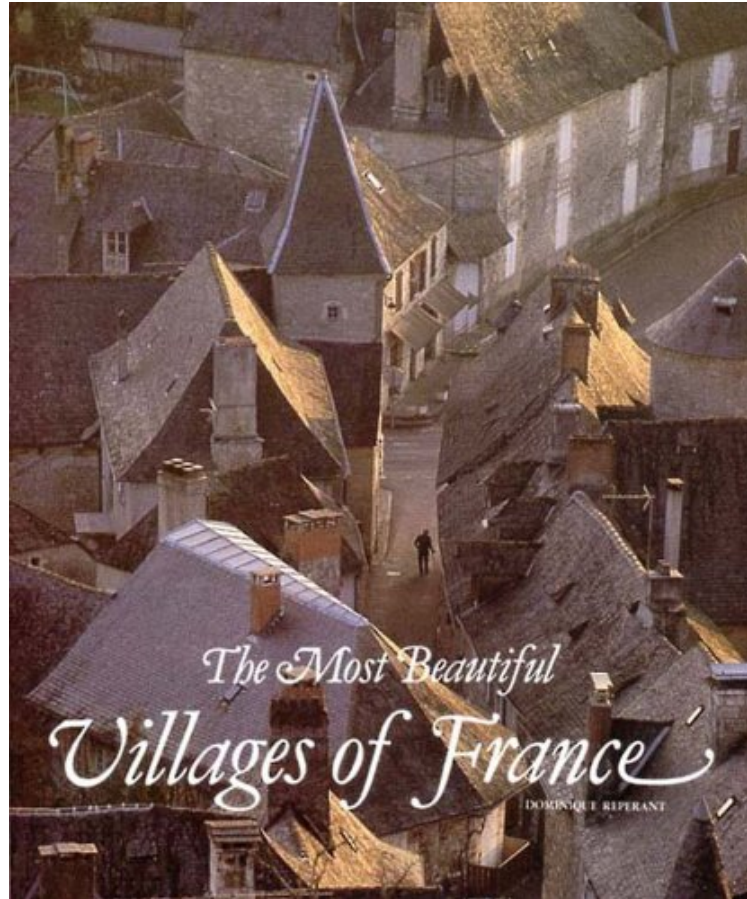


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**Dominique Reperant : The Most Beautiful Villages of France (Most Beautiful Villages)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Most Beautiful Villages of France (Most Beautiful Villages):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The picture book is your guide through the rural areas in France and especially the 17, 000 year old cave drawings done by manBy MiriomnibusFriends who left our hometown to go to France thirty years ago, renovated both a home and farm. The farm is where they live but also where they built a new home using old pieces of architecture which they found to make the home seem like the original ones in the area that are from the 18th Century. Ten couples from Louisville financed this project and had a picturesque pool put in with ceramic pieces that are along the sides of the pool and in the deck which is encased by a beautiful garden that also affords privacy. We found out about their privately renovated house in the village of St Jean de Cole and were told that we should at least take a look at this book and buy it if we were planning to rent their house, Mason Rose. We picked up a copy of the book at the library first and after a few hours of looking at the beauty, bought it, of course, from . This book goes through all the small villages that are famous for ancient Roman ruins, lovely Cathedrals and fairy tale

castles and of course the famous early Caves where the drawings by man are 17,000 years old. They are in several caves in the Dordogne area of France. The French Government closes all caves that were originally privately owned but once the owner dies they close the cave to protect it from harm. We were very lucky to have "Cave Day" set up by the owners of our Maison Rose, who happened to know the woman who lived in the area and is the authority on these Caves and gave tours to both the Smithsonian and to the Historic Trust. She fortunately was willing to give private tours to the ones that were still open and took us to one that must be closed by now since the man who owned it was near ninety, in poor health and that was six years ago. But back to this book it explains the caves and the reason why they are in the area with limestone which was soft enough for early man to do his drawings with sticks and hand made tools back 17,000 years ago to do these drawings. For those who don't believe man lived that long ago this book is a must read and if you are planning to visit rural France this is a must own. It was our tour guide through our two week stay in France. We want badly to return to cover the areas that we didn't see but NOT Paris. I toured it twice and found little but the Louvre to bring me back again. It's terribly expensive and crowded. But this rural areas of France are divine and certainly worth visiting especially during the famous blooms of Spring or the opposite type beauty of Fall. We felt very wise to be in St. Jean du Cole rather than Louisville the week of insanity before Derby and the week of the Derby, which we didn't even think about since we didn't turn on a TV as we chose to wander the lands rather than do our norm at home. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Sheri L. beautiful 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Two Stars By Elizabeth Delabaume Not exactly what I was looking for...but okay

A visual celebration of France's most beautiful and perfectly preserved medieval villages, each a harmonious marriage of architecture and landscape. Complementing the selection of villages is a list of hotels and restaurants.

From Library Journal Reperant has assembled a stunning photographic collection of medieval French villages in often breathtakingly beautiful surroundings. The author/photographer has selected only villages of fewer than 1,050 inhabitants, and his criterion for the "most beautiful" is the "best preserved"--villages whose old buildings predominate in landscapes that remain unspoiled today. Readers may get lost on the trail from village to village because the author provides few guideposts regarding their relation to other locations in France. Brief histories of each site and the architectural details that abound pale in comparison with the ravishingly beautiful color photographs, many of which are two-page spreads. The text includes a list of villages protected by the government, as well as names of nearby hotels and restaurants, with prices and brief menus. Useful for those wishing to visit these little-known architectural treasures and for all armchair travelers.- Ed ward B. Cone, New York Copyright 1991 Reed Business Information, Inc. Language Notes Text: English (translation) Original Language: French