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A Breath of French Air

Read by **Philip Franks**

In the second novel in the Pop Larkin series, the Larkin family descends upon Brittany in France. Like fish out of water, they find that things don't quite turn out their way: the weather is less than ideal, the food is awful and the hotel is in a bad state of repair. But things slowly improve as Pop manages to sweet-talk Mlle Dupont, Angela Snow and her sister Iris, and Charley and Mariette celebrate their first wedding anniversary. *A Breath of French Air* is a delightful book full of nostalgia, fun and frivolity.



Philip Franks performed alongside Catherine Zeta-Jones and David Jason in the television series *The Darling Buds of May*. His extensive theatre credits encompass a range of roles, as he has worked variously with the Royal Shakespeare Company, the Old Vic Theatre, and the Whitehall Theatre. He is regularly heard on BBC Radio in such programmes as *Poetry Please*, *With Great Pleasure* and *Words and Music*.

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