



## Murder in the Metro: Laetitia Toureaux and the Cagoule in 1930s France

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By Gayle K Brunelle, Annette Finley-Croswhite

Louisiana State University Press, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 226 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. On the evening of May 16, 1937, the train doors opened at the Porte Doree station in the Paris Metro to reveal a dying woman slumped by a window, an eight-inch stiletto buried to its hilt in her neck. No one witnessed the crime, and the killer left behind little forensic evidence. This first-ever murder in the Paris Metro dominated the headlines for weeks during the summer of 1937, as journalists and the police slowly uncovered the shocking truth about the victim: a twenty-nine-year-old Italian immigrant, the beautiful and elusive Laetitia Toureaux. Toureaux toiled each day in a factory, but spent her nights working as a spy in the seamy Parisian underworld. Just as the dangerous spy Mata Hari fascinated Parisians of an earlier generation, the mystery of Toureaux s murder held the French public spellbound in pre-war Paris, as the police tried and failed to identify her assassin. In *Murder in the Metro*, Gayle K. Brunelle and Annette Finley-Croswhite unravel Toureaux s complicated and mysterious life, assessing her complex identity within the larger political context of the time....



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