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## Your Name Was Maria Schneider

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From the film set of *Last Tango in Paris* to an encounter with Antonioni in London, from New York previews to nightclub dancefloors, from the California desert to the corridors of psychiatric hospitals... A beautiful story and a tribute to the great actress Maria Schneider, narrated by her cousin.

At the tender age of 19, Maria Schneider suddenly becomes famous when she stars in the legendary film *Last Tango in Paris*... little does she suspect that the role will also lead to her downfall. In this tale of sex and violence between a young woman and an older man against the backdrop of Paris in Autumn, Marlon Brando takes Maria by force in front of the cameras in a scene that marks the face of modern cinema. This experience will haunt Maria her for the rest of for life. An intimate and first-hand account of the life of a 20th century actress, narrated by Maria's cousin, Vanessa Schneider, and a panorama of 1970s France: its cinema, freedom, sex and excesses.

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