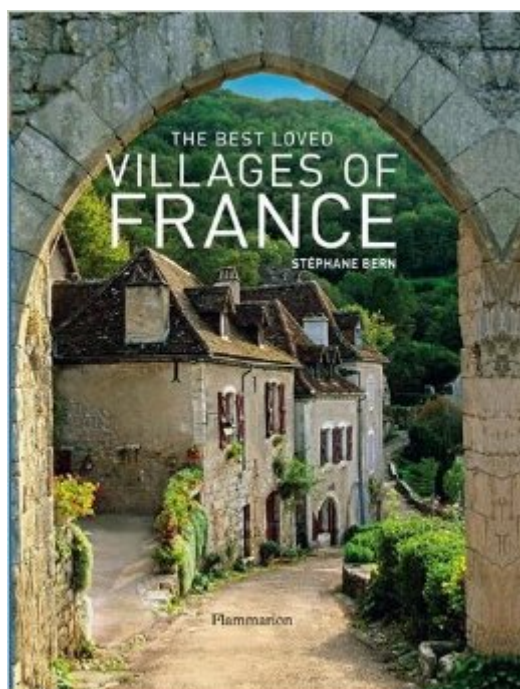


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# The Best Loved Villages Of France



## Synopsis

An insider's tour of France's most beloved and beautiful villages uncovers the country's hidden treasures. The Best Loved Villages of France brings the reader on a tour of forty-four of the country's most treasured destinations. Always picturesque, but often well-kept secrets, the book offers insight into village life and local history. Take a tour of a crumbling medieval fortress with the mayor of Lavardin or peruse the maritime objects found at sea by a mustached fisherman in Saint-Suliac. Stroll along the coast of the Wissant bay windsurfer's paradise or promenade through the manicured grounds of Vaux-le-Vicomte. Watch the sunrise over the fairy-tale castle in Montsoreau or enjoy a fresh langoustine dinner in Piana, Corsica. This book offers an illustrated tour around all twenty-two regions of France, from Provence and the Alps, to Normandy and the Loire. Aerial and intimate photographs invite the reader to explore these splendid locales, while the descriptions, anecdotes, and interviews with local village-dwellers plunge you into the individual history and character of France's diverse regions. The villages featured in the book were selected in a popular vote by the French public and they represent an authentic journey into the heart of France.

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I just got this book today. My mother is from France and I have family still there that my family keeps in contact with. I have ordered many books on France with good and bad results. Sometimes I find that photographs of France tend to be uninspired and not very intimate or personal. Rather remote. But, this book is just charming with beautiful photos. I was so taken with this book on my first

flip through that I relish the digging in. The color photos make me have a better sense of the country and feel then those remote ones that seem to plague so many books on France. It is definitely worth buying for anyone interested in France.

If you have any interest in France, you may be interested in this beautiful and nicely produce coffee table book, covering 44 villages in 22 regions. Stephane Bern spent two years researching each region to pick two villages for each region for a TV series. The book captures the French rural countryside beautifully. The photographs are exceptional capturing I suppose the prettiest images from the TV series. The text is also very informative. Attached in the first Comment is an excerpt devoted to Vezelay in Burgundy, part travelogue, part homage, wonderfully evocative of a village I visited 20 years ago. Robert C. Ross December 2014

Gave this as a gift to a friend who visits France often. Many of the villages were new to him and he is excited about visiting ones shared in the book. The photos are superb.

GOT THIS FOR MY SISTER FOR CHRISTMAS AND SHE CAN'T STOP TALKING ABOUT IT, WONDERFUL PURCHASE AND BREATH TAKING PICTURES...

Beautiful pictures and just the right amount of information, well organized by region. I expect to use this book to plan and hopefully to carry out many delightful side trips.

Very interesting and helping us to plan a trip.

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