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Dreaming of Food: The Influence of the Food Memoir

Paris has long been a muse for many Americans who find themselves unable to feel fulfilled in their home country. Flocking to the city in hopes of finding some new inspiration, they arrive in Paris with an aim to embody a new way of life. There are countless movies that open with a view of the city that winds down through the streets, usually with a golden hue and accordion music accompanying the scene. The streets are lined with cafes and bistros, flower shops and bakeries, and effortlessly glamorous individuals wandering about. These scenes inspire awe in individuals drawn to the romantic ideal of Paris and create a fantasy that life in Paris is one of tending to pleasures and self-cultivation that is unattainable anywhere else. One of the most central pleasures assigned to this romanticized city is the pleasure of consuming great food. A city famous for its culinary institutes and celebrity chefs, unsurprisingly draws in those with aspirations for cooking. I remember when I was 12, I found myself in Paris with my parents. My older sisters, both in high school, were taking French and planned to travel to Paris on the school trip. My parents, reluctant to relinquish that much freedom to them and with a desire of their own to go to Paris, bought three more tickets and we all set off with the three of us staying at a hotel on the other side of town.

One of my most vivid food related memories took place at a bistro in the 5th arrondissement down the street from where my sisters were staying. We sat around browsing the menu, which was a chalkboard placed on a bistro chair next to our table reading only a few
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