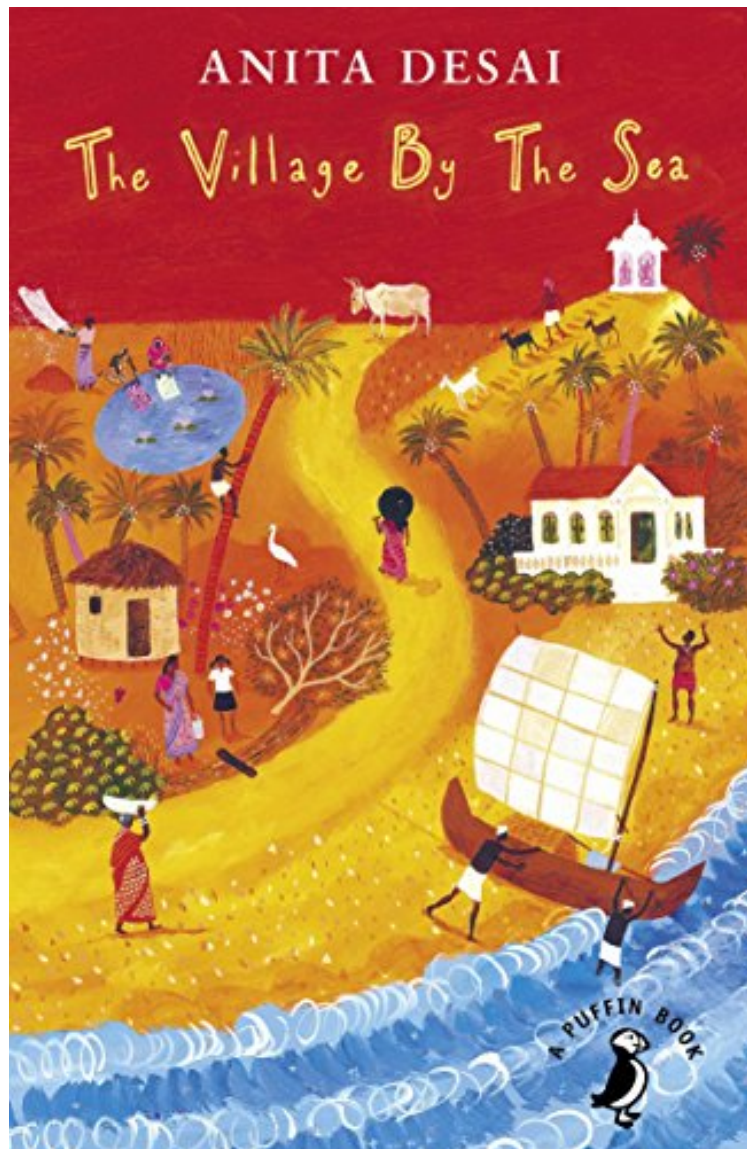


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Von Anita Desai : The Village by the Sea (A Puffin Book) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Village by the Sea (A Puffin Book):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A very moving storyVon HORAKAnita Desai's wonderful novel tells the story of a family living in the small fishing village of Thul, 14 kilometres from Bombay, India. It is more precisely the story of two young people, Hari, a boy of 14, and Lila, a girl of 13, with a will to survive. Their task is not easy. Lila has to look after their mother who is very ill with

fever and requires constant care. She is also in charge of all the household chores and has to look after their two younger sisters, Bela and Kamal. Hari on the other hand has to work in the fields, selling whatever he can at the market to feed the family. Indeed, their father has long ceased to be a fisherman, his sole occupation being to get drunk on toddy every night along with his chums in the village. Fortunately next to their hut is a large country house called Mon Repos which is owned by the de Silvas from Bombay and whenever they come on holiday to Thul, Lila and Hari can earn some extra money by helping with the household or doing work in the garden. But there is a rumour in the village saying that soon the rice fields and the coconut groves will be replaced by a large fertiliser factory. The location of Thul was chosen by the Government for its closeness to the port of Rewas. So new highways and railway lines are to be built and the villagers are worried about their future. Are they skilled enough to get a job at the factory? What will become of their traditional way of life? Will the air and the sea be polluted by chemicals? When a delegation is sent to Bombay to express their worries to the Minister Sahib, Hari decides to join the party. Before leaving, he decides that Bombay may offer him a better life opportunity than his frightened sisters, his sad house, his ill mother and his drunken father. And it is indeed in Bombay where this delicate boy, who "never did talk much and always preferred to think things out very slowly and carefully before he did", will learn to fight and become a man. A wonderful and delicate novel, one of Anita Desai's great achievements.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. lesenswert - für Jugendliche und Erwachsene Von Milchbart Anfangs habe ich mich etwas "gequält" mit dem Englischen, da etliche indische Ausdrücke mit verweben sind in den Text, doch zu Beginn gibt es eine Seite, wo diese erklärt werden. Da ist dann nur das Hin- und Herbüffeln etwas lustig. Aber bald kam ich in die Geschichte rein. Erzählt wird die Geschichte vierer Geschwister, die auf sich allein gestellt sind, da ihr Vater Alkoholiker ist, die Mutter schwer erkrankt, die jüngeren Töchter gehen noch zur Schule, die beiden älteren Geschwister kümmern sich um den Lebensunterhalt. Das ist ein hartes Brot im indischen Dorf. Es sollen neue Industrien entstehen - für Dngemittel. Eine Möglichkeit für neue Arbeitsplätze und geregeltes Einkommen, eine große Gefahr für traditionelle Lebensformen und die Umwelt. Der ältere Bruder geht beim Demonstrationzug ins große Bombay, strandet dort und schlägt sich durch. Das ist alles sehr beeindruckend und gefühlvoll beschrieben. Es ermöglicht den Blick über den Tellerrand und zeigt eine andere Welt aus einem persönlichen, jugendlichen Blickwinkel, ohne zu depressiv zu werden, ohne zu erschlagend zu sein und ohne Perspektive außer Acht zu lassen. Daher volle Leseempfehlung, auch eine gute Sprachübung für Englische für mittlere bis gute Kenntnisse. Eine Herausforderung allemal.

Produktbeschreibung A story of survival set in a small fishing village near Bombay. Lila and Hari, aged 13 and 12, struggle to keep the family, including two young sisters, going when their mother is ill and their father usually the worse for drink. When Hari goes to Bombay to find work, Lila seems to be responsible for everything. Although the book paints a picture of extreme poverty, it demonstrates the strength of the family even in the most extreme circumstances and offers a powerful picture of another culture.