

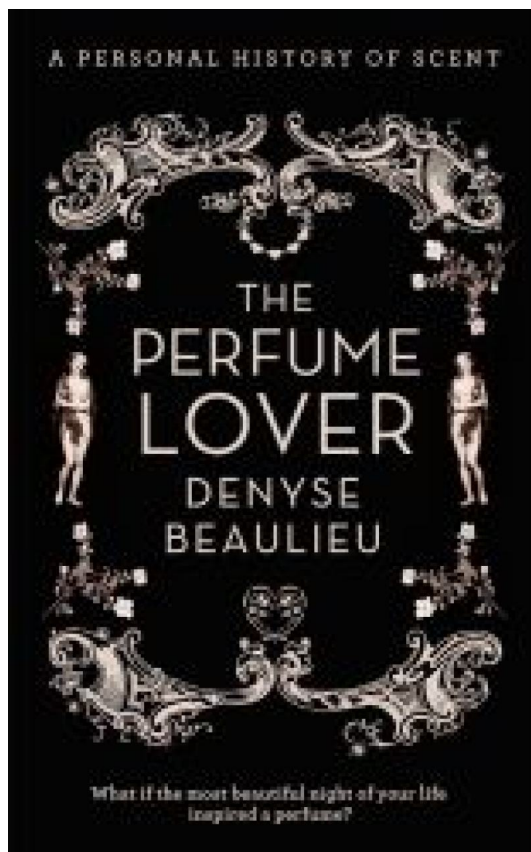
Denyse Beaulieu

Denyse Beaulieu was born in Winnipeg, Canada, where she learnt French from her parents and English from the rest of the world, which makes her a rare bird: a writer equally proficient in both languages. She started out as a rock critic in Montreal during the punk era, covering shows in clubs she was too young to access legally.

She came to Paris 25 years ago to do her PhD on the Marquis de Sade, and has been living there ever since. Most of those years were spent writing features and profiles for French magazines: she conceived and edited *Bagatelle*, the first erotic magazine for women to be launched in France.

Denyse now works as a translator, and writes the occasional essay for art reviews and exhibition catalogues, but devotes most of her free time to smelling, analyzing and reviewing perfumes for her bilingual blog Grain de Musc. She is the author of *SEX GAME BOOK: A CULTURAL HISTORY OF SEXUALITY* (Assouline, 2006).

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The Perfume Lover HarperCollins	<p>Why couldn't I be a perfumer's muse? I've come such a long way in the realm of scent. In fact, I was never really meant to poke my nose into it ...' The Perfume Lover by Denyse Beaulieu is an intimate journey into the mysterious world of fragrance.</p> <p>What if the most beautiful night in your life inspired a perfume? When Denyse Beaulieu was growing up, perfume was forbidden in her house, spurring a childhood curiosity that went on to become an intellectual and sensual passion. It is this passion she pursued all the way to Paris, where she now lives, and which led her to become a respected fragrance writer. But little did she know that it would also lead her to achieve a perfume lover's wildest dream ... When Denyse tells a famous perfumer of a sensual night spent in Seville under an orange tree in full blossom, wrapped in the arms of a beautiful young man, the story stirs his imagination and together they create a scent that captures the essence of that night.</p> <p>As their unique creative collaboration unfolds, the perfume-in-progress conjures intimate memories, leading Beaulieu to make sense of her life through scents. Throughout the book, she weaves the evocative history of perfumery into her personal journey, in an intensely passionate voice: the masters and the masterpieces; the myths and the myth-busting, down to the molecular mysteries that weld our flesh to flowers...</p> <p>The Perfume Lover is an unprecedented account of the process that goes into composing a fragrance, and a uniquely candid insider's view into the world and history of fragrance. Your world will never smell the same.</p>

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