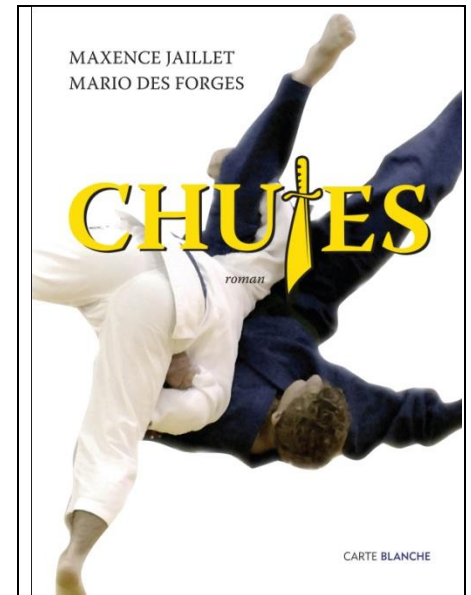


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CHUTES

CHUTES is the first work of teen fiction about judo. It is unique. The authors wanted to convey the spirit of judo to readers from 11 years and up, explain its challenges, its goals and its benefits in a fresh and dynamic way. Claire is 13 years old and she learned judo in Montréal. When she learns from her mother that they are moving to Yellowknife, she is perplexed. “It’s so far away, they don’t even talk about it on the Weather Channel” she thinks. She is surprised to find out that there are judo clubs in the NWT. Ryan is a 350-pound giant and he’s only 13. He’s from Fort Simpson in the Northwest Territories and he will be forced to learn judo as part of an extra-judicial diversion measure. Claire and Ryan will find each in their own way that judo is more than a sport; it’s a way of life, a community, a family.



CHUTES, the first novel written in French in the Northwest Territories. With a grant from the NWT Arts Council, this project became a reality. There is a striving francophone community in the Northwest Territories, with a majority of members in Yellowknife, Hay River, Inuvik and Fort Smith, and this book is about living in French, north of 60. But mostly, although written in French, this story celebrates the many cultures that meet in the North, and incorporates expressions from the English, Japanese, Dene/Chipewyan and Inuktitut languages.

The authors: Maxence Jaillet first learned judo in Québec City, his hometown. He then practiced judo for twelve years in Voiron in the French Alps and obtained his black belt at the age of 18. He first came north to Hay River and then to Yellowknife, where he worked as a journalist with the francophone media. There he met Mario Des Forges and became involved with the NWT Judo Association. CHUTES is his first novel.

Mario Des Forges founded Judo Nunavut in 2001 and then in 2008 he created the NWT Judo Association, of which he is the President. He’s lived and taught judo in Nunavut and in the Northwest Territories for the past 13 years. His vast experience with children and youths motivated him to write a story for them and about them. In 2012, the Canadian Olympic Committee awarded him the Queen’s Jubilee Medal for his dedication to his sport. For information: Mario Des Forges – 867 669-9711 – marionwtjudo@gmail.com

