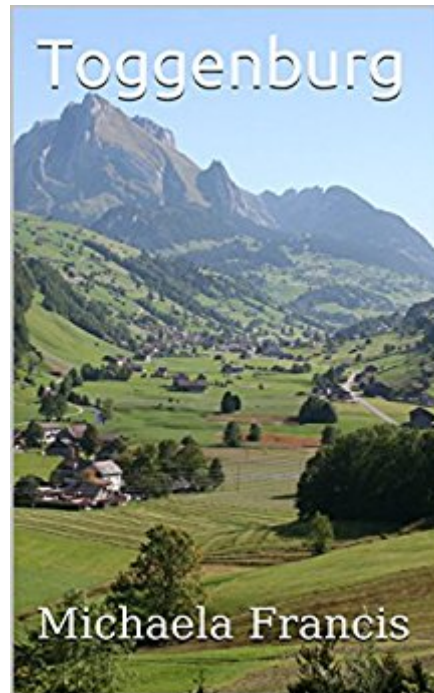




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# Toggenburg



## Synopsis

A lesbian romance set amidst the beauty of the Swiss Alps; "Toggenburg" recounts the story of Sarah, a young woman who, while beginning to rebel against the marriage arranged for her by her family, finds love in the most unexpected way. It is a love that will bring her into conflict with her family, challenge her to come to terms with her sexuality and change her life forever. Told with humour and sensuality, the story follows Sarah's story through the pivotal summer of her life and the unexpected turns her life will take after meeting the extraordinary Daniela. It is a timeless love story between two remarkable women amongst the backdrop of the natural beauty of the Toggenburg valley and the mountains.

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## Customer Reviews

If you are looking for an action adventure, this is not it. On the other hand if you enjoy well-written prose without typos or jarring mistakes; if you like romance tempered with conflict; if you like to see fully developed characters with whom you can identify, you have found the perfect read. The only reason that I gave this excellent book a 4 is that I could not give it 4.5 stars. I took off that one star

for the repetition in stating how lovely the main characters are. Putting that quibble aside, Ms. Francis has a great ear for dialog. The characters speak naturally with their own distinctive voices. I have no trouble at all telling who was speaking at any time. First the location . . . There really is a place called Toggenburg in East Switzerland. Ms. Francis's skill in painting vivid pictures in my mind with her words captivated me. She displays a love and familiarity with the idyllic place that is infectious. And having read the book, simply must visit soon. The Main Character . . . We soon learn that Sarah, the protagonist, is an unconscious beauty without the vanity that so often accompanies that gift. Here is a young woman who sees herself as quite average in looks. She does not evoke jealousy in others as she is always unassuming. Having devoted her energies to her studies rather than the social whirlwind that has seduced so many of her peers, Sarah is not seen a rival by even the most bitchy other co-eds. We meet Sarah on her way back to the land she considers her home. Since childhood she has spent her time learning the mountains, flora and fauna of her mountain encircled home. And for this and her unassuming attitude, she is well-respected throughout the area. The Story (teaser) . . . Just out of college, Sarah is back in her favorite place with growing misgivings about her "arranged" marriage to the son of her father's business partner. That this young man is great to look at and the rich scion of a fabulously rich family does not seem as important now that she begins to question if he truly loves her. Sarah is one with the country she calls home and everything in it. That her parents and prospective groom will insist that she move to Zürich never to return weighs heavily on her mind. Heretofore she has been concerned that her potential husband has no problem leaving her for months at a time and does not seem to understand or care about her physical needs. Her parents, especially her mother, have no concern for Sarah's feelings whatsoever. They have begun making wedding plans before the son has even asked for her hand. Her request to put off the wedding until she has been asked her wishes is ignored. Her best friend and roommate in Toggenburg attempts to get her to understand the future that she faces and what it will mean if she finds herself in a loveless marriage. At nearly the same time she meets a rock star beauty, Daniela, who awakens feelings that are foreign to her. When they have dinner together, Sarah sees affection in Danny's eyes and manner that she never experienced in her soon to be husband. What to do? This is a great read that any reader of romance will certainly enjoy. I recommend it highly.

I found myself skipping over so much of the content of this book due to details that were not

necessary and thought processes that should have gone unwritten.

I really enjoyed this book. I'm looking for more from Ms Francis. Thank you.

I loved the description of the topography and the many characters. More please

Excellent. I enjoyed a lot reading this book. Fantastic

I loved this book. Yes it is a long read, and some readers may find it to be a little boring in places. But the characters are likable (well, most are), and the setting for the book is so beautifully described you want to go there. I actually pulled up google and searched for photos of the places the talented Michaela Francis writes about. I plan on reading her next book. And cannot wait for the follow up to Toggenburg.

A little lengthy but I loved the details. I felt like I was in Switzerland. I loved the character development and family interactions. The author ends with an indication that this will be continued. I hope so and I'd love to learn more about the author.

Well written but sometimes too much information included for a pleasure reader. I would certainly like to know when the continuation is due to come out.

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