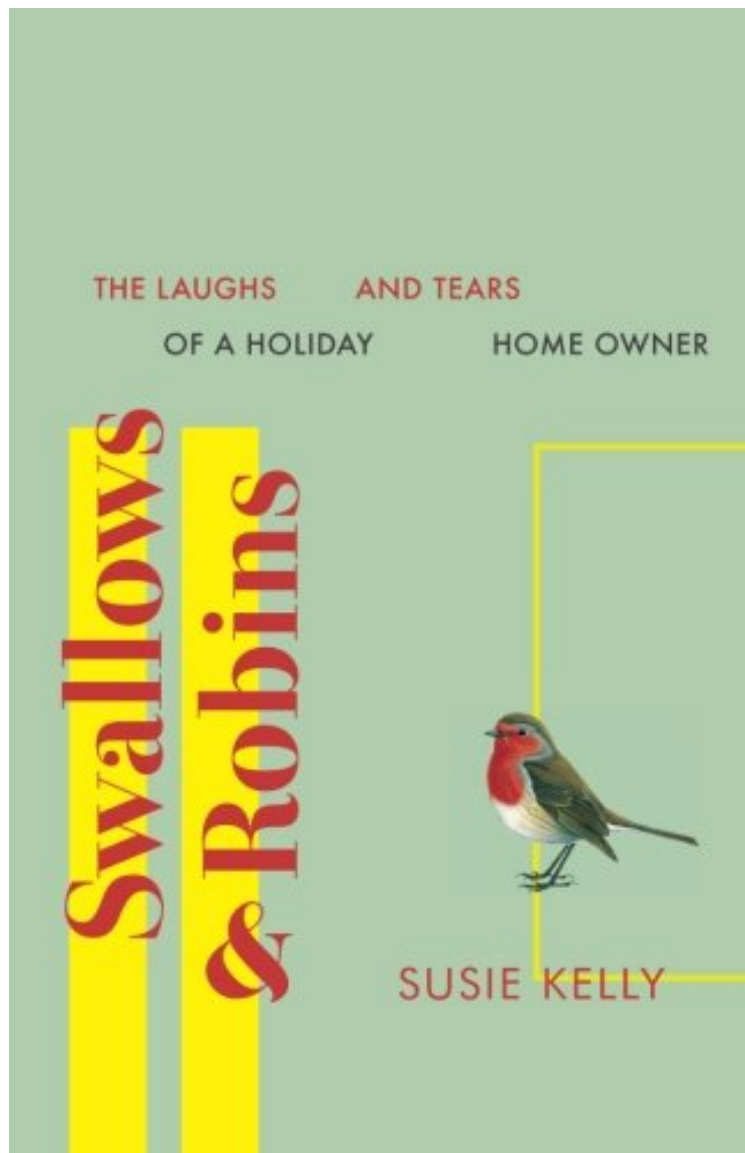


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3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Bed-and-no-breakfast
By Whistlers Mom
A year ago I read this author's *I WISH I COULD SAY I'M SORRY* - the gripping, sometimes deeply sad story of her childhood and first marriage. From the reviews of that book, I learned that she has written a number of popular "light" books about her life in France. Some reviewers were openly disturbed at her dark memories of her early life. They were accustomed to reading about the mad-cap adventures of a happy-go-lucky woman and that's what they were expecting. I love this book. It's a series of delightful stories about the four years when she rented out two cottages on her property to those seeking to escape their daily lives with a vacation in a quiet corner of the French countryside. She's a wonderfully talented writer and every one of these stories is filled with humor and drama and peeks into the quirks and oddities of human nature. You don't realize exactly how goofy and unrealistic and generous and loving and strange people can be until you're cooped up with them for several weeks in an area where there's not much to do but eat, sleep, walk around, and visit. And in addition to the "paying guests" she was also dealing with neighbors, maintenance workers, and her delusional, semi-dangerous cleaner Ivy. As I say, I love this book, but I'm glad I read Susie's book about her childhood first. It helped me understand her need to make people happy and her extreme tolerance of behavior that would cause most of us to explode. God love her, she's seen worse and from those who were supposed to care for and protect her. She's an extremely likable person and that comes through in her books. Nothing better than reading a great book by a good friend - even if you've never met her.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. *The Glass Is Always Half Full*
By Serena
Another Susie Kelly charmer full of local characters hired to help, but often cost more than they are worth in time and money. And then, there are the guests who stay in their two gites (French guest houses on their property) who range from destructive and disgusting to funny and adorable. I have read three Susie Kelly books and recommend that you also read *Two Steps Backward* which gives the background of Susie and her husband's purchase of their property in France and the hardships and rewards of living there and making the home barely livable. In *Swallows and Robins* it seems as their home is still very primitive with rickety ladders to the upstairs and bare bones kitchen and bathroom. In both books Susie is exceptionally patient and kind when I would be running for the closest train. She is very good at making the best out of horrid situations when I think most people would keel over with frustration and anger. *Swallows and Robins* is funny sometimes and heartbreaking others----and most importantly, never dull.
3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Author has two rental cottages in rural France
By Terra Hangen
I enjoyed this book and it kept get better and better as I read it. Kelly has a whole range of people renting her two vacation cottages in rural France; some wonderful who become long time friends, some rude and she is happy to see them leave, some families with children whose company she enjoys, a couple who are nudists and enjoy her secluded cottages. I wish there had been more info at the beginning telling more about how and why she moved to France, and I wonder why her husband never visits. I will buy another of her books and hope to find out more about their back story.

As the world's worst housekeeper, running holiday homes wasn't, with hindsight, a sensible idea. But two collapsing buildings on Susie Kelly's land would cost more to demolish than to restore. Thus she became a seasonal landlady. Before the guests came the builders. No's 1, 2, 3 all started promisingly, but by builder No. 4, and with her first guests just hours away, her patience was stretched to its limit. Her summer and winter visitors couldn't, as they say, be made up, though, to spare their blushes some of them have been air-brushed. They brought with them laughter, tears, romance, friendship and occasional madness. And they all left behind jars of jam and pots of pepper. From them Susie learned that you don't need to travel to find adventure. If you run holiday homes it comes to your doorstep. Unfortunately for Susie this included Ivy. The cleaning lady from hell. A hilarious tale of restoring and running two holiday cottages in a remote hamlet of SW France Like her other bestselling books – *Best Foot Forward: A 500 Mile Walk Through Hidden France*, *The Valley of Heaven and Hell: Cycling In The Shadow of Marie Antoinette* and *Travels with Tinkerbelle - 6,000 Miles Around France In A Mechanical Wreck*, Susie's unique, opinionated but self-deprecating humour shines through on every page. 'This is another Susie Kelly great read that often had me laughing out loud as we meet the various builders, her local friends, the good guests and the bad who popped into her life over a four year period. Anyone who has any experience of running gites in France will love this book and anyone who is thinking about having gites in France should read this book.' *French Village Diaries* 'Its absolutely brilliant, it made me laugh - in fact snort out loud - and then cry when her dog died. Susie is a marvellous writer.' *The Good Life France Magazine*

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About the Author
Born a Londoner, Susie spent most of the first 25 years of her life in Kenya. In 2014, her memoir *I Wish I Could Say I Was Sorry* about an abusive childhood growing up in post-war London and Kenya, was a US digital top

50 bestseller. She now lives in south-west France with her husband and assorted animals. She believes that her explosive temper is a legacy from her Irish-American grandfather, but has no idea who to blame for her incompetence as a housewife. Susie Kelly is the Patron of the 2015 Charroux International Literary Festival.