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Paris Time Capsule

'Loved loved loved this book!... What an incredible story will have you holding your breath until the shocking ending. I was glued to this book and couldn't go to sleep until I had finished it. And the next day I read it again!' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars She becomes aware of the silence at the other end of the line. A prickling sensation crawls up her arms. Her heart speeds up. 'Found who?' she asks, slowly, carefully, deliberately. 'They found Daniel.' Six years ago Megan waits at the school gates for her six-year-old son, Daniel. As the playground empties, panic bubbles inside her. Daniel is nowhere to be found. Her darling son is missing. Six years later After years of sleepless nights, and endless days of missing her son, Megan finally gets the call she has been dreaming about. Daniel has walked into a police station in a remote town just a few miles away. Megan is overjoyed - her son is finally coming home. She has kept Daniel's room, with his Cookie Monster poster on the wall and a stack of Lego under the bed, in perfect shape to welcome him back. But when he returns, there is something different about Daniel... According to the police, Daniel was kidnapped by his father. After his dad died in a fire, Daniel was finally able to escape. Desperate to find out the truth, Megan tries to talk to her little boy - but he barely answers her questions. Longing to help him heal, Megan tries everything - his favourite chocolate milkshake, a reunion with his best friend, a present for every birthday missed - but still, Daniel is distant. And as they struggle to connect, Megan begins to suspect that there is more to the story. Soon, she fears that her son is hiding a secret. A secret that could destroy her family... A heartbreaking, emotional and poignant drama about a family in turmoil. Fans of Jodi Picoult, Liane Moriarty and Linda Green - this moving and stirring novel is for you. Readers are absolutely loving The Boy in the Photo: 'Incredible it's going on my list of favourite reads of the year. I had tears streaming down my cheeks I was blown away I really can't say enough great things about this book. It is a must read' Jaynie's Book Reviews, 5 stars 'OMG Simply amazing Heartbreaking I went and hugged my daughter and messaged my son "I love you".' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'Absolutely heartbreaking and absolutely beautiful. I loved everything about this book. Make sure that you have tissues at hand because you will need them.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'OMG!!!! An absolute meteor shower of stars for this one! Fantabulous! Jaw-dropping.

Twisty... So, so wonderful... If I could rate a book 100 stars, I would give them An outstanding read.' Sandy's Book a Day Blog, 5 stars 'OMGWOW! Fast paced, edge-of-your-seat and an emotional rollercoaster that was a thrill ride from beginning to end... I highly recommend it!!' Confessions of a Bookaholic, 5 stars 'Loved loved loved this book!... What an incredible story... Told in a riveting way that will have you holding your breath until the shocking ending. I was glued to this book and couldn't go to sleep until I had finished it. And the next day I read it again.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'OMG What an emotional rollercoaster this book was!!! One minute I was crying and the next I'm shocked I was so heartbroken.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Wow! Took me for an emotional ride.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'One hell of an emotional read and then some. I loved it... Oh my giddy aunt, this is a book that is guaranteed to tug on the heartstrings.' Ginger Book Geek 'A heartbreaking story of a family wrenched apart, only to be put back together like a jigsaw puzzle... with the pieces in the wrong places... You'll feel your stomach twist in anticipation with each turn of the page. 5 tingling stars for this one.' Jan's Book Buzz, 5 stars 'SO SO GOOD!... Superbly written. I was hooked from start to finish.' Loopyloulaura 'Two simple words, LOVED IT... Plenty of OMG moments.' Book Reviews for u 'This book will rip your heart out.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Oh my soul... I could not put this book down... Brilliant. Absolutely brilliant.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'An absolute masterpiece!' Brianne's Book Reviews, 5 stars 'I loved it.so addictive - I stayed up till 1am this morning to finish it!! That's way past my bedtime but I just couldn't put it down.' Goodreads Reviewer 'I read this with my heart in my throat... One of my midnight reads, I was so happy losing sleep over it!!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

A Paris Apartment

The sassy heroine of *Sleeping with Paris* is back! And this time, chocolate-covered French wedding bells are in the air. It's only been a month since Charlotte Summers reunited with her sexy French boyfriend, Luc Olivier, and the two lovebirds have already decided to take the plunge into wedded bliss. Charlotte is madly in love, and Luc is clearly the one, so what could possibly go wrong? As it turns out, quite a lot. On the heels of their drama-filled nuptials in the French Alps, Luc whisks Charlotte away to Paris for a luxurious honeymoon. But just as they are recovering from their mad dash to the altar, a surprise appearance by Luc's drop-dead gorgeous ex-wife brings the festivities to a halt. Luc never told Charlotte that his ex was a famous French actress, or that she was still in love with him. Determined to keep her independence and her sanity, Charlotte begins writing a book entitled *The Girl's Guide to Tying the French Knot*. With chocolate, French wine, and fabulous girlfriends by her side, Charlotte navigates the tricky waters of marriage, secrets, ex-wives, and career all in a foreign country where, she quickly realizes, she never truly learned the rules.

Nerve

The Velvet Hours

The face of the woman in the photograph was tilted upwards, as if enjoying the sunshine just for a moment, even as the wreckage of the bombed-out street lay behind her... 1944, Cornwall: Blinded by love, Vivienne Hamilton eloped to Paris with a Nazi prisoner-of-war, never to be seen again. A disgrace to her family, her name would not be mentioned by any of her relatives for over 75 years. Present day, London: When Sophie discovers a photograph of her great aunt Vivi from World War Two, it throws her into a world of confusion. Because, as she learns about this secret relative, she quickly realises that the photograph doesn't fit with her family's story. It shows Vivi leaving an address associated with a spy network in London – a place she had no reason to be – and it is dated right before she disappeared. Meanwhile Sophie's own life feels as blasted and bombed as the blitzed city in the photograph she's looking at. Her beautiful daughter – as full of joy and wild energy as Vivi had apparently once been – is gone; and Sophie's heart has been left broken into pieces. Retreating to the family home in rural Cornwall to seek solace from her pain and the feelings of guilt that she could have done more to protect her daughter, Sophie finds herself becoming obsessed with Vivi's life. But nothing can prepare Sophie for what she is about to uncover – the story of a woman who risked everything for the person she loved the most; and a secret family history that could be the key to Sophie's own future. A powerful, haunting and unforgettable read about love, heartbreak and betrayal set in Second World War Britain and France. Perfect for fans of *The Nightingale*, *Under a Scarlet Sky* and *My Name is Eva*. Readers love *When We Were Brave*: 'Wow! Just wow! This book kept me on the edge of my seat right from the get-go! [An] amazing story.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Fantastic... Historical fiction at its best. Characters that you fall in love with, a story you will hate to end.' NetGalley Reviewer 'Totally captivating... About the bravery of the silent heroes of WWII, the secret agents who intercepted codes... A wonderful, compelling story that will grip you to the very end, it will break your heart but it will also leave you with a sense of gratitude for these selfless individuals. I can't stop thinking about this story.' Krafti Reader, 5 stars 'I [am] hooked on this FANTASTIC author. *When We Were Brave* is another OUTSTANDING piece of fantastic writing... I have nothing but total admiration.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Mesmerising and captivated me with every turn of the page... Absolutely heart-breaking... Filled with sadness, love, courage and sacrifice – I couldn't put this book down.' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars 'A heartbreaking tale of war, love, loss, betrayal and courage.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Oh my goodness I loved this book!!!... A beautifully woven time-slip novel... This story and its characters will stay with me.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'I LOVED THIS BOOK!... Vivi is a fierce heroine and represents the bravery that everyone had to have during the war... I recommend this book to everyone that loves historical fiction.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'A truly heartbreaking and inspirational read. I was gripped from page one and literally flew through the pages.' Jaynie's Book Reviews, 5 stars 'After reading *When We Were Brave* [Suzanne Kelman] is officially added to my autobuy author list... For a book to bring tears to my eyes it has to be amazing I highly recommend this one to anyone who loves WWII fiction and even those that normally do not... You will not be disappointed.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

From a Paris Balcony

The small green chest was concealed at the back of her father's wardrobe. Its hinges were made of brass that must once have shone, but now the surface was roughened and dull. As she opened the lock, there was only one thing inside: a letter, postmarked 1895, Paris. England, 1895. Louisa West, a young beauty from Boston, looks like she has it all: a handsome husband, she is lady of Ashworth Manor and one day she'll be a duchess. But in truth, her life is falling apart. Louisa's honeymoon is barely over when her husband deserts her, leaving her devastated and alone. She flees to Paris, longing to escape her grief, but finds only tragedy... Boston, 2015. Life hasn't been kind to Sarah West. In one year, she has lost both her parents and her marriage. After her father's death, Sarah is sorting through his belongings when she finds a letter about her mysterious ancestor, Louisa. There have always been whispers in the family about Louisa's suicide—from a high balcony in Paris—but as Sarah reads, she starts to question everything she was told. Desperate to leave her broken heart behind, she books a trip to Paris to find out more... When Sarah arrives in the city of lights, the cobbled streets of Montmartre and the river Seine at twilight make her heart sing. Then, on the bookshelf of a beautiful Paris apartment, hidden inside the yellowing pages of an old novel, she finds a note about Louisa which shatters Sarah's understanding of her family's past. Did Louisa really throw herself from a Paris balcony? And when Sarah uncovers the truth, will it change everything about her future? An utterly captivating and emotional historical novel from bestselling author Ella Carey that will transport you to Paris at its most glamorous. From a Paris Balcony will have fans of Rhys Bowen, Fiona Valpy and My Name is Eva totally gripped! Readers are utterly enchanted by From a Paris Balcony: "This book was amazing!!! Loved the story. Highly recommend. This is a book I will remember for a very long time." Goodreads Reviewer  "A must-read!!... I never guessed the ending throughout the entire book! I didn't want the story to end." Goodreads Reviewer  "The setting in Paris and the mystery behind the suicide of Louisa keeps you hooked. I read this book straight through until morning." Goodreads Reviewer  "Ms Carey has done it again, taken me on a journey back in time with heartfelt emotion, romance and drama I felt like I was back in these times... A fabulously written story... Truly, I loved this one from page one and can't recommend it enough. Do yourself a favour and spend a few hours engrossed in this book. Thank you Ms Carey for another keeper." Goodreads Reviewer  "A must-read. I was lost in the city of Paris... I could not put the book down as I was lost in that world and wanted to know what happened next." Goodreads Reviewer  "A story I could not put down. Exceptional. Laced with sexual tension, plus a mystery and a present-day romance." Goodreads Reviewer  "This author is truly an amazing writer! One by one I'm reading all of her books and I recommend you do too! You can't help but read this in one sitting, it's such a heart-wrenching story." Goodreads Reviewer  "Five stars plus. Once again, I have fallen in love with the characters and the storyline. I recommend this book for a rainy-day read or a great choice to read on vacation." Goodreads Reviewer 

Losing Control

An utterly unforgettable and heartbreaking novel about a young woman whose life was ripped apart by the Second World War and the power her story holds today. From bestselling author Ella Carey, Paris Time Capsule shows that pulling on the tiniest thread of a life can unravel everything you thought you knew, and change your world forever. The parcel arrived on an ordinary morning in the mailbox of her New York apartment, postmarked Paris. It was wrapped in brown paper and tied with a silk ribbon. Little did she know that the old brass key and letter it contained were about to turn her life upside down... 1940, Paris. Life is getting desperate for young Isabelle de Florian. Alone with her best friend in her apartment as the Germans tighten their hold on Paris, Isabelle knows that they must seek safety or die. For months she has been playing a dangerous game of secrets with the Nazis, trying to keep the people she loves safe. At last, she secures passage out of the city, packs her best jewels into a small suitcase and steps into the treacherous night... New York, 2015. Photographer Cat Jordan is shocked when she receives a letter informing her that she is the sole heir of the estate of Isabelle de Florian. She was a friend of Cat's enigmatic grandmother, who both lived in France until the Nazi occupation forced them to flee. The letter offers few details but is clear on one point: Cat must come to Paris in person. When she arrives, Cat is enchanted by Isabelle's beautiful apartment. But why did she leave it to a stranger? Determined to find the truth, Cat investigates her grandmother and Isabelle's escape from Paris, and discovers that Isabelle was hunted by the Nazis in 1940. But as Cat searches through the dusty letters in the apartment, will the secret she finds change everything she knows about Isabelle and herself? From bestselling author Ella Carey comes an utterly spellbinding novel about wartime secrets. Fans of Rhys Bowen, The Nightingale and My Name is Eva will keep this story close forever. This book was first published in 2015. Readers are utterly captivated by Paris Time Capsule! "Wonderful! Wonderful!!!! I absolutely fell in love with this book!!!! Such a timeless piece of work! This book will forever make me love Paris!" Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "Absolutely stunning from start to finish. From the moment the author took me inside the apartment I was hopelessly trapped!... I was so lost in this stunning world... Simply magical... I highly recommend this read." "WOW Just wow... I absolutely love this story and these characters This story is filled with everything from romance to mystery." Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "OMG! This book is so wonderful! I would absolutely love to get a letter saying there was an apartment in Paris with my name on it, an apartment that had been left locked up for years no less. AHH!" Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "Wow. Just wow. This was an absolutely gorgeous read... I was hooked. It's rare I find a book that I don't want to finish because I was enjoying it so much but this is one of them." Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "I was hooked and could've read all night... The twists and turns were ones I didn't see coming. I loved it!" Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "Hooked from the first page and would keep turning the pages till late at night, trying to unravel the mystery this story is. It is a mysterious, thrilling and suspenseful story." Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "Great story! Loved the suspense and meeting the different characters who impacted the story. Definitely didn't see the end coming the way it did! Perfect mix of mystery and romance Highly recommend!" Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "I read it in one sitting and just couldn't put it down... Just so good and the characters are rich and full. Don't miss this one." Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "Absolutely stunning from start to finish... Captured my attention so I wished I could climb inside this book... Everything about this book was simply magical." Goodreads Reviewer [REDACTED] "I loved

this book. I absolutely loved it! I devoured this book over the course of two days.” Around the World in Books

The Girl from the Hermitage

You will love this witty and warm novel from the Sunday Times best-selling author Fern Britton.

Escape from Paris

As Paris teeters on the edge of the German Occupation, a young French woman closes the door to her late grandmother's treasure-filled apartment, unsure if she'll ever return. Inspired by the true account of an abandoned Parisian apartment, Alyson Richman brings to life the stories of courtesan Marthe de Florian, her granddaughter Solange Beaugiron, and the unlikely relationship between two women who pursue freedom and independence during uncertain times.

Follow Me Darkly

The companion to French Comfort Food, Le French Oven showcases authentic, tantalizing French recipes that can be created in the cocotte—the French version of a Dutch oven—in all of its sizes and shapes, from mini to large. Using various techniques such as braising, stewing, roasting, baking, stovetop, and frying, Le French Oven will teach how to create appetizers, soups, main courses, desserts, and more. It includes information about the major French made cocotte brands, and how to use them to create fabulous recipes such as Warm Mushroom Custards with Garlic Toast, French Carrot Rice Soup, Basque-Style Paella, Two-Hands Praying Rack of Lamb Roast, Lemony Braised Chicken with Green Olives, and Beef Pot-au-Feu. The sweet recipes include fabulous fare such as Raspberry Clafoutis and Hot Brandied Peaches Over Ice Cream. Le French Oven fills a need for the coterie of French cookbook fans and lovers of French food. It is an amazing collection of recipes with stunning photography. HILLARY DAVIS, food journalist, cooking instructor, and writer and creator of the popular food blog Marche Dimanche, is a long-time food columnist and restaurant critic for New Hampshire Magazine. Her work has been featured in many national and international magazine and website articles. She is also the author of French Comfort Food and Cuisine Niçoise and has been a food and travel lecturer on Royal Caribbean and Celebrity cruise lines. She lives in New Hampshire.

Everything to Live For

A Parisian reunion With the one that got away! Celebrity chef James Harrington never expected to find himself face-to-face with Chloe, his first love, again... Especially with her working as a chambermaid at his luxury hotel! Their chemistry's as

strong as ever, but it's clear she's hiding a secret. This Christmas, can James convince Chloe that their love is worth taking a chance on—again?

From a Paris Balcony

'Laura is a masterful writer, her deliciously gothic stories so skilfully woven that you can't get them out of your head even if you wanted to' Stacey Halls, author of *The Familiars* 'The Corset is a contender for my Book of the Year. Beautifully written, intricately plotted, a masterpiece' Sarah Hilary Is prisoner Ruth Butterham mad or a murderer? Victim or villain? Dorothea Truelove is young, wealthy and beautiful. Ruth Butterham is young, poor and awaiting trial for murder. When Dorothea's charitable work leads her to Oakgate Prison, she finds herself drawn to Ruth, a teenage seamstress – and self-confessed murderess – who nurses a dark and uncanny secret. A secret that is leading her straight to the gallows. As Ruth reveals her disturbing past to Dorothea, the fates of these two women entwine, and with every revelation, a new layer of doubt is cast Can Ruth be trusted? Is she mad, or a murderer? *Bone China*, the new Daphne du Maurier-esque chiller from Laura Purcell, is out now.

The Women's Pages

'Like a nice mug of mulled wine in book form!' Good Housekeeping The #1 Christmas novel from Sunday Times bestselling author Trisha Ashley Meg is definitely not in the Christmas mood. She's never gone in for tinsel, baubles and mistletoe, and right now she's still getting over an illness. Yet when she's invited to spend the run-up to Christmas in the snowy countryside, rather than dreary London, she can't refuse. Arriving at a warm and cosy family home in a small hilltop village, Meg soon begins to wonder what a proper Christmas might be like. But just as she's beginning to settle in, she spots a familiar face. Lex. Despite the festive cheer, Meg suddenly wants nothing more than to get as far away from him, and their past secrets, as she can. But if she stays, could this be the year she finally discovers the magic of Christmas? Fabulously funny, intelligent and heart-warming, Trisha Ashley's brand-new novel is the feel-good Christmas book of the year. It even contains recipes! 'This cosy heart-warming Christmas read will get you in the festive spirit' Woman 'A witty, original read' Daily Express 'Romance, friendship, love, humour and a generous dose of Christmas spirit – this book has it all' Woman's Weekly 'A heart-warming, feel-good read.' Choice

The Boy in the Photo

Losing Control (A Babysitting a Billionaire Novel) by Nina Croft Four years after escaping her abusive ex-husband, Kim finally believes she's in control of her life and her emotions and she's determined to never risk either again with a man. She

has a great home, a job as a security specialist which she loves, and Jake for a best friend. But things are a tad lonely in the sex department, so she decides to embark on a no-strings-affair with one of her hot co-workers. And who better to help her remember how to lure a man than her best friend? Jake has wanted Kim from the moment he first saw her, but four years ago, she was too young and too damaged. So he kept her close and he kept her safe, offering her a job in his security company and the training to feel safe again, and he bided his time. But now, after the long wait, if she imagines he's going to stand by while she seduces some other guy Never going to happen.

Secret Shores

Everything to Live For is the story of one young woman's survival against extraordinary odds, a testament to the human spirit. In September 2011, Turia Pitt, a beautiful 25-year-old mining engineer working her dream job in the far north of Western Australia, entered an ultra-marathon race that would change her life forever. Trapped by a fire in a gorge in the remote Kimberly region, Turia and five other competitors had nowhere to run. Turia escaped with catastrophic burns to 65 per cent of her body. With too little unburned skin left for skin grafts, Turia was put in an induced coma in the Burns Unit at Sydney's Concord Hospital while her body fought life-threatening infections and her surgeons imported skin from California. She lost the fingers on her right hand and her fingers on her left are partially fused together. She needed a new nose. There have been numerous operation, yet there are many more to come. While the story of Turia's survival involves many people - other race competitors, her rescuers, medical professionals - at its core is the strong will of Turia herself as she continues the long rehabilitation process with the loving support of her partner, Michael Hoskin, and that of their families in their New South Wales south coast hometown of Ulladulla, where the local community has rallied, raising funds to help with huge medical bills. Everything to Live For is also a love story. Michael, Turia's handsome teenage crush who became the love of her life, now cares for her as they plan a new life together; he is there to encourage Turia in her determination to move forward in an outwardly different body. The real tragedy of this story is that it should never have happened - because the race should never have happened. Despite facing a future with multiple challenges, Turia is optimistic. She is driving again and studying for her Master's degree. She is walking in marathons and would one day like to run again. Above all, she wants her story to make a difference: her mission is to make skin a more prominent organ in the repertoire of donated organs. It is a miracle Turia lived when she was expected to die. But Turia was not ready to die - she had too much to live for.

The Violin Maker's Daughter

In this glittering tale of forgotten treasures and long-held secrets, international bestseller Karen Swan explores one woman's journey to discovering the truth behind an abandoned apartment and a family whose mysteries may be better left

undiscovered. When high-powered fine art agent Flora Sykes is called in to assess objets d'art in a Paris apartment that has been abandoned since WWII, she is skeptical at first—until she discovers that the treasure trove of paintings is myriad...and priceless. The powerful Vermeil family to whom they belong is eager to learn more and asks Flora to trace the history of each painting. Despite a shocking announcement that has left her own family reeling, Flora finds herself thrown into the glamorous world of the Vermeils. But she soon realizes there is more to this project than first appears. As she researches the provenance of their prize Renoir, she uncovers a scandal surrounding the painting—and a secret that goes to the very heart of the family. The fallout will place Flora in the eye of a storm that carries her from London to Vienna to the glittering coast of Provence. Xavier Vermeil, the brusque scion of the family, is determined to separate Flora from his family's affairs in spite of their powerful attraction to one another. Just what are the secrets he is desperately trying to hide? And what price is Flora willing to pay to uncover the devastating truth...? “The Paris Secret had me from the moment I started reading. Filled with a smart and sympathetic protagonist, a touch of romance, a smidgen of history, plenty of intrigue and suspense galore.”—Diane Chamberlain, internationally bestselling author of *The Midwife's Confession*

The Widow Waltz

From the bestselling author of *The Land Girls* comes a beautifully realised novel that speaks to the true history and real experiences of post-war Australian women. Sydney 1945 The war is over, the fight begins. The war is over and so are the jobs (and freedoms) of tens of thousands of Australian women. The armaments factories are making washing machines instead of bullets and war correspondent Tilly Galloway has hung up her uniform and been forced to work on the women's pages of her newspaper - the only job available to her - where she struggles to write advice on fashion and make-up. As Sydney swells with returning servicemen and the city bustles back to post-war life, Tilly finds her world is anything but normal. As she desperately waits for word of her prisoner-of-war husband, she begins to research stories about the lives of the underpaid and overworked women who live in her own city. Those whose war service has been overlooked; the freedom and independence of their war lives lost to them. Meanwhile Tilly's waterside worker father is on strike, and her best friend Mary is struggling to cope with the stranger her own husband has become since being liberated from Changi a broken man. As strikes rip the country apart and the news from abroad causes despair, matters build to a heart-rending crescendo. Tilly realises that for her the war may have ended, but the fight is just beginning

Christmas Reunion in Paris

The bestselling author of *Lunch in Paris* takes us on another delicious journey, this time to the heart of Provence. Ten years ago, New Yorker Elizabeth Bard followed a handsome Frenchman up a spiral staircase to a love nest in the heart of Paris. Now, with a baby on the way and the world's flakiest croissant around the corner, Elizabeth is sure she's found her "forever

place." But life has other plans. On a last romantic jaunt before the baby arrives, the couple take a trip to the tiny Provencal village of Céreste. A chance encounter leads them to the wartime home of a famous poet, a tale of a buried manuscript and a garden full of heirloom roses. Under the spell of the house and its unique history, in less time than it takes to flip a crepe, Elizabeth and Gwendal decide to move-lock, stock and Le Creuset-to the French countryside. When the couple and their newborn son arrive in Provence, they discover a land of blue skies, lavender fields and peaches that taste like sunshine. Seduced by the local ingredients, they begin a new adventure as culinary entrepreneurs, starting their own artisanal ice cream shop and experimenting with flavors like saffron, sheep's milk yogurt and fruity olive oil. Filled with enticing recipes for stuffed zucchini flowers, fig tart and honey and thyme ice cream, Picnic in Provence is the story of everything that happens after the happily ever after: an American learning the tricks of French motherhood, a family finding a new professional passion, and a cook's initiation into classic Provencal cuisine. With wit, humor and scoop of wild strawberry sorbet, Bard reminds us that life-in and out of the kitchen-is a rendez-vous with the unexpected.

When We Were Brave

'If only I could give this book 100 stars rather than 5! This book is epic, a mesmerizing book of strength through unimaginable losses... Heartbreaking and beautifully written this is a gripping tale of bravery... One of the best and most memorable historical books I've ever read!' Deanne's Book Thoughts, 5/5 When the Nazis march onto the cobbled streets of Colmar on November 1st 1940, Josef, a Jewish violin maker, gathers his wife and daughters closely to him and tells them everything will be alright. But one year later, three sharp knocks on the door at midnight turn his seventeen year old daughter Sarah's world upside down. As the oldest child, Sarah must be the first to leave her family, to make her escape in a perilous journey across France via Paris to Poitiers. And she must hide who she is and take a new name for her own safety. For now, bilingual Sarah is no longer a French Jew but a German girl. As she bids farewell to her beloved father and family, Sarah has hope, against all odds, that she will see them again when the war is over. But, travelling through the mountains she finds herself in terrible danger and meets Ralf, a German deserter, who risks his own life to save her. Ralf and Sarah continue their journey together, keeping their identities secret at all cost. But when Ralf is captured, will Sarah pay the ultimate price for sharing who she really is? A gripping and heart-breaking account of love, bravery and sacrifice during the terror of war. A story of standing up for what you believe in; even if it's going to break your heart. Perfect for fans of The Tattooist of Auschwitz and The Ragged Edge of Night. Readers have fallen in love with The Violin Maker's Daughter : 'From the minute I opened this book I was completely enthralled. I couldn't put it down. It was well thought out and expertly written... Really a great read and I can't wait to look into other books by this author!' Being Perry, 5 stars 'This is the first book I have read by Sharon Maas and from the moment I started reading it I just could not wait to continue reading it. It's sad, its poignant, its uplifting and it tells the wonderful story of Sarah, the violin makers daughter and her journey as she flees her home country, to escape Nazi's ...Beautifully written and a memorable read.' Netgalley Reviewer, 5

stars 'Sharon Maas never disappoints! She is one of my favourite authors and with this wonderful, harrowing, heart breaking tale of courage and love in the face of unimaginable danger, she has cemented her place as one of the best historical fiction writes of today, right up there with Antony Doerr and Kristin Hannah. I SO loved this beautiful story... so stunningly realised. ...I would very highly recommend this book and give it ten stars if I could. If you're going to read one war book this year which marks the 75th anniversary of D-day, make it this one!' Renita D'Silva, 5 stars 'A gripping, heartbreaking, but yet heartwarming historical fiction (that is based on real facts concerning Colmar, Alsace and Lorraine as well as French and German Resistance) It is raw and emotional, yet a necessary story to tell ... A great read. 5/5 stars' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'I loved it! Once I started reading, I could not stop I was on the edge of my seat... This is the first book I have read by this writer, I am eager for more!' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'A heart wrenching story of bravery, love and sacrifice.' For the Love of Books 'I'm a huge fan of historical fiction and this one didn't disappoint. I felt it was a good book about the horrors of wartime France.' Goodreads Reviewer

Defense of an Other

'You and me - we're sisters, not enemies. We've got a real enemy at our door and we need to focus on that - together, united. I don't want to be fighting you as well.' In the small French town of Colmar, swastikas hang from lampposts, tanks are lined up outside the town hall, and twenty-one-year-old Marie-Claire is in love. She will do anything for her childhood friend Jacques, including spying on her German boss, Dietrich Kurtz. Anything to make Jacques see her in a new light, as something more than just a silly little girl. But when Jacques rejects her, everything changes. Mortified and stung, Marie-Claire feels the need for revenge. She turns her back on those she loves and is catapulted into a new life. Her little sister Victoire is aghast at her sister's traitorous behaviour, not least because Marie-Claire is endangering Victoire's own life-threatening mission, hiding Jewish refugees in their mother's wine cellar. And when Marie-Claire marries Kurtz, Victoire knows her relationship with her sister has been poisoned for ever. But when Victoire learns someone she loves is in terrible danger, her only choice is to trust the sister who betrayed her. Kurtz, Marie-Claire's cruel and heartless husband, has key information and Victoire must persuade Marie-Claire to obtain it, even if it means risking Marie-Claire's life. As secrets come to light and close bonds are broken, will the sisters be able to heal old wounds? An unforgettable and unputdownable story of two sisters ripped apart by World War 2. Fans of *The Nightingale* and *The Ragged Edge of Night* will fall in love with *Her Darkest Hour*. Praise for *Her Darkest Hour*: 'I adore, admire and look up to this author. She is one of my absolute favourite writers - I read anything and everything she writes and needless to say she never disappoints... this is definitely her best book yet. Beautiful and powerful, heartbreaking and empowering.... Everyone needs to read this book now more than ever. If you are going to read one book during these strange extraordinary times we are all living through make it this one.' NetGalley Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'I loved this novel, with its wonderful cast of characters and gorgeous prose. The storyline was engaging and flowed seamlessly. Highly recommended!' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'A great historical novel with

interesting characters' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'It's a beautifully descriptive read that made me feel as if I was standing on the sideline watching the story play out until the end' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'I love historical fiction, and I really enjoyed this. It's my first novel by Sharon Maas, and it definitely won't be my last. The story is beautifully written.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'I loved this book... a powerful read.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★ 'I really liked this book! There is a lot of depth to it ... There were several parts, I couldn't breathe thinking the character was going to get caught.' Goodreads Reviewer, ★★★★★ Praise for Sharon Maas: 'If only I could give this book 100 stars rather than 5!... This book is epic, a mesmerizing book of strength through unimaginable losses... Heart-breaking and beautifully written, this is a gripping tale of bravery... One of the best and most memorable historical books I've ever read!' Deanne's Book Thoughts, ★★★★★

Le French Oven

From bestselling author Ella Carey comes an utterly gripping and sweeping historical novel about terrible choices and heartbreaking family mysteries. The past holds more secrets than we can ever imagine 1946. Young, beautiful artist Rebecca survived the devastating war that claimed the lives of so many of the men and women she grew up with. Her friends have returned as empty shells or not at all. But although peace has been declared, Rebecca is still fighting at home. Her controlling mother will stop at nothing to prevent Rebecca from following her dream to become a painter. When Rebecca meets dashing young Edward, a pilot during the war, she discovers both love and an escape. Edward makes her feel truly loved, alive and excited about her future and art. But when Edward takes Rebecca to visit his childhood home on the sweeping coast, their trip ends in tragedy. Edward's father commits suicide and, consumed by grief, Edward is faced with a terrible choice: love or family? Utterly distraught, Rebecca goes out to the shore by moonlight to paint. Under the stars, she stares into the waves, thinking about her life. The next morning she has disappeared without a trace, leaving behind only a pencil on the sand. Finding the truth will change everything for those who were left behind Fans of My Name is Eva, Rhys Bowen and Lucinda Riley will fall head over heels in love with Secret Shores. Readers are totally captivated by Secret Shores "My favorite read in my 50 years on this earth. This book speaks to me. It grabs you and holds you until the end Definitely a must-read. Thank you Ms Carey for such a wonderful gift." Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★ "Carey has done it again, written a story that is moving, compelling and not-put-down-able. I savored every word I highly recommend this story, it is multifaceted, enthralling and just so darn good I didn't want to put it down. Thank you Ms Carey for another book that is going to stay with me for a long time." Goodreads Reviewer ★★★★★

Her Darkest Hour

"This book underscores what we have long known—Gurganus stands among the best writers of our time." —Ann Patchett

Through memorable language and bawdy humor, Gurganus returns to his mythological Falls, North Carolina, home of Widow. This first work in a decade offers three novellas mirroring today's face-lifted South, a zone revolutionized around freer sexuality, looser family ties, and superior telecommunications, yet it celebrates those locals who have chosen to stay local. In doing so, *Local Souls* uncovers certain old habits—adultery, incest, obsession—still very much alive in our New South, a "Winesburg, Ohio" with high-speed Internet. Wells Tower says of Gurganus, "No living writer knows more about how humans matter to each other." Such ties of love produce hilarious, if wrenching, complications: "Fear Not" gives us a banker's daughter seeking the child she was forced to surrender when barely fifteen, only to find an adult rescuer she might have invented. In "Saints Have Mothers," a beloved high school valedictorian disappears during a trip to Africa, granting her ambitious mother a postponed fame that turns against her. And in a dramatic "Decoy," the doctor-patient friendship between two married men breaks toward desire just as a biblical flood shatters their neighborhood and rearranges their fates. Gurganus finds fresh pathos in ancient tensions: between marriage and Eros, parenthood and personal fulfillment. He writes about erotic hunger and social embarrassment with Twain's knife-edged glee. By loving Falls, Gurganus dramatizes the passing of Hawthorne's small-town nation into those Twitter-nourished lives we now expect and relish. Four decades ago, John Cheever pronounced Allan Gurganus "the most technically gifted and morally responsive writer of his generation." *Local Souls* confirms Cheever's prescient faith. It deepens the luster of Gurganus's reputation for compassion and laughter. His black comedy leaves us with lasting affection for his characters and the aching aftermath of human consequences. Here is a universal work about a village.

The Things We Don't Say

From her prison cell in revolutionary Paris, nineteen-year-old aristocrat H el ene d'Aubign recalls the events that led her to choose between following in her parents' unforgivable footsteps or abandoning the man she loves. Despite her world of privilege, H el ene is inspired early on by the radical ideas of her progressive governess. Though her family tries to intervene, the seeds of revolution have already been planted in H el ene's heart, as are the seeds of love from an unlikely friendship with a young jeweler's apprentice. H el ene's determination to find true love is as revolutionary as her attempt to unravel the truth behind a concealed murder that tore her family apart. As violence erupts in Paris, H el ene is forced into hiding with her estranged family, where the tangled secrets of their past become entwined with her own. When she finally returns to the blood-stained streets of Paris, she finds everything—and everyone—very much changed. In a city where alliances shift overnight, no one knows whom to trust. Faced with looming war, the mystery of her family's past, and the man she loves near death, H el ene will soon find out if doing one wrong thing will make everything right, or if it will simply push her closer to the guillotine.

Stonechild

Where do we go to when we die? Imagine human consciousness embedded in the molecules of a statue. So, when the statues of London come to life, it is a spectacle like non other, and they come with a specific message, and an offer we cannot refuse. As the world reels in this wonder of science and religion, Molly Hargreaves has other plans and she sets out to prove that things are not as they seem. Chased, captured and confined, Molly confronts the statues and her own fears. But who can she convince? The people are welcoming, the Government has succumbed, and the police try to act, but how do you shoot stone and metal? Be prepared to be run ragged around London on a mystery worthy of the great Sherlock Holmes.

New Shoes

Dick Francis, the bestselling master of mystery and suspense, takes you into the thrilling world of horse racing. Nerve is the story of a struggling young jockey named Rob, a misfit in a family of accomplished musicians, who discovers that his troubling losing streak is caused not by a lack of skill or confidence, but by something far more sinister. Praise for Dick Francis 'Dick Francis is a wonder' Cleveland Plain Dealer 'Few things are more convincing than Dick Francis at a full gallop' Chicago Tribune 'Francis captures our attention and holds us spellbound all the breathless pace we have come to expect of this superb writer.' NYT Book Review

Local Souls

In this compulsively-readable historical novel, from the author of the critically-acclaimed Two Sisters, comes the story of two young women—one in America's Gilded Age, one in scrappy modern-day California—whose lives are linked by a single tragic afternoon in history. 1888: Elizabeth Haberlin, of the Pittsburgh Haberlins, spends every summer with her family on a beautiful lake in an exclusive club. Nestled in the Allegheny Mountains above the working class community of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, the private retreat is patronized by society's elite. Elizabeth summers with Carnegies, Mellons, and Fricks, following the rigid etiquette of her class. But Elizabeth is blessed (cursed) with a mind of her own. Case in point: her friendship with Eugene Eggar, a Johnstown steel mill worker. And when Elizabeth discovers that the club's poorly maintained dam is about to burst and send 20 million tons of water careening down the mountain, she risks all to warn Eugene and the townspeople in the lake's deadly shadow. Present day: On her eighteenth birthday, genetic information from Lee Parker's closed adoption is unlocked. She also sees an old photograph of a genetic relative—a 19th Century woman with hair and eyes like hers—standing in a pile of rubble from an ecological disaster next to none other than Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross. Determined to identify the woman in the photo and unearth the mystery of that captured moment, Lee digs into history. Her journey takes her from California to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, from her present financial woes to her past of privilege, from the daily grind to an epic disaster. Once Lee's heroic DNA is revealed,

will she decide to forge a new fate?

The Paris Secret

Galina was born into a world of horrors. So why does she mourn its passing? SHORTLISTED: Impress Prize LONGLISTED: Bath Novel Award LONGLISTED: Grindstone Novel Award It is December 1941, and eight-year-old Galina and her friend Vera are caught in the siege of Leningrad, eating soup made of wallpaper, with the occasional luxury of a dead rat. Galina's artist father Mikhail has been kept away from the front to help save the treasures of the Hermitage. Its cellars could now provide a safe haven, provided Mikhail can navigate the perils of a portrait commission from one of Stalin's colonels. Nearly forty years later, Galina herself is a teacher at the Leningrad Art Institute. What ought to be a celebratory weekend at her forest dacha turns sour when she makes an unwelcome discovery. The painting she embarks upon that day will hold a grim significance for the rest of her life, as the old Soviet Union makes way for the new Russia and Galina's familiar world changes out of all recognition. Warm, wise and utterly enthralling, Molly Gartland's debut novel guides us from the old communist world, with its obvious terrors and its more surprising comforts, into the glitz and bling of 21st-century St Petersburg. Galina's story is at once a compelling page-turner and an insightful meditation on ageing and nostalgia. 'A beautifully written book that takes you right into the characters' world. Highly recommended' LUCINDA HAWKSLEY

Nemesis and the Swan

"This heartfelt, witty addition to women's fiction will appeal to fans of Elizabeth Berg and Anna Quindlen." (Booklist) Georgia Waltz has things many people only dream of: a plush Manhattan apartment overlooking Central Park, a Hamptons beach house, valuable jewels and art, two bright daughters, and a husband she adores, even after decades of marriage. It's only when Ben suddenly drops dead from a massive coronary while training for the New York City Marathon that Georgia discovers her husband—a successful lawyer—has left them nearly penniless. Their wonderland was built on lies. As the family attorney scours emptied bank accounts, Georgia must not only look for a way to support her family, she needs to face the revelation that Ben was not the perfect husband he appeared to be, just as her daughters—now ensconced back at home with secrets of their own—have to accept that they may not be returning to their lives in Paris and at Stanford subsidized by the Bank of Mom and Dad. As she uncovers hidden resilience, Georgia's sudden midlife shift forces her to consider who she is and what she truly values. That Georgia may also find new love in the land of Spanx and stretch marks surprises everyone—most of all, her. Sally Koslow's fourth novel is deftly told through the alternating viewpoints of her remarkable female protagonists as they plumb for the grit required to reinvent their lives. Inspiring, funny, and deeply satisfying, *The Widow Waltz* explores in a profound way the bonds between mothers and daughters, belligerent siblings, skittish lovers, and bitter rivals as they discover the power of forgiveness, and healing, all while asking, "What is family,

really?"

The Corset

A clever, heartfelt romantic comedy about a charming family who live in the most romantic place on earth but can't catch a break when it comes to love. For fans of Marian Keyes, Star-Crossed and Offspring. When a romantically challenged family gather at their Whitsundays resort for their first wedding in decades, Amy 'stuck in the friend zone' Lowery realises that her single tango-dancing mum and besotted groom-to-be dad have hotter love lives than she does. But when she locks eyes with an alluring stranger, The Pull in her chest is undeniable. And the look in Josh Brennan's eyes definitely says 'more than friends' - but not in the way she hopes. Loner Josh is ecstatic to meet his witty stepsister-to-be and stoked that the union of their two dads comes with the lively (if chaotic) family he's always wanted. No way will he admit to an inconvenient attraction to his insta-sister - not even to himself. Elsewhere on the island, resident nice guy Harry is absolutely not going to fall for smart and sexy jilted bride Sophia, who is locked in the honeymoon villa trying to kickstart Operation Get Your Life Together. But a harmless flirtation never hurt anyone - right? Throw in some sharp-witted siblings, a bevy of naval officers and a meddlesome gran determined to see at least one of her descendants happily wed, and the scene is set for a perfect storm that will leave no heart unscathed

Paris Time Capsule

#1 Amazon Best Seller in Women's Fiction Friendship, loss, and an enchanting trip to Paris Amy and Kat had a plan: A secret trip to Paris. Even Amy's husband wouldn't know about it. But when Amy loses Kat to cancer, she knows the plan has disappeared forever. Or has it? Guided by Kat's bold voice and dissatisfaction with her own calorie-counting life in Phoenix, Amy takes the plunge and sneaks off to Paris without telling a soul. Once there, however, she finds that her problems have come right along with her. Through adventures laced with luscious food and a glimpse into an unexpected side of Paris, Amy learns that often in life, love, and friendship, nothing is exactly as it seems. Will she choose her new life in Paris or revive the one she left behind? "Discover a Paris that few casual tourists see" (Paris Voice) in this highly praised "can't-put-down absorbing adventure" (Kirkus Reviews) Now optioned for film and TV by Papazian-Hirsch Entertainment! Book club discussion guide included. Interview with the Author What inspired you to write The Paris Effect? This is easy. I am a member of two book groups. We love talking about stories and characters, why we liked or didn't like a novel, what books and reading mean to us. I've done a lot of pondering about what makes a satisfying reading experience. Simply put, I wanted to write a novel that my book groups would enjoy reading and talking about. I love books about Paris! Do you think I will like this book? Yes, I believe so! But this isn't your typical book about Paris. At first it may seem like chick lit (a secret trip to the romantic city of Paris!) or a travel memoir (Amy ventures abroad without telling her husband and ends up on a

voyage of self-discovery), though I'd say at its core it's women's fiction: Amy deals with the loss of her best friend and the downward (and sideways) spiral that ensues. She questions herself and her choices. She ultimately has to make some tough decisions. It's an emotional ride. What kind of story is *The Paris Effect*? Reviewers call it an engrossing adventure that's both funny and touching. Literary types would probably say it's a coming of age story because the main character, Amy (who loves all things French, and is diet-obsessed and believes French women don't get fat), takes the first big risk of her life by running away to France, soon learning the truth of the expression, "Wherever you go, there you are." I call it a tale of self-discovery that for the reader doubles as a virtual mini-vacation to Paris, giving a unique glimpse of Paris life. Many books have been written with Paris as the setting. What sets yours apart? Who doesn't like a Paris love story? For many of us, Paris is the ultimate romantic dream destination. And don't get me wrong-Paris is truly as romantic as it's cracked up to be! But it's also a multilingual, multinational metropolis of street hustlers, diesel fumes, and pickpockets. Amy encounters all of these and more, including some wonderfully kind strangers. She gets to know a Paris that few casual tourists ever see. And so will you. Thanks for reading!

Honeymoon in Paris

A beguiling painting holds the secrets of a woman's past and calls into question everything she thought she knew about the man she loved Nearly sixty years ago, renowned London artist Patrick Adams painted his most famous work: a portrait of his beloved Emma Temple, a fellow bohemian with whom he shared his life. Years after Patrick's death, ninety-year-old Emma still has the painting hanging over her bed at their country home as a testament to their love. To Emma's granddaughter, Laura, the portrait is also a symbol of so much to come. The masterpiece is serving as collateral to pay Laura's tuition at a prestigious music school. Then the impossible happens when an appraiser claims the painting is a fraud. For Laura, the accusation jeopardizes her future. For Emma, it casts doubt on everything she believed about her relationship with Patrick. Laura is determined to prove that Patrick did indeed paint the portrait. Both her grandmother's and Patrick's legacies are worth fighting for. As the stories of two women entwine, it's time for Emma to summon up the past--even at the risk of revealing its unspoken secrets.

Lovestruck

This book is *The Nightingale* meets *All the Light We Cannot See*, only it's all true--a thrilling wartime adventure story of downed American aviators rescued by French resistance fighters, taken to Nazi-occupied Paris, and hidden under the very noses of the Gestapo Escape from Paris is the true story of a small group of U.S. aviators whose four B-17 Flying Fortresses were shot down over German-occupied France on a single, fateful day: July 14, 1943, Bastille Day. They were rescued by brave French civilians and taken to Paris for eventual escape out of France. In the French capital, where German troops

walked on every street and Gestapo agents hid around every corner, the flyers met a brave Parisian resistance family living and working in the Hôtel des Invalides, a complex of buildings and military memorials, where Nazi officials had set up offices. Hidden in the complex the Americans, along with dozens of other downed Allied pilots and resistance operatives, hatched daring escape plots. The danger of discovery by the Nazis grew every day, as did an unlikely romance when one of the American airmen begins a star-crossed wartime romance with the twenty-two-year old daughter of the family sheltering him--a noir tale of war, courage and desperation in the shadows of the City of Light. Based on official American, French, and German documents, histories, personal memoirs, and the author's interviews with several of the story's key participants, *Escape from Paris* crosses the traditional lines of World War II history with tense drama of air combat over Europe, the intrigue of occupied Paris, and courageous American and Allied pilots and French resistance fighters pitted against Nazi thugs. All of this set in one of the world's most beautiful and captivating cities.

The Christmas Invitation

From the author of *The House by the Lake* comes a powerful novel of friendship during World War II, fighting for the truth, and making peace with the past. At the height of World War II, Eva Scott's dream comes true. Accepted into the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP), she leaves balmy California and the man she loves for grueling training in Texas, ultimately landing at formidable Camp Davis in North Carolina. Vastly outnumbered by men and amid contempt, discrimination, and sabotage, Eva and her closest friends, the unconventional Nina and straightlaced Helena, remain loyal to their mission and to each other. They stay focused on the horizon, determined to prove themselves capable women pilots. Until a fatal mission sends Eva's dream crashing to earth . . . Now, decades later, is it possible to discover the truth about the night that changed her life? Is there any hope she'll recover all that she's lost? When Eva finds herself embroiled in the fight to get military recognition for the WASP, she's forced to confront the past, and to make a decision that could forever change her future. Thrilling and inspiring, *Beyond the Horizon* is a portrait of love, friendship, and valor in a time of war--and a tribute to the brave women who risked their lives for their country.

The Lost Jewels

From the author of *The Song of the Jade Lily* comes a thrilling story of a family secret that leads to a legendary treasure. Why would someone bury a bucket of precious jewels and gemstones and never return? Present Day. When respected American jewelry historian, Kate Kirby, receives a call about the Cheapside jewels, she knows she's on the brink of the experience of a lifetime. But the trip to London forces Kate to explore secrets that have long been buried by her own family. Back in Boston, Kate has uncovered a series of sketches in her great-grandmother's papers linking her suffragette great-grandmother Essie to the Cheapside collection. Could these sketches hold the key to Essie's secret life in Edwardian

London? In the summer of 1912, impoverished Irish immigrant Essie Murphy happens to be visiting her brother when a workman's pickaxe strikes through the floor of an old tenement house in Cheapside, near St. Paul's Cathedral in London. The workmen uncover a stash of treasure—from Ottoman pendants to Elizabethan and Jacobean gems—and then the finds disappear again! Could these jewels—one in particular—change the fortunes of Essie and her sisters? Together with photographer Marcus Holt, Kate Kirby chases the history of the Cheapside gems and jewels, especially the story of a small diamond champlevé enamel ring. Soon, everything Kate believes about her family, gemology, and herself will be threatened. Based on a fascinating true story, *The Lost Jewels* is a riveting historical fiction novel that will captivate readers from the beginning to the unforgettable, surprising end.

The Woman in the Photo

The New York Times Best Seller! Now with an excerpt of Michelle's new book, *I'll See You in Paris! Bienvenue à Paris!* When April Vogt's boss tells her about an apartment in the ninth arrondissement that has been discovered after being shuttered for the past seventy years, the Sotheby's continental furniture specialist does not hear the words "dust" or "rats" or "decrepit." She hears Paris. She hears escape. Once in France, April quickly learns the apartment is not merely some rich hoarder's repository. Beneath the cobwebs and stale perfumed air is a goldmine, and not because of the actual gold (or painted ostrich eggs or mounted rhinoceros horns or bronze bathtub). First, there's a portrait by one of the masters of the Belle Epoque, Giovanni Boldini. And then there are letters and journals written by the very woman in the painting, Marthe de Florian. These documents reveal that she was more than a renowned courtesan with enviable décolletage. Suddenly April's quest is no longer about the bureaux plats and Louis-style armchairs that will fetch millions at auction. It's about discovering the story behind this charismatic woman. It's about discovering two women, actually. With the help of a salty (and annoyingly sexy) Parisian solicitor and the courtesan's private diaries, April tries to uncover the many secrets buried in the apartment. As she digs into Marthe's life, April can't help but take a deeper look into her own. Having left behind in the States a cheating husband, a family crisis about to erupt, and a career she's been using as the crutch to simply get by, she feels compelled to sort out her own life too. When the things she left bubbling back home begin to boil over, and Parisian delicacies beyond flaky pâtisseries tempt her better judgment, April knows that both she and Marthe deserve happy finales. Whether accompanied by croissants or champagne, this delectable debut novel depicts the Paris of the Belle Epoque and the present day with vibrant and stunning allure. Based on historical events, Michelle Gable's *A Paris Apartment* will entertain and inspire, as readers embrace the struggles and successes of two very unforgettable women.

Beyond the Horizon

New York photographer Cat Jordan has fought hard to free herself from the past, but when a stranger dies, Cat finds herself

the sole inheritor of a treasure filled apartment in Paris that has been locked up and abandoned for seventy years. A stash of love letters belonging to Marthe de Florian, one of the Belle Époque's most famous demimondaines, and the appearance of the mysterious Isabelle de Florian's grandson leads Cat in search of the reasons why Isabelle kept her Paris apartment a secret, and why she left her entire estate to Cat. As Cat unravels the story, she too begins her own journey, realizing that the secrets in the apartment may finally unfasten the future

Picnic in Provence

Heartbroken and alone, Boston art curator Sarah West is grieving the recent deaths of her parents and the end of her marriage. Ultrasensible by nature, she's determined to stay the course to get her life back on track. But fate has something else in mind. While cleaning out her father's closet, she finds a letter from the famous Parisian courtesan Marthe de Florian, dated 1895. The subject? Sarah's great-great-aunt Louisa's death. Legend has it Louisa committed suicide but this letter implies there's more to that story. Determined to learn the truth, Sarah, against her nature, impulsively flies to Paris. There she's drawn into the world of her flatmate, the brilliant artist Laurent Chartier. As she delves deep into the glittering Belle Époque to unravel the mystery, Sarah finds that her aunt's story may offer her exactly what she needs to open up to love again. Following Sarah in the present day and Louisa in the 1890s, this moving novel spans more than a century to tell the stories of two remarkable women.

Black Rabbit Hall

Ella Mae is used to wearing her cousin's hand-me-down shoes—but when her latest pair is already too tight, she's thrilled at the chance to get new shoes. But at the shoe store, Ella Mae and her mother have to wait until there are no white customers to serve first. She doesn't get to try anything on, either—her mother traces her feet onto a sheet of paper, and the salesman brings them a pair he thinks will fit. Disappointed by her treatment, Ella Mae and her cousin Charlotte hatch a plan to help others in their community find better-fitting shoes without humiliation. Eric Velasquez' realistic oil paintings bring life to this story of a young girl's determination in the face of injustice. The book includes an author's note from Susan Lynn Meyer, discussing the historical context of the story and how the Civil Rights Movement worked to abolish unfair laws like the ones Ella Mae encounters. A 2016 NAACP Image Award Nominee, and a Jane Addams Children's Book Award winner.

The Paris Effect

I've always been a control freak. But he makes me crave submission Working for a hotel heiress and social media influencer may not be my dream job, but at least it allows me time to do what I really love—take photographs. Pretty good for a

wholesome farm girl from Kansas trying to make it in Boston. Life may not be easy working for a diva, but at least I know what to expect. Until blue-collar billionaire Braden Black strides into the office. He's beyond handsome and sexy, but also domineering with a definite hard edge. I'm not sure why he's interested in me, but within a few weeks, he's showing me a world I never knew existed. He's opened up a side of me I can only face in the dark, and it's quickly becoming an obsession. How can I give up something this addictive—even if his secrets could ultimately destroy me?

The Postcard

Cat Jordan is a vintage loving, New York photographer who is ready to begin a new life with her successful boyfriend. But when she learns she's inherited the Parisian estate of a complete stranger- a woman named Isabelle de Florian who befriended Cat's legendary grandmother during the 1930's in Paris- Cat's life is turned upside down. Cat arrives in Paris to find that she is now the owner of a perfectly preserved Belle Epoque apartment in the ninth arrondissement, and that the Frenchwoman's family knew nothing about this treasure filled secret estate. Amid these strange developments, Cat is left with burning questions: Who was Isabelle de Florian? And why did she leave her inheritance to Cat instead of her own family? As Cat travels France in search of answers, she feels her grasp on her New York life starting to slip. With long buried secrets coming to light and an attraction to Isabelle de Florian's grandson growing too intense to ignore, Cat begins to doubt everything she knew.

The Paris Time Capsule

“For fans of Kate Morton and Daphne du Maurier, Black Rabbit Hall is an obvious must-read.”—Bookpage A secret history. A long-ago summer. A house with an untold story. Amber Alton knows that the hours pass differently at Black Rabbit Hall, her London family's Cornish country house, where no two clocks read the same. Summers there are perfect, timeless. Not much ever happens. Until, one terrible day, it does. More than three decades later, Lorna is determined to be married within the grand, ivy-covered walls of Pencraw Hall, known as Black Rabbit Hall among the locals. But as she's drawn deeper into the overgrown grounds, she soon finds herself ensnared within the house's labyrinthine history, overcome with a need for answers about her own past and that of the once-golden family whose memory still haunts the estate. Eve Chase's debut novel is a thrilling spiral into the hearts of two women separated by decades but inescapably linked by the dark and tangled secrets of Black Rabbit Hall.

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