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spectral, the haunted house – in order to represent the 'familiar' spaces of the home, the family, the self and the everyday. This problematic is situated with respect to tendencies in present-day French writing, with the uncanny being viewed as a particular approach to the contemporary novel's inclination to privilege the site of the chez soi. Readings of the literary texts are informed by philosophical, psychoanalytic and literary

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