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Recreates life in the tumultuous world of 1900-1930 Montparnasse. This book presents photographs of legendary figures, among them the model Kiki, Modigliani, Picasso, Satie, Matisse, Leger, Gertrude Stein, James Joyce and Miro. Gossip and anecdotes aim to bring this world alive.

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### David Cerruti says

If you plan to see “Midnight in Paris”, the latest movie from Woody Allen, this book can give you some background. The book is about the artists, writers, and entertainers in and around Montparnasse. Kiki was a part of that crowd. More than a huge collection of captioned photos from its golden age, this is also a history of Montparnasse.

The 1st illustration is a map of the neighborhood ca. 1380. The last 8 pages are detailed current maps showing the location and years occupied of clubs, studios, cafes, and residences. There are 34 pages of notes.

Women of the Left Bank is recommended companion reading. Some of the women appearing in both books are Sylvia Beach, Djuna Barnes, Jean Rhys, Nancy Cunard, and Janet Flanners.

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### Gessy Alvarez says

Primarily a picture book with anecdotes and tragic love stories. What makes it great are the lovers and the enigmatic Kiki.

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### Melissa says

This is more of a picture book than a novel. I loved looking at all of the pictures of the artists, their muses and lovers, their nemeses and other influential characters in and around their local haunts. I've read a lot about early Paris and this wonderful collection with its simple explanations provided great context behind the relationships and environments that influenced this exciting period.

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### Amanda says

full of detail, fascinating stories about Montparnasse between the Wars

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### AC says

A keen glimpse into the Parisian Avant-Garde, through photos (with commentary) of Kiki. Excellent book.

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### Charlotte says

For those interested in Paris of the 1900's this book is a must-have. It is crammed with photos & text, much of which I had never seen before. Each time I pick it up, I learn something new. My particular interest is of the '20's Paris, but the surrounding years had an important impact on that time & in many instances enhance my understanding of it.

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### **Tosh says**

The great Kiki of Paris. Professional Muse to Man Ray and others. In fact I suspect that they invented the term 'Muse' for her. She's whacky, she's the ultimate woman of that bo-ho period. And the book here serves as the ultimate scrapbook of sorts with great images of the great one.

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### **Patti says**

I loved this but got overwhelmed with all of the other stuff I've had to dop. I'll get it out of the library again.

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### **Allison Thurman says**

Read as a teenager, this is the book that first made me aware of flappers, bob haircuts, and Man Ray. I should probably reread it because 1920s Paris was a cauldron of creative activity - short of Renaissance Florence it's hard to think of a higher concentration of those who would be great.

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### **Troy says**

If you like this period of history, this book is invaluable. It's a massive collection of photographs from the first group of people to take snapshots. Pretty much any writer or artist who was around Paris from 1900 to 1930 is in this book multiple times.

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### **Dvora says**

Very disappointing. Photos, Kiki, Paris in the 20s. I was so looking forward to it. It has hundreds of photos -- about three quarters of the space is devoted to photos, the other quarter is text. But the text is pretty much a laundry list of names with stories or explanations that are not particularly interesting or sometimes all that coherent. The photos are plentiful, but they aren't really telling -- just lots of people some of whom are identified at the bottom. It's hard work to keep track of it all. And in the end, it doesn't really talk much about Kiki.

A similar book but much, MUCH better is Willilam Wiser's The Crazy Years: Paris in the Twenties. There you find interesting text and photos that illustrate what the author is telling you.

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## **Carol says**

Art and artists and models in the early 20th century in paris. Some artists I'm very familiar with, recognized some others names and a lot of others

A couple of pages on Barnes coming to Paris to add to his collection. (p 122)

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## **Jesse says**

good times good pics and hot chicks?

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## **Kittyinparis says**

This book is a collection of vignettes of all the artists in and around Montparnasse at the turn of the 20th century. I named my cat after Kiki's best friend Therese treize.

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