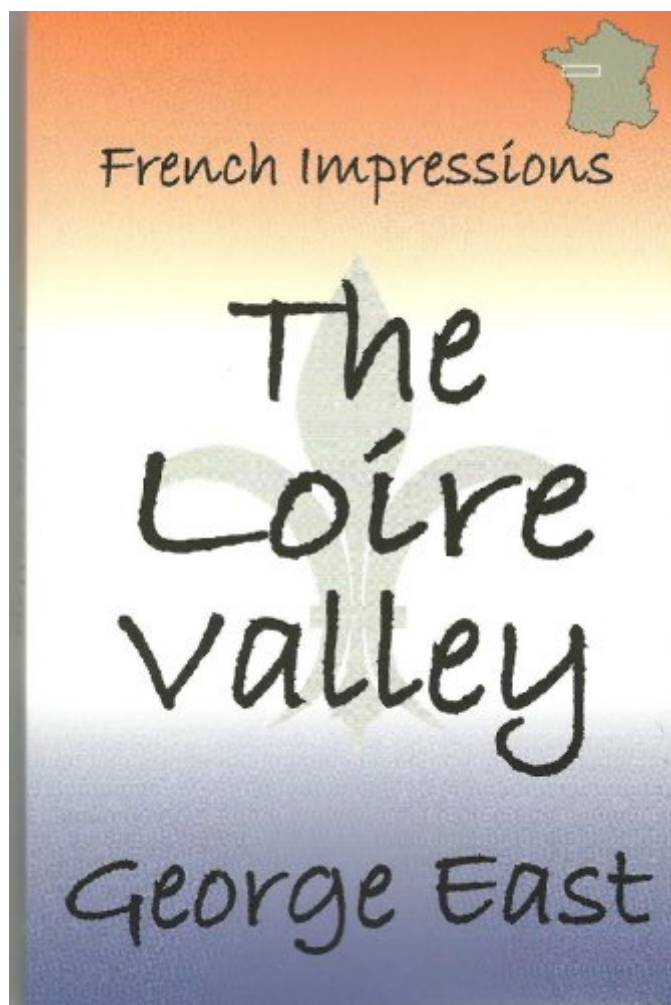


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A few years ago, I stumbled upon George East's books. So happy that I did. All of them are great fun. I especially loved the "Mill of the Flea" series, which chronicles his and his lovely wife Donella's years living in a very rural area in Normandy. Best of all the ex-pat books concerning an Englishman living in France. I've read the others after they moved on to different environs, particularly Brittany, with so many hilarious stories about learning the local ropes. Now they are off to offer travel stories along the Loire. Lovely, but pull no punches. George is not shy. I know that the Dordogne will follow. Can't wait.

I LOVE France - the Loire Valley in particular. This author writes with an English smugness that is hard to tolerate. He seems intent on putting down all the things that make the Loire so beautiful and pleasing. Here's a tip: MOVE back to England. I SO wanted to find a book about the Loire that is written from my place - a place of awe and appreciation, but this is depressing and hurtful to my Francophile heart.

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