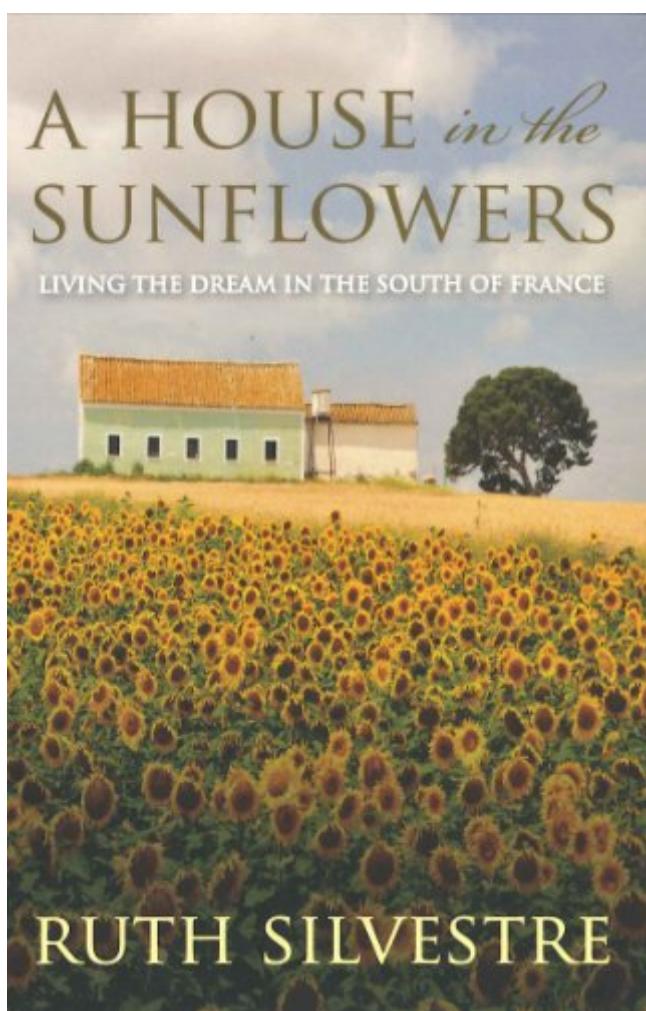


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# A House In The Sunflowers (The Sunflowers Trilogy Series)



## **Synopsis**

In the late 1970s in the south-west of France, Ruth Silvestre and her family found Bel-Air de GrÃ©zelongue, a house that had been deserted and uninhabited for ten years. They fell in love with it. A House in the Sunflowers tells of their love affair with the house; from the ups and downs of buying and renovating it, to the challenge of becoming part of the local French community. Sprinkled with mouth-watering descriptions of gastronomic feasts in the glorious sunshine, and fascinating insights into the history and customs of this stunning area, this charming, funny and romantic book is an absolute must for everyone who wants to fulfil their dreams of living abroad.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Not so different from many similar memoirs, but Ruth Silvestre still managed to draw me into their tale of renovating an old and neglected house, called Bel Air. Ruth and the characters of the village and farms are immensely likable, and although one simply knows how much hard toil is going to be

involved for Ruth and her husband Mike one reads on with great glee and enjoyment. I've read all 3 of the "Sunflowers trilogy", one after the other. I loved the descriptions of the food of the region, maybe the detailed history of cathedrals and other historical places a little less so. (If one intends to wander that way, however, her meticulously researched historical details would be of great interest). I thoroughly enjoyed this book.

The author's love and appreciation for her French neighbors makes the story even better. If you liked this one, you might like Anne Loader's memoirs of buying a French farmhouse, too--her books were what made me continue to look for books like this one! Ms. Silvestre lovingly describes the land, the meals, and the way of life. You will want to head to their home for a visit!

I bought these Trilogy Series of "A House in the Sunflowers", as I love to read the category of "Travel" where writers let us, the readers, learn and enjoy other cultures, specially I do like reading about people who live away from the big melting pots, lost in the mountains and still connected as families and friends become a big family themselves. I didn't quite enjoy this first book. The writer gets lost onto too much noise of stories within the main story. I found myself "speedwritting" and not interested in what I call "the noise". Regardless, I am going to give it a second try by reading Book # 2.

It was well written. very good English , but too slow for me. It is all about restoring a house and French eating habits. There are a lot of comments in French, which are not translated all the time and I don't speak French.

The story line was interesting but difficult to follow with French interspersed in the sentences. My tablet doesn't have the capability to translate to English so some of the sense of story was lost.

Loved this! I am fortunate to have spent some time in the general area and this lovely book brought it all back. Her descriptions of the countryside and the food (!) - heavenly. How wonderful to discover this life the way she and her family were able to do - to actually live there and become a part of the community. Can't wait to read the other two in the series - thank you, Ruth, for sharing your adventure.

A lovely light read, particularly if one is a Francophile. Back in the mists of time, when renting local

gites in SW France, I came across many property owners who could well have been Raymond and Claudette! So, this book brought back many lovely memories of people, places and times. An ideal book for 'dreamers' who regret not having done an old restoration or who indeed may be thinking of doing it.

What a wonderful story. All of us should have a house in France. The world would be a better place. My one critique of the book is the extensive use of the French language, the majority without translation. I felt I missed some of the story. Regardless, I recommend this book to anyone interested in France.

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