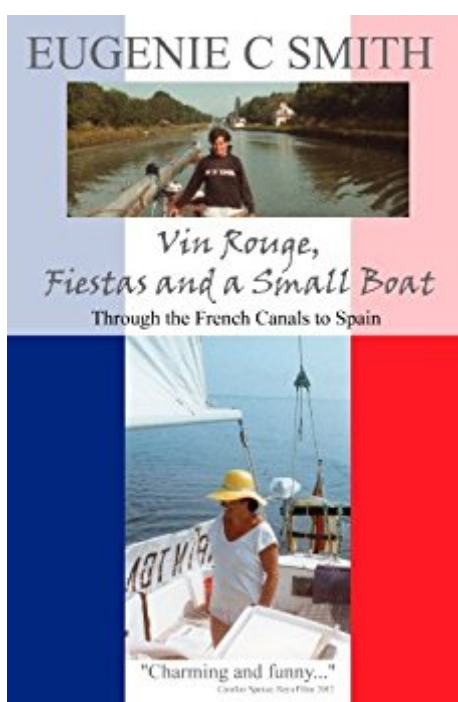


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# Vin Rouge, Fiestas And A Small Boat: Through The French Canals To Spain (France, Spain, And Barbados Travel Trilogy By Eugenie C Smith Book 1)



## Synopsis

Vin Rouge, Fiestas and a Small Boat is a light-hearted, true account of Eugenie and Brian Smith's adventures bound for Spain via the French canals in the 1980s. Under the murky skies of Essex, England, Brian hatches a plan to build a 33 foot sailing yacht from a kit in the back yard and set out on a trip that would take them across the English Channel, into the beauty of rural France, and finally breaking out into the Mediterranean to extend their adventures west along the coasts of France and Spain. The intrepid couple pursue their dream whilst juggling the responsibilities of three children, pets, and running a busy overseas property business. Despite their hectic lives, their personable and inquisitive nature leads them on a varied journey full of rich experiences, where they encounter the quirky and often humorous idiosyncrasies of colourful characters they meet along the way. From adorably friendly lock keepers, to boating adventurers, local townsfolk, wayward dreamers, and nudists, they take us on a charming and leisurely drift through heady climates and the intoxicating French and Spanish cultures. Their endeavours, however, are not bereft of setbacks and challenges. In the Mediterranean, the notorious Gulf of Lion unleashes the wrath of the elements with a near capsizing in rough seas. Language barriers, unfathomable local customs, boating mishaps, and all manner of obstacles have to be overcome to continue the journey... to pursue the dream. A treat for travellers, boating enthusiasts, and armchair adventurers alike, Vin Rouge, Fiestas and a Small Boat offers an unassuming, tantalising glimpse of untainted local life and culture.

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Quite enjoyable reading about traveling in bygone time through the canals of France and the Spanish coast. Wishing you well

This is a diarised travelogue detailing in simple terms an interesting journey through France and along the Spanish coastline. Well written in simplistic terms, except when talking nautical, this book is easy to follow. Unfortunately we really don't get to know the author or her husband and this really sums up the book as a whole. Superficial; but nevertheless worth reading, particularly if you have crossed the paths of their journey.

A story that told of where the author sailed but lacked interesting details of day to day life. A disappointing read.

This was a good book, do not bother with the second book *Vino Tinto*.

I read your book whilst we were traveling there. I felt as though I was traveling with you. Look forward to further adventures.

Great story of a sailing family in the canals of France and Spain. Eugenie tells of her experiences in great detail.

Poorly written, unedited, and no meat on the bones. A complete waste of time and a couple of bucks! There is no story here.

An incredibly boring book.!

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