exhibition designed with both children and adults in mind. As the exhibits are presented in chronological order from 1866 to 2023, visitors begin with the very first works of their kind and then follow the evolution of children's photobooks in Europe and the United States. Several key children's photographic literary categories are also explored in more detail: picture books, cinema books, storybooks and travel books.

These books past and present left their mark on several generations and fashioned many different ways of seeing the world. In this respect, they are an integral part of our collective history and deserve to be discovered or rediscovered.

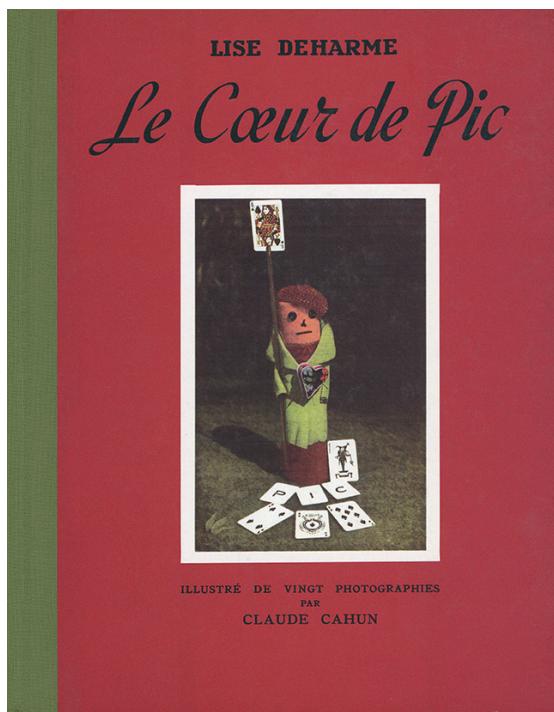
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Children of the Arctic de Josephine Diebitsch Peary, 1901
Fonds Patrimonial Heure Joyeuse / Médiathèque Françoise Sagan (Paris)



Parana, Le petit Indien de Dominique Darbois et Francis Mézière,
Nathan, 1953
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Le Cœur de Pic de Lise Deharme et Claude Cahun, 1937, réédité
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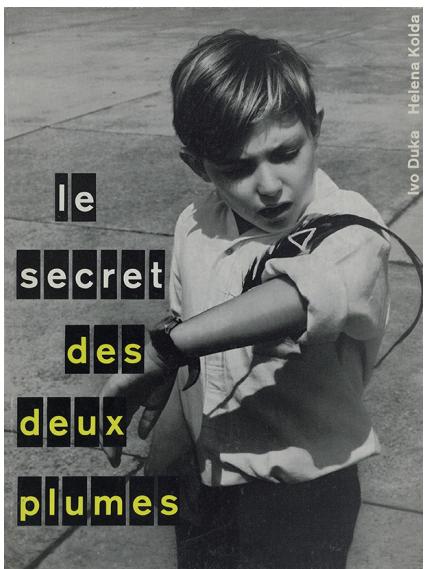


HOROLDAMBA
LE PETIT MONGOL

Texte : YVES BONNIEUX
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Horoldamba, Le petit Mongol de Yves Bonneux et Ergy Landau, Calmann-Lévy, 1957
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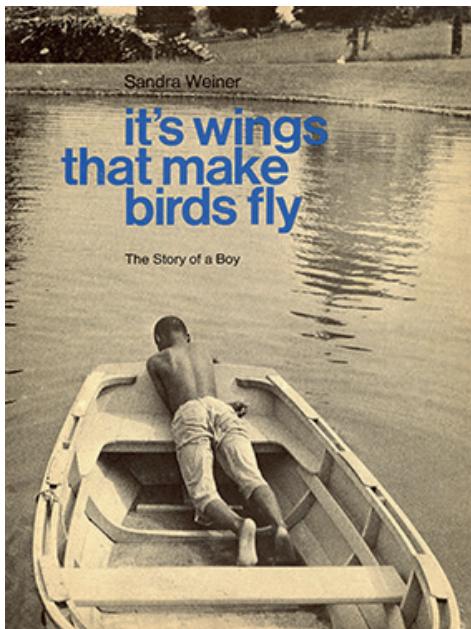
Laurence Le Guen is an associate researcher at Université de Rennes 2. She is the author of *150 ans de photolittérature pour les enfants* published by Éditions MeMo, a book that is derived from the PhD thesis she defended in 2019. Her most recent articles deal with the important contribution of the masters of photography to children's literature, as well as *Yao the Cat* an illustrated photographic tale by Frank Horvat.

She is also a children's author and the curator or co-curator of several projects, including the exhibition devoted to Hungarian photographer Ergy Landau (1896 -1967) at the Maison Doisneau in September 2022.

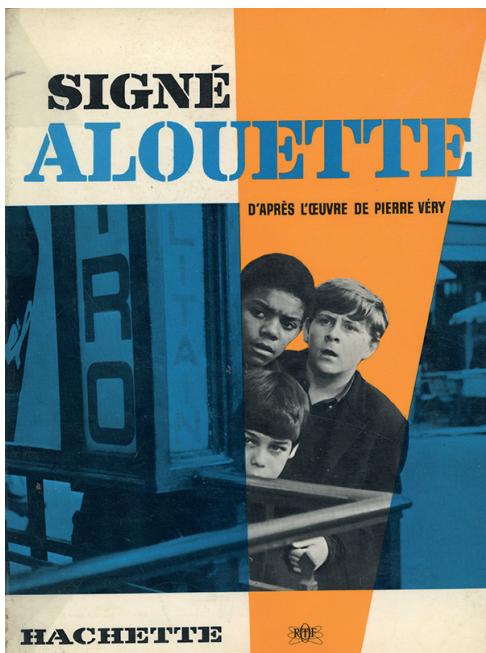


Le Secret des deux plumes de Ivo Duka (Duchacek) et Helena Kolda, Guilde du livre, 1954

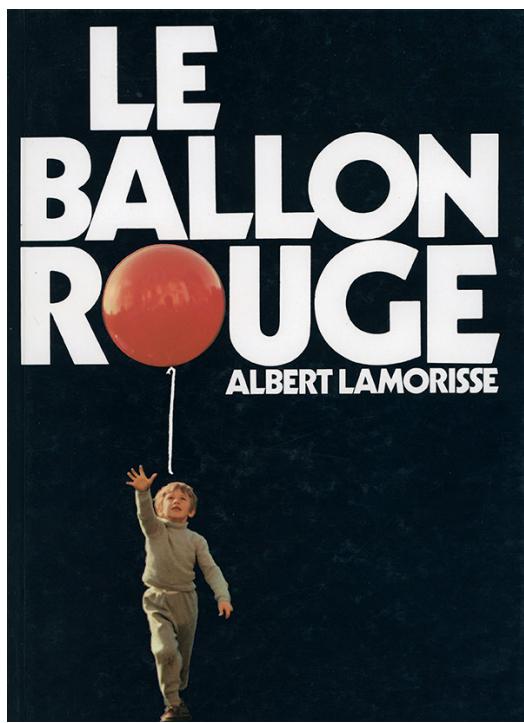
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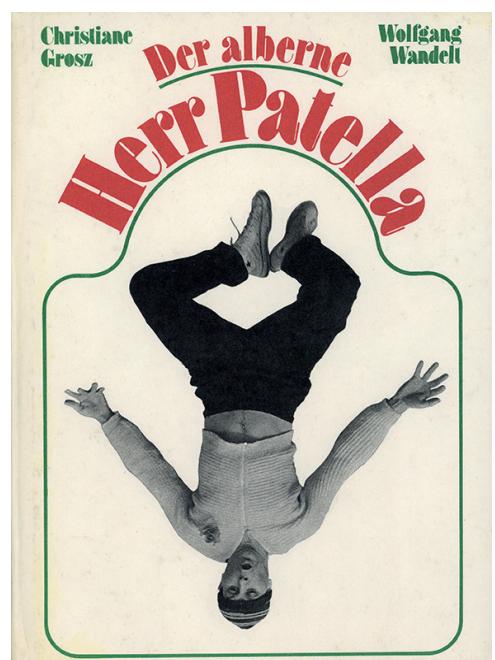
It's wings that make birds fly de Sandra Weiner, Pantheon, 1968
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Signé Alouette de Pierre Véry, Claude Voilier et Noël Very, Hachette, 1967
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Le Ballon rouge de Albert Lamorisse, l'Ecole des loisirs, 1966
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Der alberne Herr Patella de Christiane Grosz et Wolfgang Wandschuh, Der Kinderbuchverlag, 1970
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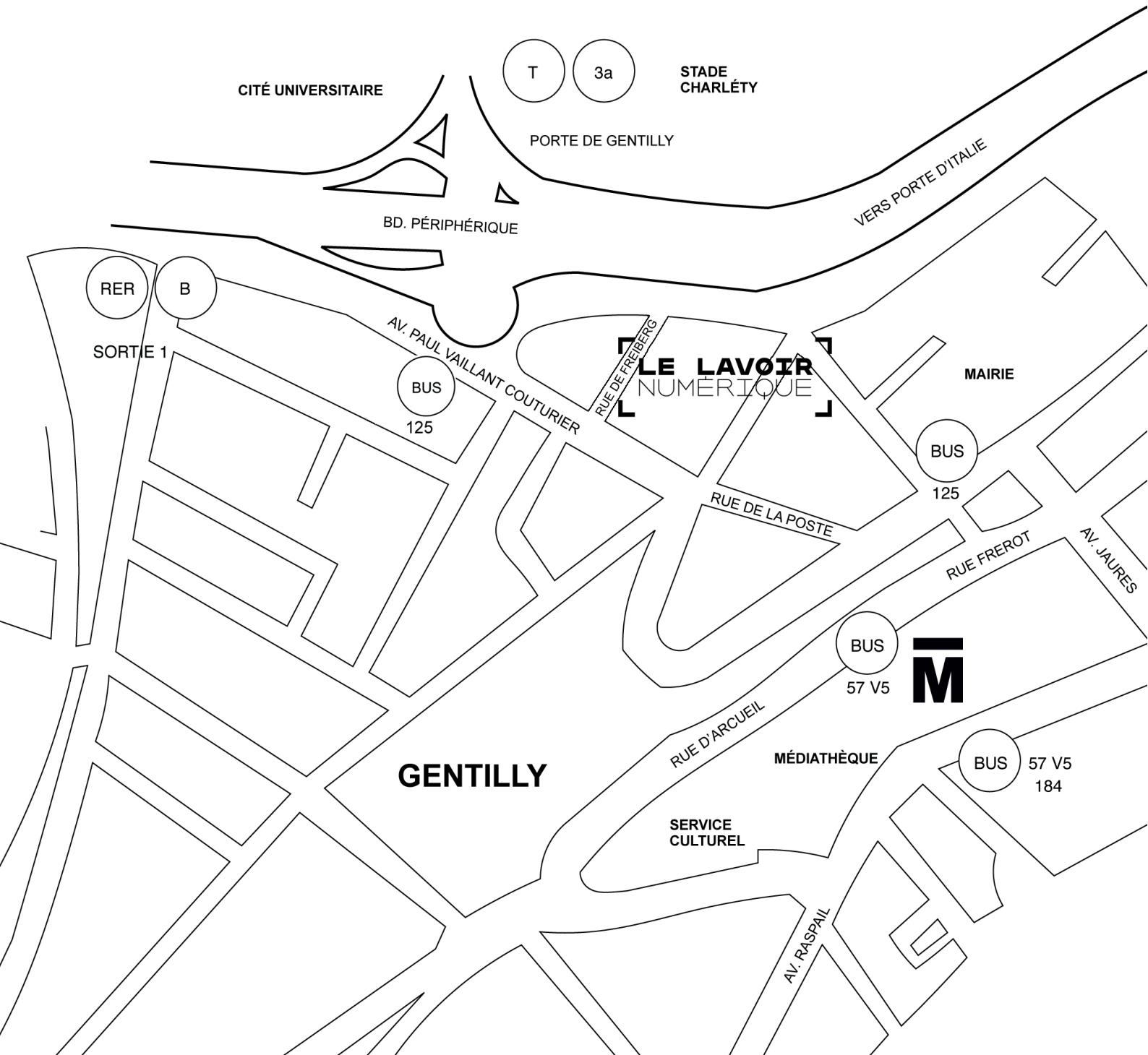
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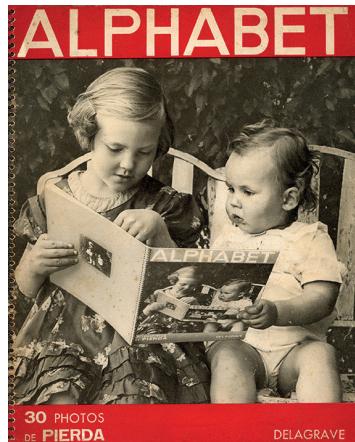
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