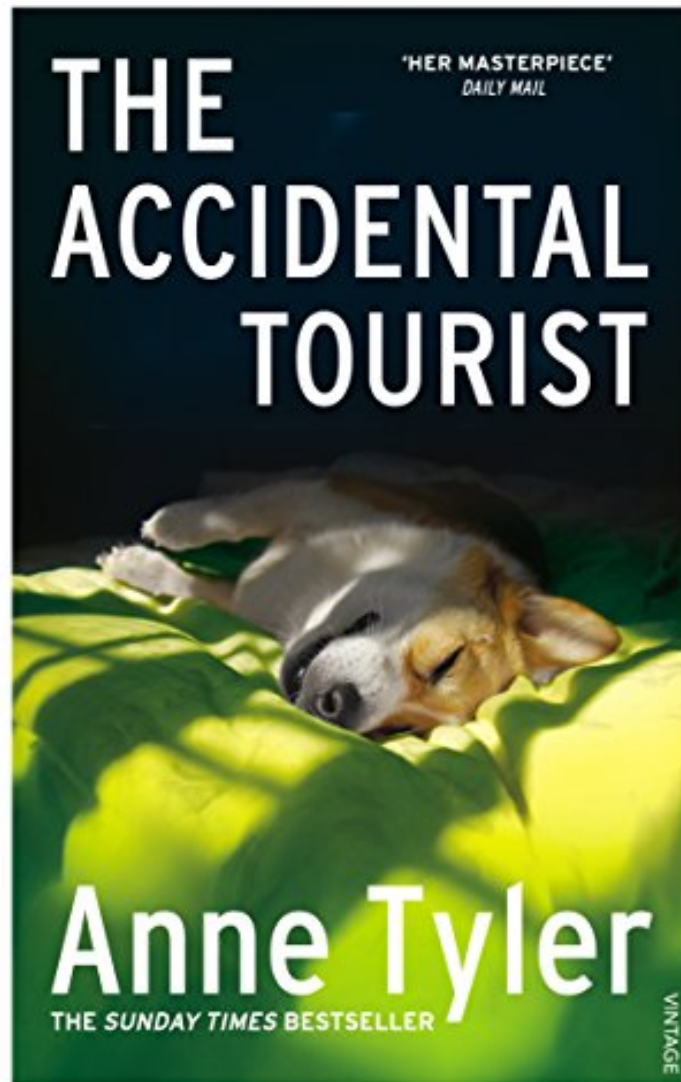


The Accidental Tourist

Von Anne Tyler

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Von Anne Tyler : The Accidental Tourist before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Accidental Tourist:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. You should not miss this book.Von Ein KundeI can't imagine now there was a time when I did not know Anne Tyler and her characters who seem so close and so warm as real, flesh-and-blood people living next door to me. Since I read many of her books, I knew I would loveAccidental Tourist; but still I was not prepared to meet Macon Leary, his

family and Muriel, the main people in the book. Sometimes I was about to burst crying when I was reading the book for the first time (I re-read it about 5 times at least), sometimes I could not help laughing. It is a book about a man whose life is falling apart and who meets a woman he dislikes at first - and who changes his whole life later. This book also changed my perception of Americans who, viewed from Europe where I live, sometimes seem a little bit "no-problem" approach people. So get this book and read it. You'll love it.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Astonishing Story of Learning Von Ein Kunde The characters in Tyler's *Accidental Tourist* are far more quirky than one's everyday friends yet Tyler manages to make each one of them both real and believable, because and in spite of their idiosyncrasies. One can relate to their lives, to their worries, opportunities, and personal shortcomings. Early on Tyler brilliantly establishes the nature of the main character's dilemma: Macon Leary and his wife Sara who are attempting to navigate the murky details of life's hardships. Driving through a rainstorm Sara complains that Macon cannot possibly see the road ahead and that he ought to either pull over or set the wipers to a faster speed. "You're not looking at the road, Sara, you're looking at the windshield," he says. The dangerous road early on becomes the path we all navigate with more and less success, one that requires us to see the road through the rain. The pain of loss and the courage to get on the horse again are very capably handled in this marvelous book. I have read it a dozen times and it always is a fresh start for me to do so again.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Familiar Von Ashley Becker Anne Tyler, also known for her novel *Breathing Lessons*, has done a marvelous job in accomplishing a task that so few writers are able to do. She has somehow written a book that I had to and did finish in one complete sitting. She went on to accomplish this by creating characters that I could relate to, characters that I knew because they had been given real human characteristics. By doing so she has accomplished her purpose that no matter what tragedies one encounters through life, they can always be overcome. *The Accidental Tourist*, a story about Macon Leary, depicts the hardships of life and how various people face them, or even run from them. Macon Leary is an odd sort of character. He is very methodical and seems to have his own unique ways of dealing with things. I mean, how many people do you know that wash their clothes in the shower WHILE taking a shower? I don't know of any. Although I didn't see much of a plot forming until a good ways into the book, Tyler's style of developing her characters was enough to keep me interested and proceed in reading. The story opens with Macon's wife, Sarah, wanting a divorce. They had been going through some tough times because their 12-year-old son had been murdered in a burger stop by a robber. Macon had his own ways of dealing with that tragedy and Sarah didn't seem to understand them. Part of the conflict was that she felt as if she were the only one that cared. Sarah quickly moves out and Macon proceeds in his curious ways with life. The ways he dealt with tragedy reminded me of those movies where a death is experienced and the mourner becomes depressed and hardly able to function. I enjoyed Tyler's twist of fate when a misbehaving Edward, Macon's dog, brings him together with Muriel Prichitt, a dog trainer. Both are divorcees, and can immediately relate to each other. She somehow influences Macon and he falls in love with her wild ways. When given the chance to go back to Sarah, however, he chooses to stay with Muriel, despite his twenty years of marriage to Sarah. Tyler followed every sort of change that Macon went through while separated from Sarah. She backed up the fact that people rub off on other people the way he changed after meeting Muriel. His own quirky siblings, who have to debate the pros and cons of every situation before acting, even if it something as trivial as answering the phone, bring humor to the story. They comment on how weird Macon is becoming, but I felt as if he were coming away from weird and becoming normal. Tyler also illustrated his change in attitude. He began to enjoy his work and talking to people, which he had never enjoyed to do before. In fact, he always traveled with Miss, MacIntosh, an extremely long book that Macon never left behind in fear of having to carry on a conversation with his seatmate. In the end, Macon was talking to them and even holding a woman to get through the flight. Tyler had me feeling sorry for Macon and his quirky ways, like eating popcorn in bed for breakfast or sleeping in sewn up sheets. Although I was under the impression that the book was about Macon AND Sarah, I feel as if it had little to do with Sarah's changes at all. Tyler wrote from a point of view that was personal to Macon, as if she knew him personally and he told her the story with all of his own thoughts. In conclusion, *The Accidental Tourist* is a brilliantly written novel about how one fights to overcome and defeat a hardship or tragedy, and the changes he or she must go through in order to conquer it.

Kurzbeschreibung How does a man addicted to routine - a man who flosses his teeth before love-making - cope with the chaos of everyday life? With the loss of his son, the departure of his wife and the arrival of Muriel, a dog trainer from the Meow-Bow dog clinic, Macon's attempts at ordinary life are tragically and comically undone.

OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD She's changed my perception on life Anna Chancellor One of my favourite authors Liane Moriarty She spins gold' Elizabeth Buchan Anne Tyler has no peer Anita Shreve My favourite writer, and the best line-and-length novelist in the world Nick Hornby A masterly author Sebastian Faulks Tyler is not merely good, she is wickedly good John Updike I love Anne Tyler Anita Brookner Her fiction has strength of vision, originality, freshness, unconquerable humour Eudora Welty From Library Journal Scarred by grief after their 12-year-

old son's senseless murder (he was shot by a holdup man in a Burger Bonanza), Macon and Sarah Leary are losing their marriage too. Macon is unable to cope when she leaves him, so he settles down "safe among the people he'd started out with," moving back home with two divorced brothers and spinster sister Rose. Author of a series of guidebooks called "Accidental Tourist" for businessmen who hate to travel, Macon is Tyler's focus here, as she gently chronicles his journey from lonely self-absorption to an "accidental" new life with brassy Muriel, a dog trainer from the Meow Bow Animal Hospital, who renews and claims his heart. Not a character, including Macon's dog Edward, is untouched by delightful eccentricity in this charming story, full of surprises and wisdom. All of Tyler's novels are wonderful; this is the best yet. BOMC main selection. Janet Wiehe, P.L. of Cincinnati Hamilton
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