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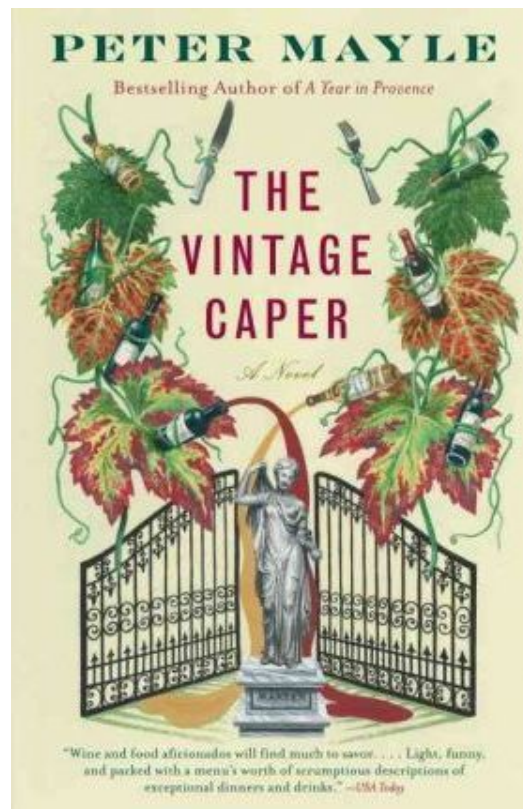
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## Description:

A globetrotting detective story, filled with the culinary delights and entertaining characters that have made Peter Mayle our most treasured chronicler of French life. The Vintage Caper begins high above Los Angeles with a world-class heist at the impressive wine cellar of lawyer Danny Roth. Enter Sam Levitt, former lawyer and wine connoisseur, who follows leads to Bordeaux and Provence. The unraveling of the ingenious crime is threaded through with Mayle's seductive renderings of France's sensory delights--from a fine Lynch-Bages to the bouillabaisse of Marseille--guaranteed to charm and inform even the most sophisticated palates.

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## About Peter Mayle

Peter Mayle is the author of fifteen books, nine of them novels, including the beloved bestseller *A Year in Provence*. A recipient of the L'gion d'Honneur from the French government for his cultural contributions, he lived in Provence with his wife, Jennie, for more than twenty-five years. Mayle died in 2018.

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