THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP
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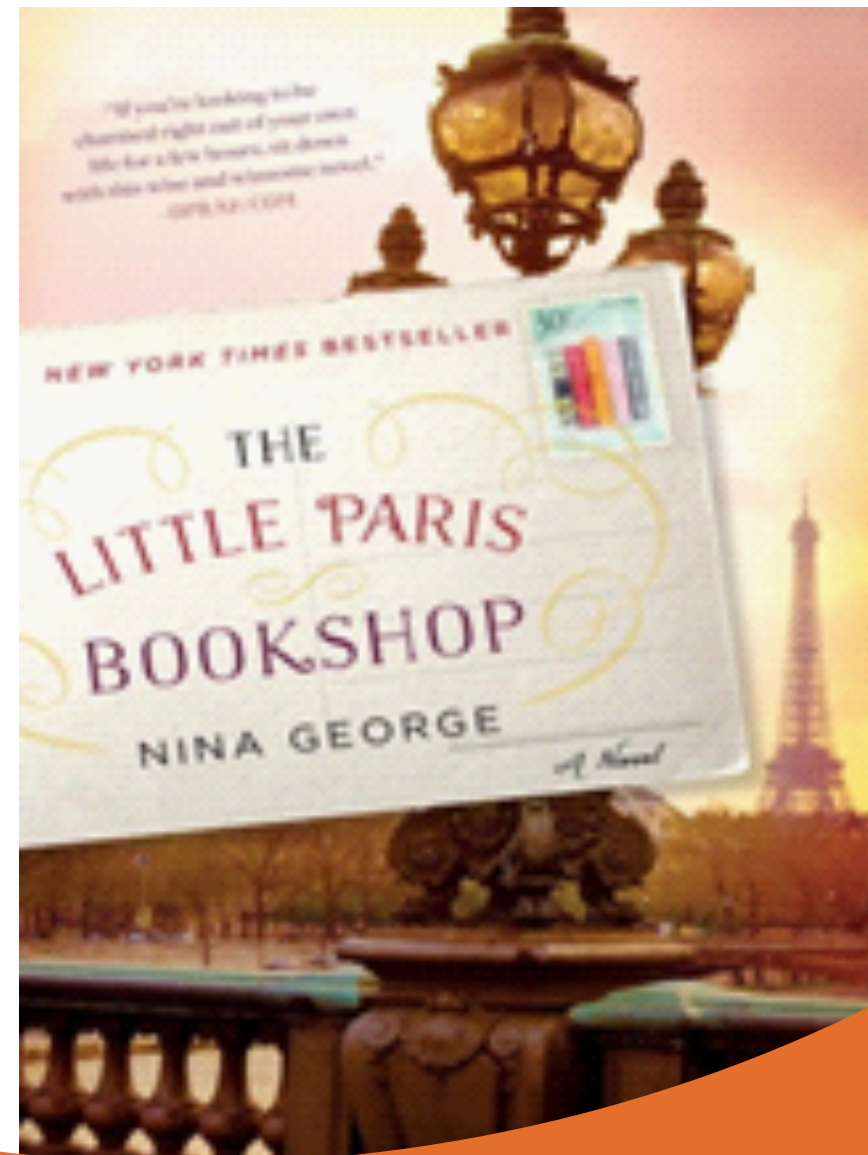
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Fiction (Romance/Travel), Adult

As his name suggests, Paris bookseller Jean Perdu is lost. "Perdu" means lost in French. He is a "literary apothecary," selling books from his bookshop barge anchored in the Seine. He sells books to customers to make them feel better. However, he cannot ease his own pain with a book. Ever since his lover left him twenty years ago, he has become a shell of man. All he has left of her is a letter that he is too afraid to open. When an alluring new neighbor named Catherine moves in down the hall, he finally gains the courage to be open the letter. After reading the letter, he leaves on a journey to the south of France travelling the rivers and canals on his barge to make peace with his past. Along the way he meets a cast of colorful characters and begins to heal. The author refers to Jean as "Mousier Perdu" or "Perdu" in the beginning of the novel, but by the end of the novel, the author just calls him Jean indicating he's happy and himself again.

This book is for anyone who loves books and loves to travel. While reading, I wished I was on a river boat travelling through France this summer. It isn't entirely realistic for a person to just leave is his life behind to travel on a barge through France, but it makes a great story. If only it were possible to take such a trip.

The Little Paris Bookshop is a delightful read and a great way to explore the river system of France without leaving home. You can find this novel on Overdrive as audiobook or an eBook. If you liked this book, consider borrowing The Bookshop on the Corner by Jenny Colgan available on Hoopla as an eBook and as an audiobook.