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#### Review

“Oubrerie's style animates both the broadly funny and painfully grave moments in Abouet's rhythmic slice-of-life storytelling.” *?The Washington Post*

“Marguerite Abouet's comic tells of a lost age, a time in the late 1970s when the Ivory Coast was basking in the glow of an economic boom, when disco seeped from the open air clubs in Abidjan and teenage girls such as Aya, Adjoua and Bintou were able to enjoy one last flirtatious summer before adulthood . . . Abouet's is a gentle, nostalgic account.” *?Craig Taylor, The Guardian*

#### About the Author

The writer **Marguerite Abouet** was born in Abidjan in 1971 and now lives outside of Paris. The artist **Clément Oubrerie** was born in Paris in 1966 and has illustrated more than forty children's books.

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