



Local Author Reveals The Secrets Behind France's Most Scandalous Painting

“A gorgeous, captivating novel: a tour de force!”

“Immaculately researched and full of verve!”

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Lilianne Milgrom's highly acclaimed novel *'L'Origine: The secret life of the world's most erotic masterpiece'* (Little French Girl Press, 2020) traces the extraordinary odyssey of Gustave Courbet's iconic 19th century portrait of a woman's genitals entitled *L'Origine du monde (The Origin of the World)*. The painting draws millions of visitors to Paris' Orsay Museum every year and continues to scandalize all who set eyes upon it. Milgrom's titillating novel is more

than a riveting romp through history - her intimate encounter with the controversial painting brings a fresh, feminine perspective to a work created exclusively for the male gaze.

Read more about the novel [here](#).



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Paris-born, internationally acclaimed artist [LILIANNE MILGROM](#) lives with her husband in the greater Washington, DC, area. She exhibits her artwork around the world and is the recipient of multiple awards.

In 2011, she became the first authorized copyist of Gustave Courbet's infamous painting *L'Origine du Monde* at the Orsay Museum in Paris. Milgrom spent the next decade researching and writing *L'Origine*.

L'Origine is her first novel. Available on [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), [Goodreads](#), [Bookshop](#) and [Bonjour Books](#).