Say Oui to Paris: 35 Best Books Set in France

Contemporary fiction, historical fiction, mainstream, young adult, mystery, suspense, and nonfiction

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France has always fascinated me—the language, the people, the terrain. In Paris, a simple coffee at an outdoor café becomes a magical moment. I adore the food, fashion, perfume, and wine. Perhaps that’s why I weave France into many of my writings.

These thirty-five books are among my favorite books set in France. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have. If the book is part of a series, I’ve included the first book. Simply click on any cover or link to learn more. Happy reading!

**Historical Fiction**

![The Perfume Collector: A Novel](image1) by Kathleen Tessaro

![The House I Loved](image2) by Tatiana de Rosnay

![Claude & Camille: A Novel of Monet](image3) by Stephanie Cowell
Paris: The Novel by Edward Rutherfurd

The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer

The Age of Desire: A Novel by Jennie Fields

The Paris Architect: A Novel by Charles Belfoure
A Moveable Feast: The Restored Edition by Ernest Hemingway

Perfume: The Story of a Murderer by Patrick Suskind

Paris Requiem by Lisa Appignanesi

Les Miserables by Victor Hugo (and Les Misérables, the movie starring Hugh Jackman)
Somewhere in France: A Novel of the Great War by Jennifer Robson

The Paris Wife by Paula McClain

Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay

The Last Time I Saw Paris by Lynn Sheene
Escape from Paris by Carolyn Hart

Notre Dame de Paris (The Hunchback of Notre Dame) by Victor Hugo

Contemporary Fiction


Hidden in Paris by Corine Gantz
It's Not Love, It's Just Paris by Patricia Engel

Chocolat by Joanne Harris

The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown

Murder in the Marais: An Aimée Leduc Investigation, Vol. 1 (Aimee Leduc) by Cara Black
A Year in the Merde by Stephen Clarke

Anna and the French Kiss by Stephanie Perkins

Nonfiction

Paris Was Ours: Thirty-two Writers Reflect on the City of Light by Penelope Rowlands

The Sharper Your Knife, the Less You Cry: Love, Laughter, and Tears in Paris at the World's Most Famous Cooking School by Kathleen Flinn
Almost French: Love and a New Life in Paris by Sarah Turnbull


Paris: A Love Story by Kati Marton

A Night at the Majestic by Richard Davenport-Hines
Hope you enjoyed this list! Thank you for being part of my reading group; it really means a lot to me to share my love of books with you.

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