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From Alfred A Knopf Inc : A Week in Winter before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Week in Winter:

410 of 433 people found the following review helpful. Maeve Binchy's books are like wrapping yourself in a duvetBy JEJohnsonI always fall into a book by Maeve Binchy like falling into a warm bed ona snowy evening, enveloped in a gloriously cozy down duvet, the lamp on, awarm drink to hand, ready to be swept away to a place of caring and compassion.Her theme is always the same - people, confronted by difficulties in life, badluck or hard times, and how the choices they make lead to a better life, or onethat is (by their own actions) shut down and made smaller.Ireland is not only the setting, it is also one of these characters - beautiful andtroubled, or glorious and hopeful; more likely all of these.Maeve has died, and now that I have read this book, there is that sad realizationthat there aren't going to be any new characters to meet - but I will be re-readingall her books, including this one, which I think is one of the best.If you are a fan of Maeve Binchy's works, you already know these characters, andthe plots. You know the place - only a small part of the book is set in Dublin; mostof it is in the West, in a village on the coast.As usual, there are a mis-matched group of near-strangers, brought together for an arbitraryocassion - this time it is the opening of a small inn - each with a life problemthat must be confronted (or, notably for one character, avoided) and how thatplays out.The pleasure is in spending time with these people as they face up to their problems,or fail to, and the understanding (and compassion) for people that Maeve alwaysshows.Reading Binchy, I always feel more alive, more aware of other people, more as if I have had a glimpseinto their hearts and minds - and that is a great gift, what only the most profoundlygifted authors, artists and composers ever achieve.Binchy's works were, in her lifetime, so often dismissed as romances or women's lit -I prefer to think of her as a reporter and journalist (as she was, and so was

Dickens)reporting on the heart and mind and soul of people in troubling times.If you have read other books by Maeve Binchy, you don't need reviews to tell you why youwill love A Week in Winter. If you haven't, but read to understand people (and yourself)and how relationships really work (or fail to), you will love this book!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A WEEK IN WINTERBy Grandma of fourI have never read a Maeve Binchy that I didn't enjoy this book is no exception. I must admit I read it a long time ago and didn't remember! I probably will read it again...my friend has read it three times! Read Evening Class by Binchy it's an excellent book too.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Almost a compilation of short stories.By wandaI didn't like this as much as most Maeve Binchy books. Just about the time I would get interested in one character, she would tie up their story with a neat little ribbon and start into someone else's. Not enough storyline to "sink my teeth into"

You will laugh and cry as you spend the week with this odd group who share their secrets and even have some of their dreams come true.