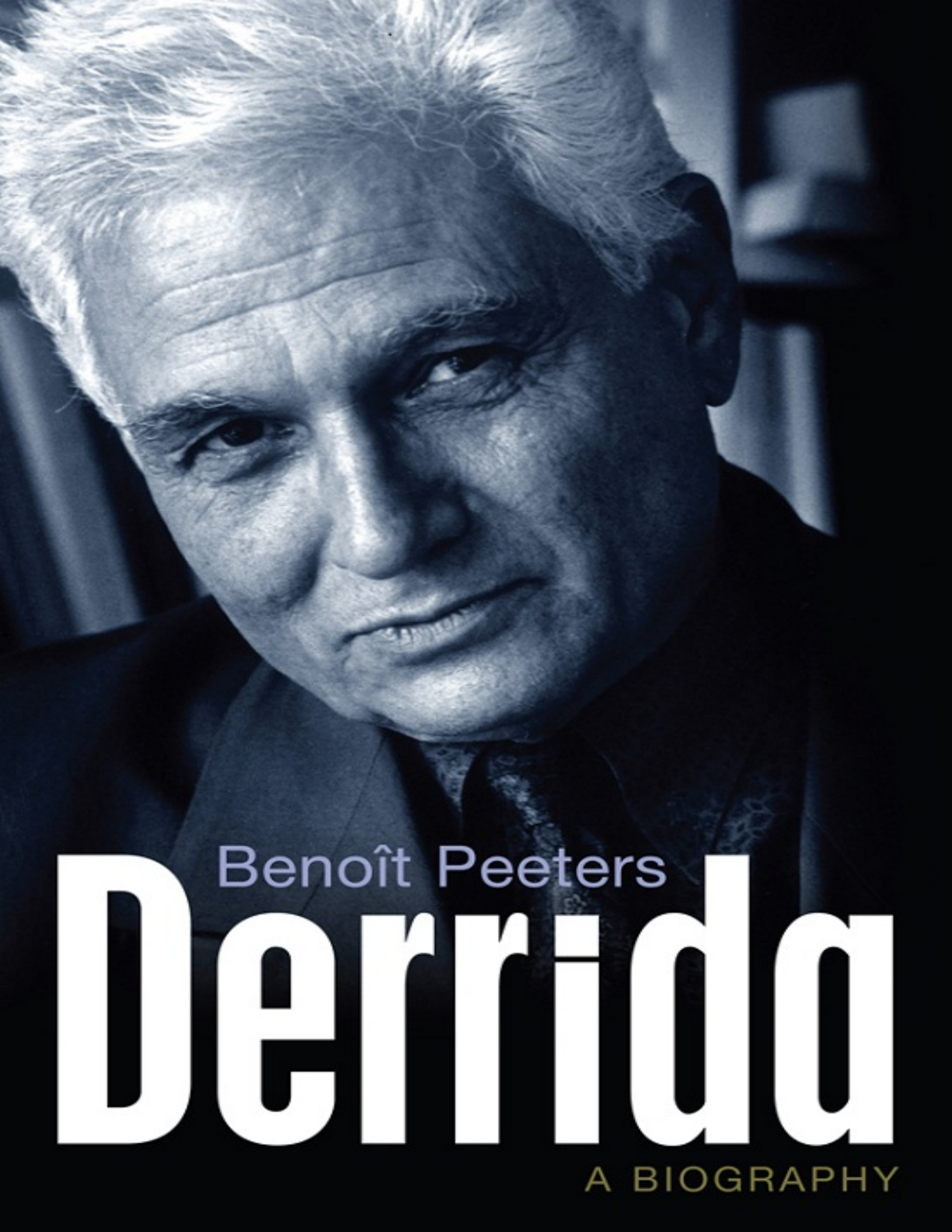




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No one will ever know the secret from which I write and the fact that I say it changes nothing.

Jacques Derrida, 'Circumfession'





Jackie Derrida, aged two.
(Derrida: personal collection)



Sitting on the car with his father, his mother, and his brother
René.

(Derrida: personal collection)



Family group: Jackie is in the middle, on his mother's knees.
(Derrida: personal collection)



At the primary school in El Biar, 1939. Jackie is in the second row (second from right).
(Derrida: personal collection)



At the Lycée Ben Aknoun in 1946 (third row, third from left).
In the second row, the blurred face is that of Jackie's friend
Fernand Acharrok.
(Derrida: personal collection)



In El Biar with his friends in the football club (Jackie is in the second row, smiling).
(Derrida: personal collection)



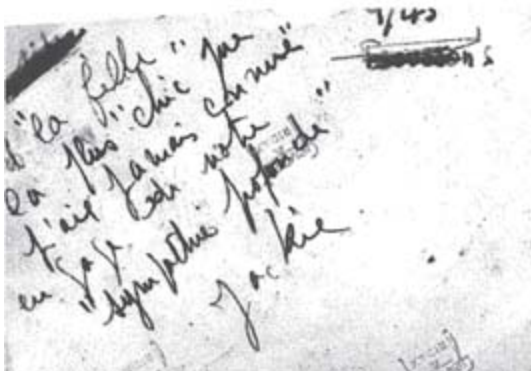
With his mother, summer 1950.
(Derrida: personal collection)



In an Algiers street, shortly before his departure for Paris.
(Derrida: personal collection)



At the wheel of his father's car.
(Derrida: personal collection)



Jackie at fifteen. The photo is dedicated to one of his girlfriends.
(Derrida: personal collection)



At the Lycée Louis-le-Grand, first year of *khâgne* (1949-50),
wearing the grey boarders' overcoat.
(Derrida: personal collection)



The three boys from Algiers in *khâgne*. From left to right:
Derrida, Jean Claude Pariente, and Jean Domerc.
(Derrida: personal collection)



1950-1, second year of *khâgne*. Jackie is in the third row, third from right. On his right, his friend Michel Monory. The teacher is Roger Pons.
(Derrida: personal collection)



1951-2, third year in *khâgne*. Jackie is in the front row,
fourth from left.

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Masters and friends



Edmund Husserl c. 1920.
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Antonin Artaud in 1947.

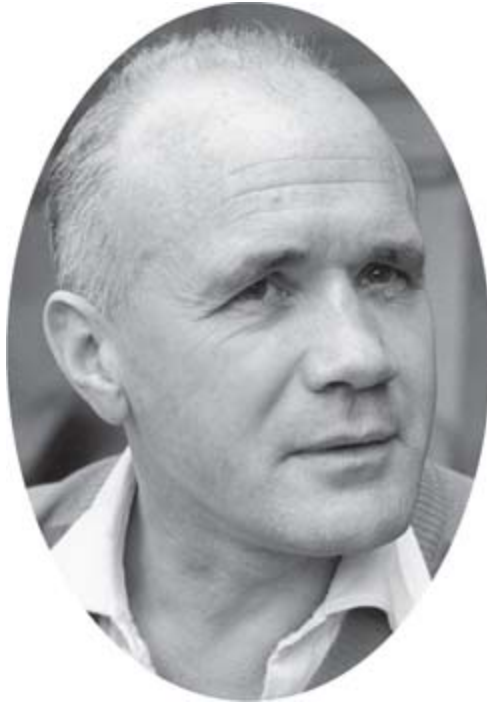
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At the corner of the Boul'Mich and the rue Soufflot, the favourite cafés of Derrida and his friends in the early 1950s.
(Private collection)



The École Normale Supérieure in the rue d'Ulm (© Jean-Philippe Charbonnier/Rapho) at the period when Louis Althusser (above) was teaching there.
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Jacques Derrida, c. 1960, in Prague, in Marguerite's family.
(Derrida: personal collection)