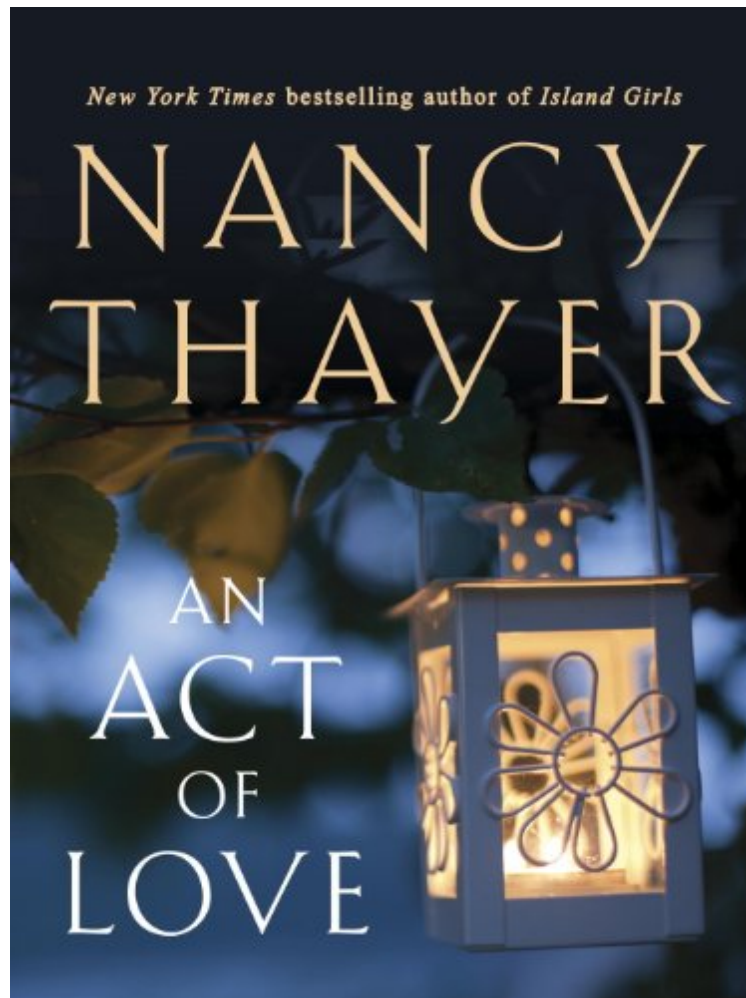


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Von Nancy Thayer : An Act of Love before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Act of Love:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. ENDING...NOT MY TYPE!Von adacuario@hotmail.comPerhaps it's just me; perhaps my 16 year old mind and inexperience with this author cannot comprehend Mrs. Thayer's perspective on writing; or perhaps it's just that I tend to read murder/mystery stories and decided to look towards a change in styles by reading a different type of novel...Now, if by now you only think that I'm 'bad-mouthing' the novel, on the contrary, by no means is this novel a very well written, well thoughtout, and mysterious book that keeps you 'up at nights' just wondering who is telling the truth. I was very entertained with the first half of the book, and, being used to reading murder/mystery novels, was suprised on how entertained I was. The problem that I found was that the novel was over before the book was over; the

novel brings you to an extremely intensified flow that you just see it getting higher and higher but when you finally reach the top, you realize that you passed the climax MANY PAGES BEFORE! When I realized that this person was the lyer with many pages left, I kept on waiting for a surprise to pop out and the 'tables to turn' with a huge upset, making the climax at the top of the mountain instead of in the middle...but it never happened. The novel ends, the book makes sense, and life goes on...By all means, this book was a great novel, but the ending was just not my style.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nancy evinces a lively and intense understanding of people.Von NantucketPrimitiveAuthor Nancy Thayer Brings Us A Mystery of Sorts.By: Sheila Coffin This is an interview with Nancy Thayer, author of "An Act of Love." Me: Tell us about "'An Act of Love,' the book not an actual situation that might come to mind." We laughed. Nancy: "Well, this is a more serious book than my last few. An Act of Love is about a step-family in crisis." Me: It's a modern setting, with modern concerns?" Nancy: "Yes. The novel concerns a step-family, a mother and her daughter, a father and his son. The parents believe they have done a good job raising their children until their daughter ends up in a psychiatric ward." Me: "It sounds like a bit of an intrigue." Nancy: "This is a sort of mystery. Neither the characters nor the reader know what has really happened. The children are pitted against each other testing the loyalties of the parents, threatening the foundations of the family. I wanted to write about adolescents and crisis not just because I am a mother and have two children of my own but also because of what I have seen with other parents and their children. If the parent has done a good job, if they have managed to let their child learn to be self-sufficient there is a time when the parent looks at their child and says, 'Who is this person?' because their child is a total stranger to them. This is very traumatic. It is an acute time, an intense time. You realize that this person is not "your" creature, "your" creation. The parent realizes that they have given over the control for the child's life to the child. A parent cannot keep their child safe." I asked, "Do we have the mystery solved, who really did what, by the end of the novel?" "Yes," Nancy replied. "But I'm not going to tell you. You'll have to read the book." What Nancy was also not quick to volunteer was that the day after An Act of Love was finished she had five offers for movie options. I found "An Act of Love," to be everything Nancy had promised, and more. If you are already one of Nancy Thayer's fans, you'll want to hurry and get a copy of "An Act of Love." If you haven't read Nancy Thayer's books you will find that her humor, her vitality, her kindness, and her concern for people is both gripping and calming. You will feel like you have a friend who knows and cares.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Compelling and realistic portrayal of a family crisisVon Ein KundeThayer has been one of my favorite novelists for many years--I'm always surprised that her books are not on the bestseller lists--or at least more widely discussed. Her new book is a page-turner and explores the perils of family life and the challenge of sustaining a marriage during a crisis. In the this case, the crisis revolves around the two children, who are step-siblings. An accusation of rape of one sibling by the other begins a nightmare that isn't likely to ever be resolved and "put behind them." Thayer's writing shines as she describes the struggle each parent faces in supporting his or her child while keeping the marriage relationship strong. (As always, she explores marriage beautifully.) I found the ending filled with hope and resolve. Would be interested to know what other readers thought of the way Thayer handled this nearly impossible dilemma. As always, I eagerly await her next book. My mother and my daughter feel the same way--we're a three generation Thayer fan club.

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