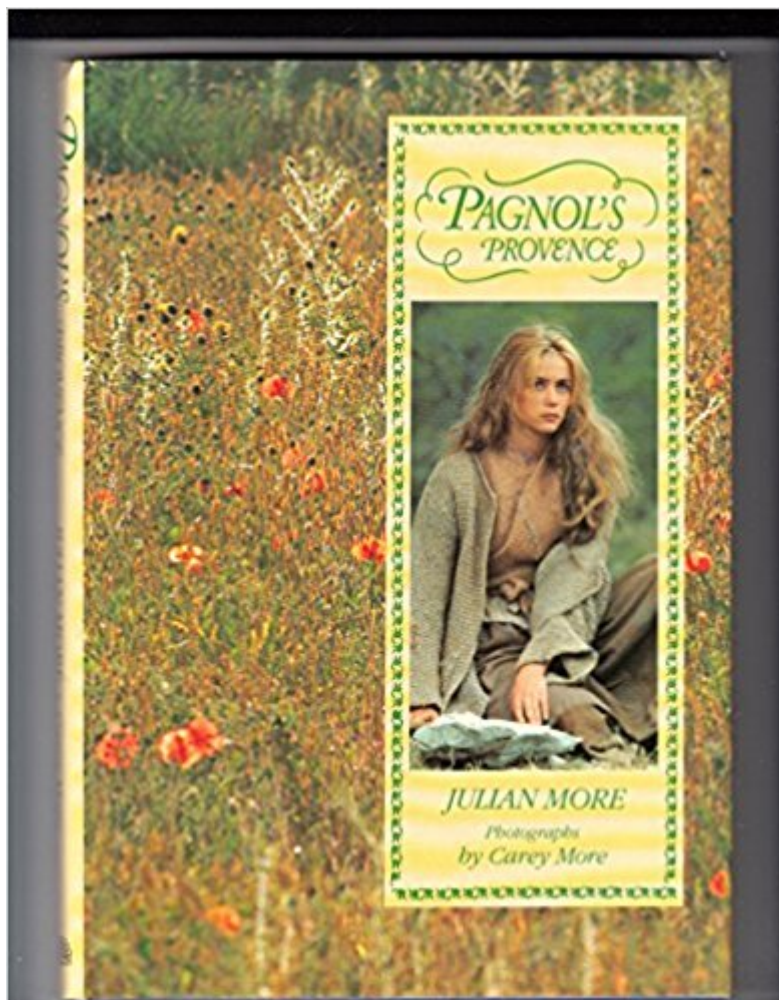




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Synopsis

"To reach the universal, stay at home", said Marcel Pagnol, an acclaimed film-maker from the golden age of French cinema. He highlighted the paradoxes of Provence with its light and shade, chill winds and blistering heat, warm-hearted friendships and treacherous turns of mood. This book visits the places and people that inspired Pagnol; seeing how regional spirit remains and where the countryside has remained unspoilt. In the centenary of Marcel Pagnol's birth, this book traces his life, influences and legacy.

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A visitor to Marseilles or any of its surrounding villages might not think twice about the frequency with which he hears certain children's names?Marcel, Cesar, Manon, Fanny, Marius; they are common enough French names, but in this region of Provence, they are often a tribute to a favorite son, Marcel Pagnol, the film director, playwright, novelist and memoirist?perhaps best known to American film audiences for his *Jean de Florette*, *Manon of the Spring* and *The Baker's Wife*. Their charm pleased audiences throughout the world, and his artistry influenced generations of filmmakers and won him the rare honor of an election in 1947 to the Academie Francaise. His creations are memorialized not only in the children named for them but also in numberless schools, streets, boats, bakeries, bistros, restaurants and inns scattered throughout the region. In this handsome book that's part biographical sketch, part film history and commentary and part vivid evocation of the special Provencal ambiance, *More (Views from a French Farmhouse)* leads a traveler around Marseilles and through the adjoining countryside and villages in an unusual tour of

special appeal to Pagnol fans; but others will also appreciate his extensive knowledge of the region and its people and his suggestions for out-of-the-way places to stay and dine. A clear, hand-drawn map of the sites and many pleasing color photos that capture the beauties of Provence accompany the text. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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