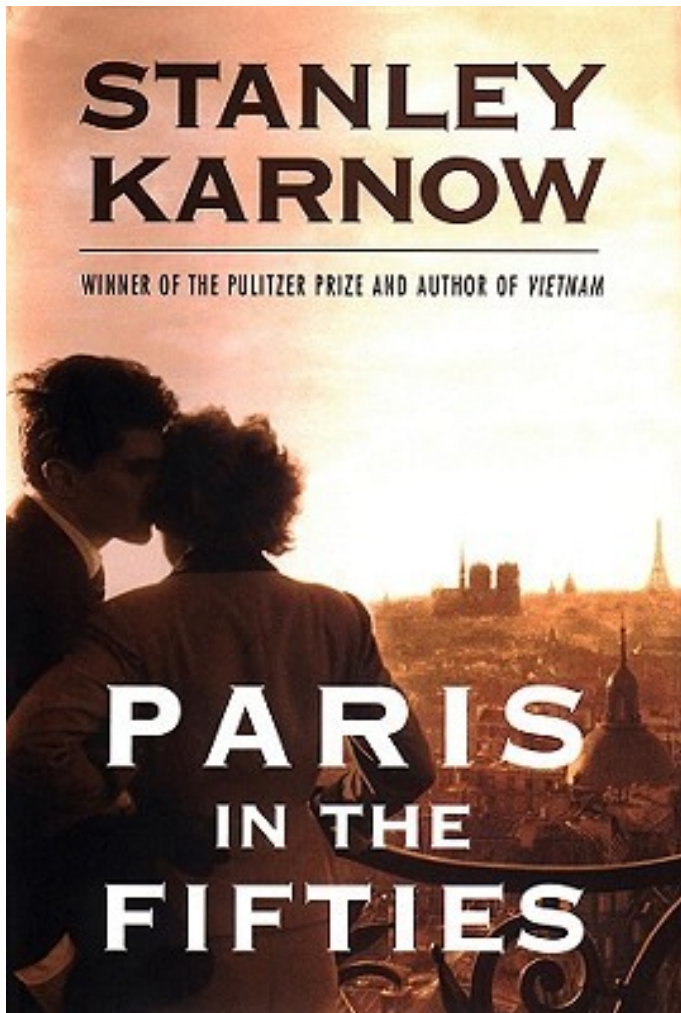

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Description

In 1947, Stanley Karnow boarded a freighter bound for France, planning to stay for the summer. He stayed for ten years. Now, Karnow returns to the France of his youth, illuminating a charmed decade in a great city.

Insightful reviews

Kelly: I wanted to live inside this book for the great majority of my junior year in high school. Have you ever heard celebrities or celebrity commentators obnoxiously talk about how someone is "channeling" someone else in their attire? Basically I tried to channel this book- the personalities and atmosphere conveyed were so overwhelming I couldn't not be sucked into it. My phase of Francophilia started because of this book, I went to Paris to study abroad probably, ultimately, because of this book.

Look, it's really not that great. I read it at an impressionable age. It's a bunch of gossipy stories about famous people and what life was like in postwar France. You meet Hemingway and Audrey, Elizabeth Taylor and Sartre, and Charles de Gaulle. The elite classes of the West who still had their money (and some that didn't) flooded the city and the country more generally- the war had taken one of the best vacation spots away (as they had post WWI, and even with the post-Napoleonic resumption of the Grand Tour by the English aristocracy). There's tons of people that show up in France in this period

But if you're into France and into early and mid century celebrities- whether literary, film, or politically famous, you'll enjoy this one.

Courtney: slightly pretentious with a hasty ending... the beginning is wonderful as is the wine chapter

Jay McMullen: Clearly culled from his journalism of the time, Mr Karnow's book is fast paced study of his life, his place and the times he lived. Great read with only a hint of modesty.

Anna Carlsson: "James Gordon Bennett, the writer of the Paris usher in Tribune, as soon as passed a flower lady francs for a host of violets..." Really loved such a lot of this book--it did not simply remain in the confines of the fifties yet reminisced at the literary vibrance of the Twenties (with cameos via Ernest Hemingway, Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald, Gertrude Stein, etc), the scandals of the Belle Epoque, and the gory Revolution (including a short heritage of the guillotine, of course). My basically criticism is the over the top identify shedding that plagued the second one half the book...there have been such a lot of short mentions of noblemen, businessmen, and politicians that i discovered relatively pointless and distracted from the particular history. In general, however, Karnow imparts his reports with a nod to either the ancient and romanticized faces of Paris--a stability that had me captivated for almost all of my read.

Annie: this can be a booklet of brief histories of very fascinating historic figures who have been

in Paris or made their method during the urban throughout the 1950s..people similar to Pol Pot. it's a brilliant strategy to examine the background of France simply after WW2, while there has been lots existence and effort breathed again into Europe and informed from the point of view of a overseas correspondent for Times. I hugely suggest this.

Kernmd: American in ParisParis within the 50s, a time and place,with a different American perspective. Art, culture,food and the French. Quelle histories.MK

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