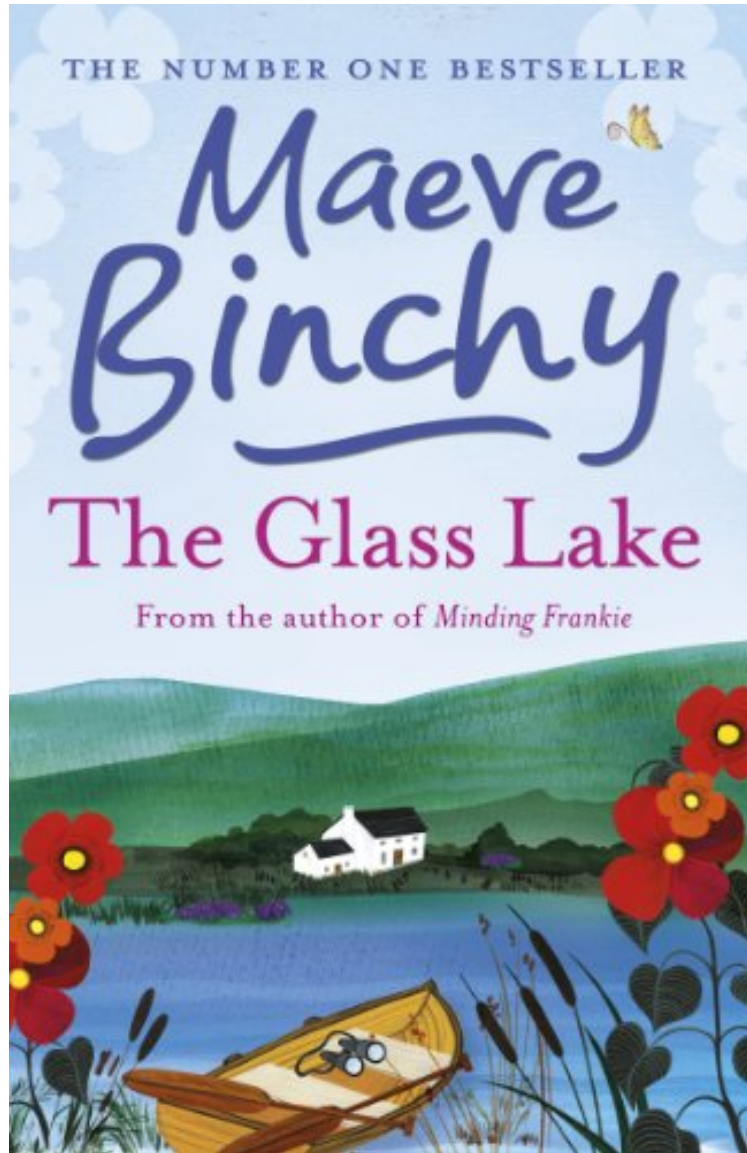


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Von Maeve Binchy

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**Von Maeve Binchy : The Glass Lake (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Glass Lake (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great story - shame about the rushed end Von Dr W. Richards As with other older Maeve Binchy novels, this is mostly a rites-of-passage novel set in a small Irish country town, Lough Glass. One day the young Kit's unhappy mother disappears, leaving a note which Kit destroys, not wanting to upset her father. Everyone assumes that she drowned in the lake, and

life for Kit and the others goes on, but not without heartache as she grows up. I was really engrossed in this book as it developed, looking forward to finding out the solutions to the various mysteries Binchy had set up. But as I got closer and closer to the end, with seemingly no real resolution to some of the issues, I found myself wondering how Binchy was going to tie up the book. Then, in the last thirty pages, she rushed through several very major plot developments, reintroduced some characters and dealt with some serious emotional issues... in a very rushed and unsatisfactory manner. The pace had been leisurely throughout the rest of the book, and as such this really looked to me as if Binchy had suddenly realised that she was over her word limit and needed to tie up all the loose ends as briefly as possible. It didn't work, and really spoiled for me what could have been a wonderful book.

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. You'll never put her down! Von Ein Kunde If you have never read a novel by Maeve Binchy, please make it your next priority. She is the most amazing author I have ever read, and believe me, I've read plenty! She completely wraps you up with her vivid descriptions of characters and the setting. By the time I put one of her novels down, which is after I've finished it, I feel as though I know each individual character as if I were their best friend, and have shared all their pain and happiness. I am now on my fifth Binchy novel, and the best I have yet to read is this one. Not only did it, and all of her other novels I have read, make me laugh, I also shed tears of both happiness and sorrow. She has inspired me to love Ireland and I have decided to have my honeymoon there. I just can't put her down. Even while my brother and his wife, whom I rarely see, were visiting, bringing with them the news that I would become an aunt, I still found it necessary to escape to my room and finish this novel. I can't wait to finish the Binchy I'm reading and begin the next one!

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Compelling characters but believable? Von Ein Kunde The Glass Lake is about the eighth book I've read by the Irish author, Maeve Binchy. This novel, like many others, including Circle of Friends, is set in a small Irish village with parts set in London and Dublin. Also like Circle of Friends, The Glass Lake has a very compelling central character in Kit McMahon. There are several problems with this book however, that I didn't find in Circle of Friends. Another central character is Helen McMahon, AKA Lena Gray, Kit's mother. Their relationship and the events strain reality. Helen runs away from her family to be with her one true love, Louis Gray. Kit finds a letter for her father but burns it, thinking it is a suicide note. Her reason being her mother could never have a Catholic burial if the village thought she committed suicide. The village does find a water-logged corpse so the village and her family mourn her death. Meanwhile Helen/Lena is setting up house with Louis in London. When she finds out her family thinks she is dead, she allows them to continue thinking this. She begins a correspondence with Kit as a "supposed" friend of Kit's mother. I cannot buy the idea of a mother leaving her two children, especially the way Helen's loving nature is emphasized in the book. There are a few love subplots in the novel but for the most part there is an awful lot of padding. Of 757 pages, about 500 is repetition. I have to admit though, the book did hold my interest. I never once considered stopping reading it. Although not very believable, I did enjoy it.

Kurzbeschreibung A tangled, touching story of love, loss and misunderstanding from the No. 1 bestselling author. Kit McMahon lives in the small Irish town of Lough Glass, where everyone knows everyone; children who walk to school together grow up and become sweethearts and marry, people gossip and grumble and dream their lives away. For it is a place where change comes slowly. Until one day, beautiful, mysterious Helen McMahon disappears, presumed drowned in the lake, and then the gossip runs wild. The consequences for Helen's husband, her son, but above all for her daughter, Kit, are unimaginable and will leave not one of their lives unchanged.

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