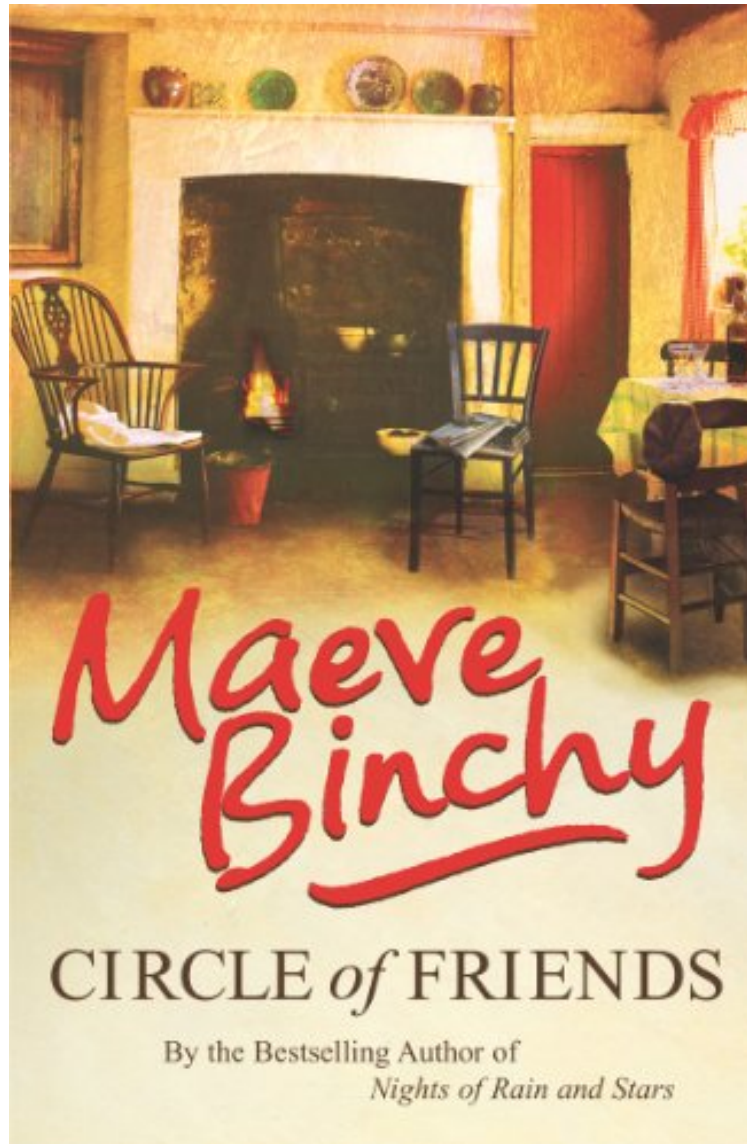


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Von Maeve Binchy

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Von Maeve Binchy : Circle Of Friends before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Circle Of Friends:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fabulous!!! A page turner from cover to cover!!!Von Ein KundeI picked up this book because it was a choice on my summer reading list this year. I chose it because I recognized the title from a movie I owned which is actually the film version of this book. When I got the book I groaned because I realized that it was 600 pages. I figured I wasnt going to

like the book because it didn't really fit my favorite genres to read, and that the story was going to be rather lumbering and slow. Boy was I in for a pleasant surprise. Maeve Binchy perfectly captures the reader's attention from page one. Beginning w/ the start of a new friendship and taking you through all the trials and tribulations of life as a young adult. Eve and Benny are perfect for each other because one compliments the other in characteristics and personality. This story was so fabulous that I picked it up on a rainy day and finished it in three days (it was a busy time for me to be reading). I couldn't put it down. I smiled w/ the characters when they were happy, got angry when they were mad, and, yes, cried when they were sad. This story will take you up and not put you down until the very last page.

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Circle of Friends was the Best! Von Ein Kunde Maeve Binchy's book, Circle of Friends, was one of the best books I have ever read. I had seen the movie first (and after reading the book, I realised the movie didn't do it justice), and fell in love with Benny, Jack, Eve, and the other multitude of characters. I was so excited when I found out that it was a book, I went bought it the next day. I sat down on the couch with the book and didn't get up until that afternoon when I finished the book. It was a wonderful page-turner (although it was 600 pages), and is a great book for everyone (especially for adolescences dealing with boyfriends and abstinence). I loved this book, and it has made me want to read more of Maeve Binchy's books. For those who have read the book, I have two questions: 1. What is the status with Benny and Jack at the end of the book? 2. Is there a sequel to Circle of Friends? If not, is there anyway I could contact Maeve Binchy with the idea? Please e-mail me at soccer254@yahoo.com

4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Binchy close to her best Von Dr W. Richards This book comes close to the sheer perfection Binchy showed in Light a Penny Candle and Echoes. Like these, it is another 'rites of passage' novel involving friends from different social backgrounds who grow up together in a small Irish town in the 1950s, going on to university together in Dublin in the sixties. There are several friends, mainly Benny, Eve and later Nan Malone... and there is Jack; charming, handsome Jack, who runs after all three girls, including chubby and not-so-beautiful Benny. The film version tried to turn this into a Hollywood hearts-and-flowers sappy ending, but actually Binchy's ending here is more credible in the circumstances. Binchy does not always feel the need to go for the happy endings, the tidy resolutions which authors of other romance novels or rites-of-passage stories like to give us, as was shown in Echoes and Tara Road, for example. Here, the ending Binchy gives us is about the only one possible if the integrity of the characters is to be preserved. Beautiful, slow-paced, characters you feel you are really getting to know and can identify with, this book is a delight.

Kurzbeschreibung An enchanting novel of fierce loyalty and love in changing times, from the bestselling author of Light a Penny Candle. Big, generous-hearted Benny and the elfin Eve Malone have been best friends growing up in sleepy Knockglenglen. Their one thought is to get to Dublin, to university and to freedom... On their first day at University College, Dublin, the inseparable pair are thrown together with fellow students Nan Mahon, beautiful but selfish, and handsome Jack Foley. But trouble is brewing for Benny and Eve's new circle of friends, and before long, they find passion, tragedy - and the independence they yearned for. From Publishers Weekly The charm of Binchy's novels (Silver Wedding ; Light a Penny Candle) lies in a seductive readability that draws one through hundreds of pages as surely as a mackerel at the end of a hooked line--contrived plot thickeners and stock characters notwithstanding. In this lengthy story of a friendship and love and loss, there are no lapses or lulls. Benny, plain daughter of a merchant, and Eve, a proud orphan raised by nuns, are close friends growing up in the Irish village of Knockglenglen in the 1950s. When they go to university in Dublin together, their loyalty is tested by the addition of others to their circle, most notably the beautiful, mysterious Nan, an ambitious young woman determined to rise above her working-class origins. While Nan seizes opportunities, friendships and romances are kindled and damped; ugly duckling Benny becomes a swan, and true love almost conquers all. Everybody has a colorful way with words, and if the prose is sometimes careless, this is still Irish storytelling at its contemporary best; small flaws are easily overlooked in a book that is itself so generous. BOMC featured selection. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Best friends since childhood in a small Irish village, first-year college students Benny and Eve are thrilled by the excitement of university life in Dublin. Befriended by Nan, a beautiful classmate with secret ambitions, the three form the nucleus of an ever-widening circle of friends that provides them with a happy sense of belonging and introduces them to a world of carefree activity. However, this light-hearted existence is brought to an abrupt halt when Nan's selfish, callous plans backfire, victimizing Benny and creating within Eve an obsessive desire to avenge Benny. Binchy is a wonderful storyteller, drawing the reader into the hearts of her characters. This engrossing examination of friendship's vicissitudes moves forward effortlessly at a marvelous pace, carrying the reader along on tense, mounting waves of loyalty and deceit. Highly recommended for all popular fiction collections. BOMC alternate.- Sis ter M. Anna Falbo, Villa Maria Coll. Lib., Buffalo, N.Y. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.