

## Paris Was a Woman

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Paris is seductive, both mistress and muse, and between the two World Wars it became a haven for a new kind of woman—the cultural lioness. In Greta Schiller's illuminating documentary, a fascinating portrait emerges, profiling the writers, artists, photographers, editors and businesswomen who flocked to the Left Bank in this century's early decades to create an intellectual and artistic bohemian nucleus. With

new research, recently discovered home movies, and intimate storytelling intertwining interviews with anecdotes, the film recreates the mood and flavor of a *cité* whose citizenry (including Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Colette, Sylvia Beach, and Djuna Barnes, among others) freed themselves from conventional mores and expectations to write, paint, revolutionize the world of books and publishing, and nurture the dazzling array of talent drawn to the cultural capital of the world.