

## Vocabulary – Book Two

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| <p>1. trivial (156)<br/>“While people were dying in our country, she was talking to me about <b>trivial</b> things.”</p> <p>2. habitual (157)<br/>“I heard that in the course of one of their <b>habitual</b> quarrels.”</p> <p>3. caricatures (165)<br/>“Then I began to draw <b>caricatures</b> of the teachers.”</p> <p>4. rudimentary (172)<br/>“My German was <b>rudimentary</b>, theirs unusual.”</p> <p>5. refectory (176)<br/>“I went downstairs with my pot to watch TV in the <b>refectory</b>.”</p> <p>6. volition (179)<br/>“Explaining to them that, humiliated to have been caught red-handed stealing a fruit yogurt, I had decided to leave the boarding house of my own <b>volition</b>.”</p> <p>7. insolent (180)<br/>“And the sisters who found me <b>insolent</b>... they should have seen Julie.”</p> <p>8. lackey (191)<br/>“My relationship with the school’s <b>lackeys</b> didn’t please my friends much.”</p> | <p>9. assimilate (193)<br/>“The harder I tried to <b>assimilate</b>, the more I had the feeling that I was distancing myself from my culture, betraying my parents and my origins, that I was playing a game by somebody else’s rules...”</p> <p>10. Baccalaureate (223)<br/>“It was the end of my last year. I was going to take the French <b>baccalaureate</b>.”</p> <p>11. Banal (241)<br/>“..and it’s a <b>banal</b> story of love that almost carried me away.”</p> <p>12. Mediocre (244)<br/>“The shame of having become a <b>mediocre</b> nihilist.”</p> <p>13. Nihilist (244)<br/>“The shame of having become a mediocre <b>nihilist</b>.”</p> <p>14. Disillusioned (252)<br/>“I would never have thought that I would one day hear my mother sound so <b>disillusioned</b>.”</p> <p>15. Anecdote (257)<br/>“Next to my father’s distressing report, my Viennese misadventures seemed like little <b>anecdotes</b> of no importance.”</p> <p>16. Tyrannical (289)<br/>“Most families are traditionalists. They are as <b>tyrannical</b> as the state.”</p> |
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17. intransigence (294)

"I had forgotten her extreme **intransigence**."

18. perspicacity (295)

"Faced with the **perspicacity** of my girlfriends, I had no choice but to admit the truth."

19. discernment (295)

"Such **discernment**!"

20. Discreet (302)

"Our struggle was more **discreet**."

21. Semblance (304)

"To find a **semblance** of equilibrium, we partied almost every night..."

22. Propaganda (322)

"Since when have you trusted our media? Their objective consists of making anti-western **propaganda**."

23. Cynicism (322)

"I hate just as much the **cyncism** of the allies who call themselves "liberators" while they're there for oil."

24. Itinerant (332)

"The **itinerant** cigarette seller, even beggars in the street, all made it clear they'd like to sleep with her."

25. Insinuate (335)

"At that, they started to yell, saying that I was **insinuating** that bearded men were sissies."



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