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From the moment Peter Mayle and his wife, Jennie, uprooted their lives in England and crossed the Channel

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permanently, they never looked back. Here the beloved author of <i>A Year in Provence</i> pays tribute to the most endearing and enduring aspects of his life in France—the charming and indelible parade of village life, the sheer beauty, the ancient history. He celebrates the café and lists some of his favorites; identifies his favorite villages, restaurants, and open-air markets; and recounts his most memorable meals. A celebration of twenty-five years of Provençal living—of lessons learned and changes observed—with his final book Mayle has crafted a lasting love letter to his adopted home,	marked by his signature warmth, wit, and humor. <i>Confessions of a French Baker</i> Vintage The ultimate “dictionary for lovers of Provence: Peter Mayle's personal selection of the foods, customs and words he finds most fascinating, curious, delicious, or just plain fun. Though organized from A to Z, this is hardly a conventional work of reference. In more than 170 entries, Peter Mayle—bestselling author of <i>A Year in</i>	<i>Provence</i> —writes about subjects as wide-ranging as architecture and zingue-zingue-zoun (in the local patois, a word meant to describe the sound of a violin). And, of course, he writes about food and drink: vin rosé, truffles, olives, melons, bouillabaisse, the cheese that killed a Roman emperor, even a cure for indigestion. <i>Provence A-Z</i> is a delight for Peter Mayle's ever-growing audience and the perfect complement to any guidebook on Provence,
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or, for that matter,  
France.  
Sphere  
You don't have to live in  
Paris to experience her  
unique beauty, allure, and  
enchantment. With this  
dazzling literary  
celebration of the City of  
Light, you can stroll along  
the Seine with David  
Sedaris in *Me Talk Pretty  
One Day*, sample  
croissants in a patisserie  
with M.F.K. Fisher in *As  
They Were*, and savor  
Mona Lisa's smile at the  
Louvre with Mark Twain in

*Innocents Abroad*. With  
fascinating annotations on  
the works, the writers, and  
the wonders of one of the  
world's most beautiful  
places, *A Literary Paris*  
takes you on a bon  
voyage through this  
incomparable city--one  
not juste at a time!

[French Lessons](#) Penguin  
FROM THE BESTSELLING  
AUTHOR OF THE ART  
FORGER AND THE  
MURALIST "Dazzling and  
seductive, a tour de  
force, *The Collector's  
Apprentice* is an  
exhilarating tale of

shifting identities,  
desire, and intrigue  
set between 1920s Paris  
and Philadelphia."—Dawn  
Tripp, bestselling  
author of *Georgia* It's  
the summer of 1922, and  
nineteen-year-old  
Paulien Mertens finds  
herself in Paris—broke,  
disowned, and  
completely alone.  
Everyone in Belgium,  
including her own  
family, believes she  
stole millions in a  
sophisticated con game  
perpetrated by her then-  
fiancé, George Everard.  
To protect herself from  
the law and the wrath

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of those who lost everything, she creates a new identity, a Frenchwoman named Vivienne Gregsby, and sets out to recover her father's art collection, prove her innocence—and exact revenge on George. When the eccentric and wealthy American art collector Edwin Bradley offers Vivienne the perfect job, she is soon caught up in the Parisian world of post- Impressionists and expatriates—including Gertrude Stein and Henri Matisse, with	whom Vivienne becomes romantically entwined. As she travels between Paris and Philadelphia, where Bradley is building an art museum, her life becomes even more complicated: George returns with unclear motives . . . and then Vivienne is arrested for Bradley's murder. B. A. Shapiro has made the historical art thriller her own. In The Collector's Apprentice, she gives us an unforgettable tale about the lengths to which people will go for their obsession,	whether it be art, money, love, or vengeance. <i>An Absolute Scandal</i> Lyle Stuart Gastronomy is a wonderful starting point to study France and the French. As the retired schoolmaster from Provence says 'The religion of France is food. And wine, of course.' And they put their money where their mouth is, spending a greater proportion of their income on food and drink than any other nation in the world. Literally hundreds of
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gastronomic fairs and festivals take place throughout the year all over France - a frog fair, an homage to the sausage, to the turnip, to the quiche and the noble Camembert. What kind of person is a snail-fancier? Is there a brotherhood of sausage connoisseurs? How can you devote an entire weekend to the French fry? Peter Mayle finds out and brings hilariously and affectionately to life the people who can get passionate about a frog's leg or a well-turned omelette.

Over ten years ago he transformed our feelings about Provence, now he captures the irresistible essence of France herself - and her food.

*Expensive Habits* Vintage Books  
A delightful, delicious, and best-selling account of the gustatory pleasures to be found throughout France, from the beloved author of *A Year in Provence*. The French celebrate food and drink more than any other people, and Peter Mayle shows us just how contagious their enthusiasm can be. We visit the Foire aux Escargots. We attend a truly French marathon, where the beverage of choice is Château

Lafite-Rothschild rather than Gatorade. We search out the most pungent cheese in France, and eavesdrop on a heated debate on the perfect way to prepare an omelet. We even attend a Catholic mass in the village of Richerenches, a sacred event at which thanks are given for the aromatic, mysterious, and breathtakingly expensive black truffle. With Mayle as our charming guide, we come away satisfied (if a little hungry), and with a sudden desire to book a flight to France at once.

Still Life with Oysters and Lemon  
Vintage

When billionaire Francis Reboul finds himself on the wrong side of a Russian tycoon, he's

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fortunate to have vacationing friends Sam Levitt and Elena Morales on hand to help him out. Now it's up to Sam—who's saved Reboul's neck before—to negotiate with an underworld of mercenaries, hit men, and Mafioso, to prevent his friend from becoming a victim of "Russian diplomacy." As usual, Sam and Elena still find time to enjoy the good life, but as Sam's sleuthing draws him closer to the truth, he realizes Reboul might not be the only one in trouble. Rich with clever twists, sparkling scenery, and mouthwatering gustatory interludes as only Peter Mayle can write them, *The Corsican Caper* is an adventure par excellence.

Where Did I Come From? Vintage  
A breezy, charming, and perfectly escapist mystery set in the heart of sun- and wine-soaked Aix-en-Provence--where murder investigations are always put on hold for lunch and the only thing more sweeping than the story is the Mediterranean coastline. *Provençal Mystery Series #9*  
Now a series on BritBox.  
Something strange has happened at the unassuming Musée de Quentin-Savary in Aix-en-Provence. When the director, Monsieur Achille Formentin, walks in one beautiful April morning, he is shocked to find the whole museum emptied of its contents--only a bench, the reception desk, and a lowly fern

remain. Distressed, he calls the local police, and Aix's examining magistrate Antoine Verlaque sets out to discover the thief's identity. But it's the most baffling case Verlaque has ever encountered. Why would someone want to steal porcelain dessert plates, some old documents, and a few small paintings? Could this have something to do with the mysterious robbery of Madame de Montbarbon's apartment a few weeks earlier? And how can Verlaque possibly concentrate on the theft when he and his wife, Marine Bonnet, are going to have a baby?

The Vintage Caper Vintage  
No one knows Provence like beloved author Peter Mayle,

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and in this delightful collection—adapted from Provence A-Z: A Francophile’s Essential Handbook—he distills his decades of living in France into ten essential lessons for visitors. Abandoning the well-trodden “best of” routes that can be found in any tourist guide, Mayle highlights local features vital to an authentic Provençal experience. From ruminations on the unique charms of each season to the art of the siesta, Mayle brings the warmth and beauty of the province vividly to life. And, of course, food and wine also get their due, as Mayle expounds the merits of pastis and a good rosé, explores the mystery of traditional market shopping, and more. Evocative and intimate, *Provence in Ten Easy Lessons* is charming yet practical reading for ticketed passengers and armchair travelers, alike. An eBook short.

*A Year in Provence* Vintage Alain de Botton combines two unlikely genres--literary biography and self-help manual--in the hilarious and unexpectedly practical *How Proust Can Change Your Life*. Who would have thought that Marcel Proust, one of the most important writers of our century, could provide us with such a rich source of insight into how best to live life? Proust understood that the essence and value of life was the sum of its everyday parts. As relevant today as they were at the turn of the century, Proust's life and work are transformed here into a no-nonsense guide to, among other things, enjoying your vacation, reviving a relationship, achieving original and unclichéd articulation, being a good host, recognizing love, and understanding why you should never sleep with someone on a first date. It took

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de Botton to find the inspirational in Proust's essays, letters and fiction and, perhaps even more surprising, to draw out a vivid and clarifying portrait of the master from between the lines of his work. Here is Proust as we have never seen or read him before: witty, intelligent, pragmatic. He might well change your life.

The Marseille Caper Anchor  
NATIONAL BESTSELLER  
Taking up where his beloved *A Year in Provence* leaves off, Peter Mayle offers us another funny, beautifully (and deliciously) evocative book about life in Provence.

With tales only one who lives good time trying.

there could know—of finding *My Twenty-Five Years in Provence* Vintage

gold coins while digging in the garden, of indulging in sumptuous feasts at truck stops—and with characters introduced with great affection and wit—the gendarme fallen from grace, the summer visitors ever trying the patience of even the most genial Provençaux, the straightforward dog "Boy"—*Toujours Provence* is a heart-warming portrait of a place where, if you can't quite "get away from it all," you can surely have a very first printing.

**Two Towns in Provence** Vintage  
When a Riviera socialite's diamonds are stolen—the latest in a string of seemingly unconnected but increasingly audacious jewelry heists across France—Peter Mayle's bon vivant and master sleuth, Sam Levitt,



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and his partner, Elena Morales, are soon on the case. In these “perfect crimes,” Sam sees the hand of a master criminal, but as he and Elena dig deeper, they begin to realize just how dangerous it may be to pursue the truth. In the midst of all the excitement, there’s a house to renovate, rosé to share, and feasts of the Provençal summer bounty to enjoy—giving The Diamond Caper all the hallmarks of another delightfully sun-splashed Peter Mayle adventure.

#### **Up the Agency** Vintage

Bennett is an English expatriate living in France with a champagne taste and a beer bankroll. Happy-go-lucky and a bit roguish, he places an ad in the

offering his services -- any services. He pursues a response from a wealthy Englishman named Julian Poe who has developed a means of producing truffles and is close to cornering the immensely lucrative truffle market. Bennett signs on and finds himself in Monaco, where he is able to live in a style to which he has always wished to become accustomed (including eating to his heart's content -- a Mayle trademark!). Soon the Sicilian and Corsican Mafiosi intrude and Bennett is joined by the beautiful and experienced (in all ways) Anna. Ham-fisted goons, gendarmes working at cross purposes, French village

busybodies, and an order of monks dedicated to the god Bacchus all play a role in the surprising, and more than a little satisfying, denouement.

#### *How Proust Can Change Your Life* National Geographic Books

Why does the Blue Grouse migrate north in the winter? Why did Lewis Carroll use a dodo bird to represent himself in "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland"? What are the bird names that appear most often as crossword clues? Birdwatchers and puzzle fans alike will delight in "Bird Brainteasers," a fresh collection of puzzles, games,

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and avian amusements by noted puzzle creator Patrick Merrell. This book is packed with bird-themed crosswords, visual puzzles, and the first-ever Birdoku challenges.

Interspersed throughout are fascinating and amusing bird facts, trivia, and lore, drawn from everything from music and literature to popular culture. Packaged in a small format and highly illustrated with a unique combination of historical and cultural images, "Bird Brainteasers" is the perfect gift for any bird lover. Put down the binoculars and pick up a pencil!

**The Corsican Cap** Vintage In his most delightful foray into the wonders of Provençal life, Peter Mayle returns to France and puts behind him cholesterol worries, shopping by phone, California wines, and other concerns that plagued him after too much time away. In *Encore Provence*, Mayle gives us a glimpse into the secrets of the truffle trade, a parfumerie lesson on the delicacies of scent, an exploration of the genetic effects of 2,000 years of foie gras, and a small-town murder mystery that reads like the best fiction. Here, too, are

Mayle's latest tips on where to find the best honey, cheese, or *chambre d'hôte* the region has to offer. Lyric, insightful, sparkling with detail, *Encore Provence* brings us a land where the smell of thyme in the fields or the glory of a leisurely lunch is no less than inspiring. *The Vanishing Museum on the Rue Mistral* Storey Publishing Mark Doty's prose has been hailed as "tempered and tough, sorrowing and serene" (The New York Times Book Review) and "achingly beautiful" (The Boston Globe). In *Still Life with Oysters and Lemon* he offers a stunning

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exploration of our attachment to ordinary things-how we invest objects with human store, and why.

**Murder in Italy** Vintage

Exclusive Roadmap

Workbook Companion! You can request a free-of-charge workbook which is a consolidation of the book's 20 chapter exercises.

**Bird Brain Teasers** Open Road Media

The bestselling, much-loved classic account of an English couple escaping to enjoy the fruits of French rural summer living - an irresistible feast of humour and heart. Peter Mayle

and his wife did what most of us only imagine doing when they made their long-cherished dream of a life abroad a reality: throwing caution to the wind, they bought a glorious two hundred year-old farmhouse in the Lubéron Valley and began a new life. In a year that begins with a marathon lunch and continues with a host of gastronomic delights, they also survive the unexpected and often hilarious curiosities of rural life. From mastering the local accent and enduring invasion by bumbling builders, to discovering the finer points of boules and goat-racing, all

the earthy pleasures of Provençal life are conjured up in this enchanting portrait. 'One of the most successful travel books of all time... Mayle created a new travel genre' Guardian 'Delightful' Washington Post 'Engaging, funny and richly appreciative' New York Times Book Review 'Stylish, witty, delightfully readable' Sunday Times 'I really loved this book' Julia Child  
**Toujours Provence** Vintage  
Describes the reproductive process from intercourse to birth.