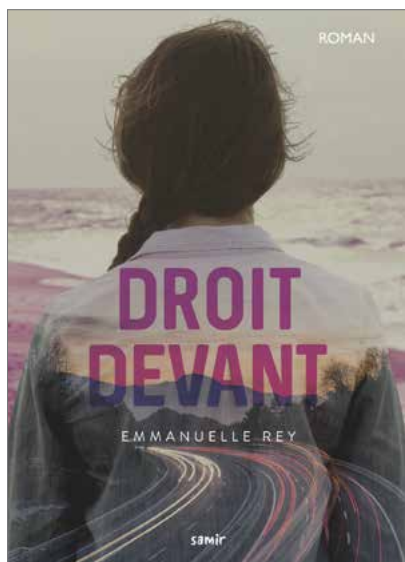


Straight Ahead

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Mauve, Tito and Diamond have been walking along the highway, under the scorching July sun, for the past three days. It was Mauve who decided everything, on a whim, when she realised that this time, her mom had really messed up. And, at fifteen, it was out of the question to be separated from her eight and two-year-old brothers to live with yet another rotten foster family. So the three siblings leave Montpellier and their chaotic life, closely tailed by the police. They leave to find Thierry and Martine, whose smiles and ratatouille chicken Mauve remembers fondly. They start walking straight ahead to Marseille and La Pointe Rouge, with the hope of a new life.

Straight Ahead follows the singular path of Mauve and her two brothers, filled with life-altering adventures and realistic characters. Furthermore, in a series of flashbacks, Mauve tells us all about her mother—an eccentric woman who certainly doesn't seem able to take care of her children, but who is full of love for them nonetheless.

- **The complexity of a mother-child relationship, when a mother's love isn't enough to make up for her shortcomings**
- **The unique bond between siblings that will help them deal with life on the road**
- **Interesting encounters and experiences — good and bad — that teach valuable life lessons**



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Emmanuelle was born in 1982 near Paris, grew up in the south of France, and currently lives under the Marseille sun with her three little boys. Having spent her childhood knee-deep in books, then acquired a Master's degree in Literature, it was only natural for her to become a teacher. But Emmanuelle doesn't content herself with teaching; she also writes all kinds of stories, for adults and children alike.