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Desperate for answers, she turns to her favorite city—Paris—and impulsively buys a small apartment, refusing to play it safe for the first time. What starts out as an act of survival sets Lisa on a course that reshapes her life in ways she never could have imagined. Suddenly, she's living like a local in a city she thought she knew, but her high school French, while fine for buying bread at the corner *boulangerie*, goes only so far when Paris gives her a strong dose of real life. From dating to home ownership in a foreign country, Lisa quickly learns it's not all picnics on the Seine, and starts to doubt herself—and her love of the city. But she came to Paris to be happy, and she can't give up now. Isn't happiness worth fighting for?

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#### Review

"A poignant meditation on self-love, maternal loss ? and the restorative force that is Paris."

**?Jennifer Coburn, author of *We'll Always Have Paris***

"Lisa Anselmo's tale of striving and self-discovery is proof of the magical magnetism of the City of Light. She might have entitled it "Getting to Paris," where a new life can begin."

**?David Downie, author of *A Passion for Paris: Romanticism and Romance in the City of Light***

"Charming. This book feels as if Lisa Anselmo is telling you her Paris story over coffee at a café. An intimate account of learning to grieve the loss of a parent while, at the same time, striving to live your dreams."

**?Janice MacLeod, *New York Times*-bestselling author of *Paris Letters***

"Leading with her heart, Lisa takes us inside the "real"Paris: the Paris of intermittent ecstasy and agony, triumph and frustration, magic and dysfunction. Her honesty, vulnerability and simple *joie de vivre* through the journey make it a pleasurable trip indeed."

**?Amy Thomas, author of *Paris My Sweet: A Year in the City of Light (and Dark Chocolate)***

"Enjoyable. Inspiring." **?Publishers Weekly**

"Poignant...a fresh voice." **?Booklist**

"[T]he city is more than a backdrop for her own narrative?it's an active character that contributed to her personal growth." **?Travel & Leisure**

#### About the Author

LISA ANSELMO has spent most of her professional career in magazine publishing, working on such iconic brands as *Allure*, *Mademoiselle*, *InStyle*, and *People*. She's been everything from a creative director to an opera singer, but ultimately, she has followed her passion for storytelling and inspiring people.

Anselmo started traveling to Paris regularly more than ten years ago?at first, to cover the fashion trade shows for a lifestyle website. But soon, she had cultivated friends?both Parisians and expats?and eventually built another life across the ocean. After losing her mother to breast cancer, she was motivated to make her other life official, buying an apartment in Paris's Right Bank.

In 2014, she decided to leave her day job, and now splits her time between New York and Paris, where she writes full time. Her experiences inspired the memoir *My (Part-Time) Paris Life*, a candid narrative of a woman searching for hope and healing in the city she loves.

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