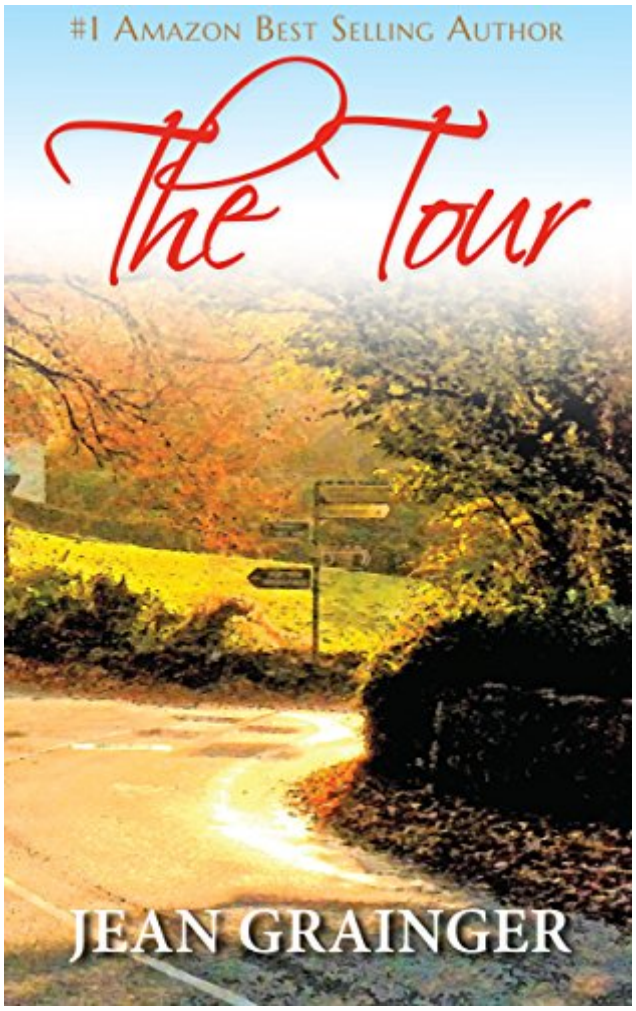
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Synopsis

A charming Irish bus driver. A group of disparate American tourists. One life changing week. Take a tour youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll never forget as you navigate the stunning vistas of gorgeous Ireland along with the hearts and minds of a cast of characters who will live with you, long after youÃ¢â ¬â„¢ve finished the last page.During a routine tour of Ireland, tour guide Conor OÃ¢â ¬â„¢Shea finds himself on a journey of his own through the lives of his hilarious companions as together they navigate both the Irish countryside and the secrets of their individual lives.A Wall Street banker, a divorcee, a musician, a cop, and a professor all enter Ireland with something on their minds, and throughout their journey with Conor as their guide, they each begin to show something of themselves against the spectacular backdrop of Ireland.As colourful and turbulent as the wild Atlantic coast, The Tour offers more than just a look at one of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most beautiful places, but contrasts IrelandÃ¢â ¬â„¢s open skyways and idyllic views against the secret lives of the individual. Witty, informative, and with a touch of romance, The Tour offers a unique look at the lives of others amidst the Emerald Isle. One reviewer just said, Ã¢â ¬Ëœbook a flight, if Ireland is anything like she describes, I need to be there.Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Another claimed, Ã¢â ¬Ëœup all night to finish, I laughed, I cried, I didnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t want it to end.Ã¢â ¬â„¢Can you afford to miss the trip of a lifetime?

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Customer Reviews

This story follows a group of Americans who have gone to ireland for a motor coach tour of the island. One married couple, one mother and teenage son, two older women who had known each other previously, and two others who were strangers form the group who will have such an impact on each other. Jean Grainger brings them all together and tells the story in such an intriguing way that you feel they are actual friends sharing their vacation experiences with you. It’s as if each person’s life is a brightly colored thread, woven into a delightful pattern featuring first one, then another, sometimes two together, but never becoming tangled or dropping from sight until the beautiful fabric is produced. Ms. Grainger had a unique way of presenting the story of each person, and interspersing bits of Irish history and highlights seamlessly into the design. She has done a masterful job of research and presents it in a fascinating manner to instruct as well as entertain as you are immersed in the pages of the story.I normally prefer mysteries, but this is a refreshing change of pace. I highly recommend this book for anyone. There is no mystery or deep plot to work through, but there are several conflict resolutions that are brought to a satisfactory conclusion. I doubt that such dramatic character changes could be brought about in so short a period of time, but this is a compelling story that keeps the reader engaged to the end.

This book is like eating ice cream on a hot day: totally refreshing and too soon done!The characters are credible, have personality, and create interesting lives; the experience of "The Tour" is a combination of lovely descriptive writing and relationship building.I am a devoted Maeve Binchy fan and have been searching for an author who could give me quality fiction with well developed characters and an entertaining, interesting storyline. My search is over. I did not want this book to end and imagine my delight in finding that there is a sequel!! I will keep "touring" with Grainger as long as she keeps writing.

This book was a feel-good, enjoyable read, with interesting characters. The writing style, as the author stated herself, is much like Maeve Binchy’s writing style and books. It’s like watching a Hallmark movie, but sometimes you just need something that’s interesting, but not a violent,

destructive, or symbolic. Just wanted something to curl up with, read and enjoy, and that's what I received.

O I just loved how the characters grew and changed over the course of this story. It was a quaint jaunt through Ireland with moving human stories weaved in. I cried with the chars gets when the trip was over. A lovely little read overall.

I was looking for a book that would serve to relax, inspire, and remind me of a trip I took to Ireland. The Tour was perfect! The plot revolving around a tour group in Ireland had twists and turns to it, with marvelous characters who imparted moving wisdom in their words and decisions. The author was able to tell Ireland's story, too, by deftly weaving it into the plot. It was the kind of book I could not put down, reading it every spare minute I had to finish it, but then felt sad when it ended, as I wanted to keep reading more about the characters and Ireland! I will be watching for more books about Ireland by Jean Grainger!

Being that this was a tour of Ireland, I actually thought there would be more information on the places they visited. Although I would have liked to see more of that, the story held my interest. I found myself laughing out loud a couple times, crying, and getting ticked off at a couple of the passengers. They were described very well. Fun.

What a great trip this was! I've read novels about tours before and enjoyed most of them, but this one was a hoot and a half. The author drew brilliant characters, and described the action so I could picture it all in my head as I read. I sincerely hope to encounter these characters again in later novels. I've come to be very attached to them. Ms. Grainger, thank you! I believe I'm now a fan of yours!

This is one of the sweetest books I've read in a long time. The author is just as good as Maeve Binchy as she weaves together the lives of the Americans on a coach tour in Western Ireland. They are fortunate to have such an amazing guide. I didn't want the book to end; I could have happily read another 100 chapters and loved every one.

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