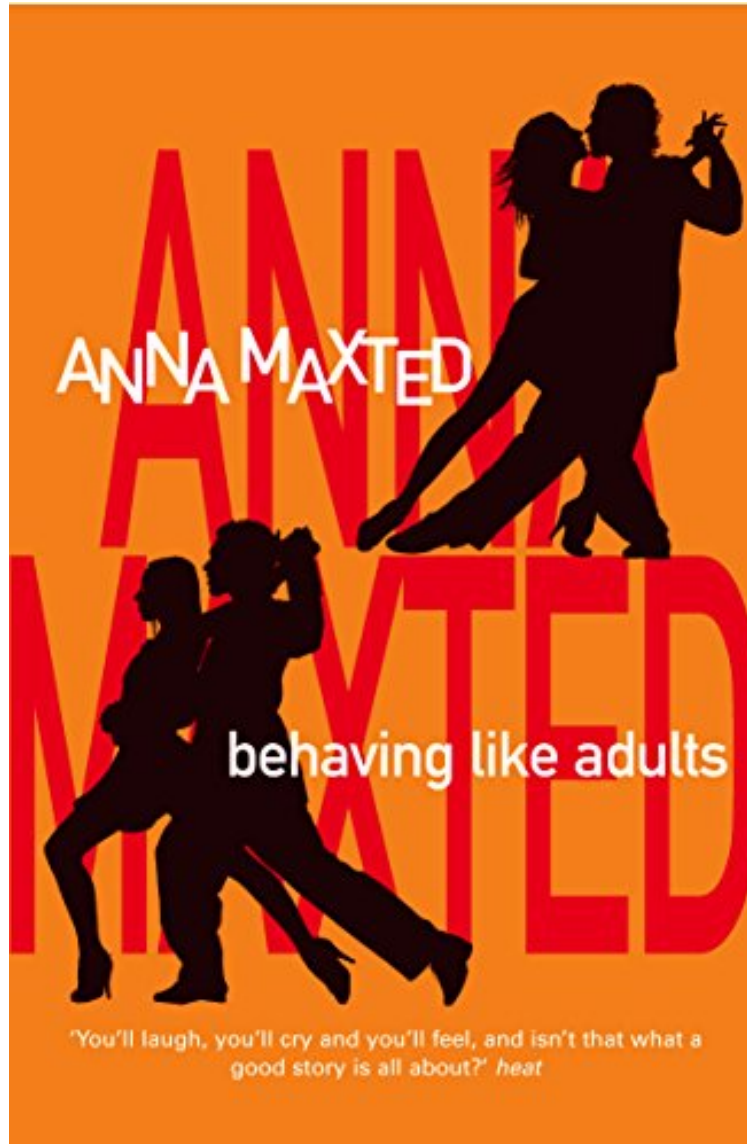


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent as usualVon Ein KundeAnna Maxted has again written a wonderful novel. Like Running in Heels and Getting over it, her new book is a delightful read. Maxted's heroins always face a serious problem and her new novel is no exception. But though the problem is serious, the tone of the book is light without diminishing the facts of life. In

the end, the heroine learns to face her inner demons and her outer problems. That, for me, and apparently for Maxted, is the ultimate happy ending. It's more than the usual chick lit stuff - it's an excellent read with a twist for the better. A book I'd recommend to anyone!

Kurzbeschreibung Holly runs a dating agency. Up to now she's had no need of her own services, but, convinced her relationship with her fianc Nick has staled, she turfs him out and determines to go in pursuit of hearts-and-flowers romance, true love and the soul-mate she has convinced herself must exist. In the meantime, to get back into practice, she accepts a date with the hugely eligible Stuart. Rich, arrogant and charming, he's not her type at all, but he's her guinea pig. But Stuart rather likes Holly. And he's used to getting his own way. Much to her dismay, Holly finds Stuart won't take no for an answer and suddenly things don't look so easy. Brimming with warmth, perception and understanding, Anna Maxted once again mixes the heart-breaking with the humorous to deliver a page-turning, laugh-out-loud, emotionally satisfying read..deAnna Maxted is not one to shy away from difficult and emotionally traumatic issues. Here in *Behaving Like Adults* she tackles date rape having dealt with bereavement in her first book, *Getting Over It*, and with eating disorders in her second novel, *Running In Heels*. It sounds grim--"doomed chick lit"--but the joy of Anna Maxted's books (and they are joyful, despite everything) is the humour and sympathy of her writing. The heroine of this story is Holly, who runs a dating agency. She split up with Nick, her childish boyfriend of five years, because "he didn't know how to make an effort in a relationship" (he lives on "hygiene's edge" not washing or talking enough, and being a generally lacklustre dating companion). She decides to throw a party to celebrate the success of her business and chooses rich and arrogant Stuart as her date for the evening. He brings Holly home, pushes her to the floor, and rapes her, and she doesn't tell anyone. As she says: "as long as I skated along the surface of my composure, I was fine. There was more underneath, I knew, but it was dark and cold and deathly and I refused to go there." The rest of the novel deals with the repercussions of the rape, with Holly trying to carry on as normal, but being unable to. She is forced to redefine her life and her relationships, especially with Nick. *Behaving Like Adults* is well observed, moving, funny and intensely readable. --Eithne Farry Pressestimmen "Anna is exceptional at telling hilarious - but also at times, heartbreaking - stories about life and love ... you'll laugh, you'll cry and you'll feel, and isn't that what a good story is all about?" * Heat * "Sparkling" * Red * "A funny and thought-provoking read" * B * "Heartbreakingly spot-on" * Company * "With warmth and humour Maxted pulls the strands together in a satisfyingly romantic ending" * Sunday Mirror *