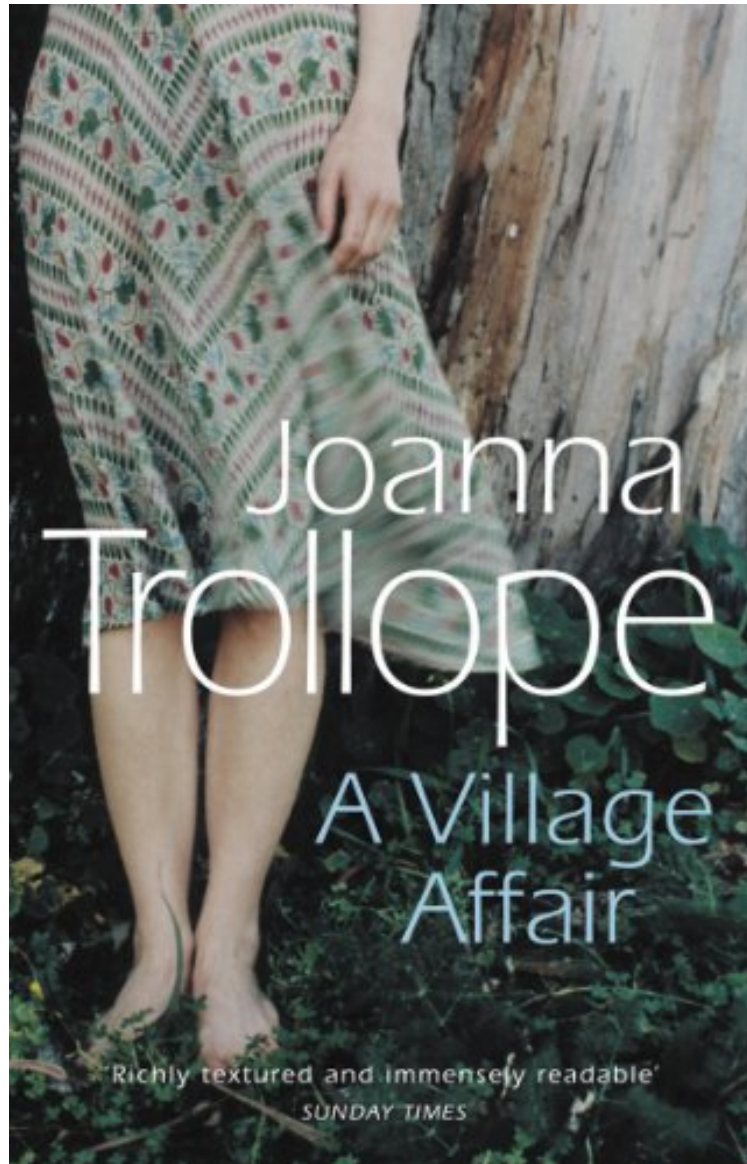


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Von Joanna Trollope : A Village Affair before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Village Affair:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good read-realistic fictionVon Ein KundeEven before Alice married Martin, his parents loved her. Alice and Martin share a contented life as she paints and he works as a country solicitor. Over the years they had three children. However, after the birth of their second child, Alice stops painting. By the birth of their third child, Alice seems mentally ill as she

sinks into a deep depression. To get her out of her morass, Martin reluctantly buys the Grey House in the small village of Pitcombe. However, Alice remains unhappy and Martin does not know what to do to help her with her funk. Alice meets and falls in love with Clodagh, and the two women have an affair. Will Alice leave with Clodagh, remain with Martin, or leave both of them behind? In any case, what will happen to her children? Best selling author Joanna Trollope is renowned for her complex, modern relationship dramas. A VILLAGE AFFAIR will leave no doubt that the author is one of the leading lights on writing daring, intelligent, and entertaining contemporary tales. The elaborate story line centers on Alice's various relationships (not all happy) with a myriad of people. Each interaction whether it is to her spouse, lover, children, in-laws, or her own biological family, seems genuine and adds to the overall worth of the novel. Fans of an authentic plot will gain much pleasure from Ms. Trollope's modern day relationship novel.

Harriet Klausner
2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Passions run high amidst rural idyll - Von Kimberly van Deth
A Village Affair takes advantage of all the skilful expertise of its author in unraveling a tale of repressed sexuality, passion and rejection set in a the quintessential English village. Alice, the mother of 3 well defined and lovable children (all children in Joanna Trollope's novels are remarkably fleshed out) moves with her husband Martin to the "Grey House" a symbol of achievement, respectability and class, the perfect home in the perfect village setting. But Alice appears to be on the verge of a breakdown from the day they arrive... As we meet their respective families and see the lack of emotion on one hand, and overabundance of it on the other, we recognise the gaping holes that have formed in their seemingly "perfect" marriage. The lack of sexual excitement is the final - or most vital - symptom. The crisis comes when Alice meets Clodagh, the youngest daughter up at the "Big House" who has supposedly come home from New York with a broken heart. Though we are already anticipating loopholes, ready to expose the sham of Alice and Martin's relationship, there is a delightful shock when Clodagh reveals first her preference for women, and amidst domestic bliss in Alice's home, a preference for Alice too. This is true love for both women, made ragged by the inevitable and terrible consequences for the grandparents, Martin, and in a subtle and open ended fashion, the children. Trollope has a huge gift for presenting every facet of these events without bias or criticism, through the villagers, the vicar, inlaws and family friends. The reader is kept entranced by the unfolding tale of passionate reaction and despair resulting from a declaration of their affair by the two women. I found this one of the most engrossing Trollope novels with a sharp contemporary edge and a bittersweet ending, that left you wanting to know what would happen next in the lives of these characters. (and ready to pick up another Joanna Trollope novel!)

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. top notch - Von A. Coray
This was the first novel I had read by this author and I am hooked. The focus should not be on the "plot" but on the incredible ability Ms. Trollope has to involve you in her characters' lives. I highly suggest that you give this book a chance. Trust me!

Kurzbeschreibung The Grey House is the final piece in the jigsaw of Alice Jordan's perfect life. It seems to be the ultimate achievement of her outwardly happy marriage - a loyal, if dull husband, three children, two cars and now the house. So why does she feel as if something is missing? As Alice and her family settle themselves into village life the something missing becomes something huge and then breaks, scandalizing the village, opening up old wounds. But because of it, Alice begins to feel that there is hope and humour and understanding and compassion in the new life she must build for herself.

Pressestimmen "An elegantly crafted dissection of English rural life among the well-heeled and privileged... A considerable achievement" (Woman's Journal) "A story of seduction - not only sexual seduction but the irresistible appeal of money, beautiful objects, charming manners... excellent" (The Sunday Times) "A richly textured and immensely readable novel" (The Sunday Times)

Werbetext A stylish, warm, sometimes comical, sometimes loving story of a marriage, a family, and a village affair.