

# MONSIEUR GASTON ENQUÊTE !

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Caroline and Alex's parents are throwing a barbecue party to celebrate the two friends' success, but also to welcome Monsieur Gaston as a full member of the Squad 06. Much to his annoyance, this funny looking dog, with his particular carefree attitude, will be pulled into a major investigation involving many police departments, in Quebec, as well as in Europe. With ramifications in Sherbrooke, Montreal, Cannes, Amsterdam, Basle and Saint-Blaise-sur-Richelieu, the investigation will have Monsieur Gaston confronted with jewel thefts, drugs and art smuggling, espionage, as well as murder.

This detective novel is action packed and the main characters will have to keep their composure, while being tenacious and subtle, in order to solve the mysteries. *Monsieur Gaston enquête* is the fourth instalment of the Squad 06 series. The author manages to weave a web of mysteries, as he never gives away anything about the investigations or the perpetrators before it is time. On the contrary, he has fun sending his readers on wild goose chases before revealing all in the end. The youngsters will surely identify with Caroline and Alex, who are also part of the investigation. The last interrogation is so hard-hitting; one would think this is a novel written by none other than Agatha Christie!

**Themes: Friendship, police mystery, team spirit, drugs smuggling, family.**

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Gilles Gemme lives in St-Jean-sur-le-Richelieu. Before working as a theatre director for more than ten years, Gilles was an educational teachers and wrote the Quebec French High School Programme and has taught teachers and university students. He has published two novels for adultes, but now writes for teens and adults who love suspense.

**Excerpt:**

Ce dernier fit son entrée en klaxonnant et gara sa voiture dans l'entrée asphaltée de la maison. Il sortit de son véhicule comme d'une boîte à surprise. Il passa la paume de ses mains sur l'empêche de ses chaussures rouges pour y chasser la moindre poussière lorsque tout le monde s'approcha pour l'accueillir. Il était gonflé d'orgueil, ça se voyait même dans ses cheveux. On l'applaudissait et, en réponse, il saluait à la manière des grands comédiens, un soir de première. Jacques Boisvert, lui, ne peut cacher sa déception en voyant sa voiture ainsi déguisée.

Il avait vendu sa fidèle Honda à André Lajoie, en pensant faire une bonne action. Une voiture en parfait état, sans la moindre tache de rouille, malgré son âge. En réalité, il avait surtout succombé aux incessantes pressions de sa femme qui voulait une auto neuve. Mais quand il vit ce que Manouche en avait fait, le choc fut terrible.

