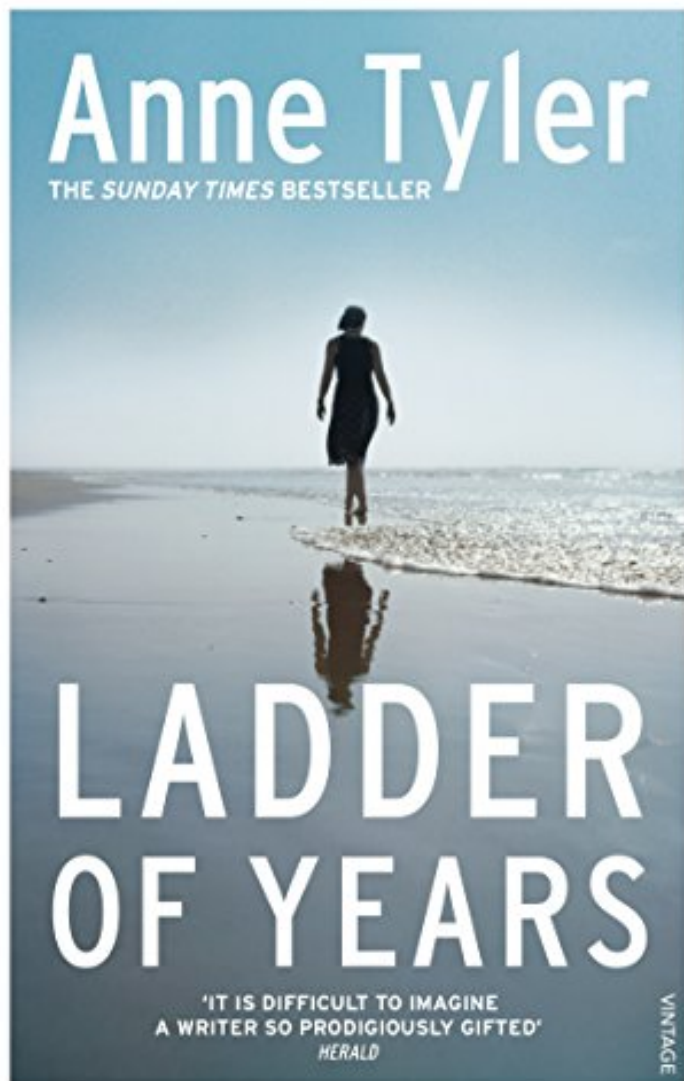


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Description : Description du produit Anne Tyler tells the story of a forty-year-old woman, the mother of three almost-grown children, who, on a sudden impulse, walks away from her marriage, hitches a ride into the unknown, and settles in a strange new town to invent a new life. What propels Delia Grinstead, the wife of a Baltimore physician, as she is spending another rainy vacation with husband, children, and assorted relatives? Is it old hurts and humiliations that surface this particular summer? The feeling that she has become expendable? The memory, perhaps, of that angular young man in the supermarket who asked her to pose as his girlfriend when he runs into his ex-wife? Or is it simply the lure of the local repairman's beautifully self-sufficient van, sailing off, unencumbered? Whatever, Delia takes off, wearing only her swimsuit and her husband's beach robe, and doesn't stop until she is suddenly captivated by a quiet little tree-lined town. There she halts the van, hops off, finds a room to rent, and settles in. So begins her new,

impersonal life as Ms. Grinstead. But inevitably, the world crowds in. New friends, new responsibilities accumulate -- from a stray cat who craves a home to a sad, deserted husband and his little boy who need her to fill a hole in their lives. Once again, Anne Tyler dazzles us with her magic. *Saint Maybe*, *The Accidental Tourist*, *Breathing Lessons*, *Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant*, *Morgan's Passing*, and *The Clock Winder*, by Anne Tyler, are also available from Random House AudioBooks.

Prsentation de l'diteur One warm summers day at the beach, forty-year-old Cordelia Grinstead, dressed only in a swimsuit and beach robe, walks away from her family and just keeps on going. After hitching a ride with a stranger to a new town where she knows no one, she reinvents herself as a single woman with no ties and begins living a new life altogether. But how long can she keep this up before her real life finds her? OVER A MILLION ANNE TYLER BOOKS SOLD She's changed my perception on life Anna Chancellor One of my favourite authors Liane Moriarty She spins gold' Elizabeth Buchan Anne Tyler has no peer Anita Shreve My favourite writer, and the best line-and-length novelist in the world Nick Hornby A masterly author Sebastian Faulks Tyler is not merely good, she is wickedly good John Updike I love Anne Tyler Anita Brookner Her fiction has strength of vision, originality, freshness, unconquerable humour Eudora Welty From Publishers Weekly At 40, Delia Grinstead seems more likely to have an attack of anxiety, or of whimsy, than to become a runaway wife. Yet, in Tyler's 13th beguiling novel, Delia's impulse to escape her disapproving physician husband and three surly children turns into an adventure that sweeps her from her staid Baltimore orbit into a new existence as Ms. Grinstead, spinster, in the Delaware community of Bay Borough. It's the unexamined life that's Delia's problem, and when she finally strips away layers of hurt, resentment, guilt and anger, she confronts her inner self and begins to deal with the chronic insecurity that has kept her childlike, flighty and dependent. Gradually, she becomes part of her new community, and has the courage to take a job caring for Noah Miller, an appealing 12-year-old whose mother has also run away from home and family. Over the course of a year, Delia discards her timorous personality and gains an understanding of the person she wants to be. One of the satisfactions of this novel is Tyler's evocation of typical family life. While in the past some of her characters have been too eccentric or fey, Delia and her family and friends all have both feet planted in the real world, even if their heads and hearts are sometimes elsewhere. Some readers may have difficulty accepting Delia's ability to absent herself from her children, but Tyler engages our sympathy and growing respect for a character who finally realizes that "the ladder of years" is a time trip to the future. BOMC main selection; major ad/promo; Random House Audio Book. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Delia Grinstead begins a new life in Tyler's (*Saint Maybe*, Audio s, LJ 5/15/93) latest by simply walking away from her family's vacation at the beach. She spends the next year reinventing herself, no longer the doctor's faithful and timid wife, the dutiful mother of three, the practical sister. Finally, she discovers a life of her own; for the first time she is independent, away from the home and practice her husband inherited from her father. The detachment the author puts Delia through is common Tyler territory: at times surprising, at times perfectly mundane as Delia re-creates a life and an identity in almost idyllic Bayborough, Maryland. C.J. Critt gives her usual skillful narration. Tyler fans will appreciate the familiar twists on the commonplace and the author's endearing characters. For most public libraries. ?Joyce Kessel, Villa Maria Coll., Buffalo, N.Y. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.