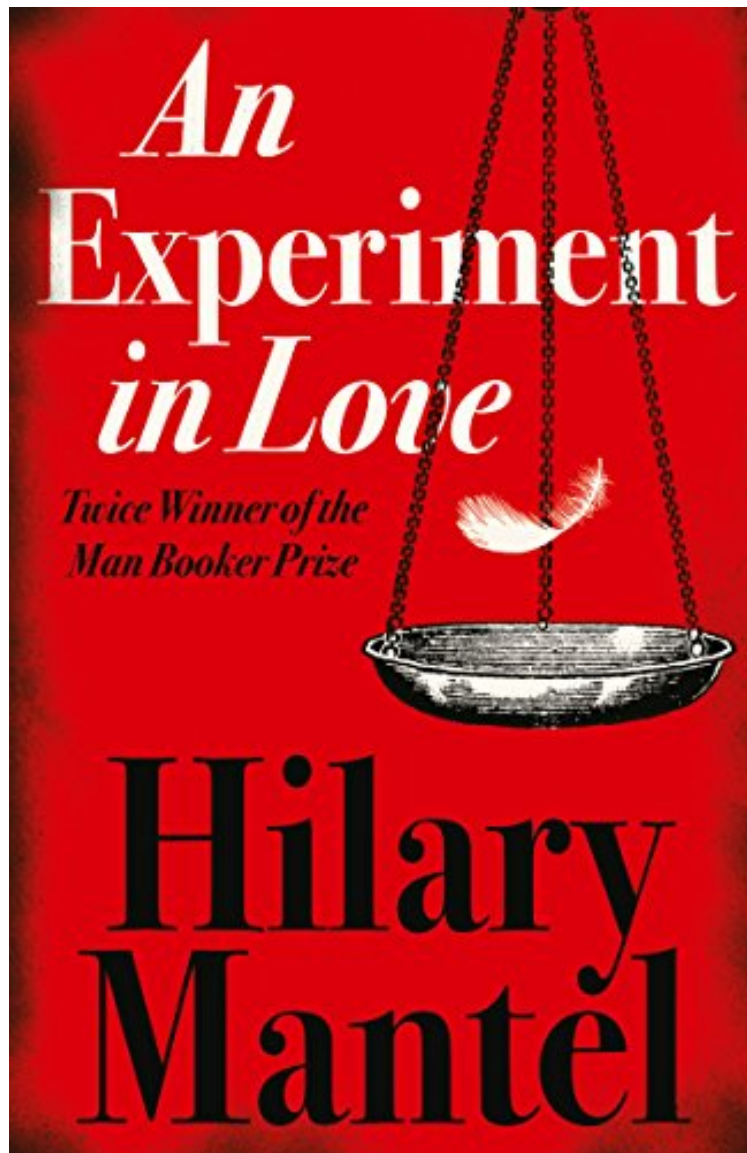


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**Von Hilary Mantel : An Experiment in Love** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Experiment in Love:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Powerfully Stirring NovelVon William C.This novel is strongly written and stunningly evocative in exploring the incongruities of young adulthood: the stern ethic youth hold their peers to, and the simultaneous obliviousness of a broader sense of scale. Like adolescence itself, the novel leaves you with a mixture of feelings, ranging from sadness

to revulsion. But the themes are valid, and will be familiar to all its readers: the drama of breaking established boundaries, the piercing expression of individuality, and the sudden awareness of physically driven impulses in both love and derision. As most well written books about young adults are, "An Experiment in Love" is a story of horrors, both soft and sharp. I believe anyone who reads the book will find in it some reflection of themselves, as well as the ghosts of who they felt in youthful extremism they might become.

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. darkVon Ein KundeEveryone seems to have a different opinion as to what this book is "about." It is my opinion that "An Experiment in Love" is the story of faith destroyed by intellectualism. I think Carmel's spirituality, when it is given no outlet, literally consumes her. Anyway. I hesitate to say that this book should be required reading for everyone, but I think a particular kind of person would like it very much. I feel that Mantel has told my own story better than I ever could (not the anorexia; the loss of faith). Her voice is stark and bleak and poetic, and it disturbed me-- a seventeen year old girl who is religious by nature, but skeptical by conviction-- for reasons that I do not quite understand.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Extraordinary novel -compelling yet harrowing.Von David J. Gannon"An experiment in Love" is, ultimately, a novel about the various forms of imprisonment family, society and religion can place upon the individual.Carmel McBain is the daughter of a lower class English family. She is imprisoned at home by a domineering mother who makes a point of "doing everything" for her daughter while chiding her for being useless. She is constrained at school by her mother's high, harsh, expectations of academic excellence. She is engulfed in between by the inescapable "friendship" proximity and her mother's desires have forced her into with a neighbor and classmate whom she doesn't care for and with whom she has nothing in common.Her academic success lands her in a highly regarded local Catholic girls prep school where she is again paired with her "friend" and further buffeted by the expectations, traditions and social constraints contained within that environment.Finally, at college in London, her "friend" still in tow, along with another classmate from the prep school, Carmel, though seemingly free of the constraints that dominated her childhood, cannot, in fact, sever those bonds. She is now sufficiently free, however, to analyze her situation, as well as those of her classmates, and can see, if not overcome, the various results that these limitations and expectations have had on her and her various classmates. The effects are often severe: Sexual abandon and the consequences those acts engender in a traditional, paternalistic society; Illness (particularly anorexia); and, in the end, a particular act of revenge/release with very grave effects and consequences.Although not a book for the faint of heart, this nevertheless stands as a extraordinary piece of storytelling and social/psychological examination of the anomie often engendered within families in our modern society.

KurzbeschreibungFollowing A Change in Climate, this brilliant novel from the double Man Booker prize-winning author of Wolf Hall is a coming-of-age tale set in Seventies London.It is London, 1970. Carmel McBain, in her first term at university, has cut free of her childhood roots in the north. Among the gossiping, flirtatious girls of Tonbridge Hall, she begins her experiments in life and love. But the year turns. The mini-skirt falls out of style and an era of concealment begins. Carmel's world darkens, and tragedy waits in the wings..deHilary Mantel's seventh novel examines the pressures on women during the 1960s to excel--but not be too successful--in England's complex hierarchy of class and status. Pushed by a domineering mother, Carmel McBain climbs her way through the pecking order and ends up at London University as an acquiescent and undernourished teenager, achieving the status so desired by her mother, but too weak to make use of it or pose a threat to anyone. Though this is Carmel's story, it reflects on a generation of girls desiring the power of men, but fearful of abandoning what is expected and proper..comHilary Mantel's seventh novel examines the pressures on women during the 1960s to excel--but not be too successful--in England's complex hierarchy of class and status. Pushed by a domineering mother, Carmel McBain climbs her way through the pecking order and ends up at London University as an acquiescent and undernourished teenager, achieving the status so desired by her mother, but too weak to make use of it or pose a threat to anyone. Though this is Carmel's story, it reflects on a generation of girls desiring the power of men, but fearful of abandoning what is expected and proper.