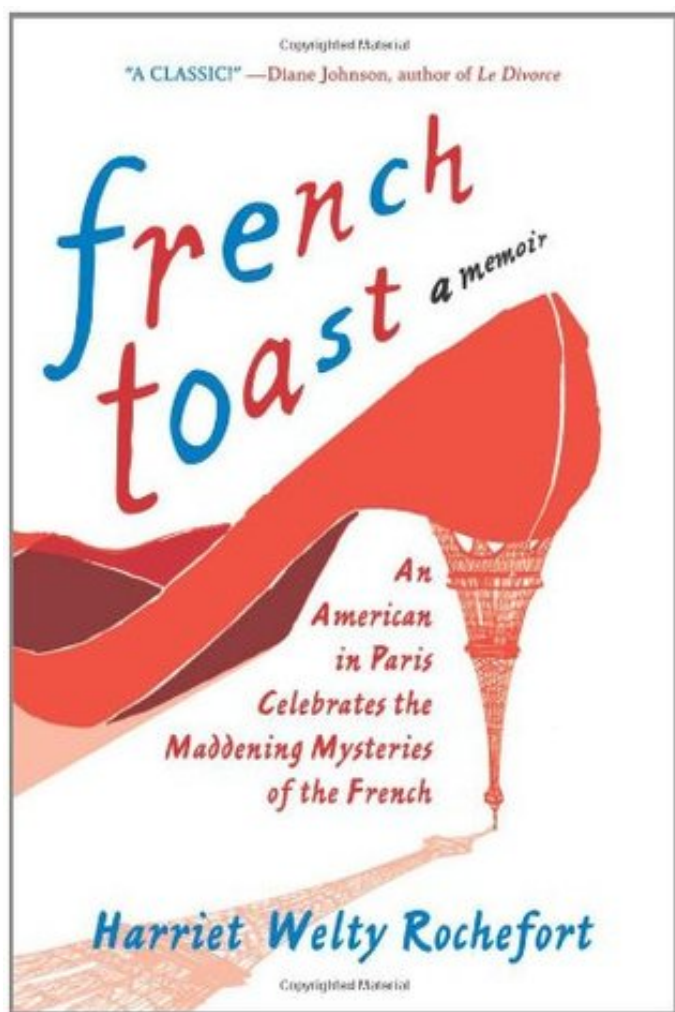

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Description

Peter Mayle may have spent a year in Provence, but Harriet Welty Rochefort writes from the wise perspective of one who has spent more than twenty years living among the French. From a small town in Iowa to the City of Light, Harriet has done what so many of dream of one day doing-she picked up and moved to France. But it has not been twenty years of fun and games; Harriet has endured her share of cultural bumps, bruises, and psychic adjustments along the way.

In *French Toast*, she shares her hard-earned wisdom and does as much as one woman can to demystify the French. She makes sense of their ever-so-French thoughts on food, money, sex, love, marriage, manners, schools, style, and much more. She investigates such delicate matters as how to eat asparagus, how to approach Parisian women, how to speak to merchants, how to drive, and, most important, how to make a seven-course meal in a silk blouse without an apron! Harriet's first-person account offers both a helpful reality check and a lot of very funny moments.

Insightful reviews

Erin: When cultures clash! In this memoir, Rochefort tells us about her experiences about living in France, being married to a French husband, and raising three French sons, all while trying to understand and survive the cultural differences between the French and Americans.

While some of the information is interesting and knowledgable, there really wasn't anything throughout the book that struck me as overly unique. Rochefort seems to have the same general complaints that most Americans do while in Paris: the French smoke too much, they're rude, they drive like maniacs, etc. The only difference is she chooses to live there, while many others just visit.

Not a bad read overall. It's easy to get through, and gives you a bit more insight into French culture and attitudes.

Stephanie Carlson: Chuckled through this book, Rochefort points out the differences between the French and American culture with a great sense of humor. This book makes me appreciate my parents bi-cultural marriage even more!

I am glad that she makes it quite clear that the anecdotes she uses to describe the French culture are her personal experiences and not a generalized perspective on every single French person.

Overall an enjoyable read, makes me want to visit Paris again, even if people are honestly rude!

Maira: Eh, I'm not entirely sure why I picked this one up in the first place...

It was OK, I didn't love it, didn't hate it. The look into a different world was interesting. Things I didn't know, things I wouldn't think to think of, an attempt to explain the differences between

Americans and the French (other than the fact that they are always referred to as a proper title "the French" unlike us, for whom the formal title is reserved for the singular as opposed to the masses. Just realized that, hhmhhh).

Ellen Broadhurst: i used to be essentially no longer within the audience for this actual little bit of writing. i am not precisely convinced who was, though. possibly American ladies trying to movement to Paris with their families? Small group, I think. Overall, the writing isn't really extraordinarily interesting, the tales now not overly humorous or informative, the generalizations of Parisians and infrequently the French performed in rather vast strokes.

Sarina: Like a few have said, "French Toast" does concentration totally on higher category Parisians. i will see why it may be seen as incomplete, yet i don't believe it is intended to be complete, simply an wonderful e-book approximately own experiences. it is a quite quickly read. The writing was once usually humorous and light, yet direct. It was once certainly enjoyable (and informative) and can make a superb publication to take with you on vacation.

Carissa: mehthhhhhhhhhhhhhhh. this ebook used to be this lady who grew up within the midwest usa telling approximately her existence now that she's grown up and married a parisian. it is a lot of "americans are like THIS however the french are like THIS." might be it was once a nasty narrator, yet i simply did not care in regards to the writer or her story.

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