

## Preface

College, it's the accumulation of all one's years spent in school. Here, life decisions are made, careers are chosen, and for some life partners are found.

Our story takes place Junior/Senior year for ten lucky students. Each has taken different paths in life but all share one thing. They all have shown excellence in their classes and grades. All will be graduating with honors. This college feels the importance of honoring such students and has established an exchange program to do just that. During the course of a year starting in January their Junior year, the ten students will be living in Paris each not only studying but working in the field of their chosen career. Not only will they gain greater knowledge but also gain an experience never to be forgotten as they learn of other cultures and how societies work outside the United States. They will then come back the following January their Senior year, take final exams, and graduate early.

Among the ten are Angie, Brad, Heather, Joe, Luke, Christian, Amber, Neina, Melissa, Caitlyn. Angie and Heather had been best friends most of their lives attending the same elementary schools, going to the same church, and then sharing the same college. Brad and Joe came into the picture during their Junior High School years and the four of them soon formed a lasting friendship. For Joe and Heather, it was clear they would be together and by Sophomore year in High School they had begun dating and their love only grew from there. Although for Angie and Brad it seemed they could never get past the friendship stage in their relationship. Yes, Angie cared deeply for Brad and they always seemed to find themselves in many outside activities together, but it remained only as friends. But over the last year before the trip things between them had shifted. Neither of them wanted to admit it or take the next step but both silently were starting to feel the desire for more. The flirting had begun, the silent gazes, the spending more quality time together yet nothing was set in stone. And now they were going to embark on a new adventure together in the most romantic city in the world. Would this finally be the beginning for them?