

Back to Mai 8, 1902. History/Histories of the
Montagne Pelée 100 years after its eruption

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Abstract. Since its dreadful eruption, the Martinican Montagne Pelée has continued to nourish an ever-growing body of literary texts. This article takes a closer look at two novels, published around the time of the disaster's centenary, in which Daniel Picouly and Anne Terrier, in rewriting the history of May 08, 1902, explore the impact that the eruption had on their own stories: those written by their lives under the impact of the Catastrophe that their grandparents only just escaped, as well as those that Daniel Picouly and Anne Terrier set about (re)inventing and retelling with their novels.

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