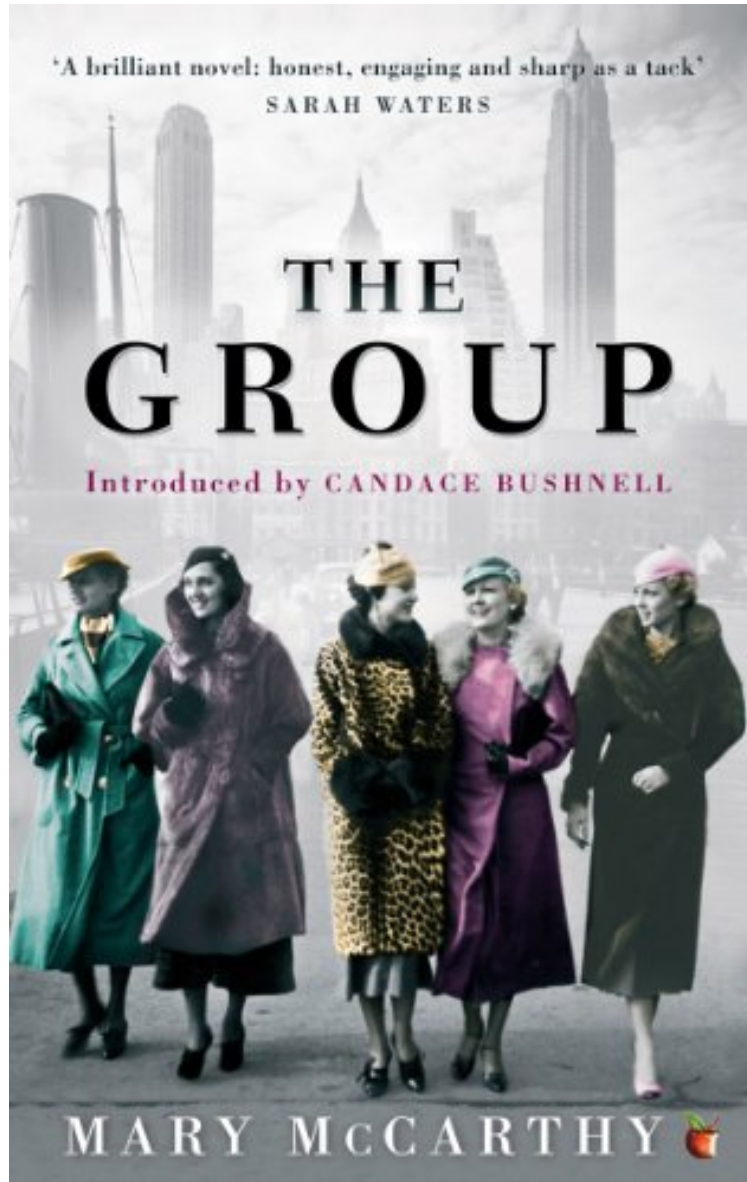


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**Von Mary McCarthy : The Group (Virago Modern Classics Book 26) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Group (Virago Modern Classics Book 26) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Always Delightful, Always FunVon michael t hearnAlong with the more lurid and admittedly trashy "Valley Of The Dolls"

and "Peyton Place," this was one of the seminal books of my youth. What is interesting now is that while the two aforementioned titles have become icons of sorts--'Valley' as a sort of feminist treatise, "Peyton Place" as socio-anthropological cant, go figure-- Mary McCarthy's "The Group" has sort of been relegated to a forgotten spot on the bookshelf, which is a shame since it is a far better book than one may realize. I hardly think the book today would have become the best seller it did, as the writing is too detailed and meticulous in comparison with what passes for much of popular fiction today. And those who made it a best seller in its day I am not so sure grasped what McCarthy was doing; instead they focused on the sensationalist exploration of then oft verboten feminine topics that are prominent in the book--everything from menstruation to birth control. What "The Group" gave me at sixteen was a yearning for the pseudo sophisticated New York world beyond my banal small town suburban upbringing; I longed, like Libby, to take the literary world by storm. At the time, of course, I took it all VERY seriously. Thirty years later, I now realize how brilliantly Mary McCarthy was playing everyone--herself, the girls of Vassar, her entire generation and the American reading public--for a bunch of fools. For what is apparent at the end of the novel is that, for all the advantages of wealth and education these women had, they are no better off emotionally (though they are economically) than their contemporaries who did not go to college, Vassar or otherwise. A very daring approach to take, one I am not sure was or would have been appreciated at the time. But now, as we move into the twenty first century, and the 30's become ever more distant, "The Group" can now be recognized for the brilliant satire it is, as well as a detailed evocation of manners, mores, styles, and a New York that hardly exists anymore. It remains even more one of my favorite books, and one's enjoyment of it only improves with age.

2 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A joy! Von Ein Kunde  
The real pleasure of this book is in Mary McCarthy's use of language. Her turns of phrase and sharp descriptions make one long for a more literate world. Add to this her wicked insights into the vanished mores of the 1930s Eastern Seaboard elite and you have a fun read. This is probably the best written of the whole "growing up in the Ivy League" canon, i.e. Last Convertible, Class Reunion, Superior Women, Love Story, etc.

0 von 13 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Dieses Buch war nicht ein gutes Buch fr mich. Von Williams  
Ich mag es nicht die Art, wie dieses Buch geschrieben wurde. Ich konnte nicht daran interessiert in dem Buch. Ich habe das Buch weg zu einer anderen Person.

**Kurzbeschreibung**THE GROUP follows eight graduates from exclusive Vassar College as they find love and heartbreak, forge careers, gossip and party in 1930s Manhattan. THE GROUP can be seen as the original SEX AND THE CITY. It is the first novel to frankly portray women's real lives, exploring subjects such as sex, contraception, motherhood and marriage.

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**Werbetext**The original SEX AND THE CITY. First published in 1963, THE GROUP, set in the 1930s, follows the lives of eight college friends as they begin their adult lives.'A brilliant novel:honest, engaging and sharp as a tack' Sarah Waters