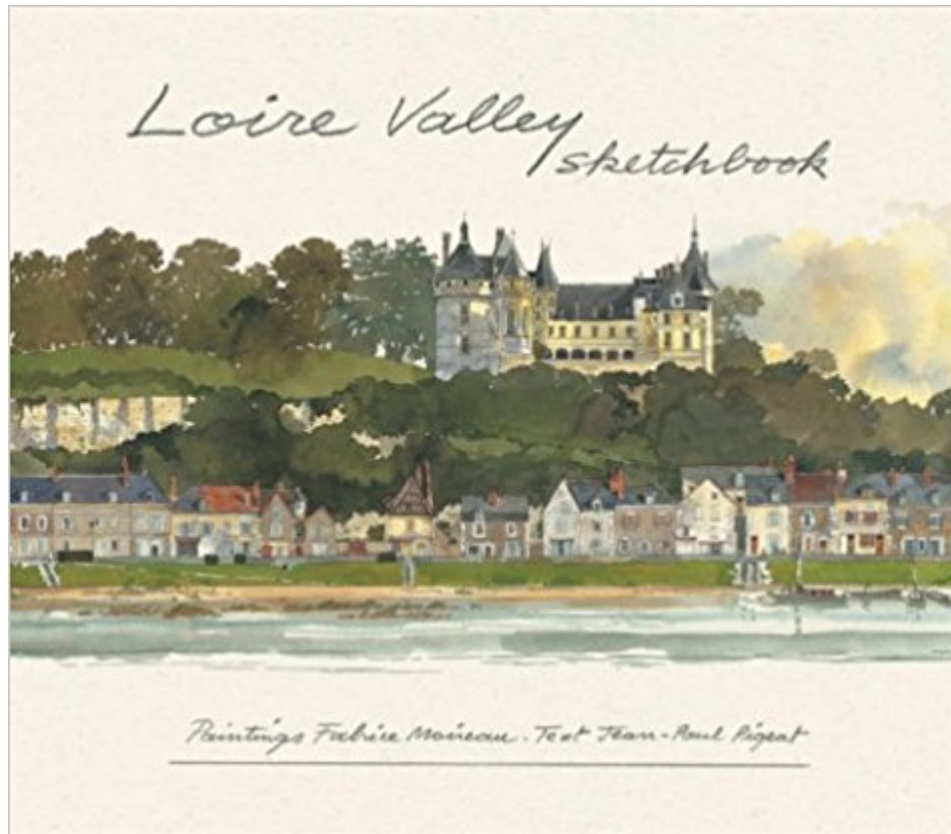




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Loire Valley Sketchbook



Synopsis

Few places in the world have captured visitors' hearts like France's mythic Loire Valley. Here, the shimmering limestone chateaux constructed by the powerful Valois monarchs in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries rise like mirages above Europe's most sublimely beautiful river. Not merely stone and mortar realizations of daring architectural design, these are palaces of the imagination, the grand triumphs of Renaissance Dreams. They include the hunting chateau of Chambord, and the magnificent Chenonceau, resting on graceful arches across the Cher River--and once home to Diane De Poitiers, Catherine DeMedici, and the mysterious Nostradamus. Capturing this singular mixture of natural and manmade beauty in loving brushstrokes, Fabrice Moireau collaborates with writer Jean-Paul Pigeat to bring this magical and enamoring land into the living rooms of American readers.

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Customer Reviews

Fabrice Moireau, a graduate of the Ecole Nationale superieure des Arts in Paris, is a professional artist. Jean-Paul Pigeat is the director of the Conservatoire International des Parcs et Jardins du Paysage de Chaumont-sur-Loire, one of France's leading schools of landscape gardening. He lives in the Loire Valley.

Another beautiful book by Jean-Paul Pigeat. Printed on heavy paper, it feels like watercolor paper. Even the dust jacket is very heavy paper. The illustrations are inspiring and the text adds a lot of interest. This is the fifth book that I have by Pigeat. Each one is so beautifully illustrated and takes

on segments of France in depth, whether it's Provence, Paris, rooftops, gardens, and even New York.

This is a very nice book. I think the watercolor sketches are well done and depict the romance of the Loire sites very nicely. The binding is exceptional. The dust jacket is of a heavy weight stock and the interior pages are of what appears to be a watercolor paper weight. Very nice.

This is indeed a beautiful book. I'd love to take out some of the pages to frame. The drawing and the information are spot on.

I liked the Paris Sketchbook that I received as a gift so much that I had to order the Loire Valley. Since I lived in the Loire Valley for a year, the book has special meaning. It's a beautiful book - illustrations are excellent.

Great book!

This is one of the many sketchbooks I have of Fabrice Moireau. Loire Valley is known for its beautiful chateaux and gardens. In 2000, UNESCO added a region of the river valley to its list of World Heritage Sites. It's a beautiful cultural landscape of historic cities, villages and amazing architecture. The watercolours of Fabrice Moireau are enchanting, as usual. There are paintings of beautiful houses by the river, workers working on vineyards, the exquisite architecture of the chateaux, and the beautiful townhouses. The chateaux are just majestic. I've checked out some photos on Flickr, but I must say that it's hard to match the charm of watercolours. Highly recommended. (There are more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.)

I purchased this book because I had seen other books with paintings by Fabrice Maireau, and really liked them. I was pleasantly surprised that I enjoyed this even more than I thought I would, before I purchased. I hadn't realized the area has been classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, and the sketchbook helps provide an insite to the area.

Another great book in the sketchbook series wandering through the Loire. High quality paper and printing, great art work and relaxed prose make for a fabulous book - highly recommended

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