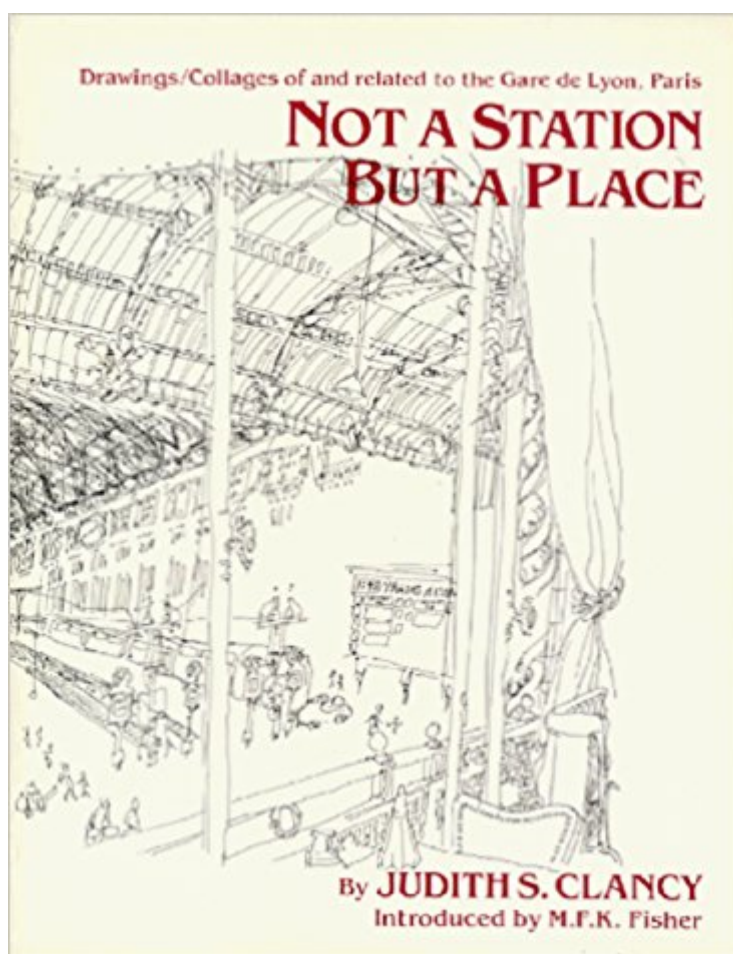


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Not A Station But A Place: Drawings/Collages Of And Related To The Gare De Lyon, Paris



Synopsis

M.F.K. Fisher's essay on the Gare de Lyon and its magnificent Train Bleu restaurant introduces Judith Clancy's 32 drawings and collages (accompanied by the artist's notes) of that lovely Paris railroad station.

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M.F.K. Fisher (1908-1992) was the much-admired author of more than 25 books and hundreds of magazine articles about the complex hungers and satisfaction of life. Her artist friend, Judith Clancy (1933-1990), is represented in museum and private art collections here and abroad as well as in published work including the drawings for Peter Mayle's A Year in Provence and Toujours Provence.

Some of the most delectable writing in English about the pleasures of France, including its cuisine, came from the typewriter of M.F.K. Fisher. Therefore it's not surprising that when she suggested that her friend Judith Clancy (who later did the drawings for Peter Mayle's best-selling "A Year in Provence" and "Toujours Provence") draw the bel époque Gare de Lyon train station and its ornate Train Bleu restaurant a charming book would be the result. Clancy's drawings, collages and artist's notes, introduced by Mrs. Fisher's text, transport the reader to another enchanting time and place.

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