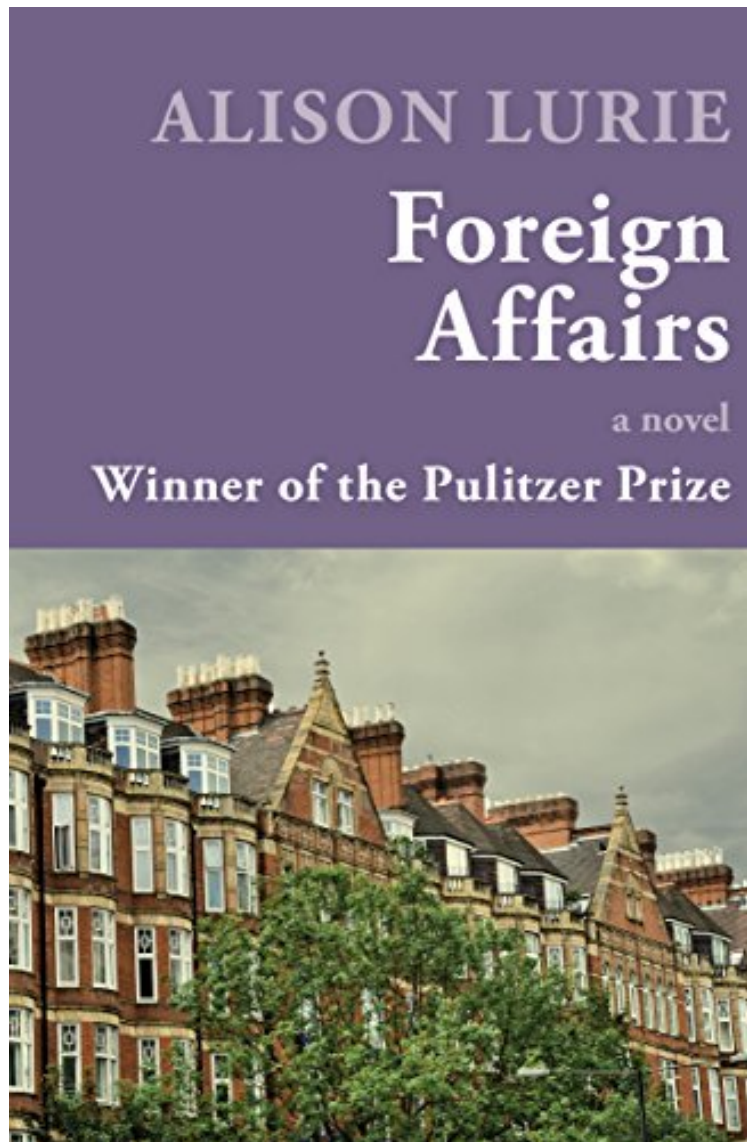


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Von Alison Lurie : Foreign Affairs: A Novel (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Foreign Affairs: A Novel (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Witty, poignant and charming...Lurie writes like a dreamVon Ein KundeAlison Lurie's "Foreign Affairs" is quite the most witty, poignant and charming book I have read all year. Lurie had me in her spell right from the opening chapter where I was struck by her sureness of touch and intuitive understanding of the workings of the human heart. Her sense of

humour is so honest and spot-on it's uncanny. She had me in stitches no sooner than Vinnie Miner boarded the plane and found to her dismay the unlikeliest of travelling companions seated next to her and determined to make conversation. Lurie's protagonists, Vinnie Miner and Fred Turner, are both living, breathing individuals everyone recognises. They aren't "types" but real people, not particularly distinguished or virtuous, with insecurities, but nevertheless people you feel compassion for. Vinnie and Fred are thrown together, sharing the same broad social milieu and developing romantic attachments with the unlikeliest of liasons. Of the two, Vinnie's story is by far the more convincing and successful. It is also heartwarming and touching. In contrast, Fred's liason is a little bland and one dimensional but saved by a dark twist at the end which I won't give away. "Foreign Affairs" has to be Lurie's masterpiece. It is a truly delightful and exceptional literary achievement by a novelist whose trademark is a graceful old school charm that's so rare to find these days. It richly deserves its Pulitzer Prize winning status and I would recommend it to anyone who reads to be moved and entertained.

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hardly "flawless" Von :) This novel IS well written. But after the engaging beginning, describing Vinnie's successful strategies for coping with flying alone, the plot bogs down to a slow crawl, and I had to force my way to the end, trying to discover what made it Pulitzer Prize-worthy. I realize that many writers are university academics during the day. And, the old dictum of "write what you know", well, I guess that's natural. But since the days of Kipling, Hemingway, and London, writers' lives, it seems, are dreary exercises in stifling mediocrity. There seems to be an obligatory urge to write something semi-autobiographical: to vent the spleen, contemplate the navel, and lament the sorry socio-economic status of the suffering novelist. But, Lord!, is that boring to the frustrated reader. None of the characters in this novel were admirable or even likable, except for the doomed Chuck, and we got precious little of him. I've been running into this scenario a lot lately, Brookner's "Hotel du Lac", Medwed's "Host Family", Russo's "Straight Man", Hassler's "Rookery Blues". Enough's enough. The next synopsis that reads: "Joe Blow was two years away from tenure, but the rumored cutbacks were looming. His marriage was over, his dog recently cashed it in, he's suffering from major league writers' block, his daughter hates him ...", well, I'm a-headin' for the hills with Steinbeck under my arm.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. FUNNY, ABSORBING, FILLED WITH NUANCES Von Ein Kunde If you love Jane Austen but are looking for a modern novelist, you will love Alison Lurie. Lurie's books are hilarious and her characters are complex. She doesn't have to rely on sensational family problems (like hidden incest, etc) to keep the reader's interest. Her writing style is natural and her timing is impeccable. You can read her books with pleasure many times. Best of all, she's a modern author whose women characters are not confined to home and marriage -- they have careers and affairs, and the sticky problems that go with both. I discovered Alison Lurie about three years ago, and I am eagerly awaiting her next novel because I've read all the other ones. My favorites are Foreign Affairs (the protagonist is a nondescript woman in her 50s -- and her story is funny, poignant, and interesting.) I also love The Truth About Lorin Jones, about a woman who's angry at men in general due to her recent divorce, and discovers some interesting truths about herself while researching a woman artist, Lorin Jones. Also great are: The War Between the Tates, Real People, The Nowhere City, Imaginary Friends, and Love and Friendship. Buy Alison Lurie's books for your next lazy Sunday afternoon!

Kurzbeschreibung This Pulitzer Prizewinning novel follows two American academics in London a young man and a middle-aged woman as they each fall into unexpected romances. In her early fifties, Vinnie Miner is the sort of woman no one ever notices, despite her career as an Ivy League professor. She doubts she could get a man's attention if she waved a brightly colored object in front of him. And though she loves her work, her specialty children's folk rhymes earns little respect from her fellow scholars. Then, alone on a flight to London for a research trip, she sits next to a man she would never have viewed as a potential romantic partner. In a Western-cut suit and a rawhide tie, he is a sanitary engineer from Tulsa, Oklahoma, on a group tour. He's the very opposite of her type, but before Vinnie knows it, she's spending more and more time with him. Also in London is Vinnie's colleague, a young, handsome English professor whose marriage and self-esteem are both on the rocks. But Fred Turner is also about to find consolation in the arms of the most beautiful actress in England. Stylish and highborn, she introduces Fred to a glamorous, yet eccentric, London scene that he never expected to encounter. The course of these two relationships makes up the story of Foreign Affairs a finalist for the National Book Award and National Book Critics Circle Award as well as a Pulitzer Prize winner, and an entertaining, poignant tale from the author of The War Between the Tates and The Last Resort, one of this country's most able and witty novelists (The New York Times). This ebook features an illustrated biography of Alison Lurie including rare images from the author's personal collection.