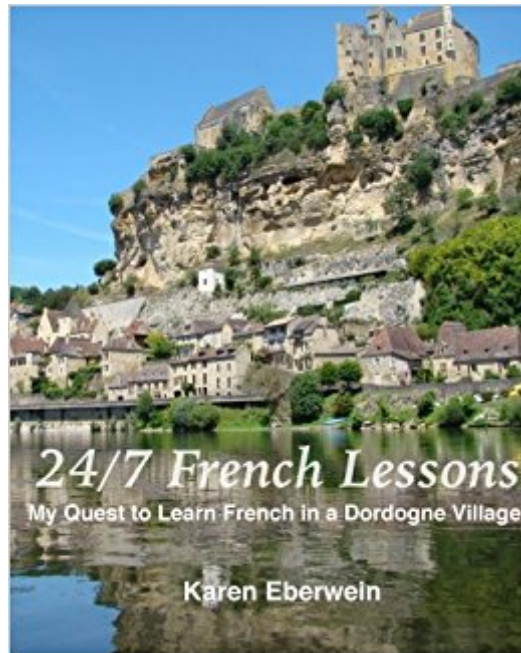




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24/7 French Lessons: My Quest To Learn French In A Dordogne Village



Synopsis

Francophile Karen Eberwein had always dreamed of becoming fluent in French. She realized that the perfect way to learn is total immersion - in a small village in the Dordogne Valley. So she packs a bag, rents a rustic stone cottage, and spends nearly a year in CÃ©nac-et-Saint-Julien, France. Karen refuses to speak English, vows to speak to anyone who is willing to talk with her, religiously carries a French dictionary, and retains a light-hearted, playful approach to learning the language. She has carefully chosen a village not dominated by tourism, arrived in December, and in a surprisingly short amount of time, the local people befriend her. In the process of learning a language, she becomes part of a wonderful French village. Locals who first acknowledged her with a nod, then a handshake, now greet her warmly with kisses on both cheeks. Tag along with Karen as she experiences French life and gains more than just a language.

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Customer Reviews

Karen Eberwein splits her time between the San Francisco Bay Area and Wanaka, New Zealand. She lives with her husband and a drooling old cat.

A must read for Francophiles and lovers of travel. An enlightening look into the wonderful life of a French village and a story of enterprise, adventure, and commitment that many of us can only envy. Karen's style is relaxed and truthful, and it is very easy to put yourself into the intimately described scenes and occasions. The book flows sweetly from start to finish, switching cleverly from one happening to the next, holding your interest without waste of words. I hope others will enjoy the book as much as I (being an avid traveller) did.

Karen is an excellent author....I was with her every step of the way !! Her descriptions are so exact and most of all... I " take my hat off to her " ...she achieved what she set out to do !!

I felt like I was there in the small village in France when reading all about her daily activities; meeting her neighbors, her classmates, and any French person that she decided to stop and try to speak with in French. It is an easy read and very entertaining. The author definitely describes her experiences with precise details and excellent pictures throughout the book. I traveled to France many years ago and did not come home with a great opinion of the French people. Glad to learn, through Karen's book, that there are many French people who were anxious and willing to show her the ways of their culture and language. They even became very close friends!!!

This beautifully written and entertaining account of a fantastic adventure captures the flavor and essence of the culture and customs of a charming French village. With anecdotes and lovely pictures interspersed throughout, Karen brings to life a story of courage and determination. Through the kindness and hospitality of the French people and Karen's own persistence, it was evident that she was warmly welcomed into the local community. In her book, Karen gives us an insightful comparison of cultures that are so similar and yet so different from her American roots. It was a joy sharing Karen's remarkable experience with her. Submitted by Betty Day.

The day I received Karen Eberwein's book, 24/7 French Lessons, I stayed up half the night reading it. I am a fast reader and I'm planning on reading it again at a slower pace. Karen's year-long adventures in CÃ©nac and Domme were entrancing, humorous, and charming. Through this book I grew to know and like the French people that Karen met. This book is great and it is worth buying it just for the beautiful photography. All of the photographs were taken by the author. I had never felt the urge to travel to France, but after reading this book, I plan to visit the Dordogne Valley of France. Thank you, Karen, for a vicarious French vacation.

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Awesome read.....was a fascinating journey we get to enjoy alongside Karen.. I was transfixed on the cultural descriptions and comparisons. I couldn't put it down. Her style is so very effective in both educating and entertaining. I recommend it to everyone wanting to go on a vacation (real or virtual) of France.

...the perfect accompaniment to your morning coffee! Karen's descriptive lines and sharp photography will sweep you away to the colorful French landscape, people and culture. I highly recommend this book!

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