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A glamorous fish-out-of-water first novel, *Paris Hangover* stars Klein, a just-escaped New Yorker with trunk-fuls of fabulous footwear but without the significant relationship she'd really expected and longed to have by now, in her mid-thirties. Fleeing a live-in lover and their sleek Tribeca triplex as well as a career in fashion, Klein starts over in Paris-in a tiny walk-up in the 6th that she had to lie (in broken Franglais) and write a bad check to get, only to discover that, among other things, Parisian apartments don't come with kitchens.

Living out of her ten piece of (Louis Vuitton, natch) luggage, Klein plunges into the mysterious world of French men and dating. She muddles her way through: the sexy Renaud, the prototypical Frenchman; dating three men named Jean simultaneously; and one completely wrong Monsieur Married Man, who wants Klein for his very well-kept mistress.

Set against a backdrop of knowing references to Paris and its unique manners and mores, *Paris Hangover* is ultimately a very satisfying modern romance as Klein falls-- possibly permanently--for the least likely man to catch her eye.

Paris Hangover Details

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Kate Alexis says

I liked this book mostly because of the end. Throughout the whole story the main character, Klein, spends the majority of her time trying to define her life by chasing French men who treat her badly, play games and ultimately end up having so many issues she just moves on to another. I do admire her giving up her luxe lifestyle in NYC to move to France and follow her dream of becoming a painter, but she is SO promiscuous. Sheesh. The best part is when she finally decides to find herself and then true love falls in her lap.

Katherine says

This was such a fascinating idea, and there were anecdotes and scene-settings that I absolutely loved. I had two big problems with it: A) It was clearly written as a memoir (the author blurb states that the author also gave up life as a New York fashion designer to live in a tiny apartment in Paris) and then lightly fictionalized, but would have worked much better as a memoir than as fiction; B) the editing was so slipshod that whole chapters were almost unreadably distracting. I borrowed this book from the library, and someone before me had gone through with a pen and made copy corrections. I'm normally wholeheartedly against the marking of books, especially library books, but I don't blame them in this case.

Kathleen says

Heavily qualified 3 stars: this book is preeetty trashy BUT if you're looking for a beach read after a trip to Paris, it hits the spot! I also thought the writing got substantially better in the second half (or maybe I just got used to it?).

Lizzy Seitz says

DNFed after 4 pages

Couldn't get passed the bratty sounding brags of how perfect her life was that was obviously going to fall apart. EYE. ROLL. I can't care enough to wait for it to fall apart and then see how it comes back together. Not for me. Should have given this a try when I was in high school cuz this so isn't for me now!

Dee Ann says

Awful cover. Amusing book.

AudreyLovesParis says

A pleasure to read for the descriptions of Paris alone.

Alexandra says

As I mentioned in one of my updates while reading Paris Hangover, "I started reading this book to kill time, but instead, the book just ended up killing me."

So I'll start off by explaining my 1-star rating;

-1 star for the shallow, judgemental, and frankly unbearable protagonist

-1 star for the series of complete and utter jerks that this woman dates and doesn't have the self-respect to leave

-1 star for the number of chances Klein gave Alexandre even after he cheated on her and admitted he wasn't attracted to her

-1 star for the dig at Harry Potter... yes I am taking a whole star away for this

-1 star for the number of times that she claimed to be in love (most of the time just based on looks alone)

+1 star for her self-discovery at the end

Okay, so this book had me in a constant state of WTF? I think my eyes may be stuck in the back of my head from rolling them so often while reading. Sure I think it's courageous of Klein to drop her fabulous life in New York to follow her dreams, but in what universe are physically and emotionally abusive boyfriends a dream? She fell in love with practically every guy she set eyes on and judged most of them by their wealth, status, and appearance. She claims she wants to start a family yet all it seems like she's doing is sleeping around. I seriously only finished this book because (1) I hate not finishing things, and (2) I wanted to have the right to make this brutally honest review.

Mostly I expected Paris Hangover to be a sort of scandalous relaxing read similar to a romantic comedy. Instead, it was trashy and mind numbing. I seriously had the urge to meet this character in real life and slap some sense into her.

So long story short, I wouldn't recommend this novel to anyone because frankly it has no substance and leaves me feeling embarrassed of being a female if this is how people plan to portray us.

Lisa Klein says

I just finished reading Paris Hangover about a week ago and I found this prose extremely well written and very enveloping. Kristen Lobe, bring main character, Klein, alive. After traveling to Paris this summer I had really high expectations for this story and Lobe did not fail. Not only did she make believable and lovable characters but she knew the city like the back of her hand. It was absolutely wonderful and made me feel like I was in Paris again. Such vivid descriptions. I would definitely recommend this book to my friends and anyone who wants to know a little more about the Parisian lifestyle.

Julie says

This is probably the trashiest book I've ever read.

Lent to me by my aunt, I attempted to use this to help fill the 9 days til the release of the special edition of Eclipse, even though I didn't want to be looking at any other book, heheh. It's possible that my opinion of this book suffered some because of that, but I really don't think so.

Frankly, Klein (the main character) is just about the opposite of me - somewhat obsessed with high fashion, painting, Frenchmen and Proust. I suppose I sort of got a good glimpse into a world that I will never see - that's part of why I read anyway.

She's fairly likeable but as I said, the novel is extremely trashy, smutty, whatever you want to call it. There were some chuckle-inducing moments - moments that made my aunt laugh out loud, which is why she recommended the book to me in the first place.

The book veered between humor, smut, and then dramatic soliloquies on how wonderful Paris is, or isn't (in some of the details). It was interesting, but reminded me a zillion times over why I don't read chick lit.

Michelle says

I read this book years ago and still remember how much I loved reading it because it was such a fun read. I was engrossed in the story. Loved her writing.

Heather says

Chick lit and horribly written. It has the feel of Sex in the City...but in Paris.

The plot was interesting, but has been done so many times. It wasn't done well here. Yet another American girl moves to Paris. The main character (Klein), a fashion designer/painter...if she wasn't so full of herself, this could have been a fun read. But seriously, how many times do we have to hear how hot she is and how French women hate her?

So many things annoyed me: she wanted to move to Paris to find the man of her dreams who would settle down and marry her and they would have children and live happily ever after. Yet she kept having these raunchy sexcapades with different men and then wondered why she couldn't find happiness. Ummmm, maybe because she was too interested in sex and not investing in the relationship?

This was on the discount rack at Barnes & Noble, so I didn't spend much (\$3.98 I think), and it was really fun to re-live my life in Paris from 12 years ago. But Klein was uber-annoying and I felt myself rolling my eyes while reading...something I didn't realize I was capable of doing. :)

From another reviewer: The author obviously knows Paris and shares some delightfully expensive and romantic haunts to check out the next time you're there. The lack of clothes dryers and other quirky observations are also amusing. I really wanted to like this book, but the obnoxious Klein kept getting in the

way.

Kathleen says

I couldn't finish this book before it was due back at the library, and frankly I don't care that I can't renew it again. All the brand-name dropping was driving me crazy! You can establish the main character is a label whore very quickly - you don't have to keep saying what brand everything is throughout the whole book! The only thing that kept me reading was the fact that this was obviously a very thinly fictionalized version of the author's real-life adventure of dropping everything and moving to Paris. So the chapter on her excursion to the village where they filmed "Chocolat" was really neat because you know she wasn't making it up. Overall, this was completely insipid and unoriginal and really, really boring. But if you like France and reading about Paris, you might be able to stomach this for awhile.

Denise Covey says

Loved this book of an expatriate American who moves to Paris to find Mr Right. A very autobiographical account of a life lived in a small Parisian apartment in Saint Germain and the tales of French men, French nightlife and French lovers, until she settles on Mr Right. A fun, episodic, tale of living in Paris.

Ket Lamb says

Sex in the City... of Paris. Yet another American girl moves to the City of Light to chercher l'amour. If the protagonist, a fashion designer-cum-painter named Klein, wasn't so full of herself, this would have been a deliciously fun romp. How many times do we have to hear how hot she is and how French women hate her? With a mindset like that, it's no wonder! Like all the other novels set in Paris that I've read lately, most of the men come off as shallow, philandering flakes who are hung up on the superficial. Not exactly the ideal ingredient for a love match. The author obviously knows Paris and shares some delightfully expensive and romantic haunts to check out the next time you're there. The lack of clothes dryers and other quirky observations are also amusing. I really wanted to like this book, but the obnoxious Klein kept getting in the way.

Dee W. says

Girly reading, though it did make me miss Europe. Sort of funny, though the main character was a little annoying sometimes.
