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### **Editorial Review**

### From Booklist

Set mostly in Paris and intertwining two main voices, this sweet confection by best-selling Colgan (Amanda's Wedding, 2001) is heartwarming and funny. Anna Trent is 30 when she is bizarrely injured at her job in a chocolate factory in the north of England. Her difficult hospital recovery is only brightened by the unexpected presence of her high-school French teacher, Claire, who harbors memories of the path not taken in her youth. Recognizing in Anna a kindred spirit who needs prodding to fully embrace life, Claire suggests Anna take a job with a renowned chocolatier in Paris, the larger-than-life Thierry Girard. Anna travels to Paris and discovers an eye-opening world. As Anna alternately stumbles and soars through her new days, her story unfolds alongside Claire's, who had her own Parisian adventure in 1972. Romantic love and loss outline each character's story as she painfully yet fully grows from her experiences. Delightful and compassionate, this will resonate with readers of women's fiction. Chocolate recipes from the author, listed in the back of the book, add to its charm. --Julie Trevelyan

#### Review

"Colgan has created a story where love and baked goods are central to the story and sweet endings are a must. Her characters are both believable and funny, while the Parisian setting makes this story practically irresistible." - *Shelf Awareness Reader* 

"Parallel love stories play out in Paris a generation apart in this funny, lyrical story from U.K.—based chick-lit writer Colgan... This cross-generational story is as irresistible as Colgan's portrayal of Paris itself-and all things chocolate. " - *Publishers Weekly* 

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"I kept telling myself it was only an average, simple-fare sort of book right up until the end, when I realized I had tears in my eyes and I hadn't stopped reading for the past five hours. I don't know how or when it happened, but The *Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris* sucked me right in. Now I'm left to deal with the excess emotion, craving for chocolate, and burning desire to visit the other side of the Atlantic which this book left in its wake." - *All About Romance* 

"A tale of two Englishwomen in Paris, of love lost and found, of reaching for the best instead of settling for what you can get, of acceptance and making peace with the past... Gently and lovingly done." - *Dear Author* 

"This book is more than just your light-hearted, escape chick-lit book... This book has its fun but it also has its seriousness..." - *Curled Up with a Good Book and a Cup of Tea* 

"Paris and chocolate. The combination of those two things make for a pretty tasty tale." - Love Happy Daily

"Alternating between Anna's current adventure in Paris and Claire's adventure while in high school, you are treated to a whirlwind insider's look at Paris. You can taste the gourmet chocolate, feel the warm sun on your face, and enjoy the beautiful streets through the pages of this novel." - **BrodartVibe** 

"A delicious romp through Paris. What's not to love?" - Cayocosta72 Book Reviews

"Another good-vibes-inducing book by Jenny Colgan, and one that I'm really, really glad I read." - My Book Musings

"This book was a beautiful, emotional journey that thoroughly entertains." - Bitten By Love Reviews

"The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris fills up the reader with emotion, then empties her, just to fill her again with a warm, spreading sense of joy, akin to eating the best chocolate." - Random Book Muses

"Lighthearted fun with a touch of romance, set mostly in Paris and with frequent references (and recipes) with chocolate: it is hard to go wrong! " - *I Am, Indeed* 

### About the Author

A former columnist for *The Guardian*, Jenny Colgan contributes regularly to national BBC radio and is the author of more than eleven bestselling novels, including her recent international bestsellers *The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris* published in 2014 and *Welcome To Rosie Hopkins' Sweetshop of Dreams*, which won the 2013 Romantic Novel of the Year award from the Romantic Novelists Association. She is married with three children and lives in London and France.

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