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## **YAELE BRAUN PIVET PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY UNVEILS BEST POLITICIAN BOOK**

**MICHELLE COTTA JOURNALIST ROTE "MTY 5th"**

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**USPA NEWS** - • The French National Assembly hosted the 33rd edition of Political Book Day on Saturday April 27, 2024. This tradition of awarding prizes to MPs and political students, to authors of political books, continues and is an event open to the public (including primary schools) and or nominated authors (prestigiously famous, including ministers, and MPs ) and winners were present to sign their works.

• This year, it is the great and iconic political journalist Michelle Cotta who moderated the debates of the president of the republic (Francis Mitterrand/ Valery Giscard d'Estaing, and Francis Mitterrand/ Jacques Chirac). She won the deputies' prize, presented by the president of the National Assembly (the first woman to preside over this French lower house) who said to her "As every year for 31 years, many personalities debated on the theme "Let's Talk France", this year, focusing on current issues such as Nation, Citizenship, Sovereignty, Industrial relocation, energetic transition..."

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? Special jury prize: A corpse on the road to the Elysée, by Hervé Gattegno (Flammarion)

? Student prize for political book: Only children change the world by Jean Birnbaum (Seuil)

? Comic strip student prize: Black pencil - Samuel Paty the story of a teacher by Valérie Igounet and Guy le Besnerais (Studiofact Editions)

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### **ROBERT BADINTER DEVOTED A LIFETIME FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL**

Robert Badinter devoted his entire life to justice, he left life on February 9, like a little man, at 81 years earlier, almost to the day of the anniversary of the death of his father Simon, of whom he is no longer never returned from the Nazi camps." thus ends Pierre Jean Veil, whose keynote was very moving and profound, offering a beautiful image to this great character that was Robert Badinter, former minister of justice and the one who abolished the penalty died in 1981 in France as well as the law for the defense of homosexuals. » Jean Veil, stated.

### **YAELE BRAUN PIVET PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CONGRATULATES MICHELLE COTTA THE WINNER OF MP'S PRIZE**

"Here for the women's side, we brought together twenty-four 24 presidents of the assembly from all over the world and inaugurated the 125 years of ordinances" announces the president of the Assembly who received her wishes from two dozens of countries before address the organizer of the political book prize, which pays tribute to women." Yaelle Braun Pivet declared as she is delivering a keynote.

"Louise Feraud, I thank you for postponing this political book that we care so much about and postpone to today

"The cause of women remains at home today, among the French whose order from General de Gaulle is a winner of the political book today. Thank you to my fellow jurors who devoted to this prize, what is most lacking, the time, with passion for debate literature.

Yaelle Braun Pivet continues "Dear Michelle, to reward in these places on a historic date which is April 27, is unique. Because, 55 years ago, the Senate voted for the departure of General de Gaulle, an earthquake, which you already knew.

You are the daughter of a socialist resistance fighter, belonging to the very firm circle of the left and it was through writing and journalism that you defended your ideas, starting as a freelancer, with your emancipatory ideas. Then you work with a great lady, Françoise Giroud, at l'Express magazine, where you obtain famous interviews.

François Mitterrand, the day before the observatory affair, you arbitrated and co-hosted the debates of the second round, in 1981, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing facing Mitterrand then the debate between Jacques Chirac and François Mitterrand in 1988, with the gentleman of the past and the passive.

In 1981, the left propelled you to chair Radio France and the high audiovisual authority, and vote able to put forward your ideas.

You have expressed the independence of a political journalist.

You were the official chronicler of the republic, the 5th, Republic.

The republic is our common good, but the 5th is more yours, because you are the witness and the journalistic archive.

Your books are references for understanding the period we are living through. As Duke Saint Simon did for Louis Quatorze "We must not fear but try not to deceive ourselves in this wise discernment" she adds "Let us flee the madness of extremes which have no exit but the abysses" thus quotes the Duke Saint Simon, Yaelle Braun Pivet, before announcing to Michelle Cotta why her book "My fifth" is the winner

"Today it is the National Assembly which has decided to grant you the deputies' prize"

The closing keynote was delivered by Elisabeth Borne, the former Prime Minister who presented the prize for political students, ending this ceremony with selfies granted to certain happy few guests, pausing at the expense of the second French woman prime minister, who lasted longer only two years at the Hotel Matignon.

#### JEAN LOUIS BOURLANGE, MP PAYS A TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE COTTA

Jean Louis Bourlanges, deputy (center right) and president of the foreign affairs committee and having chaired the jury for the deputies' prize, recited great praise to Michelle Cotta, ending with a declaration of love: "We know that you love us, and we love you too" in the name of the deputies....

He makes a risky comparison between good and bad journalists "Michelle Cotta is a privileged observer of perfection. With this understanding of the political path of politicians who require extraordinary sympathy, empathy, intellectual and moral. We must love and understand politicians and enter into their conscience" ... before having a serious tone about the current situation in France where ultraviolence is expressed every day through various fiat which have become daily to the point of being murders of young minors described as a social phenomenon. "We may have values but we will witness the catastrophe of our values. We need to invent a common modus operandi"

#### MICHELLE COTTA IS MOVED TO HAVE WON THE PRIZE AND RESPONDS BY INSISTING ON EMPATHY

In all modesty and elegance, the winner replied that it was absolutely necessary to read the books of two other nominees for the Deputies' Prize. She then recounts how her love of the republic and politics was born, very early on, thanks to her parents: "I adored my father who was a politician and it's true, thank you for this praise, because yes, empathy is very important and I also see the rules and the reality today and what I use in my books" She adds "Please read the other two books please because they are excellent books and Marion's is reality and it hurts »

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