

# JOIN THE AATF BOOK CLUB

Have you joined our newly formed AATF Book Club yet? We aim to build a community of readers among French teachers. It will be formally initiated this year at the 2005 Convention in Quebec City from July 7-10. This is a great opportunity to get to know Quebec literature for your enjoyment and to enrich your French classes. Experts will lead discussions at the convention and we can all join in and give our interpretations and ideas for class presentations. Why not order a book today and begin the exploration of the culture of our neighbor to the north? Now that the new academic year is underway, it would be a great idea to schedule a meeting of your chapter as a Book Club Discussion.

## **Myrna's List:**

*Une Saison dans la vie d'Emmanuel*, Marie-Claire Blais

This work was hailed as a masterpiece both in North America and Western Europe. Blais' portrait of a large, poor family, presided over by the extraordinary grandmother Antoinette, her exposition of the terrors and appetites of Quebec rural life make this a memorable work.

*Salut Galarnreau!* Jacques Godbout

This novel tells of a student who leaves his studies, opens a hot-dog stand and pursues the myth of money-making only to find his true vocation, that of writing. "Le roi du hot dog" portrays a sort of popular *Québécois* everyman. This book is a refreshing exercise in free-wheeling fancy that depicts the new Quebec society.

*Cet été qui chantait*, Gabrielle Roy

In this work, Roy has captured the moods and rhythms of a life permeated with the simplicity and peace that arise from a close union with nature. Stamped with her genius, these recorded reminiscences contribute various rays of light and intensity to a composite picture of summer in rural Quebec.

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*Bonne lecture!*

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