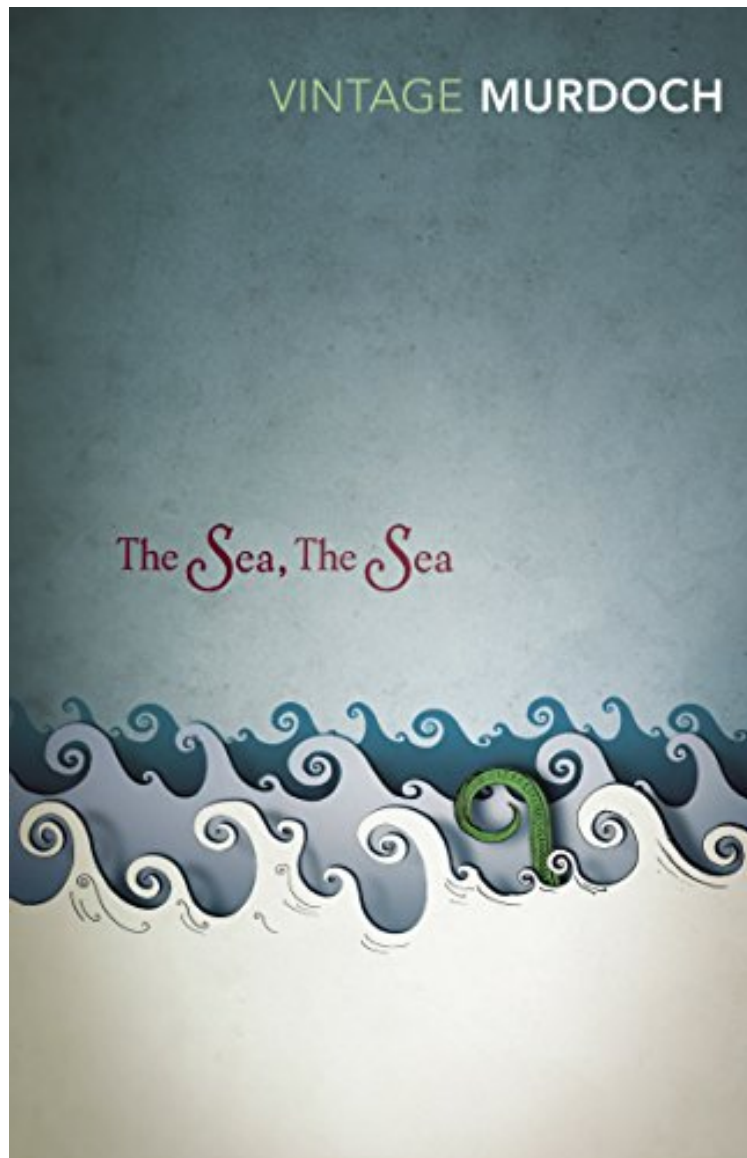


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Von Iris Murdoch

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Von Iris Murdoch : The Sea, The Sea before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sea, The Sea:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I don't know why, but I LOVED this book!Von Meg BrunnerI'm not entirely sure how to describe this novel, though I absolutely loved every word of it. It's kind of about a 60-ish man named Charles Arrowby, who has retired from a

glittering career in the London theater and gone to live by the sea. The book is his journal -- mostly focusing early on about his thoughts on women and how totally wonderful he is. At first, I liked him, then I realized he was the most egotistical and jealous person I have ever encountered -- the combination resulted, for him, in a trail of women totally mad about him that he used and then tossed. All but one, a woman named "Hartley," who dumped him first when they were both young and then became his life-long obsession. When he discovers her living in the village with a jealous and abusive husband, he goes completely crazy and tries to kidnap her and convince her to stay with him forever. I kept hoping he might learn from the experience that women aren't toys and that they don't all worship him just because HE thinks he's so great. He doesn't, though. The book ends with him totally unchanged by all the bizarre and tragic things that happen to him (and already on his way to hooking up with another woman who worships him). If this book hadn't been written the way it was, and I cannot describe what made it so, I would've tossed it aside in disgust over the main character's personality. But instead, I couldn't put it down. Remarkable -- that's the best word to describe it. Magical and bizarre. Read this book!

5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Delightfully complex
Von akostina@aol.com I recommend this book as a first choice to any novice Iris Murdoch reader. The book is a wonderful and rare combination of intense emotions and light elegant style. Along with *The Black Prince*, *The Sea*, *The Sea* is one of the best pieces of modern literature I have ever read.

7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. *The Sea, The Sea*
Von Ein Kunde I started reading *The Sea, The Sea*, and halfway through, my boyfriend left it on a plane. I couldn't find another copy for almost a year, but meanwhile I read some of Murdoch's other novels, which I enjoyed. I've now read about 10 of her books, and *The Sea, The Sea* was by far the best-written and most moving. Murdoch closely scrutinized the minutiae of everyday life and managed to make it beautiful and worthy of consideration and appreciation. After finishing this book, I was unable to read her other novels for a while, because I thought so highly of it, but luckily I'm over that now. This novel may not appeal to some because Charles can be an infuriating and unsympathetic narrator, but ultimately his pure intentions redeem his extreme actions.

Kurzbeschreibung WITH AN INTRODUCTION BY JOHN BURNSIDE
When Charles Arrowby retires from his glittering career in the London theatre, he buys a remote house on the rocks by the sea. He hopes to escape from his tumultuous love affairs but unexpectedly bumps into his childhood sweetheart and sets his heart on destroying her marriage. His equilibrium is further disturbed when his friends all decide to come and keep him company and Charles finds his seaside idyll severely threatened by his obsessions.

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"Dazzlingly entertaining and inventive" (The Times)
"One of the most ambitious tours de force in many years... There are pages one races through to see what happens. She is a virtuoso at description" (Daily Mail)
"She was a brilliantly clever woman" (Dame Judi Dench)
"There is no doubt in my mind that Iris Murdoch is one of the most important novelists now writing in English... The power of her imaginative vision, her intelligence and her awareness and revelation of human truth are quite remarkable" (The Times)
"A fabulous novel... funny and poignant and is arguably Murdoch's finest hour" (Gary Kemp Daily Express)

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The Booker Prize-winning masterpiece from one of the twentieth century's most important and entertaining writers.