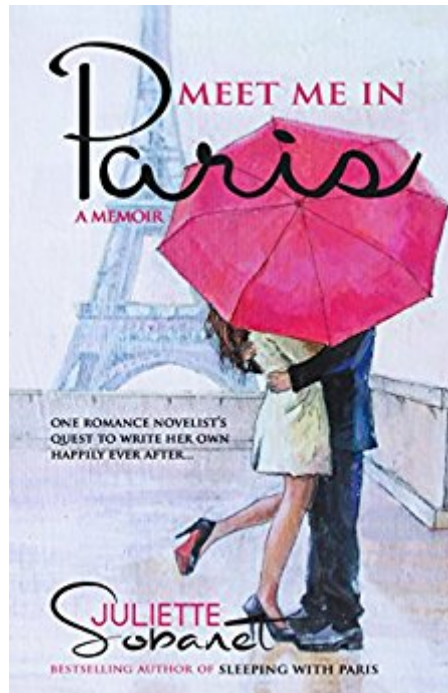




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Meet Me In Paris: A Memoir



Synopsis

What does a romance novelist do when she loses her own happily ever after? Take a lover and travel to Paris, obviously. Or at least this is what Juliette Sobanet did upon making the bold, heart-wrenching decision to divorce the man she had loved since she was a teenager. This is the story of the passionate love affair that ensued during the most devastating year of Sobanet's life and how her star-crossed romance in the City of Light led to her undoing. MEET ME IN PARIS is a raw, powerful take on divorce and the daring choices that followed such a monumental loss from the pen of a writer who'd always believed in happy endings and who ultimately found the courage to write her own.

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Customer Reviews

Okay, this book was hard for me to read because I love fidelity as much as the author loves Paris. I'm the one who wants to celebrate her 70th wedding anniversary with her husband (married at 30?

might be a bit ambitious, but you get the point). That was the only reason I knocked off a star - totally personal, nothing to do with the writing. But in reading the book, I understood the writer. I was able to walk in her shoes and understand her decisions - truly understand them - which is the essence of a good memoir. Sobanet's writing is lucid and poetic as she speaks both about the beauty and delights she's rediscovering in her favourite country, but also about her soul-wrenching pain. My favourite parts of the book were actually when she hit rock bottom because that was something I could identify with, one battered soul to another, and I really rooted for her to overcome. The book had good "character" evolution. (What do you call that when it's a memoir)? The evolution of her heart and mind is evident, and I cheered at the victory in the last chapter. I think this book might be freeing for someone who has gone through a divorce, and perhaps even more so for someone who lives with her wings clipped.

Meet Me In Paris is a memoir of a short time in the author's life; it covers a period of only two to three years. It closely follows the ending of her marriage, taking on a "married-but-in-an-open-relationship" lover, the divorce, and how she works through her own demons to learn to make herself happy. This is not a happy book. It beautifully covers visiting France and the magic of the country, but that's where the good stuff starts and ends. The ending of any marriage is never good, but I feel like it is made light of and almost mocked in the beginning of this book. But before I get into my cons, I want to say that I finished this book in less than 24 hours and could not put it down. Juliette romanticizes taking a married lover before she even tells her husband that she wants a divorce; "Divorce heels" are mentioned, we see poetic phrases like, "...buried in a grave called marriage..." and she jokes that she became single just so she could travel to Saint-Tropez just so she could eat a particular piece of cake. There are a lot of ideas in the beginning of the book that are really driven into the ground. We read repeatedly about how her lover can never leave his wife but he talks about spending the rest of his life with Juliette, that they are star-crossed lovers, and the phrase "my married-but-in-an-open-relationship lover." I have numerous pet peeves about the book, but, aside from a rocky beginning, it is written well and certainly conveys the emotion the author was feeling at this time in her life. I cried at two different points in the book and got choked up at a few other places. Despite making light of it, she really was deeply affected by her divorce and I wish she hadn't taken away from that by making jokes about it. Personally, I would have preferred the book to be centered more on her affair with Paris than her lover and ex-husband, with the latter two still making an appearance just not the star of the show. This is the author's first memoir; she generally writes romance novels, some set in Paris. I am curious enough

that I think I will check some of them out. She also recently released a book of poetry to correspond with Meet Me in Paris. I am looking forward to reading that one as well.

This memoir is so beautifully written. My heart literally ached for Juliette as I read of her experiences going through divorce, and I lived vicariously the overwhelmingly, all-encompassing ultra intense love affair that ensued with a new man. I felt like I was in San Diego, then Los Angeles, then Paris, then Lyon, as I read through each of these experiences; and I wanted to appear via quantum leap to wherever Juliette is right now and to be able to hug her for a long time. This is one of those books you won't want to put down; and I'm sure many, many people, whether they have gone through a divorce or not, will be able to relate. Thank you, Juliette, for sharing this with the world. Your writing is a gift. Wishing lots of love, pain au chocolat, good wine, and many, many additional wonderful, creative, quintessentially Juliette times in Paris and Lyon in the future. Cheers to all your past books, this beautiful memoir, and all of your great books to come! Much love, WM2015 ;)

WOW! Just wow... this was a very quick and easy 300 + page read. Such highs... with the love affair and the steamy scenes and then such lows with the death of a dear friend, divorce, & depression. This book is real life. I admire you for writing your story and finding yourself, revealing the true you! This is a story that I think most can relate to. Best book yet... you hit it out of the park with this one. I hope Paris welcomes you with open arms and you are able to start fresh in a familiar place. What an extremely tough couple of years you have had. Keep your head up... this book will help many who have been in your shoes. Such a raw book written by an imperfect human... this is real life. Decisions are hard, things don't add up or make sense and most of the time there is no fairy tale ending. In the end you all you have is yourself, and that is the person you need to fill up, find, and just BE. Such a great story on finding ones TRUE self and the real life trials and tribulations that take you there... Can't wait for the book of Poems!

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