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Mike Buchanan is a 50-year-old overweight diabetic short-sighted businessman and published author, who lives in Bedford. He's been a Francophile for as long as he can remember, and is rarely happier than when holidaying in France.

In August 2007, following the breakdown of his second marriage, he took a holiday in France with his chauffeur, the (equally) politically-incorrect Thunderin' Paul Carrington. The two men enjoyed themselves so much that they took a second holiday in France in July 2008. This book relates the story of both holidays, in chapters with the following titles:

1. The French Helpfulness Index
2. Why My Dinner Cost 40 Times More Than Paul's
3. Claude Bourbon Takes The Biscuit
4. The Lovely Ladies Of Aix-en-Provence
5. *Jews Were always On My Mind*
6. Francky, The Cheerful Pizza Maker Of Labastide-Murat
7. Paul Worries About Becoming A Gay Icon
8. Nuits-St-Georges Is Twinned With Hitchin
9. 'It's Always Better If You Have A Big One!'

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