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Take an enchanting tour of Paris's most charming places, objects, and pastimes in this lovingly compiled Francophile handbook. Organized by season, *The Little Pleasures of Paris* takes the reader through a year's worth of quintessentially Parisian experiences, from secret gardens bursting with roses to exotic plumage at the city's bird market, candied violets at Paris's oldest sweet shop, dazzling colors in the stained glass at Sainte-Chapelle, and more. The friendly text and whimsical illustrations make this delightful volume a poetic letter to the City of Light. Unusual details that might otherwise go unnoticed are celebrated and offer a uniquely intimate perspective in this *triomphe* of *je ne sais quoi* and *joi de vivre*!

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Erin says

Cute little illustrations of Parisian sights and foods, with paragraph-long descriptions of each. I like the idea of combining well-known landmarks and neighborhoods with more hidden pleasures, but this was trying a little too hard to sell its own authenticity. Neat idea for a travelogue, but I was surprised to see it written and illustrated by two different people.

laura (bookies & cookies) says

Definitely made me want to visit Paris more urgently, but it felt more like a travel guide than an aesthetically pleasing book (though it was that, as well). The illustrations were the highlight, but I still found myself looking up picture references of the places mentioned to get a grasp. Maybe I would've enjoyed had I already visited Paris? I'm not sure who this book is for and I'm talking in circles, so I'll wrap this up.

Kate says

Very cute mini guidebook of must-do's organized by season with illustrations. More of a perusal type of book.

Carol says

Slim book of charming illustrations and descriptions of the sights and sounds of Paris, arranged by season. Lovely little gift book for Paris-lovers.

Cindy Richard says

Another little gem about Paris filled with beautiful illustrations!

Lynda says

Charming, petite book of quaint and interesting Paris sites organized by the four seasons. On one page is a watercolor and then on the facing page two paragraphs describing that particular "Parisian pleasure" such as museums, markets, puppet shows, unusual stores and specific delicacies like caramel and raspberry lemon eclairs.

Marissa says

My friends know that I'm a Francophile who studied for a semester in Paris, so when they are planning Paris trips, they sometimes come to me for advice. I'm not always sure what to tell them, however: they're spending all this money to go there and probably want to visit museums and historic sites, but I often just want to say "Wander around and hang out." To me, that's the best way to understand what makes Paris special and why so many people around the world adore it—call it *joie de vivre* or *l'art de vivre*, but whatever you call it, it isn't often found at "tourist attractions."

So the lovely thing about Leslie Jonath's *The Little Pleasures of Paris* is that it shares my philosophy. While it does mention some of Paris' historical landmarks (the stained glass of Sainte-Chappelle, the clocks of Musée d'Orsay), it also mentions foods to try, quaint streets to stroll, activities to do with children, ways that Parisians celebrate the holidays and the seasons, and the best Métro line (line 6!). Lizzy Stewart's colorful illustrations remind me of the Paris I fell in love with as a child, before I'd even been there—the Paris of *Madeline* and *Funny Face*. Still, the author has a modern sense of humor at times: the page about the Louvre notes the pleasure of fighting your way through hordes of selfie-taking tourists to catch a glimpse of the Mona Lisa!

This is a charming coffee-table book, but it also solves my quandary of what to say when asked for Paris travel advice. I'm lending my copy to a friend who's about to visit Paris for the first time—marked up with sticky notes to indicate all the little pleasures she should indulge in while she's there.

UPDATE 11/29/18: my friend has now returned from Paris. She had a magical five days and was full of praise for how this book helped her plan her trip; and she's already trying to figure out when she can go back!

Andrea Engle says

A visual delight ... introduces some favorites, and a few things we missed ... good excuse to go back ... makes you want to catch the next plane ...

Linda says

Certainly not misnamed: I read it in about half an hour. It's a cute little book about charming little experiences one can have in Paris, such as sailing a miniature boat in the jardin du Luxembourg, or visit de Champs de Mars. Each 'experience' is described in a paragraph or two and accompanied by a watercolour painting.

Especially suited for browsing but as a book about as substantial as a flaky French pastry!

Jaclyn says

A very charming book. Each page describes a "little pleasure" of Paris in a paragraph or two and it is accompanied by a lovely illustrations. After having just gotten back from Paris, I can attest to many of these

little pleasures - they are as the author claims! I also started a list for all of the places I missed so I can find them next time I visit this beautiful city. The author is right, the small details give the most pleasure.

Debbie Payne says

I really enjoyed this lovely little book. It is seldom that one gets a hard bound book when reviewing a book and I enjoyed the lovely illustrations as well as all the little places one could go in Paris. I am receiving this book as a Goodread's Giveaway contest and it is my pleasure to tell all of you that this is a treasure-trove of the daily things that make up Paris. Yes, there is the Louvre and Eiffel Tower but what about what the real people who actually live in Paris? I suspect that a great number of them stay away from the "crazy tourists" at all costs. No wonder that Americans sometimes don't sit so well with the natives. We always in a hurry and miss so much more than the tourist traps, as we race to catch the tour bus to go somewhere else...Anyone can come home with a decent picture of the Eiffel Tower but how many people take the time to go to a bookstore and take in a boulangerie and a cup of coffee? I am a photographer and when I go somewhere new I take a few shots of the well-known places but I love to take pictures of marketplaces, people riding by on bicycles, bakery windows; you name it -- the same things I like to photography in my own country. Rodeos, fireworks, festivals, wineries, balloon festivals and yes great sunrises and sunsets. These kinds of things can make way better pictures than a picture of the Great Wall of with tons of weary tourists.

This book would be a great travel guide of sorts for people like me. I can see great pictures in my mind when I read this book. If any of you are going to Paris, this great little book needs to be in your satchel

Deb (Readerbuzz) Nance says

All the wonderful places to visit in Paris, together with watercolor paintings of the sites and a little blurb about each...excellent!
