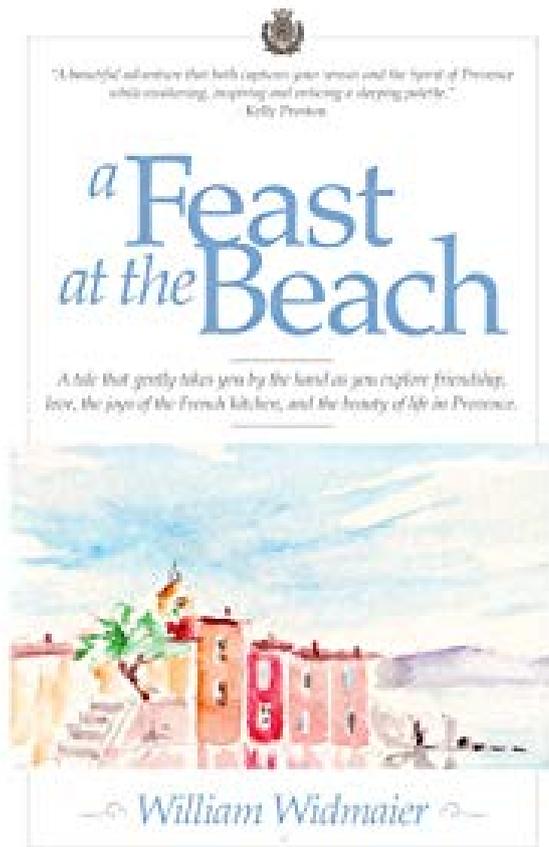


A Feast at the Beach



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Travel back in time and immerse yourself in the Provence of the late 60s. Sensitively told, filled with humor, tenderness and a beautifully descriptive narrative regaling the reader with the tastes and smells of Southern France, *A Feast at the Beach* deftly blends the foods of Provence with stories that will touch your heart - and just may inspire you to rediscover your own joie de vivre. "I adore his book. He shares the most significantly notable times of his life with a sentimental passion that releases the joy of living in each one of us." San Francisco Book Review "Like a warm summer evening, rocking on the front porch listening to family memories and tales, this nostalgic read is a real pleasure." Bonjour PARIS magazine "A delight. The book is filled with powerful flavors, scents, images and traditions... You know a book has grabbed you when it leaves you wanting to know more." The Provence Post "With a clever pen and sincere style, Widmaier is brilliant at wiping away all the cliché's you've seen all too often on TV about life in St. Tropez. You'll find yourself immersed in the Provence of the 60s, a universe that evokes both the novels of Marcel Pagnol and the photographs of Robert Doisneau." French Morning magazine "If there was an ideal book to introduce you to the slow life in Rural France, this just might be the one. Each chapter ends in recipes that are a joy to read, as they are more than a list of ingredients and procedures, as a good recipe should be. Widmaier's characters are precisely drawn, and unlike those of Peter Mayle you never get the feeling that the little quirks in their character are being embellished for your amusement." About.com Europe Travel Editor "In every jewel-like

chapter William captures the essence of what it was to be a child in a Provence that is passing from memory.

A lovely book.” Georgeanne Brennan Award winning author of *A Pig in Provence* and *The Food and Flavors of Haute Provence*. “A delicious read.

If you wish to be transported to a St Tropez of long ago then *A Feast at the Beach* is the perfect interlude.” Vivki Archer Author of *My French Life* and *French Essence*.

“For a trip to St. Tropez of yesterday, pick up this book. You’ll not only be tempted to book a plane ticket, but you’ll also be forced to recall simpler times and places, where memories of people you love are peppered with laughter and good food. “ Kimberley Lovato Travel writer and author of the award winning cookbook *Walnut Wine and Truffle Groves* “Evocative storytelling and rich, luscious recipes” *Blissfully Domestic* “All I have to do is revisit Widmaier’s lovely read, and I can instantly find myself in France.” *Sacramento Book Review* “I highly recommend William Widmaier’s book *A Feast at the Beach*. This memoir of life in Provence in the slower ’60s will make you want to experience it all before you’ve reached the end of the book, I’m telling you. And if you can’t, it has recipes so you can taste what you’re missing while you stir the pots in your very own kitchen.” *Wandering France* “William has developed a deep sensitivity towards France. His descriptions and literary style shows that the land of his grandparents is indeed a part of him.

To read *A Feast at the Beach* is to experience slices of Provençal life with all the amazement and sensitivity of the child we all once were.” David Martinon Consul General of France