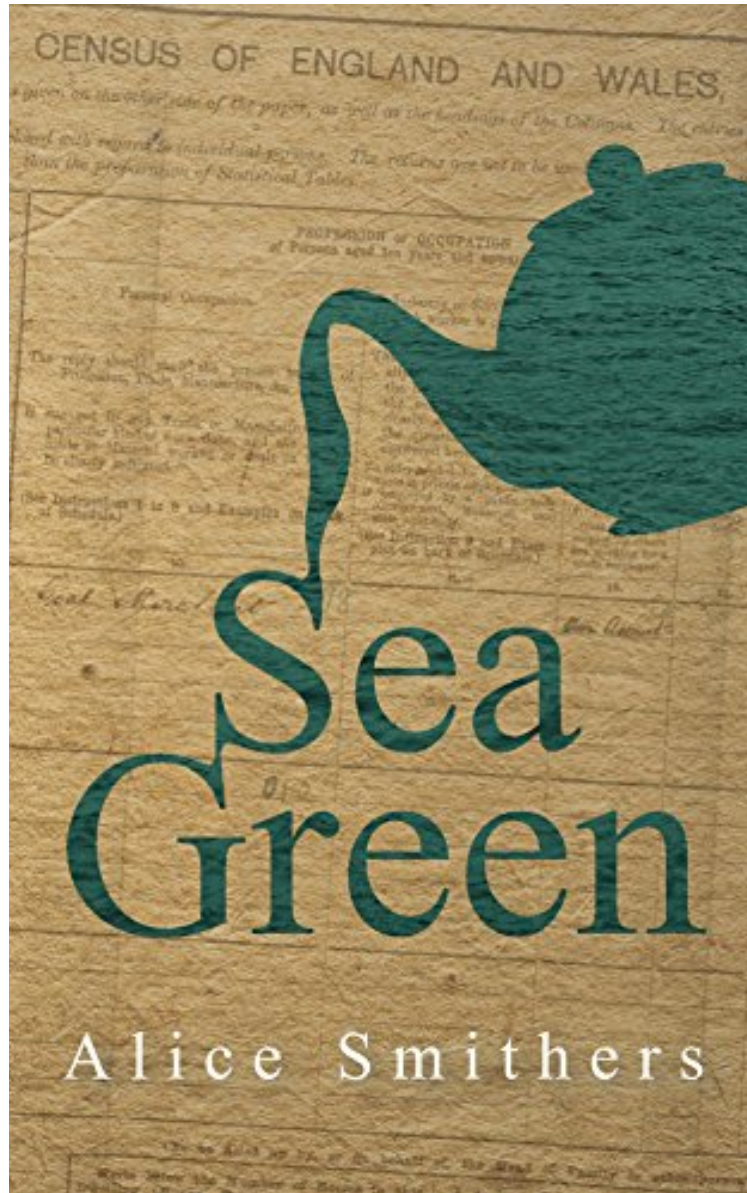


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**Von Alice Smithers : Sea Green (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Sea Green (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Life after 40 and after divorce in beautiful coastal WalesVon Blue DolphinA contemporary story with a large cast of characters offering a snapshot of life in a small community in West Wales. Once her son and daughter have left home

for university and their own independent lives, Georgia's marriage to Greg folds undramatically. Newly divorced, she leaves behind her old life in congested Birmingham for the wild beauty of a Welsh coastal village. She has landed an excellent job and soon becomes involved with her work colleagues and the strained relationships of her new position, although making personal friends proves a slow process. During a shopping expedition to the larger centre of Aberystwyth, Georgia meets the owner of a furniture shop who makes a strong impression on her, being infuriating and charming in equal measure. The classic premise for most romcoms. However, the author drops the romantic thread and, instead, takes the reader into a complex series of new storylines involving Georgia's new social circle, when she decides to join the Bronbeg amateur theatrical group. Sea Green has some slow patches, but I found it charming and when the action gets going at the half-way mark, it become very engaging. It is pleasant to hear a fresh and different voice. Alice Smithers is not afraid to craft sentences where the subject changes midstream, or the verb is left out, or a word is used in a novel context, challenging the reader to pay attention and follow the sometimes sparse and quirky style. Characterization is good but I would have preferred a little more early detail to flesh out the protagonists at least. I find it difficult to sympathize with them and share their feelings when the main characters are barely sketched out. It takes a third of the book to define the heroine in a way that makes sense to me. However, the device allows the author to surprise us with the evolution of some characters who turn out to be very different from how they appear at the outset. The full spectrum of human traits is explored, including a particularly unsavoury personality, and a lot of petty and vainglorious behaviour which makes for some hilarious situations. The dialogue is realistic and relevant and the story is advanced by the omniscient narrator. This allows us to follow each character and penetrate their thoughts although I found Georgia a bit too bland and 'vanilla'; some of the minor players have more spark even if slightly typecast. There is also an occasional lack of continuity as the author struggles to keep all the plates spinning. Despite some minor stylistic faults, Sea Green is an engaging read and I found myself looking forward to the next instalment. There is a key scenario which I, personally, find difficult to accept and this false note takes me out of the story a little. Others may disagree. The book contains no unpleasant elements, violence or graphic sex, although there is a fair bit of naughty behaviour and, my word, do these people like to drink! An intelligent story with a satisfying conclusion, which I very much enjoyed reading. I particularly liked the message that life can be exciting regardless of your age, and there was a bit of the generational role-reversal that fans of 'Absolutely Fabulous' will appreciate. A very solid first novel.

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