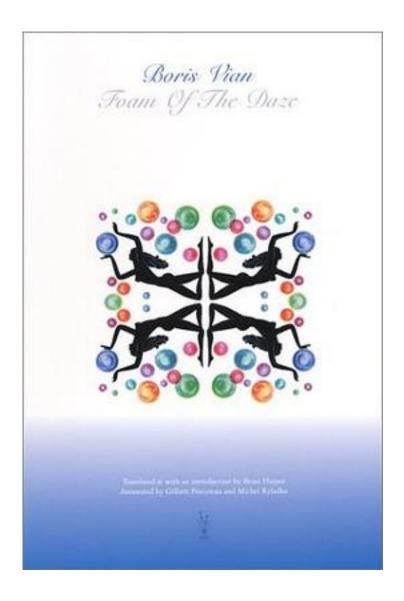
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Froth on the daydream (in French "L'Écume des Jours") is a novel written by French author Boris Vian, and published in 1947.

It has been translated several times into English, under different titles. Stanley Chapman's translation was titled Froth on the Daydream; Brian Harper's was titled Mood Indigo, Foam of the Daze (TamTam Books).

The protagonist, Colin, is a wealthy young man with a resourceful and stylish man-servant, Nicolas, and a healthy supply of doublezoons. With dizzying speed, Colin meets and weds Chloe in a grand ceremony. Generously, Colin bequeaths a quarter of his fortune to his friends Chick and Alise so they too may marry. Happiness should await both couples but Chloe falls ill upon her honeymoon with a lily in the lung, a painful and rare condition that can only be treated by surrounding her with flowers. The expense is prohibitive and Colin soon exhausts his funds. Meanwhile, Chick's obsession with the philosopher, Jean-Sol Partre, causes him to spend all his money, effort and attention upon collecting Partre's literature. Alise hopes to save Chick financially and renew his interest in her by persuading Partre to stop publishing books. She kills him when he refuses and seeks revenge upon the booksellers. Colin struggles to provide flowers for Chloe to no avail and his grief at her death is so strong his pet mouse commits suicide to escape the gloom.

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