

# The Leprince Enigma

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One of the  
greatest enigmas  
of the 19<sup>th</sup> century

He was the first to  
shoot a film, and  
yet the history of  
Cinema was  
written without  
him...

In the vein of  
Patricia Cornwell's  
Portrait of a killer :  
Jack the ripper  
case closed

## *The Book*

**A thrilling investigation on the disappearance of  
the man who invented cinema**

## *Brief description*

In 1888 Auguste Leprince in Leeds, England, managed to film for the very first time in the world, a scene lasting two seconds.

Two years later, the inventor mysteriously disappeared in the train which was to take him to Paris.

His body and personal belongings were never found. Was Auguste Leprince the victim of a villainous crime? Crushed by debts, did he choose to disappear? Was he eliminated by another inventor desirous to hold the primacy of the invention of cinema?

The Leprince Enigma is an investigation novel which attempts to understand why and how the inventor disappeared on September 16<sup>th</sup> 1890. An unheard of investigation behind which remain breathtaking human and industrial matters.

## *The Author*

Beatrice Nicodeme has published many historical thrillers. She is the author of "The Secret of Sir Adrian F" (Timee-Editions 2007) and "Lies" (Timee-Editions 2008). She offers, in this original novel, the results of her investigation and brings a new light to the history of Cinema.