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Works: *Cicatrices du soleil*, poetry (1972); *Les amandiers sont morts de leurs blessures*, poetry (1976); *Moha le fou, Moha le sage*, novel (1978); *La Prière de l'absent*, novel (1981); *L'Enfant de sable*, novel (1985); *La nuit sacrée*, novel (1987).