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**Von Anna Quindlen : One True Thing** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised One True Thing:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Journey into Feeling that will Touch You, AlsoVon Jean Katherine BaldrigeI remember Anna Quindlen when she was a reporter, but I have never read any of her books. I bought this one, not knowing that a movie had been made of it (ok, so I live under a rock), but rather because it was in paperback and I "needed something" to read."You" says Ellen

Gulden's father, as he throws her stuff out on the porch after she suggests he "hire a nurse" to take care of her dying mother, "have a Harvard education, but you have no heart." And so starts her journey back into her family (she quits her job in the big city), back to the mother she never really identified with. So starts her learning process--about human nature...not just about books, or concepts. So starts her learning process about what love is, and what communication between human beings is. It is not just analyzing some dry tract, or being the "Star Pupil". It is far more complicated than that. And this is a complicated, super book. With her mother's inevitable death, her learning process continues and she changes, finally, into a person "with a heart". I cannot express how moved I was by this book. I was absolutely entranced from page one and read it in three days. I sense that many of the people who review in this section ( the book section) like me, love to analyze things and appreciate beautiful, honest writing. Well, guess what? You get that here, but you also get something more--a look at yourself, and how you must communicate with your family and loved ones, in less "removed" ways. I did, anyway. I am going to try to see things from a more human perspective, because of this book. It is good to judge, and yet sometimes it is better to act from the heart. Oh: and I will TRY to COOK MORE. Can't swear I'll clean any more than I already do, but nobody's perfect. :)best, Jean2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Deeply felt, but not so trueVon Joyce McGinnisI read this book when it came out, and I picked it up again recently. My mother has cancer, and she has moved in with my husband and me. I thought the book might comfort me and help me gain some perspective at this difficult time. I was wrong. Ms. Quindlen doesn't attempt to write about things she doesn't understand, but she understands so little of the mother/daughter relationship that the book is rather empty. The mother, Kate, is so wonderful, so nurturing, so accepting. She spent her life creating a beautiful home and loving her family. She bears her illness with grace and courage. The daughter, Ellen, has only to watch, learn, and forgive. With Kate for a teacher, she could hardly do otherwise. Ellen is not jealous or resentful of her mother. She is merely dismissive of the way her mother chose to live. As the novel progresses, Ellen realizes that there's a lot more to her mom and less to her dad than she had previously thought. Welcome to adulthood, Ellen. 'One True Thing' wraps an inherently messy experience up in a very neat package. The novel rings true only to those of us fortunate enough to have wonderful mothers, only to those of us whose lives have never been touched by terminal illness. At its core, it is Anna Quindlen's elegy for her mother and her childhood: touching and personal, deeply felt, but without the resonance that would have come had she explored the less attractive aspects of the relationship at its core. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One True Thing-reviewedVon C2017After reading Object Lessons I knew that Anna Quindlen had a gift in telling a young girl's "coming-of age" story. In One True Thing we read the story of a young woman whose mother is diagnosed with cancer very early on in the book. As the book progresses we begin to care very much about Ellen and her family. The book does not drown us in medical jargon nor are we spoken down to yet we understand fully the exact nature of Ellen's mother's illness. Every facet of Ellen's life changes during the course of the book. She is an aspiring journalist, has moved out on her own and must move back home to care for her mother. Ellen's relationship with her professor father is fascinating, as a daughter learns that her father isn't the perfect man she thought he was. While I expected a predictable outcome I was surprised because the book did not go in the directions we would assume. Very well written and gut-wrenching as it is, I was left with a strong opinion of Ms. Quindlen's abilities as a writer.

Kurzbeschreibung Ellen Gulden is a successful, young New York journalist. But when her mother, Kate, is diagnosed with cancer, she leaves her life in the city to return home and care for her. In the short time they have left, the relationship between mother and daughter - tender, awkward and revealing - deepens, and Ellen is forced to confront painful truths about her adored father. But in the weeks that follow Kate's death, events take a shocking and unexpected turn. Family emotions are laid bare as a new drama is played out, and overnight Ellen goes from devoted daughter to prime suspect, accused of the mercy killing of her 'one true thing'. One True Thing is the devastating story of a mother and daughter, of love and loss, and of shattering choices. dePart of becoming an adult is developing an accurate sense of your parents and of their relationship. It is when her mother is dying and her father demands that she abandon her career as a journalist and come home and take charge, that Ellen finally starts to fall out of love with his academic brilliance and his arrogance. It is through sitting with her mother reading classic novels and discussing Elizabeth Bennett and Anna Karenina that Ellen comes to question a lot of her own rather facile values. And then her mother dies of an overdose and Ellen, who wrote a prize-winning school essay on euthanasia, finds herself charged with murder, betrayed by her ambitious lawyer boyfriend and a pawn in corrupt local politics. Anna Quindlen's intelligent novel demonstrates her preparedness to learn from thrillers the use of suspense to enhance our sense of developed characters interacting complexly. Although the plot is set up too provide rather too many crudely diagrammatic ethical situations and the puzzle of how Kate died is rather less opaque than it needs to be, this is a strong popular novel about death and love, which deals with both issues and emotions. --Roz Kaveney.co.ukPart of becoming an adult is developing an accurate sense of your parents and of their relationship. It is when her mother is dying and her father demands that she abandon her career as a journalist and come home and take charge, that Ellen finally starts to fall out

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