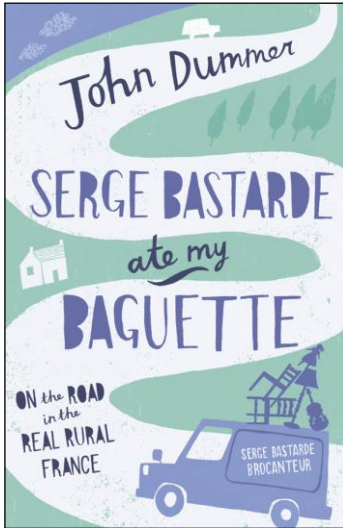


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Serge Bastarde ate my Baguette

On the Road in the Real Rural France

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"It would have been churlish to have refused his invitation to accompany him on a trip to 'forage for hidden treasures'. If the truth be known, I secretly couldn't resist the novelty of passing time with a bloke called Serge Bastarde ..."

When ex-blues drummer John Dummer decamps to France to start up as an antiques dealer, he doesn't count on meeting Serge Bastarde.

The lovable rogue and *brocanteur* offers to teach John the tricks of the trade in return for help in a series of somewhat unscrupulous schemes. As the pair trawl through markets and farmhouses, they con hearty lunches from old peasants and get into scrapes with priceless collectibles.

Filled with eccentric characters and unlikely adventures, this is a hilarious romp through the real rural France.



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Author, John Dummer was originally a blues drummer. His band, The John Dummer Blues Band (later known as John Dummer's Famous Music Band) had a huge hit in France with the 1970 record, "Nine by Nine." John was also the drummer for the pop group, Darts (who had big UK hits with "Daddy Cool" and "Come Back My Love" in the late 1970s. John Dummer has also worked as a journalist, broadcaster, press officer and band manager. He lives in the Aquitaine region of France with his wife, Helen and Buster the dog and works now as an antique dealer.

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