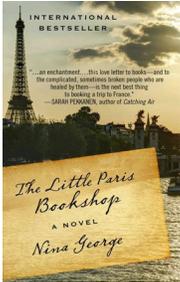


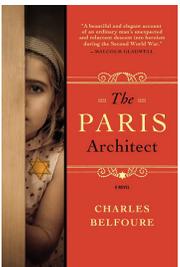
## Beth's Reading List



### **My New Favorite – The Little Paris Bookshop**

By Nina George

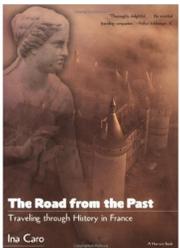
Enter a barge in Paris named the "Literary Apothecary." Monsieur Perdu, the bookseller, has the knack of recommending just the book someone needs to heal their soul. Add some colorful characters and the barge launches on a trip south along the canals and rivers of France in search of . . . !! Beautiful writing, wise insights and vivid descriptions. You'll have to read it to find out if it has a happy ending. I highly recommend this book for romantics and travelers alike.



### **The Paris Architect**

By Charles Belfoure

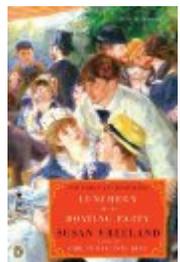
If you are a fan of WWII historical novels, this one will bring you to the edge of your seat as a Paris architect is drawn into heroic measures to save innocent people from Nazi extraction. Intriguing suspense and inspiration to do the right thing. Highly recommended.



### **The Road from the Past, Traveling Through History in France**

By Ina Caro

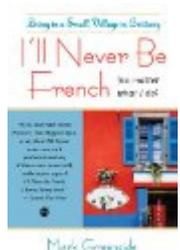
Highly recommended by a client who just returned from France. I've already ordered it to read about the major historical sights in many of the barging areas including Provence, Languedoc, and Ile de France. The Loire and Dordogne, too, for those extending their travels to that gorgeous area.



### **Luncheon of the Boating Party**

by Susan Vreeland

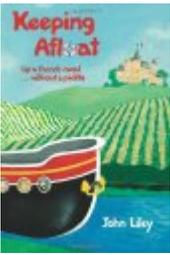
I so enjoyed this story of Renoir and how his famous painting came about. It tells of his passion for his work including descriptions of his colors and techniques as well as painting a story of his friends and colleagues who were in the painting. A very enjoyable read.



### **I'll Never Be French (no matter what I do): Living in a Small Village in Brittany**

by Mark Greenidge

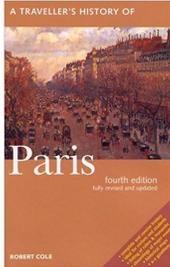
I read this book as I was curious about life in a small village in Brittany. It was an easy read about how the author created relationships with the people in his small village and how he was humorously helpless without his neighbors to show him the French way.



### **Keeping Afloat**

by John Liley

Written by the owner of Luciole, a 14 passenger barge cruising on the Nivernais Canal in Burgundy. It is the delightful story of his exploits as one of the first barges plying the waterways of France. Luciole continues to be one of our most popular barges.



### **A Traveller's History of Paris**

by Robert Cole

The 4<sup>th</sup> edition of this book offers a complete history of Paris and the people who have shaped its destiny, from its earliest settlement as the Roman village of Lutetia Parisiorum with a few hundred inhabitants, to 20 centuries later when Paris is a city of well over two million-nearly one-fifth of the population of France.

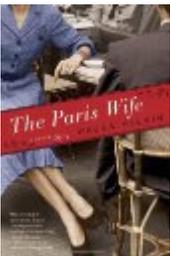


### **French or Foe?**

#### **Getting the Most Out of Visiting, Living and Working in France**

by Polly Platt

Though written awhile ago, this book is great for understanding the people and culture of France. When visiting a foreign country, I believe it is essential to understand their customs and way of life. French or Foe is a quick and easy read, and you'll have new insights that are very helpful.



### **The Paris Wife**

by Paula McLain

Along with the movie, *Midnight in Paris*, this is such a nice glimpse into life in Paris in the 1920s. It is the fictionalized story of Hemingway's first wife, Hadley, and her account of their adventurous life together and their relationships with Gertrude Stein and other literary notables of that era.



### **The Girl in the Blue Beret**

By Bobbie Ann Mason

I so enjoyed this account of a pilot who was shot down in WWII, especially since my father was shot down and was a POW for nearly a year. Bravo to the courageous French Resistance for shielding and guiding the downed pilots out of France.

### **Rick Steves' France**

by Rick Steves, Steve Smith

I continue to admire Rick Steves who has done so much for travel. His attitude toward local cultures and style of travel are such a great model. For great tips, humor and ideas, his guidebooks are worth following.

### **Rick Steves' Paris**

by Rick Steves, Steve Smith, Gene Openshaw

There is more to do in Paris than one can do in a lifetime of traveling there. A good guidebook helps define what you would like to see in the most effective way.

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