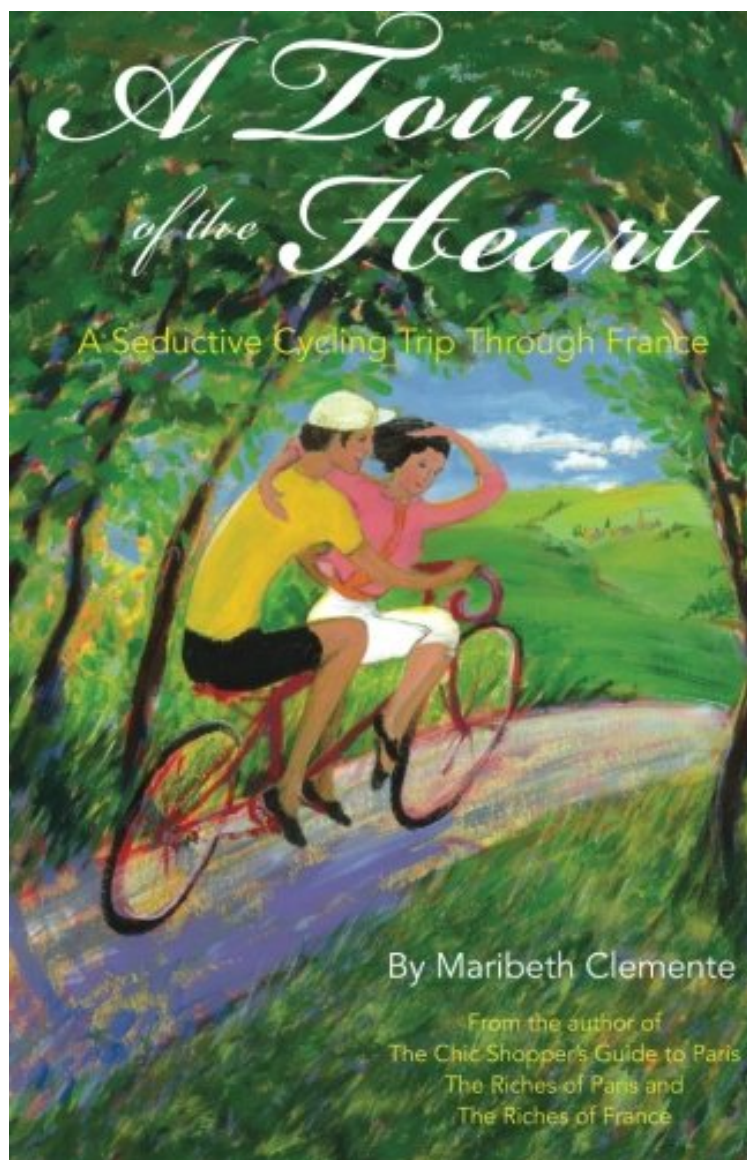


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**Maribeth Clemente : A Tour of the Heart: A Seductive Cycling Trip Through France** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Tour of the Heart: A Seductive Cycling Trip Through France:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Partly a junket but an enjoyable read By pedal roy Pedal Power: Great Bicycle Journeys Maribeth Clemente is an American once married to a French guy. She knows her way around France.

She is at an age where she could meet someone else which she does - Pete, a gun-ho cyclist and bicycle mechanic. They ultimately arrive in Paris with their bikes but do not set out on a typical cycling tour. They hire a car and cycle from selective regions. They stay in stylish hotels and dine at plush restaurants. I surmise the author is being treated in return for her being a prominent travel writer..(This is in contrast with my own ride over the Route des Grandes Alpes in 2006, pedalling from Nice to Geneva. We carried a tent and dined wherever we could in magnificent villages.) The duo in 'A Tour of the Heart' do get out on numerous great rides, with Pete summiting Mt. Ventoux, a key climb of Tour de France. They dine well, enjoy great wine, and later join up in France for a second time to enjoy a Tour de France conclusion at a time when Lance Armstrong is still in favour. Throughout, the writer is keen for a lasting relationship. I won't give anything away here. As a tour guide though, I reckon Pete is occasionally overwhelmed. Cycling is a key part of the story but often takes a back seat to hotels, food, and a relationship. For all that the story is a compelling read. Attending the final stage of Tour de France riders arriving at Champs Elysee is a highlight, given the duo did not have the best of official passes. The story concludes back in America, offering some surprises. My own French cycling tour was in search of the origins of a liver- punishing liqueur in the Chartreuse mountains. (The story is in 'Pedal Power, great bicycle journeys' available via Kindle.)

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Tour of The Heart By fabulouschrisie Although I am not a cyclist, I am a long time fan of the Tour de France, and I love France. I enjoyed the love story, and the tourist descriptions fitted well into the story. Makes me yearn to visit France again. A wonderful book for anyone who loves cycling, France or love stories...or a combination of them all.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful book that captivates you from beginning to end By Robert A. Shabot Maribeth Clemente's book "A Tour of the Heart: A Seductive Cycling Trip Through France" is a romantic narrative of her cycling trip through France. She provides an honest portrayal of the ups and downs of love while taking the reader to glorious regions of France and also Paris. This book is a beautiful journey through France. If you are a romantic, this is a great book for you. It truly is A Tour of the Heart. I give it 5 stars. Great read.

A Tour of the Heart: A Seductive Cycling Trip Through France, part memoir, part love story, is a romantic ode to the most visited country in the world. Told by a proudly-feminine and sophisticated travel writer, an expert in all things French, searching for harmony and true love with her super-cyclist boyfriend. A Tour of the Heart will keep you captivated through its many twists and turns. A Tour of the Heart highlights the life of a travel writer, France, cycling, food and wine, the Tour de France and the joys and travails of traveling with someone you love. The freedom, the challenges, the ups and downs, the discoveries around every bend, pedaling the bucolic roads of France is an adventure. And so is their love. Maribeth is a first-rate tour guide. Associated Press

About the Author MARIBETH CLEMENTE is the author of The Chic Shopper's Guide to Paris, The Riches of Paris: A Shopping and Touring Guide and The Riches of France: A Shopping and Touring Guide to the French Provinces. She lived eleven years in France and then moved to Colorado where she has lived for over a decade. Maribeth hosts a travel radio show, blogs on her website, [www.bonjourcolorado.com](http://www.bonjourcolorado.com), and writes for various travel publications and websites. For more related to A Tour of the Heart, including a travel guide to the regions she covers in this book, visit [www.atouroftheheart.com](http://www.atouroftheheart.com).