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**20 Years: 20 Books**  
**The 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition of livresanimés.com**  
**at the 2023 Salon du Livre Animé**

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**ABSTRACT**

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It has been 20 years already since [livresanimés.com](http://livresanimés.com), the first French informational website about movable books, was founded by Thierry Desnoues.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, our joyous and informal crew of pop-up book lovers and collectors had organised an one-month exhibition in the underground gallery of specialist Jacques Desse's antiquarian bookshop. It was a superlative overview comprised of 100 gems and its beautiful catalogue is now sought-after.

For this 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the exhibition took place on November 25, during the 4-hour-long "14<sup>th</sup> Salon du Livre Animé" (Paris Pop-up Book Fair) at Mairie du 9, that welcomes a broad range of visitors of all ages and interests. Hence the approach would differ also: we would present 20 wonder-books most likely unknown to most of the French public: antiquarian collectibles, foreign books never published in France, artists' books made only in a handful of copies...

Still, it was not the easiest task to choose from the thousands of the members' collections. After several meetings, 20 movable books were selected — American, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, Israeli, Dutch and French, from 1884 Quattro Grandi Teatri to 2021 The Cuckoo Clock — and 20 spreads were chosen to present the most variedly interesting and striking pages.

And it was a great success. "Oooh-s" and "Aaah-s" and "Wow-s" poured in from the hundreds of visitors of the *Salon*, preschoolers and seasoned paper engineers alike, followed by many questions and strong urges to touch and manipulate, that our overwhelmed members had trouble keeping at bay. We can only hope that many pop-up flames were sparked that day!

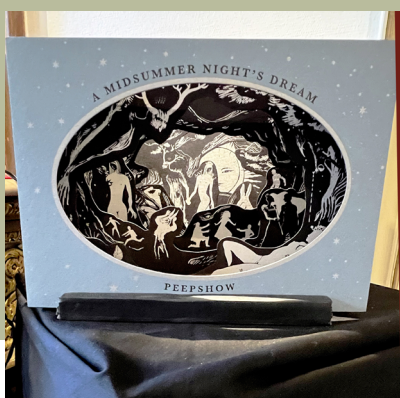
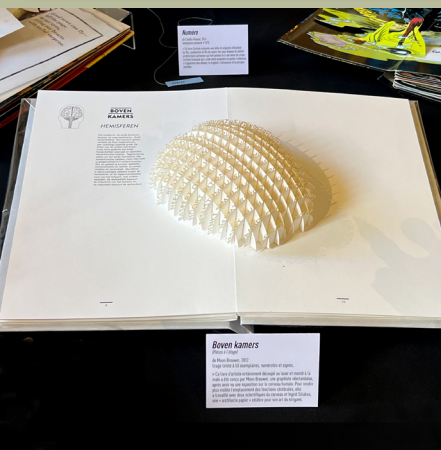


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