

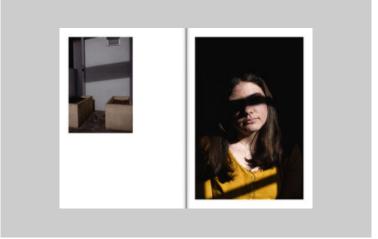
Héroïnes 17 PRIX CARITAS PHOTO SOCIALE 2023 Anaïs Oudart

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The health crisis has exacerbated family difficulties, leading to an increase in breakups, especially in vulnerable households. In France, the average age of independence is 27, whereas child protection ends at 18, creating a period of vulnerability for many young people. Despite the government's acknowledgment of this injustice, precariousness remains a reality for many, with 40% of the homeless under 25 coming from Child Welfare Assistance. Anaïs Oudart focused on young women aged 18 to 25 who experienced family breakups. She wanted to bear witness to their struggles transitioning into adulthood, often marked by housing insecurity and a lack of support. Some manage to overcome these challenges, turning towards child protection. Oudart created a series of portraits reflecting these turbulent childhoods. In 2022, she collaborated with seven child assistance and emergency housing organizations to meet these women across France. She allowed them to choose the location and manner in which they wanted to be depicted, highlighting their strength and resilience. Her work pays tribute to these women, with the number 17 being a reference to the critical age for many breakup cases.

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