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# I See London, I See France

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Dependable

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## Book Review

### I See London, I See France

Nineteen-year-old Sydney has spent most of her life caring for her agoraphobic mother, but when her best friend, Leela, decides to tour Europe for a month and begs Sydney to come, she throws caution to the wind and embarks upon an unforgettable adventure. Over the course of the next four and half weeks, she and Leela explore Europe while navigating their hearts and their friendship. Their adventure starts off a bit rocky when they discover Leela's ex-boyfriend Matt on their plane, and it gets even rockier when Sydney meets Matt's traveling companion, Jackson and falls hard for him. Leela and Sydney have to travel to new areas in their friendship, amid both trust and jealousy. While there are some bumps along the way, the book ends on a hopeful note for all involved.

Sarah Mlynowski's *I See London, I See France* is a delightful romp through Europe. While not necessarily the deepest book, it is a great summer read. Mlynowski has done a wonderful job of filling her narrative with likeable, readable characters who the reader cannot help but root for and fall in love with. Characterization is Mlynowski's strongest suit as she manages to write very relatable characters who are experiencing an adventure that anyone would want to join. While there are some circumstances that are tied up rather too nicely in the end, overall, this is a fun, enjoyable read that keeps the reader interested and intrigued as they experience the delights of Europe, young love, and friendship right alongside Sydney and her old and new friends.

\*Contains mild language and mild sexual content.