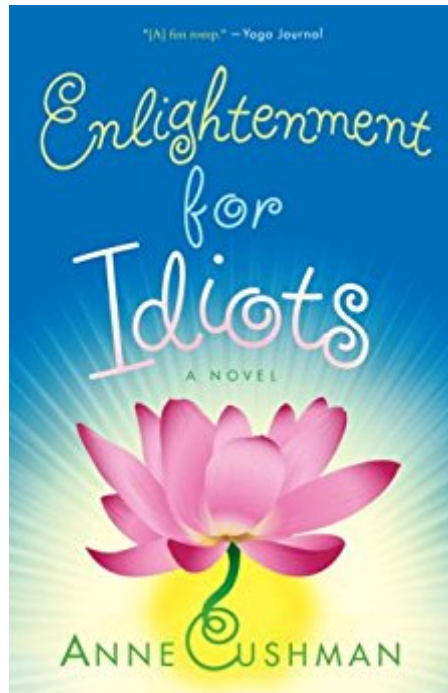




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Enlightenment For Idiots: A Novel



Synopsis

A yoga teacher finds new life in India—just not the one she was expecting. Nearing thirty, Amanda thought she’d be someone else by now. Instead, she’s an ex-nanny yogini-wannabe who cranks out “For Idiots” travel guides. True, she has a sexy photographer boyfriend, but he’s usually off shooting a dogsled race in Alaska or a vision quest in Peru—or just hooking up with other girls. However, she’s sure her new assignment to the ashrams of India will change everything. What she finds, though, is an ashram run by investment bankers, a model-obsessed guru, tantra parties, and silent retreats. India, it turns out, is not the spiritual refuge she’d pictured. But she finds a friend in Devi Das, a redheaded sadhu who refers to himself as “we.” And when a holy lunatic on the street offers her an enigmatic blessing, Amanda realizes a new life may be in store for her—just not the one she was expecting.

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Customer Reviews

This book is so funny insightful, and relatable. I saw so much myself in Amanda’s character. In

some context we are always striving for "better" and more. I really love how Amanda evolves through this story.

I really enjoyed this book. Its a compelling read with a great story while providing a realistic view of Westerners in India. It's one of those books that I read quickly and immerse myself in and then read again for the nuggets. Lots of wisdom to be found here.

A really enjoyable read! Had trouble putting it down. Wonderful how this author creates an adventure as she explores India, yoga and relationships - she weaves a wonderful story. I have recommended the book to many friends and have given a couple as gifts to yoga friends. The descriptions of various yoga poses appearing throughout the book allow the reader to get a sense of what it must be like to do yoga and were very compelling. Don't do yoga myself but the book makes me want to begin!

I have read this book twice now, and Amanda's story helps me see something new in my own life with each reading. She is a quirky, loveable character who makes frustrating choices that are the very choices I would have made. The story is beautiful and full of a fun group of eclectic characters.

Loved this book. It was funny and very entertaining. I didn't want it to end.

If you have ever been to India, this hits very close to home. If you have not, you'll know what to expect!! I was hooting with glee and nodding enthusiastically while reading passages about the protagonist's experiences. Its a fun light-hearted book that looks at deeper meanings in a gentle way. I shall buy her next book, as soon as she writes it! :}

With a fluid writing style and a great plot that is so thoroughly entertaining you forgive some of the rather too convenient coincidences. A really lovely read.

Very entertaining and well written from the beginning to the end! Cushman is funny and serious in a very balanced and appropriate way. The ending contains a little bit of an unnecessary spoiler, a detail that does not seem to quite fit, but no big deal. The people I gave the book to so far loved it too.

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