Many people have dreamed about moving to a picturesque village in southern France. David and his wife Diane have lived in two different French villages in the region called Languedoc, not far from Avignon. In this engaging illustrated talk, David tells about their experiences with village traditions and village cats, the French language, travels around France, and the pleasures and challenges of everyday life in a very different culture, with readings from his book, *Not Quite a Stranger*.

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