

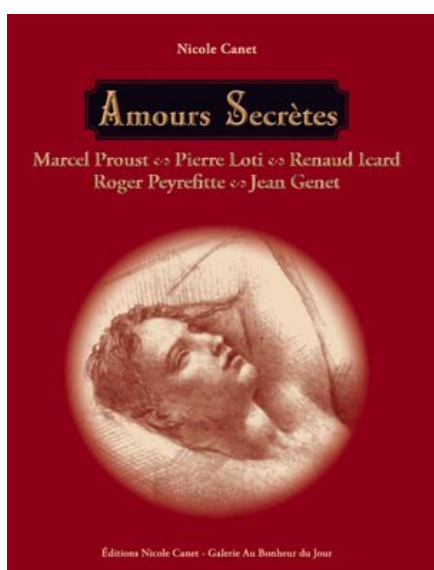
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SECRET LOVES

The intimate live of the writer

**Marcel Proust, Pierre Loti, Renaud Icard,
Roger Peyrefitte, Jean Genet**

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The five important writers who are the subject of this book sometimes frequented the same places, knew the same people and fell for the same types of partner.

With **Marcel Proust**, we enter the *salons*, but also the houses of male prostitution of the Belle Époque.

Pierre Loti, fascinated by distant travel, leads us to a mythical Orient where unusual loves flourish.

Renaud Icard, trapped between conjugal life and a desire for men, attempts to unravel for us the roots of his mad passion.

With habitual panache, **Roger Peyrefitte** evokes his 'special friendships', which earned him as many admirers as detractors.

Jean Genet sketches in unambiguous strokes virile loves between men who were not complete villains.

The important iconography contained in this new work helps to place these five writers in their respective worlds and allows us to penetrate their intimacy, to see who they were and to discover what right-thinking society has too often sought to conceal.

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