

Emmanuel Guibert

Graphic Novelist

Emmanuel Guibert was born in 1964 in Paris. He has authored many great graphic novels for readers young and old, from the raucous and silly *Sardine in Outer Space* series, to the sweeping biographical epic of a World War II GI, *Alan's War*, as well as the funny and charming *The Professor's Daughter*, with Joann Sfar. All are published by First Second Books.

From 1999-2006, Emmanuel collaborated with Didier Lefèvre, a French photojournalist who traveled the world extensively, to create a graphic novel titled *The Photographer*. The book documented Lefèvre's assignment to Afghanistan in 1986 with Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF).

The collaboration of these two artists creates a new form of narrative art: Guibert uses Lefèvre's black and white photos as panels, here and there, along with his own illustrations, to interpret Lefèvre's travels, encounters, and thoughts about the complexities of war. Since its release, *The Photographer* has received many awards and has been translated into 11 languages.

Guibert currently resides in Paris with his wife and daughter.

