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Françoise Bourdon sings the praises of timeless Provence and its acres of century-old almond orchards in this tale of a proud heroine.

Haute Provence, 1890: Anna believed so much in Martin and their love. But instead, the heir to a Vaucluse candied fruitmaker empire picked a rich man's daughter, without explanation. Terribly disillusioned, Anna now tends to her almond orchards alone. When she meets Armand, a pastry chef enamored of Provence traditions, her dream comes true and she invents a nougat recipe. Their candy shop on the Sault plateau prospers. The family thrives, and Anna experiences true happiness at last. Years later, WWI and a letter from Martin turn her life as a wife, mother, and woman upside down.

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