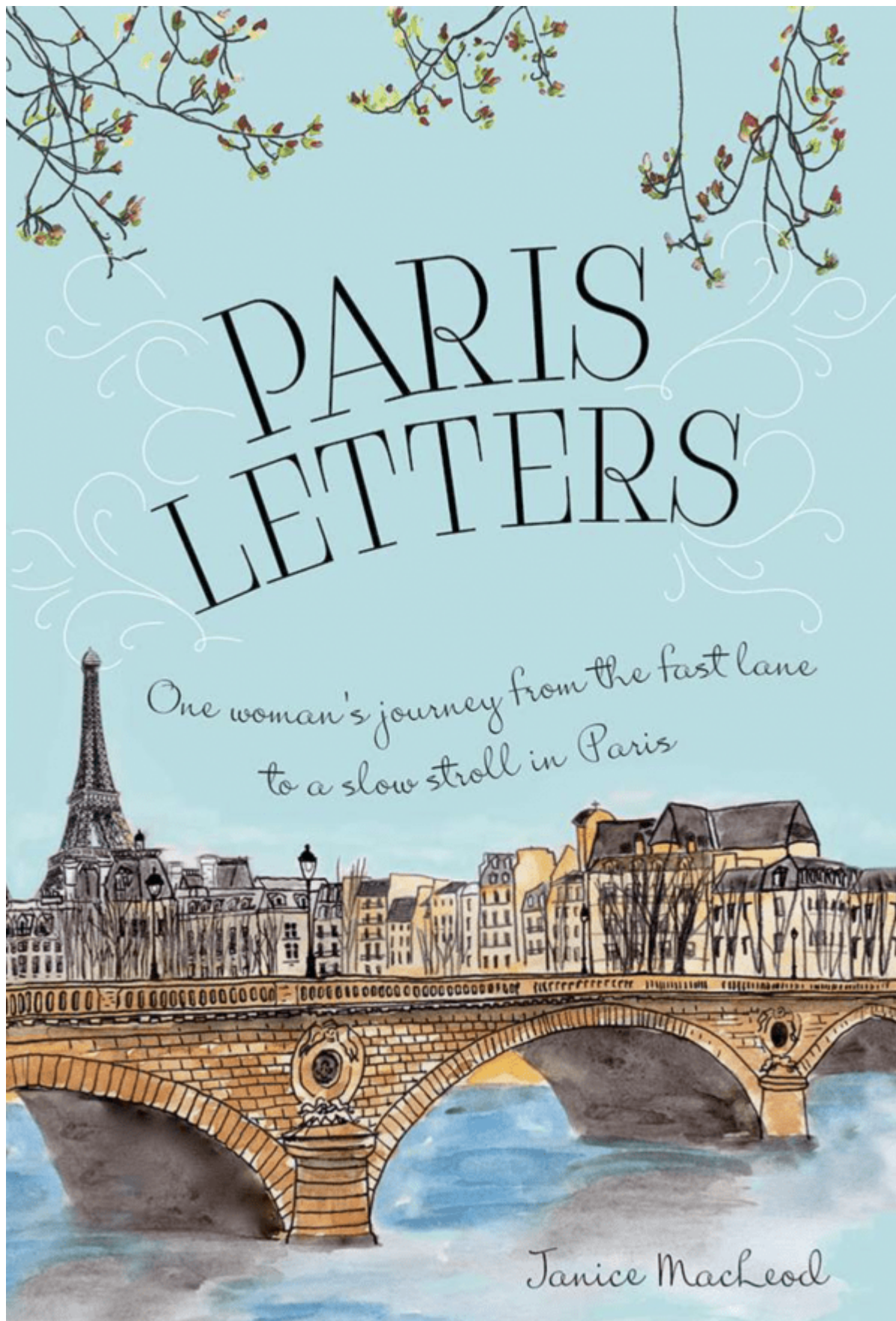


Paris Letters

I find it intriguing the way some people creatively make a living. Imagine having an unfulfilling job only to leave it (after careful planning) and going to Paris? That is exactly what Janice MacLeod did and as a result, she wrote her first book and memoir, Paris Letters.



This is a book you continue to ponder long after the last page is read. Without giving too much of the story away, the author decides to change the course of her life. In doing so, many

unexpected gifts occur along the way.

Her journey leads the author to establishing her own business~~creating and writing "Paris Letters"~~yes, the snail mail kind. You can sign up to receive your very own Paris letter from the author~~either just one letter or a 6 to 12 month subscription.

In the day and age of social media and the internet, it is such a gift to receive a letter in the mail. Excitedly, I signed up to receive a year of Janice MacLeod's monthly Paris letters. This can be done through Paris Letters Press on Etsy [here](#).

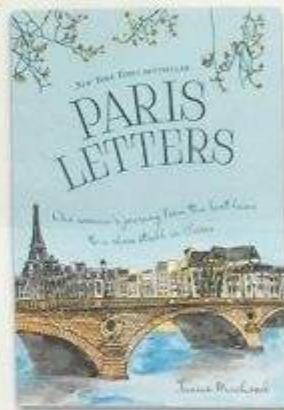
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Merci Mary !

Janice MacLeod

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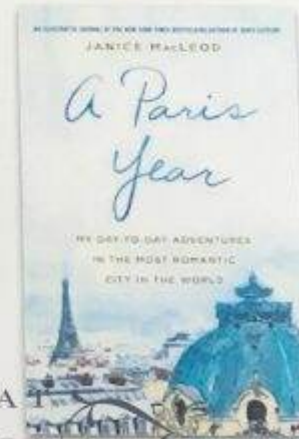
Bonjour! I'm Janice MacLeod. Each month I create a painted letter and send it to those who like fun mail. This project has led to the book *Paris Letters*, a *New York Times* best selling travel memoir of becoming an artist in Paris.



NY TIMES BEST SELLER

A PARIS YEAR:

My follow-up book, *A Paris Year*, came out in June 2017. It's a visual memoir: A travel journal filled with sketches, paintings, and stories collected during my time in Paris. *USA Today* named it one of the top 10 most beautiful books of 2017.



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LIFE A

Bella Terra

If I didn't read this book, I would have never known that a monthly subscription like this even existed!

I must admit I was waiting for the mail to come every day since I signed up....and my painted letter arrived yesterday!



The envelope felt very Parisian, with lovely stamps.



Of course, how can one read a letter from Paris without having some French wine? It's been so hot in Phoenix that only a very chilled bottle of rosé will do. Not the sweet one, but the dry version from Provence.



Isn't this just beautiful?



July 2018
Hôtel de Sens,
Paris

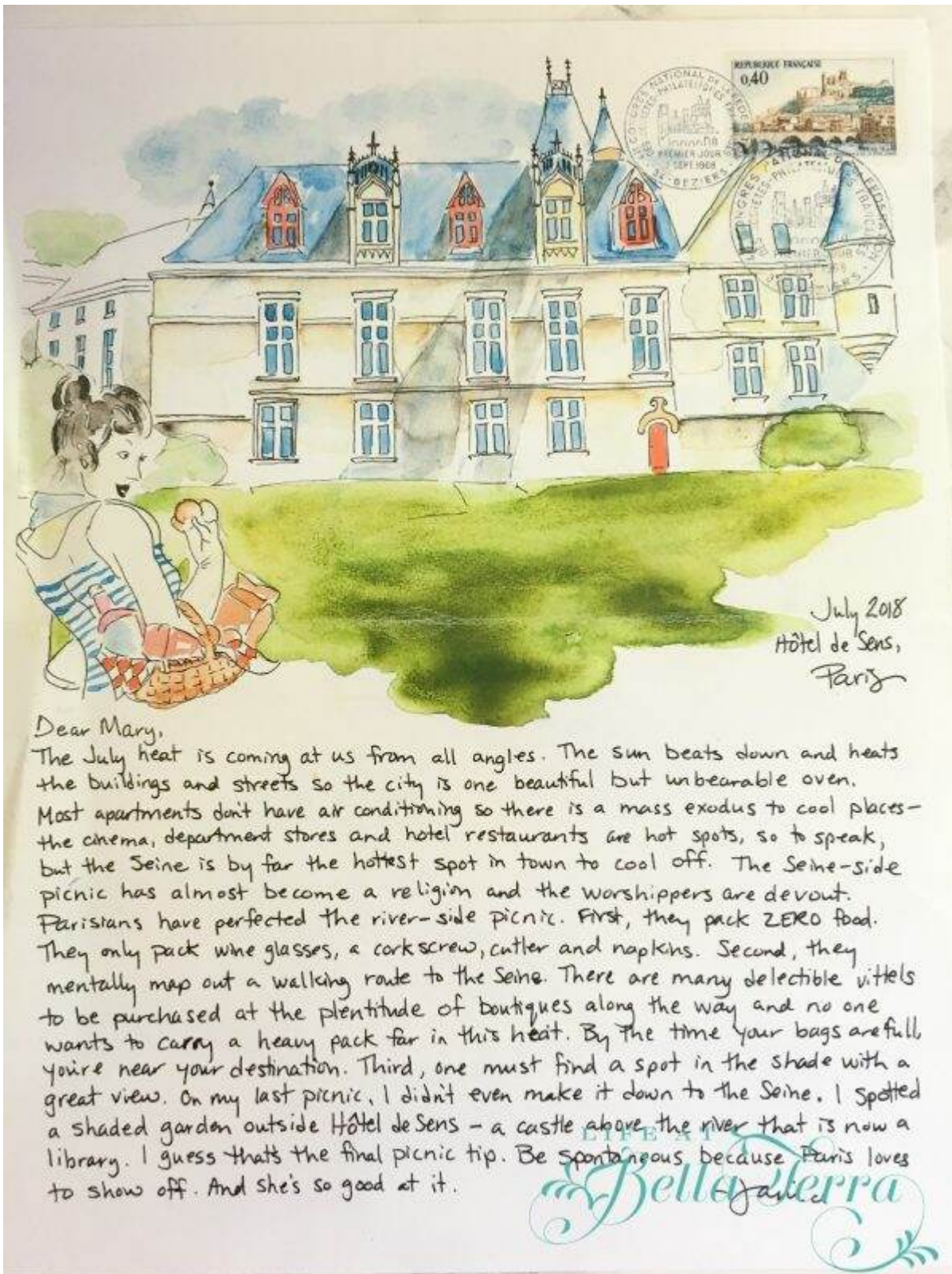
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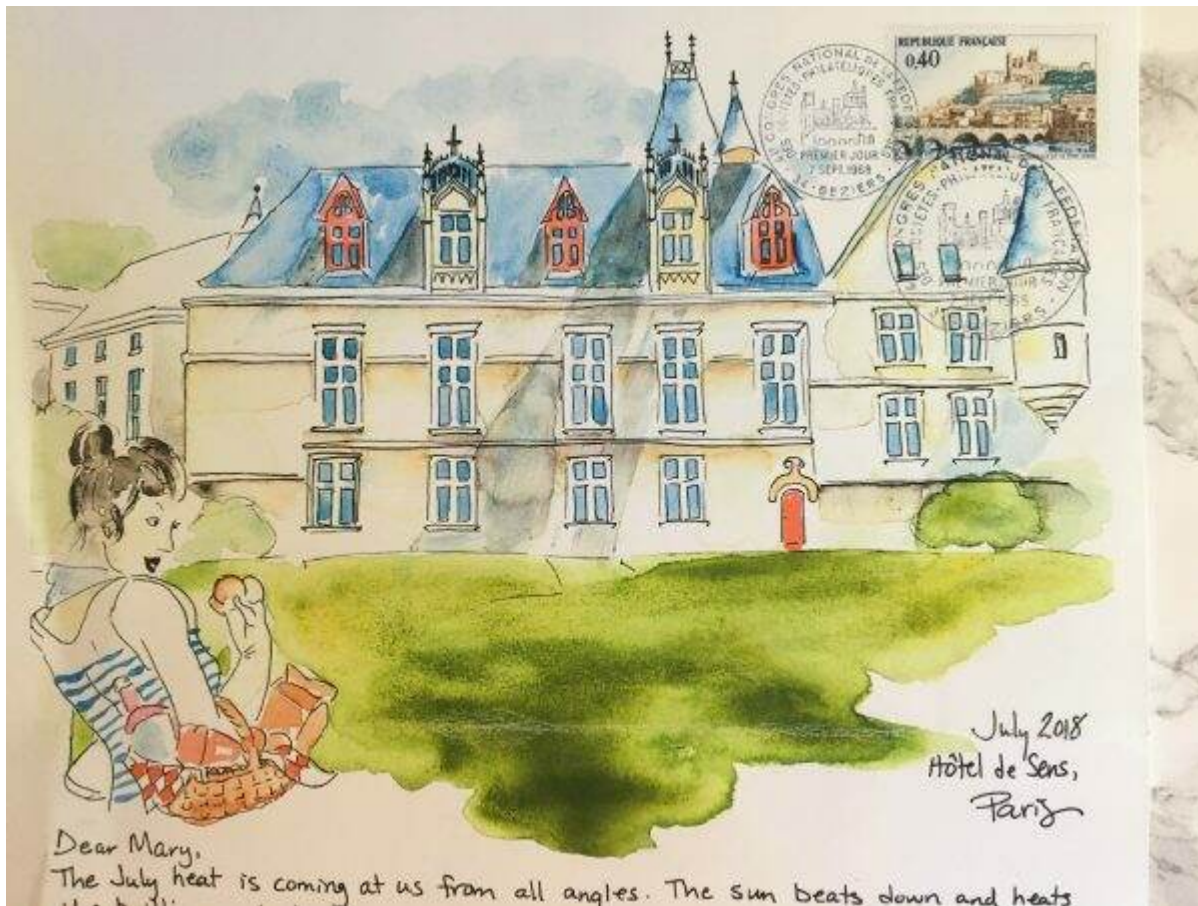
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Janice does the illustration in watercolor that accompanies the letter.



Wouldn't this be a lovely gift for a relative or friend? If you know of someone who would appreciate getting a beautifully illustrated letter in the mail, this is perfect!

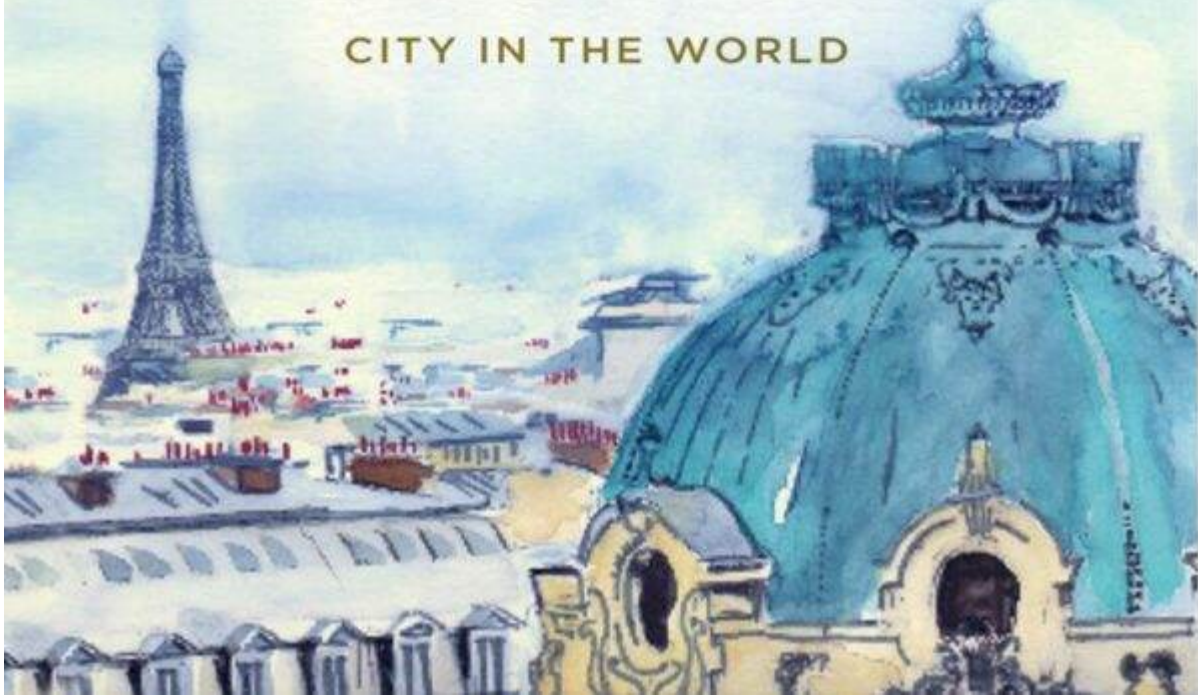
Since I enjoyed her first book so much, I just completed her second book, [A Paris Year](#).

AN ILLUSTRATED JOURNAL BY THE *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF *PARIS LETTERS*

JANICE MACLEOD

A Paris Year

MY DAY-TO-DAY ADVENTURES
IN THE MOST ROMANTIC
CITY IN THE WORLD



Unfortunately I read it on my Kindle while on vacation, therefore didn't get to appreciate all the color pictures and illustrations in the book. If I were ever to go to Paris, I

would bring this book as my guide. Janice goes through each day of the year detailing the sights, activities, and the nuances of Paris.

I received 3 things from this experience. 1) Found great books to read and lessons to contemplate; 2) Discovered Paris Letters and subscribed; 3) In my own way, I am helping a small, creative, business owner.

Happy Tuesday!

Mary