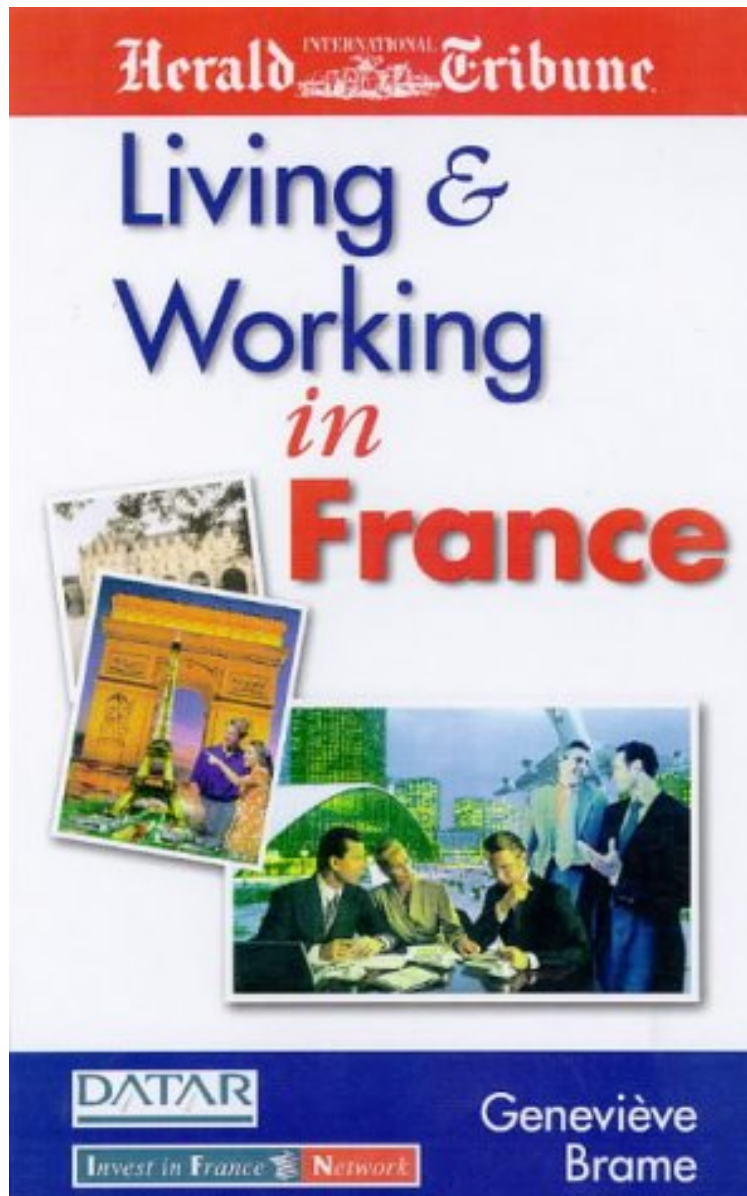


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If you are coming to live and work in France, this book is for you. Original and informal, Genevieve Brame gives you the keys to unlock the mysteries of the country she knows best, her own.

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