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## Two FRENCH BOOKS - On French Parliamentary Corruption & About The Vatican

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This Book describes how and since when the Power of Publishing Group Hachette (mainly) went to its Highest confronting French Parliamentarians having Famous Tumultuous Relations. Hachette Book Group is a Publishing Company owned by Hachette Livre, the Largest Publishing Company in France, and the Third Largest Trade and Educational Publisher in the World. Hachette Livre is a Wholly Owned Subsidiary of Lagardère Group.

The Book explains and evaluates some of the Key Events and Issues in the History of the French Media from the Latter Part of the Nineteenth Century until the Final Years of the Twentieth, with a Particular Focus on Developments since the Liberation in 1944. It thus covers the Period of the Emergence of a Mass Newspaper Press. Such a Historical Overview is important in helping to situate Elements of Continuity and change in the French Media over Time.

Some Knowledge of the History of the French Media is therefore necessary to understand the Ways in which they are Presently Organized and Function. It is also essential if one is Fully to appreciate the Issues at stake in Current Policy Debates on Topics such as the Future of the Press, the Status of Public Service Broadcasting and the Relationship between the Media and the State.

- "Le Vatican" (The Vatican) By Christophe DICKES (Specialized in Catholicism and Contemporary Papacy) and Published by Perrin Editions. The Author claimed to be very far away from the usual fantasies about The Pope and The Vatican. He claims also to be the opposite of "Da Vinci Code". No Legends and half Truth if not to be Deconstructed. The Angle taken is the one exploring the usual questions people ask : Is The Vatican rich ? Has The Pope Full Power due to Papal Infallibility ? Has it protected Pedophiles ? Is it connected to the Mafia ? Was John-Paul 1st murdered ?....

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