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My Good Life in France In Pursuit of the Rural Dream

Janine Marsh

Keynote

Ten years ago, Janine Marsh decided to leave her corporate life behind to fix up a run-down barn in northern France. This is the true story of her rollercoaster ride.

Description

One grey dismal day, Janine Marsh was on a trip to northern France to pick up some cheap wine. She returned to England a few hours later having put in an offer on a rundown old barn in the rural Seven Valleys area of Pas de Calais. This was not something she'd expected or planned for.

Janine eventually gave up her job in London to move with her husband to live the good life in France. Or so she hoped. While getting to grips with the locals and la vie Française, and renovating her dilapidated new house, a building lacking the comforts of mains drainage, heating or proper rooms, and with little money and less of a clue, she started to realize there was lot more to her new home than she could ever have imagined.

These are the true tales of Janine's rollercoaster ride through a different culture – one that, to a Brit from the city, was in turns surprising, charming and not the least bit baffling.

Sales Points

- Janine Marsh is the editor of *The Good Life France* blog and magazine
- Includes useful tips on fitting in with French lifestyle and culture
- Titles such as *A Year in Provence* and *How to be Parisian* have shown how popular books on life in France can be
- From the publishers of *The Inn at the Top* (over 10k copies sold)

Reviews

- 'Warm, uplifting, and effervescent...Janine's voice and humor bubbles right off the page, making you want to pack your bags and visit her fixer-upper home in rural France' - *Samantha Verant*
- 'If you've ever dreamed of discovering "the real France," you won't want to miss this delightful book' - *Keith Van Sickle*

Author Biography

Janine Marsh lives in northern France with her husband and myriad pets. She is unable to resist a stray animal, and the word is out. She works from a converted pig sty when she's not travelling around France doing research for her website www.thegoodlifeinfrance.com, which tells you everything you need to know about France and more.

She gave up a sensible job in London, where she was born, to renovate a bargain basement barn and turn it into a home – an ongoing project. Along the way she became maid to six cats, three dogs, fifty chickens and ducks, and four mad geese.

She is an award-winning travel writer and social media fan who loves to share her life, explorations and photos on Facebook at The Good Life France.

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