



# L'Âge du papier

## Félix Vallotton illustrateur

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- This book sheds light on a neglected aspect of Vallotton's work, namely his work as an illustrator
- Prestigious collaborations: Vallotton illustrated famous works of literature, such as *Poil de Carotte* and contributed to extremely popular avant-garde magazines
- 2025 marks the centenary of the artist's death

Painter, engraver, illustrator, writer and art critic, Félix Vallotton (1865-1925) is known for the impact of his compositions, a combination of his decorative instincts and graphic wit. His revival of the woodcut in the 1890s quickly established him in the art and literary circles of Paris, and his talent as a prolific illustrator, especially for the press, spread his fame throughout Europe and as far afield as the United States. He illustrated bestsellers such as *Poil de Carotte*, by Jules Renard, and contributed to the most fashionable avant-garde periodicals of the time: including *La Revue Blanche*, *Le Rire*, *Le Cri de Paris*, *L'Assiette au Beurre*, and *Le Canard Sauvage*, in Paris, *Jugend und Die Insel*, in Munich and Berlin, *The Studio*, in London, *The Century Illustrated Monthly Magazine*, in New York, among others.

This book assembles a number of critical essays and a selection of around 250 reproductions to explore this little-known aspect of Vallotton's work. It is being brought out to coincide with the online publication of *Félix Vallotton illustrateur*. Catalogue raisonné (volume 32 in the *Catalogues raisonnés d'artistes suisses* series, created by Fondation Félix Vallotton, Lausanne, and Institut suisse pour l'étude de l'art, Lausanne/Zurich (SIK-ISEA)).

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Images:

*Bleus d'aujourd'hui*, dessin de Félix Vallotton en couverture du *Rire*, 1er décembre 1894

*Que les chiens sont heureux !*, dessin de Félix Vallotton en couverture de *Nib*, 15 février 1895

*Portrait of Stéphane Mallarmé*, dessin de Félix Vallotton, *The Chap-Book*, 15 août 1895

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