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Paris (2016 population,
12,310) is a community
located at the spot where
the Nith River empties into
the Grand River in Ontario,
Canada. It was voted "the
Prettiest Little Town in

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Canada" by Harrowsmith Magazine. The town was established in 1850. In 1999, its town government was amalgamated into that of the County of Brant, thus ending 149 years as a separate incorporated

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Delagrives 1728 map depicts the last city square added during Louis XIVs reign, the Place Louis-le-Grand, todays Place Vendme, equidistant from the then newest section of the boulevard and the Tuileries garden.

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entertainment of all kinds,
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recreational shopping.

Parisians enjoyed the

earliest public

transportation and street

lighting, and Paris became

Europe's first great walking

city. A century of planned

development made Paris both

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beautiful and exciting.

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This standard metre bar
became known as the mètre
des Archives. The metric

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system, that is the system of units based on the metre, was officially adopted in France on 10 December 1799 (19 frimaire An VIII) and became the sole legal system of weights and measures from 1801.

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During this period, Paris saw many changes: It became the first city to tear down its fortifications. A large-

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scale urban plan was created and executed, with organized streets and boulevards, modern bridges, sidewalks, and public parks.

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shopping. Parisians enjoyed the earliest public transportation and street lighting, and Paris became Europe's first great walking city.

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How Paris became Paris is a great primer for someone traveling to Paris or seeking to read a quick history of the city alone. Dejean manages to separate the city from national history and removes

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political considerations
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space was in fact invented two centuries earlier, when the first complete design for the French capital was drawn up and implemented.

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Paris had become the country's capital and the official residence of the kings of France in 987, but its position was unstable for the following centuries. It was a theater of violence

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during first the Hundred
Years' War (1337-1453) and
then the Wars of Religion
(1562-98).

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condemned. The condemned or their families would sometimes pay the executioner to ensure that the blade was sharp, to achieve a quick and relatively painless death.

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DeJean documents the century-
long transformation of Paris
from a medieval center to

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the modern city that is recognized today, revealing how the Parisian urban model was actually invented in the 17th century, when leaders tore down fortifications, created public parks and constructed streets...

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In *How Paris Became Paris: The Invention of the Modern City*, astute cultural observer Joan DeJean argues that Paris has been a modern, alluring city far longer than we usually

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imagine. Although we tend to think of 19th-century Paris as the bustling epitome of "la vie moderne," the roots of all we know and love about Paris today actually came into being in the 17th century.

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