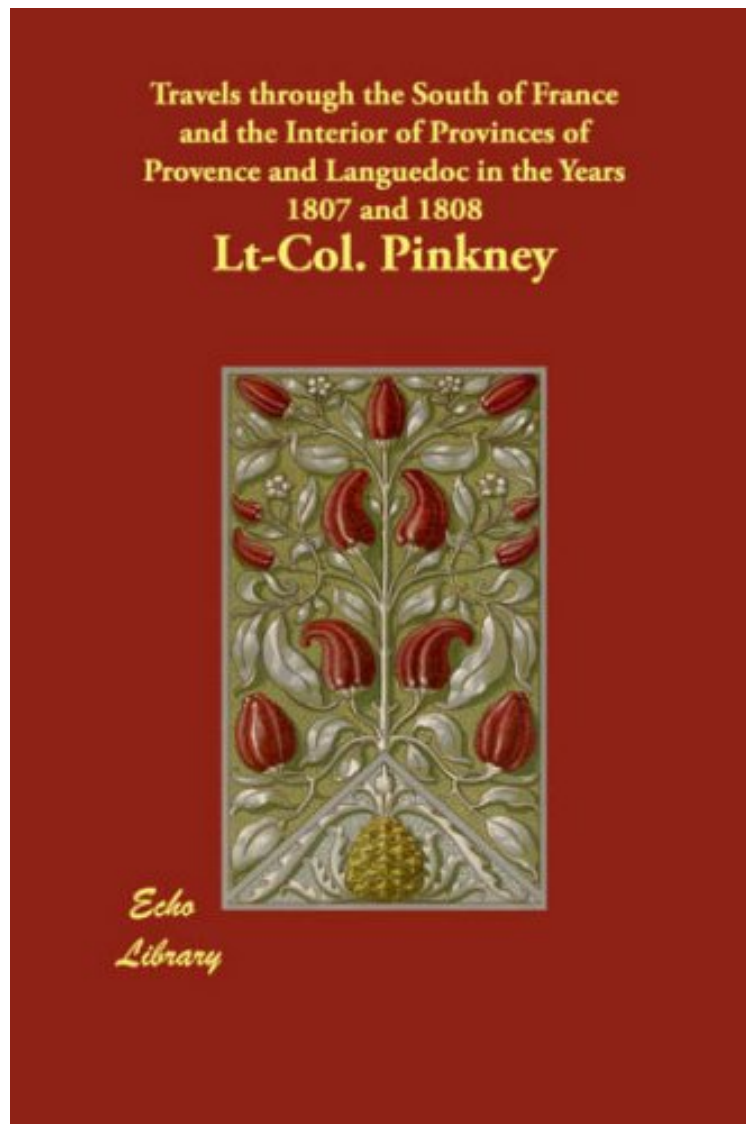


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In the past few years I have developed a taste for reading 19th Century Travelogues. I think that it may have started with one of Mark Twain's. This travelogue does not have the humor, nor the excellent prose of Twain, but it is still very readable. I know nothing about Pinkney and we do not learn all that much about him during this account of his travels in France, except that he was very taken with the young lady he travelled with. If he had not been a gentleman, and had she not had a guardian....well, best leave that one alone. He travels through France from North to South with many detours and side trips. The entire trip is made by horse and carriage. Now, I am not sure if it is truly important, but I do mean both a horse and a carriage. The young lady, her guardian's wife always travel by carriage. The guardian and Pinkney often ride their horses alongside the carriage. Occasionally, they all ride together. The Colonel sees Napoleon, though I do not suppose he truly meets him. He does however comment on the emperor's height. He travels down through many of the sides of Northern France before he hooks up with his friend and guide, who is the guardian of the young lady. My real disappointment in reading the book is the province of Languedoc is mentioned in the title, they spend almost no time there. In fact, it is barely mentioned in the text at all. I spent 10 months in Languedoc and was hoping to see what it was like 150 years before I was born, but it was not to be. Also, all of southern France is a bit rushed, because they are hurrying along to Marseille because Colonel Pinkney must sail home. This is a slow read, but quite enjoyable.

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