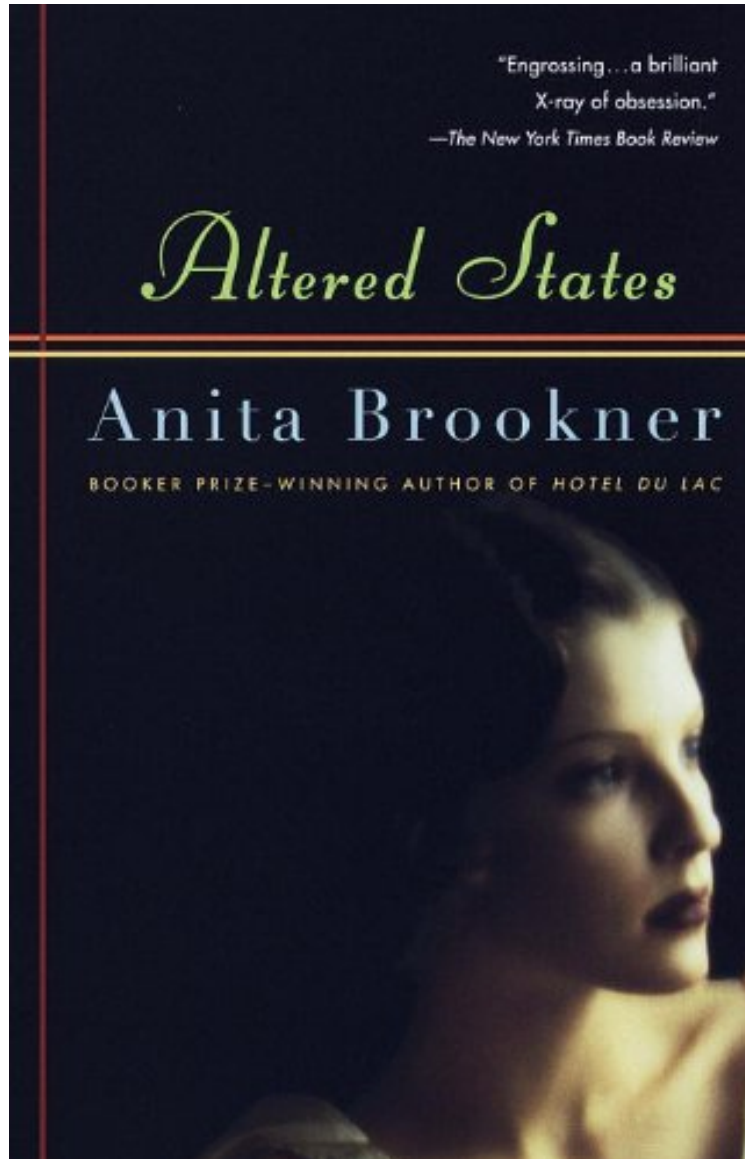


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Von Anita Brookner : Altered States (Vintage Contemporaries) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Altered States (Vintage Contemporaries):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An admirable novelVon HORAKAlan Sherwood, a middle-aged solicitor is spending a holiday in Vif, a somnolent village on the Franco-Swiss border. As he catches a glimpse of a woman on the platform of the station, he is reminded of

Sarah Miller who he once passionately loved. Little by little the reader discovers who this woman was as Alan's recollections of his youth slowly unfold. The pattern of their relationship was quite strange because as soon as Alan saw Sarah, he knew that he should eternally seek to attract her attention. Though beautiful, Sarah was vain, unreliable, feckless, insouciant and literally unable to take any matter seriously, always eluding Alan's questions and never being quite capable of concentrating on the subject at hand. An elusive femme fatale, always expecting the world to attend to her needs, her only consistency being her extremely inconsistent nature. Perhaps that was partly why Alan was so irresistibly attracted to her. In any event Sarah never quite responded to his advances so Alan ended up by marrying Angela and in the course of the plot we discover that she died only after eleven months of marriage and after having given birth to a stillborn girl. Mrs Brookner admirably shows through the numerous characters in her novel how people's states alter depending on whether they are in love, lonely, married, young, old or, like Alan, haunted by the memory of a woman he could never possess. The maturity and the depth of the author's perceptions are mesmerising and her fiction is powerful and disturbing. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a compelling psychological novel about obsession Von Ein Kunde Altered States continues to haunt me two weeks after I finished it. The main character, an intelligent and prosperous British attorney, encounters a sexual obsession that has the tenacity of inexorable fate. The story is told entirely from his point of view, and it's the reader's job to decide how credible his point of view is. Brookner's writing is precise and cutting. While her conclusions about human existence are shocking, she treats her flawed characters tenderly. I'm reminded of the old Hitchcock TV shows and of Dostoyevsky's Crime and Punishment. It's a short book, very much worth reading. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. unique, and literary Von leeloo (leeloo57@goplay.com) I think that the novel was over all very well written, but I wish there could have been more descriptions of Sarah. I enjoyed the way Brookner described the relationship of the mother and son.

Kurzbeschreibung Standing on a railway platform in a Swiss resort town, sensibly clad in his Burberry raincoat and walking shoes, a man thinks he may be looking at the woman for whom he ruined his life many years earlier. Alan Sherwood, a quiet English solicitor, remembers back to a time when he stepped briefly out of character to indulge in a liaison with Sarah Miller, an intriguing but heartless distant relative--only to find himself in a series of absurd situations that culminated in his marriage to Sarah's clinging, childlike friend Angela. With her compassionate portrait of a man who has paid a terrible price for his folly, Anita Brookner gives us a novel that it at once harrowing and humane. In the traditions of Henry James and Thomas Mann, Altered States is a beautifully rendered tale of loneliness, guilt, and erotic obsession. Pressestimmen This is one of the best novels Brookner has written. I was mesmerised from start to finish, and it is shot through with a maturity and depth of perception that leaves you breathless with admiration. (Daily Mail) As a novelist Anita Brookner is both infinitely various and adorably unique. (Spectator) Witty, painful, often moving in their bleak truthfulness, Anita Brookner's novels show mastery in a very specific genre. This quiet novel is yet another reminder that she is a novelist whose art and understanding are much wider than the world she chronicles so chillingly. (Irish Times) Kurzbeschreibung Standing on a railway platform in a Swiss resort town, sensibly clad in his Burberry raincoat and walking shoes, a man thinks he may be looking at the woman for whom he ruined his life many years earlier. Alan Sherwood, a quiet English solicitor, remembers back to a time when he stepped briefly out of character to indulge in a liaison with Sarah Miller, an intriguing but heartless distant relative--only to find himself in a series of absurd situations that culminated in his marriage to Sarah's clinging, childlike friend Angela. With her compassionate portrait of a man who has paid a terrible price for his folly, Anita Brookner gives us a novel that it at once harrowing and humane. In the traditions of Henry James and Thomas Mann, Altered States is a beautifully rendered tale of loneliness, guilt, and erotic obsession.