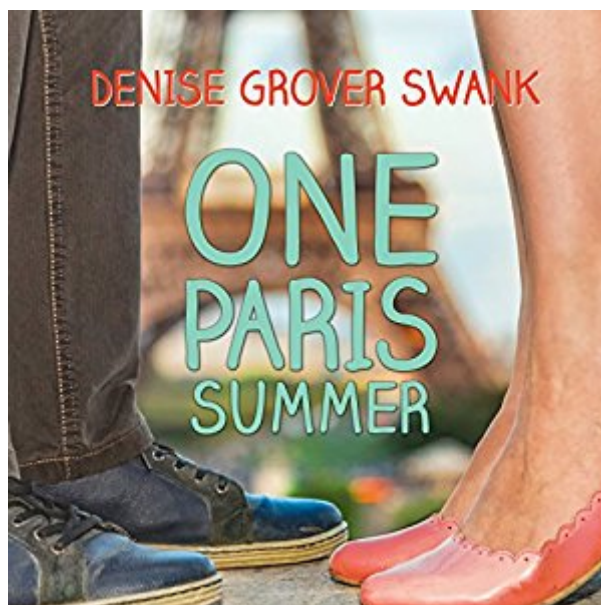


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One Paris Summer



Synopsis

Most teens dream of visiting the City of Lights, but it feels more like a nightmare for Sophie Brooks. She and her brother are sent to Paris to spend the summer with their father, who left home a year ago without any explanation. As if his sudden abandonment weren't betrayal enough, he's about to remarry, and they're expected to play nice with his soon-to-be wife and stepdaughter. The stepdaughter, Camille, agrees to show them around the city, but she makes it clear that she will do everything in her power to make Sophie miserable. Sophie could deal with all the pain and humiliation if only she could practice piano. Her dream is to become a pianist, and she was supposed to spend the summer preparing for a scholarship competition. Even though her father moved to Paris to pursue his own dream, he clearly doesn't support hers. His promise to provide her with a piano goes unfulfilled. Still, no one is immune to Paris' charm. After a few encounters with a gorgeous French boy, Sophie finds herself warming to the city, particularly when she discovers that he can help her practice piano. There's just one hitch - he's a friend of Camille's, and Camille hates Sophie.

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Customer Reviews

"One Paris Summer" by Denise Grover Swank.(A Young Adult Novel)"A wonderful young adult novel that is fitting for all ages 15 and older." -- A.KlickI truly enjoyed this change of pace novel from Denise Grover Swank. I have read almost all of her books, and "One Paris Summer" is another literary hit for this author.Ms Swank writes an honest depiction of two teens who travel to Paris for their father's wedding. Something they are not happy about. Nor are they happy that they have to

spend their whole summer in Paris with their father, his new wife, and a new step-sister. The new wife they come to care about a great deal. The new sister...not so much. There are times of confusion and insecurity. There are times of kinship, hope and companionship. The characters are true and honest in their portrayal in their thoughts, feelings and behavior and make the novel come alive. They are tough but vulnerable. Flawed but likable and charming. They blossom and grow in many different ways over that summer. They try to become a family unit but there is too much baggage and too many issues getting in the way. It is something that will take a lot more time for it to begin to slowly work. There is honesty and anger from the teens toward their father. There is honesty from the teens to their step-mother in regard to many issues, but mainly her daughter (who is struggling with her own issues negatively). At times funny, heartbreaking, and heartwarming yet always a moving and meaningful portrayal of the summer in Paris for all the individuals. A true treasure of a novel. Written with grace and love as the backdrop. "One Paris Summer" is a delightfully enjoyable read, that adults will love and enjoy just as much as any young adult. I highly recommend this novel. One not to be missed.

I have read everything that Denise Grover Swank has written. I tend to like more of the non-romance type of books but not with Denise. I really like the way she writes her characters and her romance. She doesn't come on too hot and heavy with them. There is a gradual, natural feeling to the relationships. You never feel as though there is an insta-love between the characters. Sometimes you aren't even sure if there is going to be a happily ever after. I enjoyed this book a lot and I really want to go to Paris even more now. Even though I have never been, I thought that the descriptions of Paris and the area were so well done that I felt like I was there. I also felt like Denise did a great job writing from a teenager's point of view. She got the drama and such down really well, and I'm sure having teenagers helped with that part. ;) I read this in one day because I was so engrossed in the story. I wanted to keep reading so I could find out what was going to happen. Like I said previously, you aren't always sure you are going to get a HEA with Denise so you've just got to keep reading until you find out! I highly recommend this story for anyone who was a teenager once and had that one love that was worth everything.

Sophie and her brother Eric are just landing in Paris for a forced visit with their estranged father as the book starts. What happens after the opening is a true representation of family dynamics. Dad abandoned his kids to take off for his dream job in Paris a year ago. Now, the kids have been

summoned to Paris to attend his wedding. Sophie was daddy's little girl until his sudden departure. Now the resentment, anger, fear and hope are pouring out as Sophie meets Eva and her teen daughter Camille. Camille resents giving up her room for Eric and having to share a room with Sophie. She goes out of her way to let everyone know she is not happy with the current situation. Camille has been tasked with showing her new siblings around Paris this summer. Along with her friends, Camille makes Sophie's life a miserable experience. Then along comes this hunky Parisian boy who seems to have little interest but he fascinates Sophie. The only respite Sophie has is her music. She is a very talented pianist and her dad had promised her mom that he would make sure she had access to a piano to practice over the summer. This doesn't exactly work out and in steps that handsome boy. His mom teaches music, she has a piano Sophie can use for her practice. The story goes on to show a sweet romance, more angst and turmoil caused by Camille until Sophie heads home to figure out what her future holds. Will she make good choices? Will her handsome Parisian have a part in that future, and what about Sophie's musical future? Pick up your copy and find out!

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