

# ADVANCE INFORMATION

## Perfume from Provence

### Lady Fortescue



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#### DESCRIPTION

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

Winifred Fortescue was an actress who rubbed shoulders with the likes of Jerome K. Jerome and George Bernard Shaw when she married Sir John Fortescue, the king's librarian and archivist and famous historian of the British Army. Tempted by a better climate and the cheaper cost of living, they left England and found a stone house amid olive groves, high in the hills above Nice. Almost at once they were bewitched by the landscape and especially their garden – delightful terraces of vines, wild flowers, roses and lavender – and by the charming, warm-hearted and wily Provençals.

Winifred's witty account of life with stonemasons, craftsmen and gardeners as they extend the house is an enchanting read.

#### THE AUTHOR

Born in 1888, **Winifred Fortescue** gave up her career on the stage after marriage and founded a successful fashion and interior design business. She later began writing articles for *The Times* and *Punch*, and inaugurated a woman's page for *The Morning Post*. She wrote seven books, of which *Perfume from Provence* was the first.

#### KEY SELLING POINTS

- Part of the Summersdale 'Revival' series.
- A perennial favourite, *Perfume from Provence* appeals to lovers of gardens and of the south of France, with over 100,000 copies of previous editions sold to date.
- Summersdale will release the follow-up, *Sunset House*, in Spring 2010.
- Lively blog and website can be found at [www.perfumefromprovence.com](http://www.perfumefromprovence.com)

#### PROMOTION & PUBLICITY

- Serialisation, reviews, proof copies and press releases.

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