

L'ÉVEIL DU KARATÉKA

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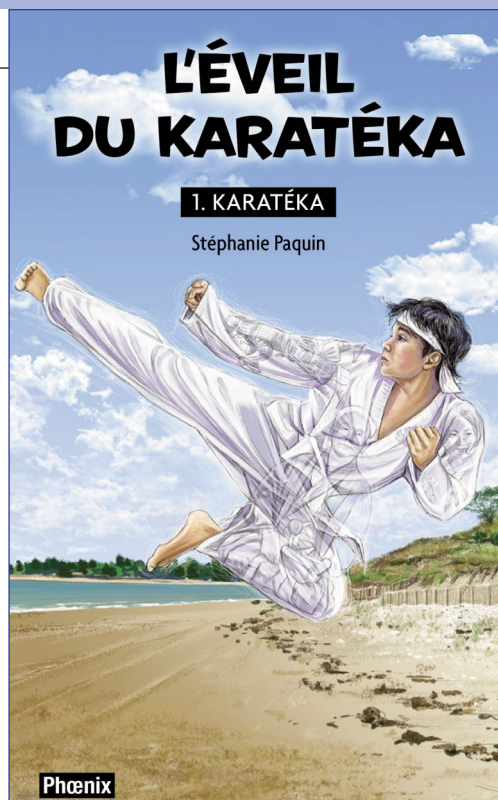
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Axel, a twelve-year-old boy, is very unlucky. Not only is he a victim of intimidation at school, but at home as well. His torturers are his step mother's sons, two unscrupulous football players who take advantage of Axel's very small size to make his life miserable. One night, Axel has a strange dream. But he takes this dream very seriously and the next week, he leaves for Okinawa, Japan. An unusual martial arts teacher, who only takes one pupil at a time, trains him. Many months later, Axel returns to Quebec for the wedding of his father and his step mother. But his torturers have prepared a nasty welcome party for him. They are the ones however who should watch their backs!



Themes : Martial arts, karatéka, adventures, family, intimidation, friendship, caring for one another.

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Excerpt :

Pendant la nuit, Axel se revoit sans arrêt tomber en bas de l'escalier. Il gémit et tourne en rond comme une toupie dans son lit. Soudain, une voix féminine prononce quelques mots inaudibles. La vision de sa mésaventure et des adolescents malveillants laisse place à un océan calme, surplombé d'un ciel rempli d'étoiles. Au loin, une silhouette de femme est visible ; elle se rapproche de lui en répétant un mot qu'il ne saisit pas. Maintenant près de lui, celle qu'il vient de reconnaître prononce clairement le mot « Okinawa ». Axel se réveille en sursaut. Il comprend que sa mère lui conseille de se rendre au Japon, sur l'île où est né le karaté.