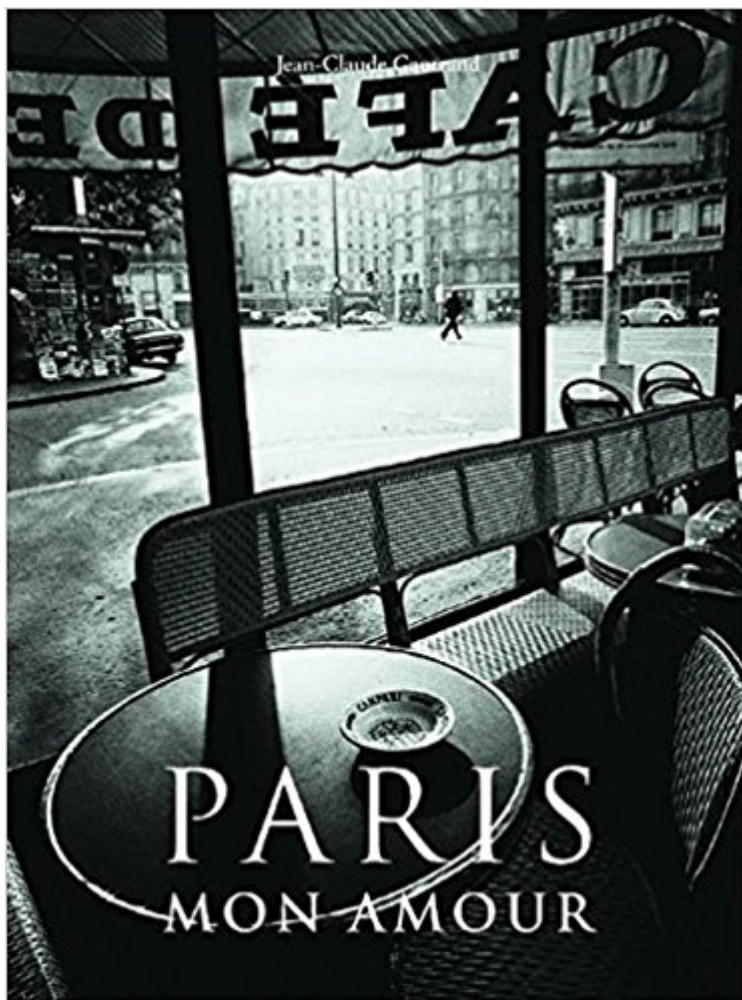


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Synopsis

A declaration of love to the world's most beautiful city – At once cosmopolitan metropolis and venue for a pensive stroll, Moloch and emblem of the modern, Paris has been a source of inspiration for countless artists and writers down the ages. But not least it is the home and constant muse of a relatively young art: photography. Since the earliest days of the daguerreotype right up to our time, renowned photographers such as Joseph Nicéphore Niepce, Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Doisneau, and Jeanloup Sieff have lived and worked in the city of lights. Over the years a love affair developed between Paris and photography, giving rise to a remarkable record of the metropolis and a telling history of a new art form. This volume takes the reader on numerous walks, camera in hand, through the streets of Paris. Atmospheric black-and-white photos, shot by great photographers over two centuries, reveal the dramatic and the tranquil, the historic and the everyday – in the capital's parks and gardens, boulevards and backstreets, passages and arcades, bistros and nightclubs. – Text in English, French, and Spanish

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Jean Claude Gautrand, born in 1932, is one of France's most distinguished experts on photography. An active photographer since 1960, he has also made a name for himself as a

historian, journalist and critic, with numerous publications. He is the author of the TASCHEN books *Paris mon amour* (1999), *Robert Doisneau* (2003), *Brassaï* (2004), *Willy Ronis* (2005) and *Paris, Portrait of a City* (2011).

I got this book for my father who is no longer healthy enough to travel to Paris, but loves the city. He leaves it on the coffee table and flips through to look at the pictures whenever he wants to experience a bit of Paris. I recommend to lovers of photography and Paris!

I really enjoy looking at this book, which sits on my end table, almost daily. Each time I do I discover something new in the photos. I randomly choose - it is a short visit to the city I still adore-an affordable luxury for the French at heart.

Great photo album. Recommended!

It was a gift for my photographer son, who saw this book at a friend's in Paris and said he'd like to have a copy. He keeps very few books, so I took notice. Gave it to him for Hanukah.

It was a gift but the recipient loved it.

A great great book at a brilliant price. Thank you!

Superb text and iconic pictures of a magnificent city.A great book to own !

I'm surprised someone hasn't reviewed this book yet. It's quite a treasure. Some months ago, during an excursion to the Met in NYC, I was feeling a little homesick for Paris, so my eye was immediately drawn to this book. I'm really quite glad that I found it, for it's easily one of my favorite photography books. It actually reads like a book of essays, but in a photographic format. There is an introduction at the front (in French, English, and German) giving a brief background in the history of French photography, but one can easily enjoy the book without bothering with this intro. The pictures pretty much speak for themselves, from mid-19th century Parisian alleyways to the joy on people's faces during the city's liberation in 1944. First things first: the book is slightly taller than most books, so it may be a little tricky to store on a shelf. I made do, particularly since I use those metal cube shelves you get from Target, which are substantially taller than typical bookshelves. All

of the photographs are in black and white, which forms some really nice contrasts and creates an overall sense of timelessness. We're dealing, after all, with Paris from the advent of photography to recent fashion (I believe the latest picture in the book is from the 1980s). As stated earlier in this review, things like the Liberation are covered, as well as lots of other historical events (the Occupation, the student riots of the 1960s, etc). But these great moments in history are the anomalies. For the most part, the book chooses to focus on everyday events in Parisian life, past and present, like little children skipping rope in the 1920s, or well-to-do ladies watching a horse race at the turn of the last century, or two college students trading a kiss in a bistro in the 1970s. It's the little touches like this that really bring the city to life. Coming from someone who has lived in Paris twice and considers it another home, this is a very nice compliment, and I think it would make a particularly nice addition to one's coffee table. I only wish it were a little bigger, but it's already over 200 pages, so I guess I'm just trying to prolong a good thing.

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