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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.

Meet Me in Paris Details

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Jacqueline says

This memoir, from one of my favourite romance authors, is the true tale of a hopeless romantic addicted to writing, travel and France who found herself in a marriage where she had to be someone she wasn't for everyday life to tick over nicely, despite loving a husband who also loved her. One day she spread her wings, took off to experience freedom and to find the passion she could only write about, divorcing her husband and having an affair that gave her great highs but deep lows too. She is a good example of the torment of the creative mind who needed to flee what she feared was slowing killing her inner soul, but the price of freedom was high. It was not an easy journey, there were some very dark days for her when loneliness and depression zapped her of her energy and threatened her life. There were times when I felt very sad, times when I felt she was selfish and times I wished she would just stop making the wrong decisions and get on a plane to France, which she does numerous times throughout the book.

Ultimately this book is a journey of discovery and recovery, where Paris and Lyon try their best to soothe her troubled mind and help her move forward to a happier place. She just needs to work out where to find this happiness; is it in France, in her marriage, in the arms of her lover or is there something else? Her writing certainly became very important in her healing process and this led to an emotionally charged memoir that contains some strong language and scenes of a sexual nature.

At the end of the book I found myself wondering how I felt. She has slightly deflated my dream of the typical life I expected a romance novelist like Juliette Sobanet to be living, but I can't help but feel privileged she has shared her real life with her readers. Characters in a novel have ups and downs before finding their happily ever afters, real life is a different story altogether. She will always be Juliette to me and I can't wait for her to feel ready to write another chocolate filled romance set in France.

Sharon says

This book made me weep for all the characters involved. It's beautiful, and moving, and once you start it you won't be able to put it down. Highly recommend!

Tripfiction says

"It is my firm belief that upon leaving one's husband, one should immediately hop on a flight to Paris"

Indeed! France is balm for a broken heart. This is a very personal story of Danielle, who falls madly in love with Nick as her own marriage is faltering and this new relationship proves to be a catalyst in the ending of her marriage. A memoir with many tears along the way, periods of deep depression and oftentimes liberal use of Xanax (used to treat anxiety disorders).

I am not sure whether to refer to Danielle, the pseudonym, or Juliette, the author when I say the lead

character is an absolute Francophile and it is to the country of France to which she looks for solace when things are going pear-shaped. It is also far from her home city of San Diego where she can immerse herself in her new relationship with Nick. Nick, however is himself married – he seems to run an open marriage with the blessing of his wife – and is not inclined to rock the boat at home.

So, she finds herself in a terrible bind as she is sucked into a passionate affair that takes over her life and, with it, the powerful emotions and passions that inevitably come with subterfuge. The exhilaration and depression are palpable as she wears her heart on her sleeve, feeling swamped by the cycle of love and loss. Indulgent as this memoir can be at times, ultimately, this is a courageous sharing of raw emotion.

From Paris to Lyon and the South of France, Danielle shares her love of the country. There are mentions of culinary delights aplenty like Pain et Cie and the Paul Bocuse eatery Le Nord in Lyon. She shares titillations at the lingerie shop Darjeeling in Paris where Danielle buys a soutien-gorge combo (love that word, French for bra). And it is on to Saint Tropez, as she writes: “All divorced women need to come to Saint-Tropez and eat la Tropézienne”.

She describes how she originally got in the mood for her French sojourn by listening to the soundtrack by Yann Tierson to the film *Amélie*, (and an author after our own TripFiction heart, she says “Just as books can allow you to travel, so can films...” and describes how watching *French Kiss* with Meg Ryan was a turning point in her burgeoning love for all things French).

This is a tumultuous period in the life of the author, rendered in such frank prose, that sometimes it can feel quite swamping. She is needing of those around her and of her reader, as she searches for the love that was withheld as a child (as she sadly describes: “The father who never wanted me...”). She is almost that small child who has been a parent to her mother and found her father emotionally unavailable, and now, in her adult skin, searches for that overwhelming, all-consuming and generous parental love in her partners... and, of course, struggles.

This is a heartfelt, bare-all-memoir, that will take you from San Diego to France and back again. She will tug at your heartstrings, annoy you, flood you with personal emotion and finally win you over. Her writing style is good and very personal.

Tracy Meyer says

This memoir is courageous, raw and powerful, not to mention beautifully-written. I applaud Juliette for sharing such an intimate look into her life and know by her openness many will be comforted, inspired and changed. I certainly was.

Graciela T. Parsons says

I am not a person that likes to know every aspect of anyone life so I found this book a little to much. I like for things to be left to the imagination. I just wish I could move to France right this moment just like she did but I don't have what it takes. Maybe if I would know someone that would hold my "hand" for a few days I would do it. I love France. Planning a trip for next year. I am 78 years but feel like 50.

Polly says

WOW! this was not at all what i was expecting. It made me swoon, it made me drool, it made me blush. I feel like i know Juliette/Danielle personally in this book. I highly recommend this book and i want to wish her all the success in the world. All of her books come to life and i recommend them all

Kate says

Wow. This is a book that will take your breath away. We've all had a relationship like this-passionate but that will suck the soul out of you, so you have to get out, but it's so tricky. And of course, there are a million other things going on. Aren't there always? The author was very brave and really wrote it like it is. It's not always pretty. Sometimes you are really alone. And then you make it through. I thought she did a great job of writing it how it really goes.

Isabell says

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I kindly received a review copy in exchange for an honest review by the author

Where to start with this review? This review will not do any justice compared to how amazing this book actually is. I'm totally stunned and blown away by Juliette Sobanet's memoir. With this book she has made it on my list for "auto-buy authors". I was given an eBook of *Meet Me in Paris* but this is certainly not enough. I'll definitely get a print copy to put this fantastic book on my shelf.

This book is beautiful inside and out. Starting from this gorgeous, captivating cover to the absolutely emotional, heartbreakin and inspiring story of Juliette Sobanet's life. I loved every minute of reading it. *Meet Me in Paris* is more than just a memoir to me, it is also a travel guide. When I am back in Paris one day, I would like to see all those wonderful places Juliette has been, to feel the love and the magic of this wonderful city.

In *Meet Me in Paris* Sobanet lays all cards on the table and tells the truth about her thrilling life. With every word I read I could feel Sobanet has put her heart and soul into writing this book, that's why it touched me in so many ways. Along an emotional journey from the start I couldn't put the book down. I don't want to give away too much spoilers but I will say that Juliette is asking herself the big question "should I stay or should I go?" She left her husband who she loved since she was nineteen. She gets involved with a married man who will never be hers and put herself through a huge emotional mess to break free, to see the light again, moving on with your life and find herself in the end.

I loved her focus on emotion and on being brutally honest with yourself in your writing--questioning your

own interpretation of events and being willing to build your questioning into the story you're telling. I feel a great sense of respect for Juliette because I'd never realized before all the obstacles she has had to overcome to get to where she is now. I was amazed by Juliette's strength and courage to tell us this story. Her writing is so beautiful that I felt such a deep connection to her as if I knew her personally. Overall, this is a beautifully written memoir. I highly recommend it, whether you enjoy reading memoirs, if you ever suffered going through a divorce, or if you have a passion for good literature.

Jena Lang says

It takes a lot of courage to write such a personal story, to share such intimate moments. Juliette did a wonderful job writing about her highs and lows and deepest emotions during this life-changing year. I was utterly absorbed by all the juicy details. I didn't always agree with the choices she made, but I appreciated her honesty and bravery. I empathized with her and even felt inspired and proud of her growth when I finished reading this book. Her descriptions of France only deepened my love for Paris. I can't wait to see it for myself next year!

Thomas Amo says

In 2013 I grabbed a copy of "Sleeping In Paris" on a whim. The first thing that captured my attention was the cover. Then the blurb, and being a diehard romantic, I thought, what the heck, I might find a new author here. I was 100% right, I automatically became a fan of Juliette Sobanet. So, when I saw she was releasing, "Meet Me in Paris" I couldn't wait to read it.

During the time of reading, her first two books, I also had the opportunity to interview Juliette on my radio show, and found the author to be as sweet, humble, and as personable as the characters she creates in her stories. So in reading, "Meet Me in Paris" I found the book to be a much more personal read for me. Instantly, I became so lost in Juliette's personal journey, it was very hard to put the book down. Without a doubt, writing a book like this is truly a very brave thing to do. Unlike fiction, where it's a gamble to share your work with the reading world, this was baring your soul with no protection at all. Often, I found myself, empathizing with her, while at the same time, feeling contempt for some of her actions. However, in her defense, love and divorce make you do crazy things. Things you most likely would never consider. The story is so beautifully written and while Juliette doesn't spare the details, it's never obscene or offensive in any way. I don't think anyone can truly understand or appreciate this kind of struggle without having been in the same shoes. I loved every page of this book, and while, I think the author was concerned I would think of her in a less than flattering way, those thoughts never came to mind. If nothing, I've become more of a devoted fan! I Love Paris, and I love this story! Thank you Juliette for sharing your incredible story!

Literary Chanteuse says

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<http://indtale.com/reviews/contempora...>

Lizzie Harwood says

Juliette Sobanet really goes all out to put the truth down on the page here. As a romance novelist with several books, she takes us through a different journey - that of memoir with account of huge upheaval: deciding to leave her marriage, taking up with a married man, jetting all over to see the married man, putting herself through one giant mess to come out stronger and more wholly herself.

It takes a lot of courage to put your own life and your choices into a memoir like this one and at times, Juliette infuriated me with some of her choices. But I really enjoyed the ending and am sure she'll do brilliantly with her move to France!

Veronica Bell says

Thought this book was great - courageous, and also quite funny in parts. It isn't easy to write about one's own flaws, and while I have enjoyed Juliette Sobanet's fiction books, I think her strength is in being herself. Since I'm a fan of Paris (who isn't?), I loved the travelogue aspect of the book, as well.

Nicola says

I was gifted this book in exchange for an honest review and I loved it! I would 100% pay full price for this book. Having never been to Paris or France at all I love how Juliette described her love for the country. Initially Juliette escapes to France to avoid issues in her marriage and life but gradually she comes to peace and learns to love France for France. The affair with the married man is not something I agree with but I was interested in how the relationship developed and I would love to read a sequel to see what happened next!

If you love France and romance then this is definitely the book for you!

Kayo says

Couldn't wait to read what happened next. Want an update! Nice read.
