

*'The plains of olive groves far below, broken by many a rounded hill; the sun glinting upon the windows of the little Provençal farmsteads; dark cypresses stabbing the skyline, and far away the blue encircling sea...'*

The original story of falling for France, *Perfume from Provence* was first published in 1935 and became a best-seller.

Tempted by a better climate and the lower cost of living, Sir John and Lady Winifred Fortescue leave recession-hit England and embark on a simpler life in Provence. They begin renovations on an old stone house amid olive groves high in the hills above Nice, bewitched by the landscape and their glorious garden with its vine-laden terraces, wild flowers and lavender. With illustrations by E. H. Shepard, Winifred's witty account of village life is an enchanting read.



Born in 1888, **Winifred Fortescue** was an actress who rubbed shoulders with Jerome K. Jerome and Bernard Shaw when she married Sir John Fortescue, the king's librarian and archivist. She later began writing articles for *The Times*, the *Daily Chronicle*, the *Evening News* and *Punch*, and inaugurated a woman's page for *The Morning Post*. She wrote seven books, of which *Perfume from Provence* was the first.

*'... a portrait of a genteel way of life, not without its challenges, in bygone rural Provence, a must for anyone interested in France, gardens and life between the wars...'*

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