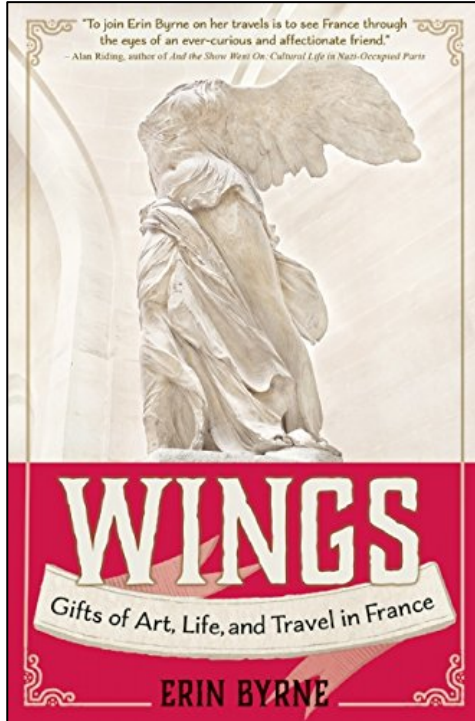




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# WINGS:

*Gifts of Art, Life, and Travel in France*

By Erin Byrne

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France is steeped in refined traditions, with its rich history, exquisite art, robust culture, and varied cuisine. Writer Erin Byrne was changed by traveling around this country with the ghosts of artists and historical figures who shared with her their guides to living.

***Wings: Gifts of Art, Life, and Travel in France*** (Travelers' Tales | March 15, 2016) is a collection of essays drawn from Byrne's travels across the country. From Cézanne's studio in Aix-en-Provence to a tiny village in the Jura Mountains, from a neighborhood bistro on the Left Bank of Paris to a plain high above the Normandy beaches, she travels through France collecting stories, characters, tastes, and secrets that act as ingredients for change, then takes those experiences and digs deeper to uncover meaning.

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### **About the Author:**



**Erin Byrne** writes travel essays, poetry, fiction and screenplays. Her work has won numerous awards including three Grand Prize Solas Awards for Travel Story of the Year, the Reader's Favorite Award, Foreword Reviews Book of the Year Finalist, and an Accolade Award for film.

Erin is author of *Wings: Gifts of Art, Life, and Travel in France* (Travelers' Tales, 2016), editor of *Vignettes & Postcards From Paris* and *Vignettes & Postcards From Morocco* (Reputation Books, 2016), and writer of *The Storykeeper* film. She is occasional guest instructor at Shakespeare and Company Bookstore in Paris and on Deep Travel trips. Her screenplay, *Siesta*, is in pre-production in Spain, and she is working on the novel, *Illuminations*.

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#### **March 19**

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#### **April 12**

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#### **June 16**

Shakespeare & Co, Paris, France