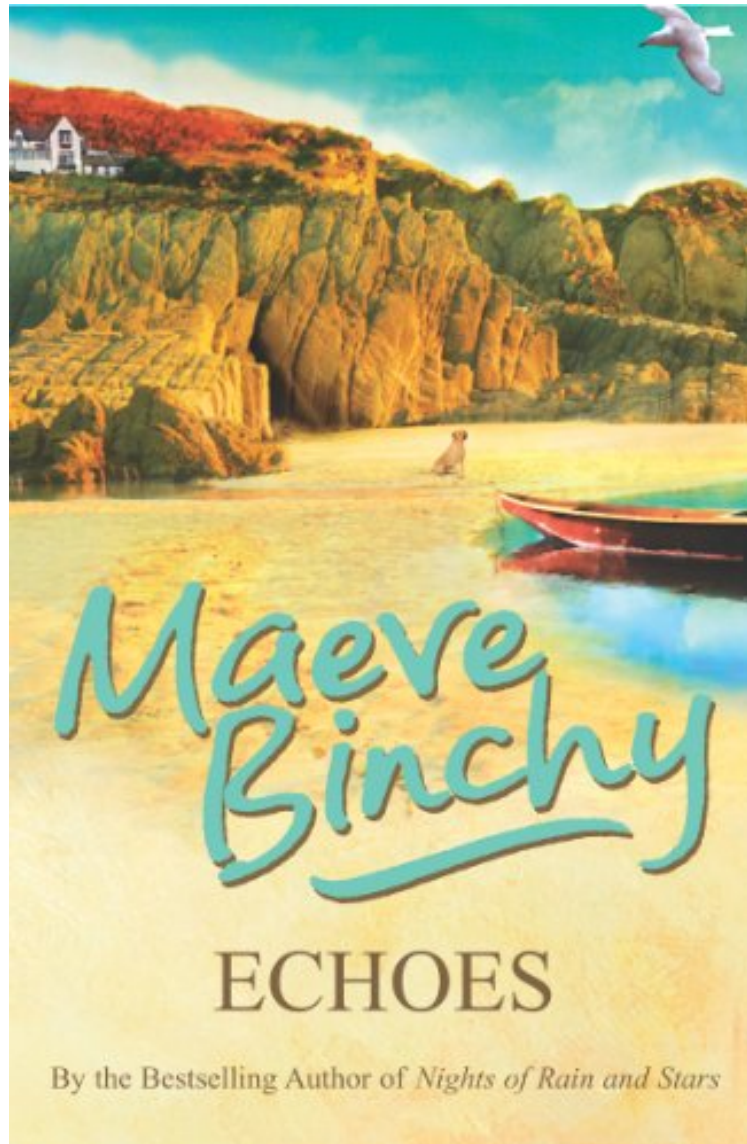


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highly...take patience in the beginning, it WILL get better!4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Best of the 'rites of passage' genre by farVon Dr W. RichardsI've read everything Maeve Binchy has written, and in my opinion this is by far the best of her many novels. It's about a group of friends growing up together in a small seaside town in 1950s Ireland. As they get older they discover there are differences of status between their families, and Claire and David, who are beginning to fall in love as teenagers, discover his family is not receptive to their relationship.The story moves on, through their college years and beyond, and along the way Binchy shows the passage of time by subtly blending social and political changes in with the characters' lives. Binchy has fantastic story-telling skills, and these are best exhibited in her earlier books, such as this and *Light a Penny Candle*; I did find some of her later books a little disappointing.3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. DisappointingVon Ein KundeI must admit that I was rather disappointed by this book. It started off promisingly enough, we were introduced to interesting characters, each pursuing their own dreams. However, about three quarters through the book, it seemed that the story itself was unsure what it wanted itself to be. Was it going to be about dreams, pursuing or giving up because of other priorities in life? Was it going to be a romance? Or was it going to become a thriller, with a slightly crazy man pursuing his love? The book tried to bring in a bit of everything and ultimately left all the areas underdeveloped.

KurzbeschreibungA wonderful love story from the bestselling author of *Light a Penny Candle* and *Circle of Friends*. Growing up in a small seaside town in the 1950s, Clare O'Brien and David Power shout their hearts' desired into the echo cave, praying that their destiny will lead them faraway from the town in which they live. Years later they meet again in Dublin, where David is studying medicine and Clare has won a scholarship to University College. But eventually Castlebay will draw them back and it is against a backdrop of empty grey skies, sea-spray and wind that this drama of ambition, betrayal and love finally reaches its turbulent conclusion. From Publishers WeeklyThe bracing sea air brings little pleasure to the year-round residents of Castlebay, a village on the coast of Ireland, where class lines are strictly observed and morals publicly monitored. The youngest daughter of a shopkeeper whose meagre living depends on summer trade, Clare O'Brien is determined to move beyond her present circumstances. Hard work and the guidance of an irreverent, caring schoolteacher bring the resolute scholar to a college in Dublin. There, her steps falter when she enters into an ardent affair with David Power, the son of Castlebay's only doctor and another willing exile. Although David returns her love, their devotion is sorely tested when they are forced to marry and return home. As a wealthy, new-fledged doctor, David easily resumes his privileged position, but Clare is trapped between her mother-in-law's cold fury and the town's unease. Sharply drawn, memorable characters and a convincing picture of a small Irish community bring freshness and zest to a familiar tale. Binchy also wrote *Light a Penny Candle*. 50,000 first printing; Literary Guild alternate; first serial to *Cosmopolitan*; paperback rights to Dell; U.K. rights: Century Publishing; translation rights: Christine Green. JanuaryCopyright 1985 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library JournalThis romantic melodrama, set in an Irish seaside town in the Fifties and early Sixties, is as wholesome and engaging as the author's first novel, *Light a Penny Candle* (LJ 2/15/83). Memorable characters include a poor shopkeeper's daughter who wins a university scholarship, only to miss final exams by a cruel twist of fate; a medical student who shocks his family by marrying "beneath him"; a lonely schoolteacher who guards two scandalous secrets about her local celebrity brother; and a kindly, ubiquitous priest who knows all, tells nothing, and holds everyone together. It's a little slow to get into, but by the halfway mark the reader is fully involved in all the subplots and is turning pages nonstop. Recommended for most public libraries and for YA collections. Literary Guild alternate. Joyce Smothers, Ocean Cty. Lib., Toms River, N.J. Copyright 1985 Reed Business Information, Inc.