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An American Nurse In Paris  
John F. Andrews  
46 North Publications  
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Synopsis: Medical journalist Alice Simmons's quest to become a war correspondent careens headlong into a wall of sexism and deceit after her arrival in Paris in 1918. The suave officer in charge of the American Army press office refuses to let Alice leave Paris while her male counterparts scramble to the Front during the German spring offensive. One evening, his misogyny escalates to a drunken assault. Alice manages to fight back, but then her attacker begins a campaign of false accusations to cover his crime.

A nursing position in an American Red Cross military hospital is Alice's only hope to remain in France. It turns into the best scoop of her career. Wounded marines and soldiers from the Battle of Belleau Wood flood her ward. A tragic death amid the human wreckage of war unlocks Alice's compassion and her capacity to love, both long-buried after a childhood tragedy. Her patients' courage inspires Alice's fight to restore her honor and open her heart.

Critique: Original, deftly crafted, with extraordinary attention paid to historical detail that offers an impressive level of authenticity, "An American Nurse in Paris" by John F. Andrews is a compellingly engaging read from cover to cover and will prove to be an especially prized pick for community/public library Historical/World War 1 fiction collections. It should be noted for personal reading lists that this hardcover edition of "An American Nurse in Paris" from 46 North Publications is also readily available in paperback (979-8989383511, \$16.99) and in a digital book format (Kindle, \$6.99).

Editorial Note: John F. Andrews (<https://johnfrederickandrews.com/>) is the award-winning author of the 'Novels of the Great War Series' which includes "Our Desperate Hour", "An American Nurse in Paris", and "Dogs Don't Cry". Andrews writes from the perspective of a service family member and critical care physician to craft unique historical stories based on real events. His characters struggle along side some of the real heroes of WWI, as well as showing the plight of civilians caught in one of the most horrible conflicts in human history. His novels are stories of struggle, survival, hope, resilience, and love.

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