



BOOK RESUME: JUST ONE DAY

BOOK SYNOPSIS

Allyson Healey's life is exactly like her suitcase—packed, planned, ordered. Then on the last day of her three-week post-graduation European tour, she meets Willem. A free-spirited, roving actor, Willem is everything she's not, and when he invites her to abandon her plans and come to Paris with him, Allyson says yes. This uncharacteristic decision leads to a day of risk and romance, liberation and intimacy: 24 hours that will transform Allyson's life.

A book about love, heartbreak, travel, identity, and the “accidents” of fate, *Just One Day* shows us how sometimes in order to get found, you first have to get lost. . . and how often the people we are seeking are much closer than we know.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

★ "Reading like a teen version of Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love*, this tale of romance and mystery engages readers and will cause them to examine their definitions of love and self-identity." —*School Library Journal*, starred review

★ "Offering mystery, drama, and an evocative portrait of unrequited love, this open-ended novel will leave fans eagerly anticipating the companion story." —*Publisher's Weekly*, starred review

"[Forman's] very good on travel's expansive effects, the fluidity of teenage identity and the yearning for reinvention, how fleeting encounters can transform us." —*New York Times Book Review*

"Romantics will get swept up in the story, which has it all: true love, Paris, Shakespeare, and yes, the notion that 'anything can happen in just one day.'" —*Booklist*

"As [Allyson] blossoms a . . . the novel becomes absorbing, and readers will find themselves rooting for Allyson's more autonomous and interesting self." —*Kirkus*

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- YALSA Best Fiction for Young Adults Selection
- Pacific Northwest Library Association Young Reader's Choice Award selection
- An Arizona Grand Canyon Reader Award selection
- A Georgia Peach Book Award for Teen Readers selection
- A Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl selection
- A Kentucky Bluegrass Award selection
- A New Jersey Garden State Teen Book Awards selection

MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [TeachingBooks.net resources](#)
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