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The book description is a little misleading. When she sent him back to his wife instead of running away with him, she wanted his marriage to be happy.

Chéri (novel)

After an argument with Edmée, Chéri goes for a late night walk and eventually ends up with a friend, Desmond.

La Fin de Chéri by Colette

People need meaning, to be useful, to find something that uplifts them. But still one has to feel compassion towards our flaming out hero, bitterly disappointed in his loveless marriage, craving for past love affair with Léa.

La Fin de Chéri — Wikipédia

He makes the mistake of visiting her one day to find that she has aged and is overweight with short gray hair. Léa alternately obsesses over getting old and celebrates what she has done and who she has had in her life while demonstrating no remorse over her life as a courtesan.

Colette

This is really a continuation of the story, Chéri. I read this this morning and something in it gave me the thought for Glimpses. In the Pal's flat, Chéri finds a wall filled with photographs of Léa, and he spends countless nights lying on a divan and staring at the images.

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Or is it because of his extreme narcissism? Chéri is also perplexed by the assertive behaviors of Edmée and his mother; he cannot adapt to the new role of women in the post-War era. Just when Chéri has reached the point where he can think of nothing that interests him or motivates him to think beyond the present, he runs into an old acquaintance, the Pal, who offers up her flat to Chéri's need for time alone.

Life after Léa: War and Trauma in Colette's *La Fin de Chéri*

This didn't have the same impact on me as *Chéri* at first, but as the book progressed and moved towards its climax, I was enthralled.

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