

# THE HOTEL

**TITLE:** THE HOTEL

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**FORMAT:** NOVEL (542 PAGES, 2017)

**GENRE:** MYSTERY, THRILLER, CRIME, DRAMA

**AESTHETICS:** EERIE, GRIPPING, GRAPHIC, UPTURNING, SHOCKING, ARRESTING

**REFERENCES:**

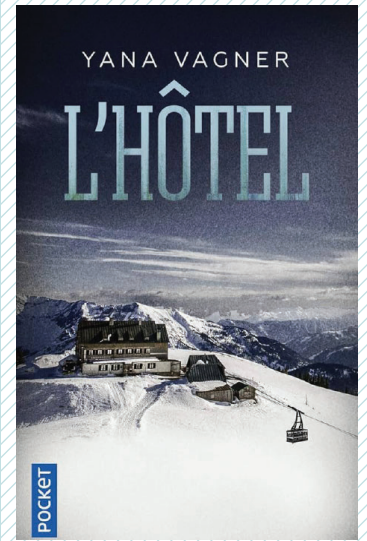
GONE GIRL, DIRECTED BY DAVID FINCHER, 2014

KNIVES OUT, DIRECTED BY RIAN JOHNSON, 2019

THE HATEFUL EIGHT, DIRECTED BY QUENTIN TARANTINO, 2015

AND THEN THERE WERE NONE, DIRECTED BY REN CLAIR, 1945

From the author of  
To the Lake, adapted to  
Netflix series



## Logline

A film crew murder mystery set in ice and snow.

## Pitch

A film crew retreats to a remote ski resort, only for the lead actress to be murdered on the first night. Trapped by an ice storm with no way out, the group must investigate the crime—uncovering dark secrets and realizing one of them is the killer.

### Awards

Nominated for the National Bestseller Award 2018  
Longlisted for the Big Book Award 2017

### Materials available

Pitch  
Outline

Full French translation  
English sample

## Synopsis

A film crew arrives at a mountain ski resort for a shoot. The producer rents a secluded hotel atop the mountain a week before the shoot for a friendly getaway. On the first night of their vacation, the lead actress is brutally murdered - pierced twice with a ski pole and pushed over the parapet, down to the rocks, left to die under a falling ice storm.

By morning, the group discovers the cableway (their only link to the outside world) is covered in ice and de-energized, the transmitter is destroyed, and there's no mobile signal. A frozen body is found on a rocky slope, just meters from the ski path.

There are nine of them - eight lifelong friends and a moose, somewhat sinister hotel manager - and one of them is the killer. Cut off from the world, they take matters into their own hands and begin investigating. No one has an alibi, each has a confession to make, and each might have wanted Sonya, the film's star, dead. For years, Sonya - a brilliant manipulator, a gifted actress - ruthlessly exploited and controlled her friends, feeding off their love and despair.

The friends must confront harsh truths, face the dark secrets of their past, and break free from the ice-cold shell of their lifelong illusions.

Full French translation available