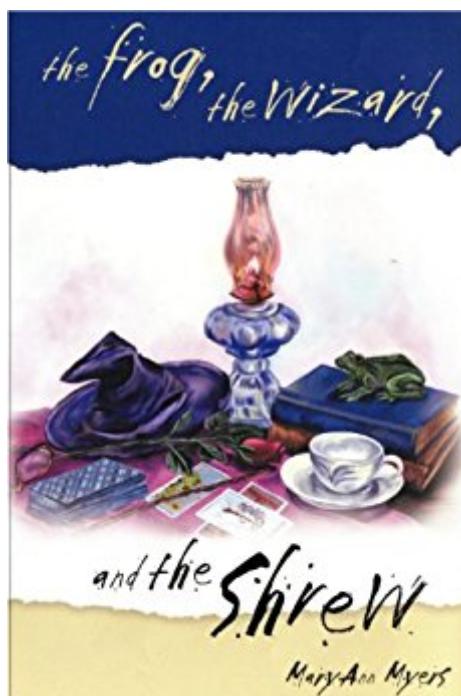


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Synopsis

With a combination of insight and magical realism, author MaryAnn Myers propels her readers into the mysterious and provocative world of Anne Marie Light. The young woman's purchase of a second-hand prom dress initiates a chain of events during which strange, unfamiliar memories surface: a recurring song of longing, a teen pregnancy, and a dearly loved, but perhaps abandoned baby. When Anne Marie sets out to discover the source of these haunting thoughts, her journey leads to the streets of New Orleans for answers. Unforgettable characters along the way include the eccentric ex-circus performer, Miss Colorado, an intriguing telephone installer named Danny, a voodoo queen called Rosalee, and Anne Marie's caustic mother, with whom a reconciliation must be made if there is to be a true resolution.

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Customer Reviews

I bought this book a while ago and then never got around to reading it. When I finally did, I was surprised. I thought... probably because I didn't look too far into it... that this book was going to be

about magic. It was... in a sense, but more about friendship, love and learning about who you are. I'm not one for chick novels or chick flicks but I enjoyed this immensely. Anne Marie isn't talking to her mom, lives in a building with some pretty strange neighbors... she just got evicted from another building... and has just lost her job. On top of that her phone... which has just been installed, keeps doing some very strange stuff. But the strangest thing is the dress that she bought at a vintage shop. It is talking to her. Well, more like sending her images from the person who last wore it. Throughout the book, which is mostly a journey of self discovery, Anne Marie learns a few things about herself. There were a lot of funny moments, but there were also some sad. A scene towards the end brought tears to my eyes. And while I find it odd that she didn't have a cell phone... something I wondered about as she's wheeling a cactus throughout the city and looking for a phone booth, I think that helped add to the quality of the book. It wasn't what I expected... it was better.

I just finished reading this book for the third time. I seldom re-read books because there are so many books and so little time, but this book is one of my favorites in the magical realism genre. The world that surrounds Anne Marie and the delightful cast of characters in her life are well developed and fun. This is simply one of my favorite books. I'm holding on to the hope that there will be more adventures for Anne Marie.

great book by a wonderful author!

Weird story. It didn't seem to flow well. Maybe there was too much symbolism. And what the heck did the title have to do with anything? Go ahead and read if it is free but I wouldn't spend money on it.

With the books out now-a-days, love stories are over exaggerated and unrealistic. The characters are realistic as well as the love story. The suspenseful twist in the story kept me turning the pages. My heart was pounding at certain parts! This book is different than MaryAnn's other books. A great and easy read.

I loved this. I think I made this book more complicated and mysterious than it turned out to actually be, but I enjoyed the ride. My only complaint would be a majority unsolved interaction between heroine and another character she too successfully avoided. Very imaginative book.

The Frog, the Wizard and the Shrew is another wonderful book by the Author Mary Ann Myers. I have read several of her other novels and when I saw this one I had to have another book for my collection. Her writing style is what I like most about Mary Ann Myers. I know when I buy her novels I am insured I will enjoy the story from cover to cover. The characters and "props" (I'll call them without giving away their significance in this story) are loving and fun. This story also will take you on a journey to a city and state of great culture and notarity. You wouldn't want to miss out on the experience and "taste" of a wonderful French cultured state. I would recommend this book to be read by the young and old. Pick a cozy comfortable spot, make a cup of your favorite drink and be swept away for a wonderful adventure.

I will admit that the book was gift and I may not have purchased it while browsing the bookstore. (I had been more of a non-fiction reader.) HOWEVER, I found myself transfixed by the mystery surrounding the believable, but intriguing life of the main character, Ann Marie Light. There is something to be said for a book that, after it has been put down, leaves you wondering where the author is taking you and the role of the colorful characters surrounding Ann Marie (including the life-and-death struggle of a much-endeared cactus plant). You know that you are in for an intriguing read from the moment that the telephone jack is found behind her apartment bathroom toilet by a classic car loving telephone repairman. As I am now deeply into her book FAVORED TO WIN, this reader is quickly becoming a Maryann Myers fan.

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