

The Paris Wife

A NOVEL

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"As much about life and how we try to catch it as it is about love even as it vanishes, this is an utterly absorbing novel."

—Sarah Blake, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Postmistress*

Chicago, 1920: Hadley Richardson is a quiet twenty-eight-year-old who has all but given up on love and happiness—until she meets Ernest Hemingway and her life changes forever. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for Paris.

Though deeply in love, the Hemingways are ill prepared for the hard-drinking and fast-living life of Jazz Age Paris. Ernest struggles to find the voice that will earn him a place in history, pouring all the richness and intensity of his life into the novel that will become *The Sun Also Rises*. Hadley, meanwhile, strives to hold on to her sense of self as the demands of life with Ernest grow costly and become more challenging. Despite their extraordinary bond, they eventually find themselves facing the ultimate crisis of their marriage—a deception that will lead to the unraveling of everything they've fought so hard for.

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