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Americans in Paris is a three-part episode of the public radio program This American Life presented by Ira Glass, first broadcast in July 2000. The first segment features an interview with the writer (and Parisian expat at the time) David Sedaris sharing his favorite non-touristy places and his struggle with daily life in the city. The second segment features two American expats who discuss what it is that draws so many Americans to Paris. And the third segment is an interview with the African-American expat and author Janet McDonald about whether African-Americans are still welcomed in Paris as warmly as they were in the 1940s. Despite being aired pre-9/11, pre-BLM, and pre-Covid...it remains an eerily timeless snapshot of the American expat experience in Paris.



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## The Fatal Flaw of “The Queen’s Gambit”

Following its début in October, “The Queen’s Gambit,” [according to Netflix](#), became the streaming platform’s No. 1 show in sixty-three countries and its most-watched “limited scripted series” ever. (The show also appears to be responsible for compounding an ongoing, pandemic-induced [chess boom](#), as measured in online chess activity as well as sales of chess sets and accessories.)

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