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“With wit and aplomb, Joanna Biggar reminds readers that love may be free, but has its consequences. A poet and journalist, when she turns her talents to storytelling, the result is a page-turning novel where mystery meets self-invention. Voilà! C’est formidable!”

—David Downie, author of *A Passion for Paris* and *The Gardener of Eden*

*“In *Melanie’s Song*, Joanna Biggar takes you along on an amazing ride of mystery, intriguing details, combining personal turbulence masterfully set against the reality of the politics of the 60’s and 70’s in the USA. Her writing, both crisp and lyrical, draws you into each scene with suspense and tempting detail. Of course, there are those earlier memories of Paris. It’s quite a trip.”*

—Diane LeBow, President emerita, Bay Area Travel Writers



***Melanie’s Song* by Joanna Biggar** (Alan Squire Publishing, October 2019, 978-1-942892-10-6) follows five young women from California who once shared their junior year together in Paris. While abroad, they formed a network of friendships they believed would last all their lives. Twelve years later, when one goes missing, it falls to the instigator of the Paris trip, J.J., now a journalist, to uncover the fate of the missing Melanie Hart.

J.J.’s journey takes the reader into a world of off-the-grid radical activists and bad cops, as well as the Hart family’s own carefully constructed version of events. Played out against a background of Vietnam War protests, the Watergate Break-in, and Richard Nixon’s eventual resignation, *Melanie’s Song* is particularly relevant today, when the country is once again seething with political and social tension.

Joanna Biggar is a fiction and travel writer, journalist and teacher, and co-founder, with Linda Watanabe McFerrin, of the international travel writers’ workshop, Wanderland Writers. Her articles, profiles, and travel writing have appeared in hundreds of publications, including *The Washington Post*, *Psychology Today*, *The International Herald Tribune*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. *Melanie’s Song* is a companion to her first novel, *That Paris Year*.

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