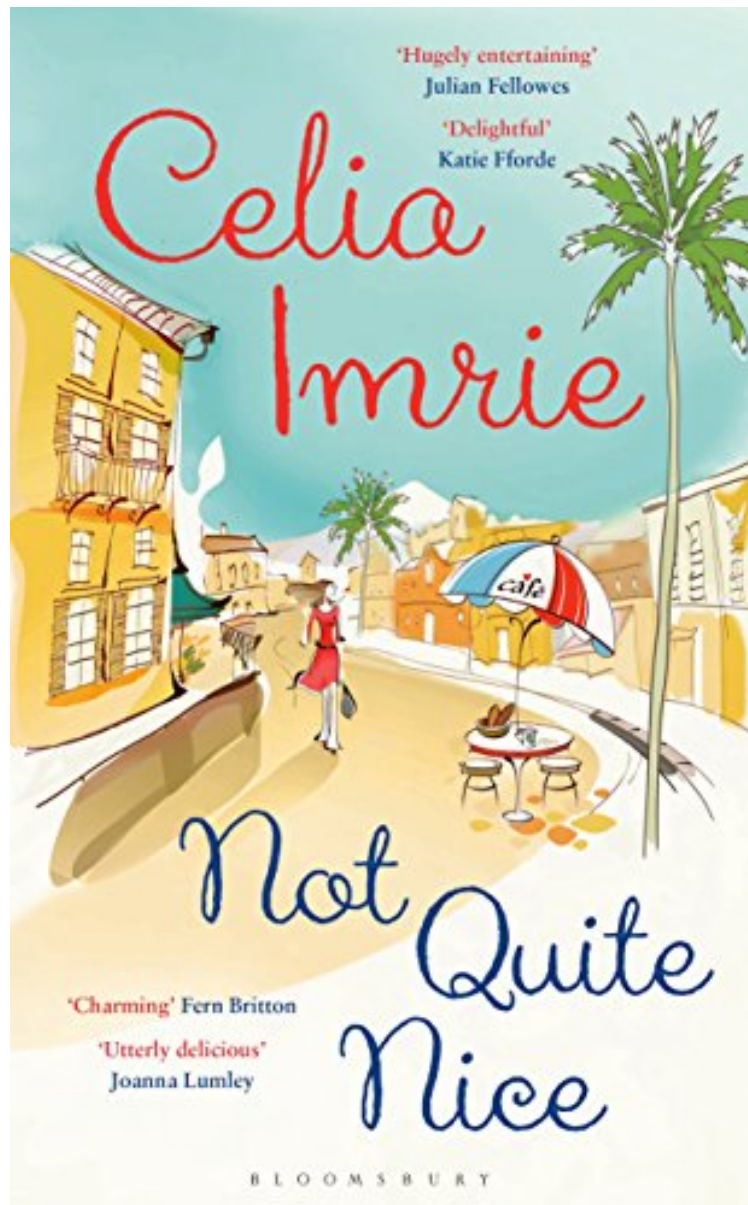


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Von Celia Imrie : Not Quite Nice before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Not Quite Nice:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How stupid can you get!!Von RhysI love to read ex-pat novels, especially those set in France - but this novel is both badly

written and lousily constructed. The novel is about an older (i.e. exactly my age) single woman (with one greedy, lazy, and insolent daughter) who (within minutes) decides to buy a flat in the South of France, sell her house in England, and live in France. That without so much as checking the most basic things about France. The characters are constructed so indifferently that I had a hard time keeping them apart, they were so stupid that I lost all patience with them (the main protagonist starts to give cooking lessons without having either equipment or ingredients; on the leaflets she had handed out advertising the lessons she had not asked for r.s.v.p - so she also has no idea will it be no or a hundred interested), all the (adult) children are obnoxious in a bizarrely exaggerated way, and so on. Ah, and the English ex-pats are totally satisfied to stay among themselves - I read half of the book (I could not force myself to read more), and not a single French person (except props like service people) had appeared. I practically never leave a book unfinished, but this was just too bad. Really awful, and I regret that I spent money on this.

Kurzbeschreibung Theresa is desperate for a change. Forced into early retirement, fed up with babysitting her bossy daughter's obnoxious children, she sells her Highgate house and moves to the picture-perfect town of Bellevue-sur-Mer, just outside Nice. With its beautiful villas, its bustling cafes and shimmering cerulean sea, the village sparkles like a diamond on the French Mediterranean coast. Once the hideaway of artists and writers, it is now home to the odd rock icon and Hollywood movie star, and, as Theresa soon discovers, a close-knit set of expats. There's Carol, the infinitely glamorous American and her doting husband David; the erstwhile British TV star Sally; the ferocious Sian and her wayward Australian poet husband; the sharply witty Zoe with her strangely youthful face and penchant for white wine and the suave Brian who catches Theresa's eye As Theresa settles to the gentle rhythm of seaside life she embraces her new-found friendships and freedom. However, life is never quite as simple as it seems and as skeletons start to fall out of several closets, Theresa begins to wonder if life on the French Riviera is quite as nice as it first appeared

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