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When Maude Pichon runs away from provincial Brittany to Paris, her romantic dreams vanish as quickly as her savings. Desperate for work, she answers an unusual ad. The Durandea Agency provides its clients with a unique service—the beauty foil. Hire a plain friend and become instantly more attractive.

Monsieur Durandea has made a fortune from wealthy socialites, and when the Countess Dubern needs a companion for her headstrong daughter, Isabelle, Maude is deemed the perfect adornment of plainness.

Isabelle has no idea her new "friend" is the hired help, and Maude's very existence among the aristocracy hinges on her keeping the truth a secret. Yet the more she learns about Isabelle, the more her loyalty is tested. And the longer her deception continues, the more she has to lose.

The paperback of *Belle Epoque* has brand new content that includes a translation and extended author's note about the short story by Emile Zola that inspired the book.

## **A William C. Morris YA Debut Award Finalist**

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“Both touching and fun, this is a story about many things—true friendship, real beauty, being caught between two worlds—and it will delight fans of historical fiction.”—*Publisher's Weekly*

“A refreshingly relevant and inspiring historical venture.”—*Kirkus Reviews*

“A compelling story about friendship, the complexity of beauty, and self-discovery...full of strong female characters.”—*School Library Journal*

“With resonant period detail, elegant narration, and a layered exploration of class and friendship, this provocative novel is rife with satisfaction.”—*Booklist*

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"This delectable Parisian tale left me sighting with sweet satisfaction. J'adore *Belle Epoque*!"-Sonya Sones, author of *What My Mother Doesn't Know* and *To Be Perfectly Honest*

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