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Dear friends,

On 16 August 1991, together with my husband Alain, I left the vineyard region of Nantes in France to settle in Tasmania.

Aside from vague stories about devils, at the time, I knew very little about this mysterious island nestled in the Roaring Forties, to the south of the Australian continent, the last inhabited land before Antarctica.

We arrived 18 August 1991, in the middle of winter. We settled in a small cottage, at the end of a deserted track, populated by spiders, scorpions and other autochthonous creatures. Thus began our initiation into local society which was soon followed by a series of adventures often funny and sometimes deeply moving and which, over the years, would make a Tasmanian out of me. This is the tale recounted in *A Frog in the Billabong*.

Originally published in French for French readers, *A Frog in the Billabong* brings to Australian readers a delightfully candid perspective on Australian multiculturalism as well as a small piece of the history of the epicurean movement in Tasmania. *A Frog in the Billabong* is published by Littlefox Press; printed by Littlefox in Western Australia - inside pages are on 100% recycled non-bleached Australian recycled paper and binding is with non-toxic glue.

The book is now on sale for \$35.00 (postage included). If you wish to come along on this Frenchwoman's discovery tour of this magnificent island (one third of Tasmania is now classed as World Heritage by UNESCO), please fill in the order form below.

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