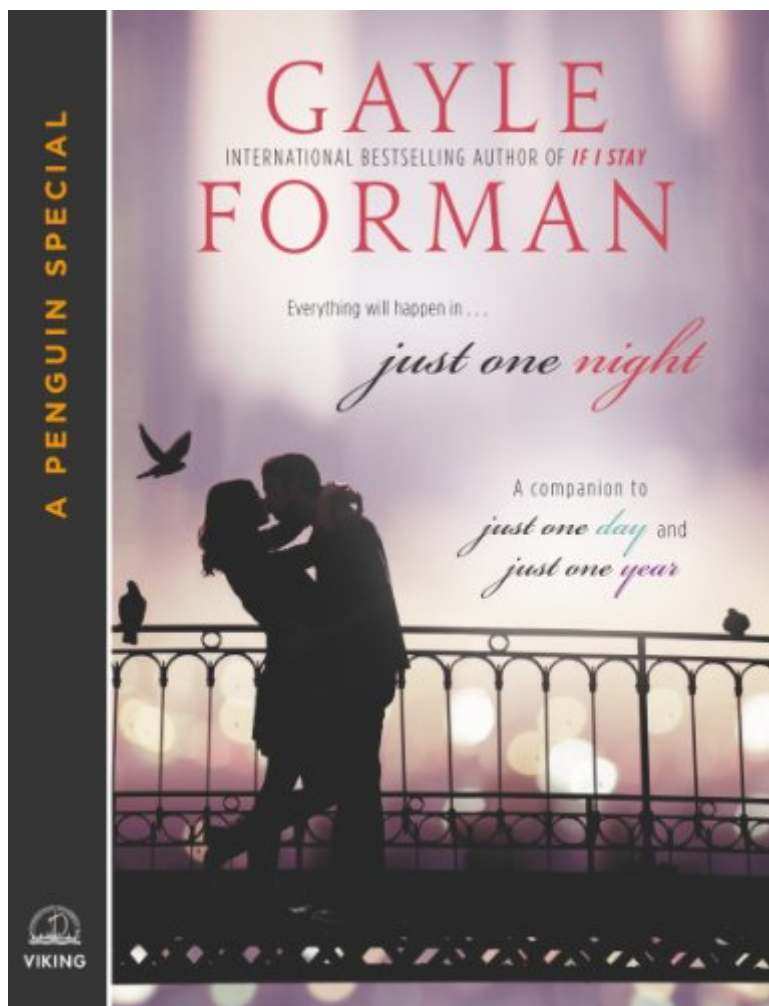




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Just One Night



Synopsis

After spending one life-changing day in Paris with laid-back Dutch actor Willem De Ruiter, sheltered American good girl Allyson "Lulu" Healey discovered her new lover had disappeared without a trace. *Just One Day* followed Allyson's quest to reunite with Willem; *Just One Year* chronicled the pair's year apart from Willem's perspective. Now, back together at last, this delectable e-novella reveals the couple's final chapter.

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Customer Reviews

I wouldn't pass up more time with Allyson and Willem and see what happens after. THE SHORT OF IT: I didn't necessarily NEED this novella because I was very satisfied with the way *Just One Year* ended but I'm glad I read it because I was curious how their reunion went and I wouldn't pass that up ever! It was a quick novella that gave the perfect, realistic glimpse into their reunion night and brought them full circle as two people who changed a lot over the course of the year after their life changing encounter. Happy feelings for sure! Was

worth the money even though I HATE buying novellas! FULL REVIEW: Here was my thought process when I first found out that Gayle Forman wrote the Just One Night novella: 1. OMG NEW WORDS FROM GAYLE FORMAN. I NEED. 2. I really don't like buying novellas but FINE OKAY IT'S GAYLE. 3. But I LOVED THE ENDING. It doesn't need a novella to me. I have how it all goes down in my mind. 4. However, I won't pass up more time with Allyson and Willem and company. Here's the thing: you either found the ending of Just One Year to be satisfying (like I did) or you were furious about how it ended with them opening the door and us not knowing what happens beyond that. I know so many people just wanted to know what happened (I totally did) and hated the fact that we watch them look for each other and we don't get to see the "end results" so to speak. I totally get it but I felt differently (and I think in the minority?). For me, the ending to Just One Year was perfect because, even though it was about THEM finding and losing and finding each other again, it was also mostly for me about them finding themselves in the first place. So, as much as I would have LOVED to see the happily ever after and all the nitty gritty details of their reunion, I was at a state of complete contentedness with the ending. It felt full circle and I saw two people who were changed by an encounter they had a year ago reunite as very different people. They lost each other but they had found themselves. And them being reunited, to me, was just this confirmation that taking risks and letting yourself become who you want to be by saying YES is life changing. But this is just my opinion and it's probably TOTALLY biased because Just One Day changed my life. Literally. Like action was taken because of this book so that stuck with ME as I read Just One Year as well. So now that we've talked about where I was with my feelings going INTO Just One Night (because that's important) let's talk about Just One Night: I really enjoyed it! I didn't NEED it but it made me smile and honestly was kind of perfect. I can't say a lot HAPPENED in it so if you are looking for some HUGE, dramatic fireworks-and-they-lived-happily-ever-afters kind of thing I didn't see it as that (I mean, it's a night) but it still gave me those happily ever after feels anyways because of everything they gained in the first place and the possibilities that there WERE for the future (especially as we learn in Just One Year about a potential job offer that would take Willem to the US). It complemented Just One Year nicely in the way it ends to be honest. It was quiet (okay, the sexual tension and FEELS was anything but quiet) but exciting and FULL of feelings and answers. I was really pleased that it started from the exact second the door opened. Everything that

happened seemed so realistic after that. The emotions and FEELINGS after all the longing and searching. The wanting to talk about everything they both had been through. The exuberance shared with friends who knew their journey to find each other. I LOVED watching them put the pieces together about how they found each other and how hard they searched. Everything that happened was exactly what I think would happen in that scenario. The whole night was the perfect kind of reunion and I loved that we were reunited with so many important characters that aided them to get where they were. I had lots of FEELINGS (happy ones) and I don't want to give too much away but it was a really nice peek into what happened after the door opened and I was really pleased with it as someone who had already had a whole made-up reunion and thoughts of Allyson and Willem years down the road in my head immediately after I finished Just One Year.

I was not one of those people who was horribly disappointed by the ending of Just One Year last year. After seeing Allyson go an entire year in Just One Day looking for her lost Willem and finally finding him, ending the book with a simple introduction, as readers we were excited to get Willem's perspective in Just One Year. We wanted to know what he was going through in his year without Allyson, but let's be real ... what we were really excited to see was how amazing things would be for this meant-to-be couple after they finally found each other again. But Just One Year basically ended as the same moment of introduction that Just One Day did. And A LOT of people were upset about this, writing negative reviews to air their disappointment. I wasn't one of those people. I loved Just One Year for the story of the journey that it was. I loved getting the chance to see the growth of Willem as a person just as I had seen Allyson's growth in Just One Day. But I have to be honest ... when I heard that Gayle Forman was writing this super short novella, giving fans of the story the chance to see "what happened next" I did a little happy dance. Okay ... a BIG happy dance. I was so excited!! And I was not disappointed. Think of this story as just a nice little epilogue to the Just One Day duo of books. You definitely need to have read those books to appreciate this story, but fans of those stories will find the closure that they have been looking for ... the Happily Ever After (or at least the beginning of one) that we wanted. Characters who were part of the main two novels pop up in this one. It is described as "seeing the return on investment" as they have the chance to meet this pair of unlikely lovers (okay, lovers sounds melodramatic for some reason, but I can't think of how to label Willem and Allyson's epic little romance). And as a reader who felt "invested" in this couple I was happy to see that "return" as well. This story is told in third person narration that bounces around differing perspectives ... Allyson to Willem to W to Kate to Willem to Allyson, etc. An entire novel written in this way would probably drive me crazy, but for this story it works perfectly

to catch the frenzy of this meeting. After spending just one day together, tragically losing each other with no easy way to find one another again, and then spending a year searching the globe for each other, there would be an almost manic feeling of trying to say everything at once, to make up for lost time. That is how this story proceeds, and it ends up being truly satisfying. Allyson and Willem are meant to be. The universe seems to have lined up to make it so, and it was a joy to finally see Willem and Allyson reap the benefits of it. Four stars and one huge smile! Thank you, Gayle Forman, for this gift you wrote for your fans!

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