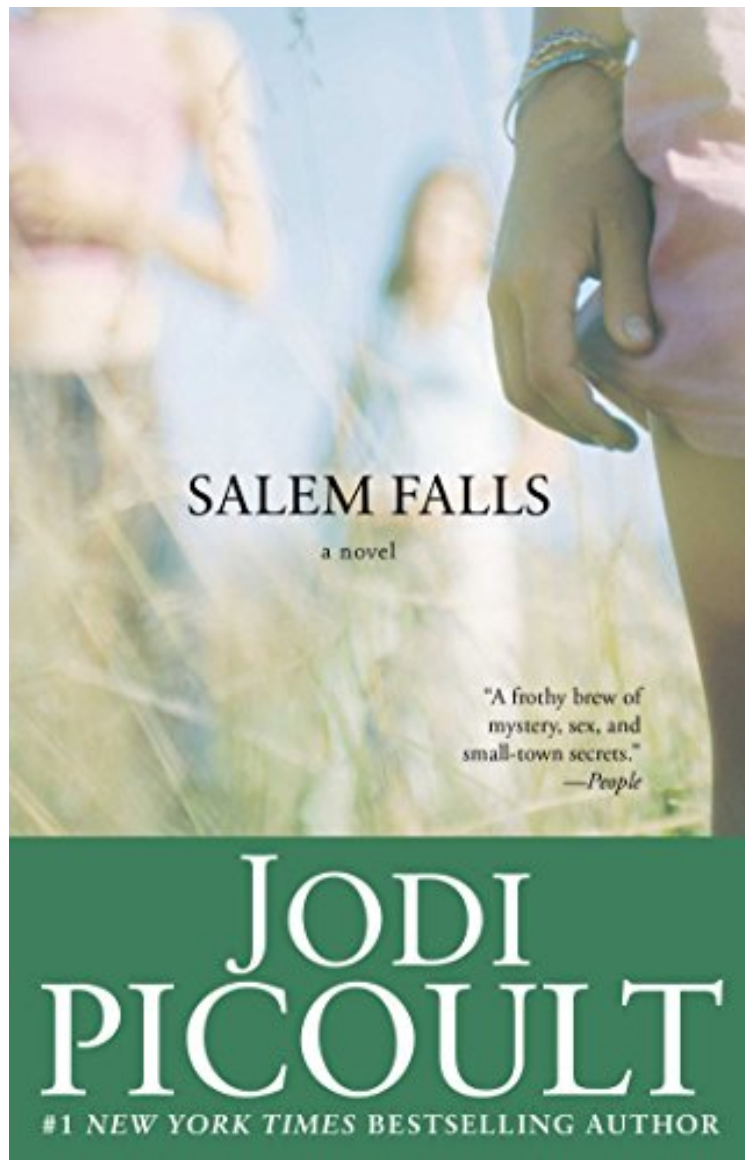


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**Von Jodi Picoult : Salem Falls (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Salem Falls (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.  
Intriguing thriller with a wicked plotVon MissGoWestJack St. Bride hopes to build up a new life in Salem Falls, New Hampshire after his release from prison. He wants to put the false accusation of sexual assault behind him, but soon

enough the town knows about his past. Addie Peabody, a diner owner, gives Jack a job when he urgently needs one. Having a troubled past of her own, she starts to get new hope when she allows Jack into her life. Yet disturbing developments make her wonder if she made the right choice - could it be that Jack is guilty of another sexual assault? Jodi Picoult certainly knows how to draft a thriller which makes the reader turning page after page until the unsettling end. "Salem Falls" was my first novel by Picoult and definitely not the last one. The author's writing style is captivating and her characters are well-drawn. Most of all, it's easy to relate to them - no matter the "good" or "bad" ones. The whole book felt very genuine to me. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Do you believe in magic? Von Bettina Engster Jack St. Bride moves into the quiet town of Salem Falls after eight months in jail because of mistankently abused of rape. Here he meets Abbie Peabody, who offers him a job at her Do-or-Diner. After a short time Abbie and Jack fall in love. At the same time people of Salem Falls get to know, that Jack was sentenced for rape and the terror begins. A bunch of people try to get Jack leave the town and they even become brutal and beat him up. About the same time a bunch of tennage girls try to make spells and hoping to become real witches. At the thirtieth of April Jack is opposed of rape again. Can he manage to proof he's innocent this time? A very breathtaking and interesting time at court begins. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Salem Falls- Sehr empfehlenswert! Von Merlin Salem Falls beleuchtet das Thema Vergewaltigung von einer ganz anderen Seite, nmlich der des Tter bzw. in diesem Fall von einem Mann, der flschlicher Weise als Tter verurteilt wird der dadurch selbst Opfer einer Vergewaltigung wird, nmlich im Sinne der Beraubung seiner Mensechenwrde im Gefngnis wie auch danach, als er versucht sich wieder ein Leben aufzubauen eine erneute Hexenjagd ber ihn hereinbricht. Wie immer gestaltet die Autorin ihren Plot spannend, berraschend aus der Sicht verschiedener Personen, die ausfhrlich aber nicht langatmig charakterisiert werden. Ein Buch zu einem brisanten Thema, dass man nicht aus der Hand legen kann!

Kurzbeschreibung When Jack St. Bride arrives by chance in the sleepy New England town of Salem Falls, he decides to reinvent himself. Tall, blond, and handsome, Jack was once a beloved teacher and soccer coach at a girls' prep school -- until a student's crush sparked a powder keg of accusation and robbed him of his reputation. Now, working for minimum wage washing dishes for Addie Peabody at the Do-Or-Diner, Jack buries his past, content to become the mysterious stranger who has appeared out of the blue. With ghosts of her own haunting her, Addie Peabody is as cautious around men as Jack St. Bride is around women. But as this unassuming stranger steps smoothly into the diner's daily routine, she finds him fitting just as comfortably inside her heart -- and slowly, a gentle, healing love takes hold between them. Yet planting roots in Salem Falls may prove fateful for Jack. Amid the white-painted centuries-old churches, a quartet of bored, privileged teenage girls have formed a coven that is crossing the line between amusement and malicious intent. Quick to notice the attractive new employee at Addie's diner, the girls turn Jack's world upside down with a shattering allegation that causes history to repeat itself -- and forces Jack to proclaim his innocence once again. Suddenly nothing in Salem Falls is as it seems: a safe haven turns dangerous, an innocent girl meets evil face-to-face, a dishwasher with a Ph.D. is revealed to be an ex-con. As Jack's hidden past catches up with him, the seams of this tiny town begin to tear, and the emerging truth becomes a slippery concept written in shades of gray. Now Addie, desperate for answers, must look into her heart -- and into Jack's lies and shadowy secrets -- for evidence that will condemn or redeem the man she has come to love. From Publishers Weekly Picoult's new novel (following the acclaimed Plain Truth) is a story about rape and reputation, loosely based on The Crucible. Jack St. Bride comes to Salem Falls, N.H., after his release from prison. The former teacher and soccer coach wants to start a new life following a wrongful conviction for statutory rape. Unfortunately, Salem Falls turns out to be the wrong place to do it. He has no trouble landing a job at the local diner and winning the trust of the diner's eccentric owner, Addie, but the rest of the town is suspicious. Things get dangerous when manipulative 17-year-old Gillian Duncan, whose father owns half the town, gets interested in Jack and tries to seduce him with Wiccan love spells. Then Gillian is assaulted in the woods, and Jack is accused of the crime. As the courtroom battle unfolds, many secrets are revealed, and Picoult's characters are forced to confront the difference between who people are and who they say they are. The difference is considerable: despite the townspeople's aura of virtue, by the end of the book we're hard pressed to find any women who have never been raped or threatened, or any men who are really innocent of violence. While Picoult seems ambivalent about the power of Wiccan spells, she has no doubts about the power of sex and violence to change lives. Some of her characters, though, can be almost disturbingly forgiving. Genuinely suspenseful and at times remarkably original, this romance-mystery-morality play will gain Picoult new readers although her treatment of the aftermath of rape may also make her a few enemies. Agent, Laura Gross. 10-city author tour. (Apr. 10) Forecast: Picoult tastefully tackled touchy subject matter in Plain Truth, but she tips toward sensationalism here. That may gain her readers in the short run, but could undermine her reputation over time. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist When Jack St. Bride arrives in the small town of Salem Falls, all he wants is to escape his past. He's spent the last eight months in jail, after being falsely accused of having an affair with an underage student at the school where he taught. In Salem Falls, he gets a job as a dishwasher at a local diner and

tentatively begins a romance with the diner's owner, Addie, who is still mourning the death of her young daughter, born after Addie was raped in high school by three drunk boys. As she and Jack fall in love, they both see hope for the future. But their newfound love is threatened when the residents of Salem Falls learn of Jack's conviction and begin harassing him. When, predictably, a teenage girl accuses Jack of raping her, he finds himself back in jail, fighting a serious charge and the town's prejudice. Addie wrestles with her doubts and memories of her own rape, but she believes in Jack and goes on a quest of her own to find out the truth about Jack's initial conviction, even as the Salem Falls trial opens. Unfortunately, the novel spirals down into cliché, toward an all-too-predictable ending. There are some interesting elements here (such as Addie's inability to accept the death of her daughter), but the novel doesn't rise above its formulaic plot. Still, Picoult's previous novels, including *Keeping Faith* (1999) and *The Pact* (1998), have garnered a large audience, especially in book-discussion groups. Expect her latest to generate some demand, but buy cautiously. Kristine Huntley Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved