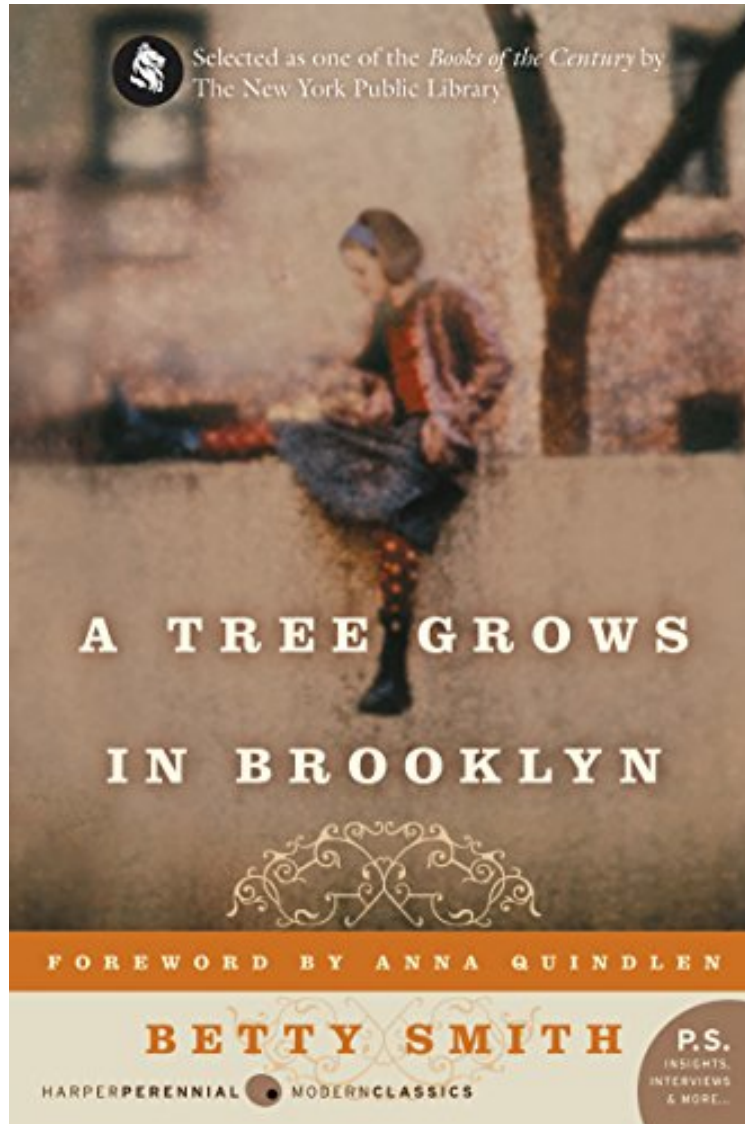


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**Von Betty Smith : A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Modern Classics)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (Modern Classics):

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wonderful novel - brilliant writingVon KundeThe story starts with the narration of a little girl named Francie Nolan descendant of Irish immigrants living near Brooklyn at the beginning of the20 th century. The family has to struggle through a life of poverty and its exposure to the fierce rules of working conditions of that period. Her father, a

dreamer, gets only access to odd jobs, whereas her mother is the down-to-earth woman who finally becomes the principal source of income. Despite this almost desperate situation, the story tells also about hope and positive developments by believing in oneself and continuous striving for a better life. Francie dreams since she was a little girl of becoming a writer and against all odds she manages even to study at university. 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Im Bcherregal meiner Eltern Von Dina Faeh Ich las das Buch als junges Mdchen weil es im Bcherregal meiner Eltern stand. Es war das erste Erwachsenen-Buch, das ich las. Ich war beeindruckt. Nun, 50 Jahre spter, habe ich es in Google gesucht, gefunden und wieder gelesen. Diesmal in der Originalsprache. Diesmal war ich nicht unbedingt beeindruckt, aber berhrt! 7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. very enlightening Von Ein Kunde I had to read this book for a course in American Literature and was absolutely fascinated. It told me much more about life in New York at the beginning of the 20th century than any history book. And as it is written from the point of view of a girl aged 11-18 it is also very recommendable for everyone whose English is not perfect yet. I wish there were more books like this one...

Kurzbeschreibung The American classic about a young girl's coming-of-age at the turn of the century. This P.S. edition features an extra 16 pages of insights into the book, including author interviews, recommended reading, and more. From the moment she entered the world, Francie needed to be made of stern stuff, for the often harsh life of Williamsburg demanded fortitude, precocity, and strength of spirit. Often scorned by neighbors for her family's erratic and eccentric behavior--such as her father Johnnys taste for alcohol and Aunt Sissys habit of marrying serially without the formality of divorce--no one, least of all Francie, could say that the Nolans life lacked drama. By turns overwhelming, sublime, heartbreaking, and uplifting, the Nolans daily experiences are tenderly threaded with family connectedness and raw with honesty. Betty Smith has, in the pages of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, captured the joys of humble Williamsburg life--from junk day on Saturdays, when the children of Francies neighborhood traded their weekly take for pennies, to the special excitement of holidays, bringing cause for celebration and revelry. Betty Smith has artfully caught this sense of exciting life in a novel of childhood, replete with incredibly rich moments of universal experiences--a truly remarkable achievement for any writer. de Francie Nolan, avid reader, penny-candy connoisseur, and adroit observer of human nature, has much to ponder in colorful, turn-of-the-century Brooklyn. She grows up with a sweet, tragic father, a severely realistic mother, and an aunt who gives her love too freely--to men, and to a brother who will always be the favored child. Francie learns early the meaning of hunger and the value of a penny. She is her father's child--romantic and hungry for beauty. But she is her mother's child, too--deeply practical and in constant need of truth. Like the Tree of Heaven that grows out of cement or through cellar gratings, resourceful Francie struggles against all odds to survive and thrive. Betty Smith's poignant, honest novel created a big stir when it was first published over 50 years ago. Her frank writing about life's squalor was alarming to some of the more genteel society, but the book's humor and pathos ensured its place in the realm of classics--and in the hearts of readers, young and old. (Ages 10 and older) --Emilie Coulter.co.uk Francie Nolan, avid reader, penny candy connoisseur and adroit observer of human nature, has much to ponder in colourful, turn-of-the-century Brooklyn. She grows up with a sweet, tragic father, a severely realistic mother and an aunt who gives her love too freely--to men and a brother who will always be the favoured child. Francie learns early the meaning of hunger and the value of a penny. She is her father's child--romantic and hungry for beauty. But she is her mother's child, too--deeply practical and in constant need of truth. Like the Tree of Heaven that grows out of cement or through cellar gratings, resourceful Francie struggles against all odds to survive and thrive. Betty Smith's poignant, honest novel created a big stir when it was first published more than 50 years ago. Her frank writing about life's squalor was alarming to some of the more genteel society, but the book's humour and pathos ensured its place in the realm of classics--and in the hearts of readers, young and old. (Ages 10 and up) --Emilie Coulter, .com