

TAKING ROOT IN PROVENCE

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Summary:

This is a 'warts-and-all' account of life among the French as lived and observed by two former Washingtonians who set out in 1998 to test the vaunted quality of life of the region and in the process hoping to find the ideal place to retire. Preferring the city over the countryside, they settled in Aix-en-Provence where they began to do as 'they' do, adopted the local rhythm of life and steeped themselves in the high and low culture of the area. With warmth and humor Simons shares her joys and frustrations, her fun with the language and her lessons learned, giving us an insider's view of a privileged place that, despite its contradictions, seems to hold the promise of a true life of quality.

About the author:

Anne-Marie Simons has worked as a translator, teacher, journalist, sportswriter covering Formula One races, and director of corporate communications. Her Argentine husband left a career in international development banking to become an expert on Provençal cooking and other local pleasures. His recipes are featured.