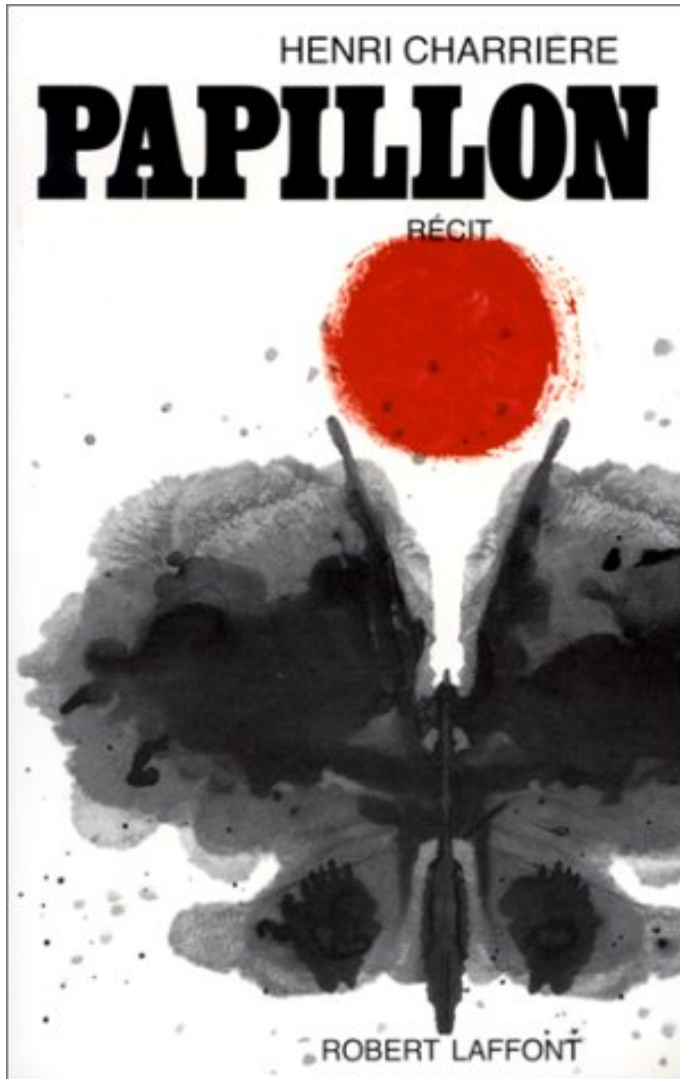

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Papillon



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Description

Dans le milieu on l'appelait Papillon : jamais là où on le croyait, arrivant quand on ne l'attendait plus, "allant de fleur en fleur". C'était dans les années 30. Et en 1930, justement, il "tombe" : il est arrêté pour un meurtre qu'il n'a pas commis, car Henri Charrière n'est pas un tueur. Commence alors la plus fantastique des aventures. Condamné au bagne à vie, à Cayenne, à la suite de faux témoignages, il refuse cette peine aussi injuste que démesurée. La grande cavale vient de commencer. Quarante-trois jours après son arrivée au bagne, Papillon s'en évade : 2 500 km en mer, l'île de Trinidad, les Anglais (fair-play), la Colombie et ses cachots sous-marins, les Indiens Guajiros, les cavales de Baranquilla, le retour au bagne, la réclusion (Papillon restera deux ans dans une cage à fauves), les nouvelles tentatives d'évasion, la vie trafiquante du bagne où tout le monde est partie prenante, et, enfin, au bout de treize ans, la Grande Cavale, la dernière, réussie celle-là, au prix d'une volonté farouche de survivre : à la traversée de l'océan dans un canot d'abord, à l'enfermement dans un bagne, au Venezuela, ensuite. Au bout de toutes ces épreuves, de toutes ces souffrances, cette fois, il y a la Liberté.

Insightful reviews

Paul Gaya Ochieng Simeon Juma: 'Dear Papillon, you've done everything humanly possible to get back your freedom. Fate has been cruel to you. All that is left is for you to blow up the prison.'

Freedom, that is what Papillon was born to fight for. Talk about purpose and destiny. Clyde Griffith was born to fight for class and prestige in the American Tragedy. We are all born for something, how we fight to get them, to reach them, is up to us.

But it is your God given right to fight for what is yours. Whether love, freedom, wealth etc. That is your God given right.

But on earth, man tells you that you are free. That this is a free world, free country. Indeed, it may be so. I say may, because they have laws and rules to limit your freedom. Then, they created prisons, prisons and more prisons. And to top it up, hard labor and torture. But one man, Papillon, was bent to circumvent the system and the men who controls the system. He managed to escape from the French system. But escaping from one system only lands you into another system. Then the question remains whether the system will absorb you.

No system was willing to absorb Papillon. No system was willing to help him. The better systems, could only offer him solace for a while, and afterwards, he had to go.

This circle of events went on till he came face to face with the Colombian system. A system that can kill a man within days. A system not built to rehabilitate but to break. To break the body, spirit and soul. The same with the French.

The only solution, escape! Escape and you survive. This he did and met the Indians. A new lease of life. Marriage to two beautiful women; Lali and Zoraima. But destiny, some call it fate, it

will always find you and it found him while trying to get to Venezuela. That is when he came to experience the brutal force of the system.

This proves just how civilization is full of human beings who are poor in understanding and simple love. Call them anything, from the police, the prosecutors, the judges, the jury and the wardens. Yet they are the cream of the society. I disagree; the nobility of the society are the savages and the primitives who have been cast aside: the prisoners, the lepers and the Indians who don't care about the system, leave alone having one.

Heaven on earth is what human beings have labeled hell while hell on earth is what human beings have labeled heaven. Angels are those who have been relegated to the bottom of the society while demons are those who stand on top of it.

Adam Rabiner: Naysayers jumped on Henri Charriere's, aka Papillon, autobiography from the start, calling into question the truth of his harrowing tales of escapes and captures from a penal colony in French Guiana in the 1930s and 40s. The adventures detailed here may in fact not all be those of Papillon. Perhaps Charriere did synthesize the cavales of many other bagnards and claim them all as his own. But that should not really detract from the harrowing adventures contained in this book. They convey a truth about the brutality of the French justice system of a century ago, the capacities of man to be cruel and to suffer, but beyond everything the desire to be free, at any cost. After fourteen years Papillon did achieve that. We may never know the truth for sure. But we have one hell of an enjoyable book (and movie) to remember this remarkable (if somewhat unreliable) man by.

Anita: My mother knew Papillon and another one of the characters in the book (Francoise). He was a customer of my uncle's restaurant Il Padrino, in Venezuela, back in the 60's,70's (after this story was told). My brother was just an infant/toddler at this time and they would take turns throwing him in the air, swinging him, etc.. I told this guy Neil about this and he was shocked that my family knew this guy. He had read the book and loved it so much. So as a gift, he gave me a copy of the book.

This book was written in my uncle's other restaurant Il Pappagallo back in the day. What a great story!!!

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Aaron Arnold: i do not care if this e-book wasn't a one hundred pc factual, honest-to-God documentary account of what truly occurred to this man - it used to be an impressive event novel, packed with blood and drama and action. From what i will be able to tell, Charrière cobbled the narrative out of his personal reviews as a prisoner within the pitiless camps of Nineteen Thirties French Guyana, plus the tales of some camp-mates, plus his personal dramatic license, rising with a masterpiece. there have been many moments the place the tale is under absolutely believable (if you created a consuming video game the place you took a shot every time a attractive lady befriended him out of the blue, or humans began doing favors for him for no reason, or a massive reputable preposterously took him into their trust, you'd be useless inebriated within 3 chapters), and but Charrière crafted a totally soaking up tropical international of hardened criminals, depressing wretches, forbidding prisons, exciting escapes, and all-around remarkable monitors of survival. I imagine my favourite part, out of loads of nice parts, was once Papillon's second of agonizing selection a couple of 3rd of ways in, among staying in his attractive Venezuelan paradise together with his new-found local wives, and returning to hunt "vengeance" on what he thinks is the unjust society that shipped him midway internationally to rot in a jungle charnel house. He idiotically chooses to depart this pleased local paradise, yet even if i used to be cursing him for being a idiot i assumed his reflections at the variations among the "civilized" eu tradition who'd condemned him and the indigenous cultures who'd followed him have been well-written and fascinating within the mild of the advanced courting Western nations have had with their colonies. The French, whereas now not precisely

angels, have been usually extra prepared than their associates the Spanish and the British to move local and peacefully mix into many of the cultures who inhabited their colonies. While I feel he overdid the Noble Savage trope a bit, by way of the tale it makes the protagonist the proper lone wolf badass who is as at home fascinating the well-to-do other halves of the colonial directors as he's getting laid with the daughters of no matter what tribal chieftains he runs into. One other certainly one of my favourite elements was once his first adventure in solitary at Devil's Island - I have learned different books with felony scenes in them, yet his description of the soul-crushing loneliness it engenders is among the best, and was once absolutely the prototype for numerous others. And naturally all his quite a few get away makes an attempt are awesome too, yet all the things of the e-book cannot be your favorite, that is like having dessert for each meal, whatever just a baby might do. This booklet hit me squarely on that sort of undiluted infantile excitement level. I want I might learn it whilst I used to be twelve, it is going to were the best significant other to The Count Number of Monte Cristo and Robinson Crusoe. Now to move music down the movie!

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