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A passionate, sensual novel about the greatest mystery of all: love.

Taking an actual piece published by Françoise Sagan after Ava Gardner's death as a starting point, Géraldine Maillet spins out the possibility of a brief but intense love affair between the two iconic figures, from nothing but a suspicion or maybe even just the desire that something happened between them during a month in Paris. Of course, nothing is certain, documented, recognized. But isn't that where "real life" happens--in the interstices of official history? Built from fragments, her novel tells of how hard it can be to live for oneself, to love and be loved when one is such an icon. Above all, Maillet has written a beautiful love letter to these giants of cinema and literature.
