

# A Captivating Journey Through Time with "Revolution" by Jennifer Donnelly

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to travel through time? To experience the wonders and challenges of different eras? "Revolution" by Jennifer Donnelly takes readers on an unforgettable journey through the streets of 18th century Paris and present-day Brooklyn, weaving together a tale of love, loss, and the power of music.

With more than 3000 pages, "Revolution" captures the essence of two young women, living centuries apart, whose lives become unexpectedly intertwined. The story follows Andi Alpers, a talented musician struggling with her own demons in modern-day Brooklyn, and Alexandrine Paradis, a street performer in Paris during the French Revolution.

## Unveiling the Intriguing Characters

Andi, our modern protagonist, is no stranger to pain. Grieving over the loss of her younger brother and grappling with a broken family, she finds solace in her guitar and the world of music. However, when her father takes her to Paris for winter break, Andi stumbles upon a hidden treasure that sends her spiraling into the tumultuous past.



### **Revolution** by Jennifer Donnelly (Kindle Edition)

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 1951 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Print length : 498 pages



Alexandrine, on the other hand, is living in the darkest times of France. As a violinist in the Palais-Royal, she witnesses firsthand the uprising of the French Revolution. Amidst the chaos and danger, she finds courage and determination to protect the ones she loves.

Donnelly masterfully brings these characters to life, immersing readers in their individual struggles and triumphs. Their parallel narratives keep us turning the pages, eager to uncover the connections between these two extraordinary women and the role music plays in their stories.

## **A Tale of Love, Loss, and Music**

As Andi delves deeper into the secrets of her discovery, she uncovers Alexandrine's diary and becomes engrossed in the story of this young revolutionary. The diary, written during the French Revolution, becomes Andi's lifeline, pushing her to confront her own demons and find hope amidst her despair.

The power of music permeates every page of "Revolution." Donnelly beautifully intertwines music history, specifically the life and works of composer and musician Amade Malherbeau, with the gripping narratives of Andi and Alexandrine. From Beethoven's symphonies to the raw emotion of 80s punk rock, each musical reference adds depth and resonance to the story.

Through music, both protagonists discover their own strength and resilience. The melodies become a channel for healing, as well as a source of inspiration to fight against injustice and forge their own destinies.

## **Transporting Readers Through Time**

"Revolution" is a meticulously researched historical fiction that seamlessly blends fact with fiction. Donnelly's attention to detail brings the sights, sounds, and smells of 18th century Paris to life. From the grandeur of Versailles to the turbulent streets of the French Revolution, readers will find themselves transported through time, experiencing the city's triumphs and tragedies firsthand.

The vivid imagery and descriptive language used by Donnelly allow readers to immerse themselves fully in the story. It's as if you can hear the echo of each note played by Alexandrine's violin and feel the desperation and longing in Andi's voice as she sings her heart out.

## **A Riveting Page-Turner That Leaves a Lasting Impact**

"Revolution" is not just a captivating tale of adventure and discovery; it is a book that delves deep into themes of grief, friendship, love, and the resilience of the human spirit. The multi-layered storytelling engrosses readers from the very first page and keeps them hooked until the final words.

Jennifer Donnelly's "Revolution" is a literary gem that reminds us of the power of music, the importance of understanding our past, and the indomitable strength we hold within ourselves. It is a book that cries out to be read, cherished, and shared with others.

## **Experience the Magic of "Revolution" Today**

Don't miss out on this remarkable journey through time and music. Pick up a copy of "Revolution" by Jennifer Donnelly and let yourself be swept away by the heart-wrenching tales of Andi and Alexandrine. Discover the power of connection, the resilience of the human spirit, and the healing properties of music in this breathtaking masterpiece.



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Readers of *If I Stay* and *Elizabeth George* will love *Revolution* by Jennifer Donnelly, author of the award-winning novel *A Northern Light*. *Revolution* artfully weaves two girls' stories into one unforgettable account of life, loss, and enduring love; it spans centuries and vividly depicts the eternal struggles of the human heart.

**BROOKLYN:** Andi Alpers is on the edge. She's angry at her father for leaving, angry at her mother for not being able to cope, and heartbroken by the loss of her younger brother, Truman. Rage and grief are destroying her. And she's about to be expelled from Brooklyn Heights' most prestigious private school when her father intervenes. Now Andi must accompany him to Paris for winter break.

**PARIS:** Alexandrine Paradis lived over two centuries ago. She dreamed of making her mark on the Paris stage, but a fateful encounter with a doomed prince of France cast her in a tragic role she didn't want—and couldn't escape.

Two girls, two centuries apart. One never knowing the other. But when Andi finds Alexandrine's diary, she recognizes something in her words and is moved to the point of obsession. There's comfort and distraction for Andi in the journal's antique pages—until, on a midnight journey through the catacombs of Paris,

Alexandrine's words transcend paper and time, and the past becomes suddenly, terrifyingly present.

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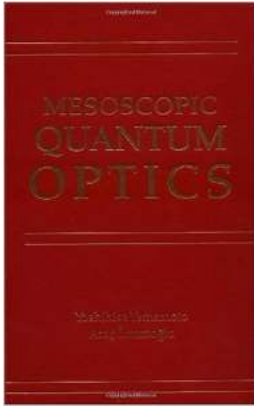
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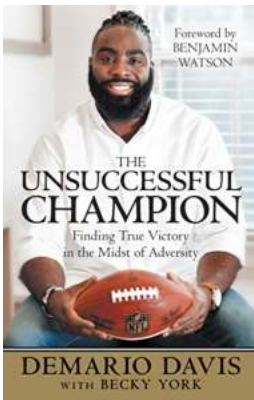
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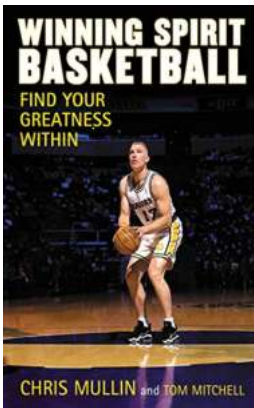
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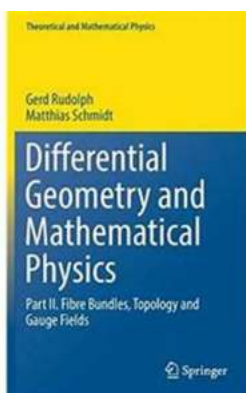
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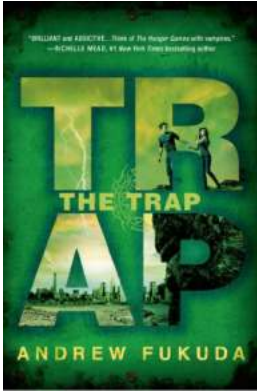
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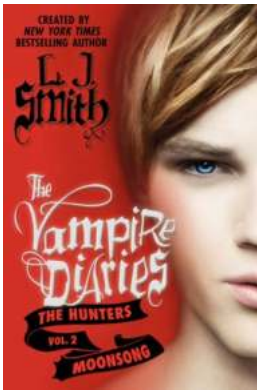
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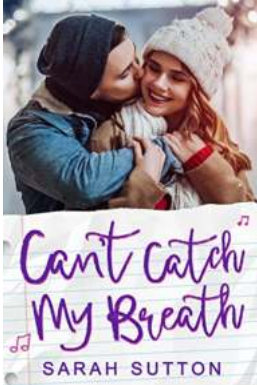
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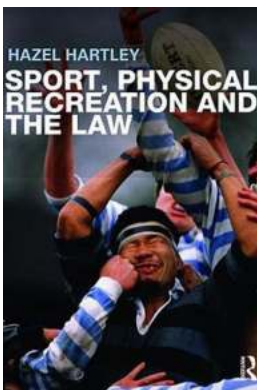
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