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## Newsletter 3/ 2017

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**Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Friends,**

On 7 January 2015 the attack on the editorial department of the French satire magazine Charlie Hebdo took place. The cartoonist **Catherine Meurisse**, who worked for the magazine from 2005 to 2016, escaped the terrorist act only because she arrived late on that fateful morning (in January 2015). Colleagues and friends were snatched from life during the attack. She has been looking for a new approach to her life and to make sense of the tragedy ever since. Meurisse travelled, amongst other places, to Italy, where she admired the beauty of nature and the arts, and slowly began to regain some of her levity. With "**The Lightness**", Catherine Meurisse has now created an intense and personal book that has given her space and encouragement to grieve.

**Today at 7.00 pm**, Catherine Meurisse will present her graphic novel in **Babylon Berlin**. Tickets for the event can be found here: <http://bit.ly/1fcelPy>  
The event will take place in cooperation with the Carlsen Verlag, the Berlin International Literature Festival, the Institut Français Berlin as part of "Frankfurt in French" series (which will be the 'Guest-Programme of Honour at the Frankfurt Book Fair 2017).

With best wishes,  
Maria Röger

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