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No one knows Provence like beloved author Peter Mayle, 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.

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Amy Hilliges says

Quick read of things to keep in mind for my trip to Provence this coming week. Nice turn of phrases -"horizontal trial and error" to describe practiced nappers sharing their experiences --, good descriptions, for
example the rude hand gestures, and some interesting facts. I'm currently reading Mayle's "French Lessons",
which is food and wine focused, and I look forward to more detailed observations and explanations about the
French culinary culture in Mayle's signature style.

Peg says

Mr. Mayle's editors ordered up a "filler" book. Cute, but one that requires only ten minute spurts of attention.....now his "The Marseille Caper" is a different wonderful thing entirely.

Kris says

A great little read

Just solid info and advice on how to enjoy Provençe. I like his approach to travel and enjoying the real treasures.

Pauline says

I enjoyed it very much

Keith Hemenway says

Great read

Great read video a year in province should also be seen it helps with seeing the people and landscapes of provence

Susan says

Disappointingly brief, this "handbook" offered virtually no guidance. If you're looking for a handbook for visiting Provence, this ain't it.

Amanda Baxter says

Left Wanting More

I was hoping this would be filled with more details - names of markets, cafes, areas to explore. It was too general for me. I'm traveling to Provence this summer and was hoping this book would provide more insight into the area.

Charles Gorman says

Lovely little book

I lovely book to give one the essence of the place and its people. I really enjoyed reading this book and a very short read too.

Tim Fay says

Mayle Delivered!

ever since I read a year in provance I have loved Mayor's dry English witt, his saucy observations and wonderful descriptions of life in Provance. Totally worth your dime.

Aloke says

The great advantage of this book is that it's short. But it could have been even shorter. I now present to you:

The Super-compressed Provence A-Z

Pastis, rosé, eating outside, cafés, lavender, herbs, melons, wet earth, truffles, Pastis again, farmers markets, olive trees, lavender again, pétanque, rude hand gestures, napping.

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