

ARMISTEAD MAUPIN

*The Days
of Anna
Madrigal*

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Now ninety-two, and committed to the notion of "leaving like a lady," Mrs. Madrigal has seemingly found peace with her "logical family" in San Francisco: her devoted young caretaker, Jake Greenleaf; her former tenant Brian Hawkins and his daughter, Shawna; and Michael Tolliver and Mary Ann Singleton, who have known and loved Anna for nearly four decades.

Some members of Anna's family are bound for the other worldly landscape of Burning Man, the art community in Nevada's Black Rock Desert where sixty thousand revelers gather to construct a city designed to last only one week. Anna herself has another Nevada destination in mind: a lonely stretch of road outside of Winnemucca where the sixteen-year-old boy she once was ran away from the whorehouse he called home. With Brian and his beat-up RV, she journeys into the dusty, troubled heart of her Depression-era childhood to unearth a lifetime of secrets and dreams, and to attend to unfinished business she has long avoided.

The ninth and final novel in Armistead Maupin's classic Tales of the City series, *The Days of Anna Madrigal* is the triumphant resolution to a saga of urban family life that has enchanted and enlightened readers around the world since 1976.

Armistead Maupin is the author of the nine volume Tales of the City series: *Tales of the City*, *More Tales of the City*, *Further Tales of the City*, *Babycakes*, *Significant Others*, *Sure of You*, *Michael Tolliver Lives*, *Mary Ann in Autumn*, and now *The Days of Anna Madrigal*. The first three books were made into a television miniseries starring Olympia Dukakis and Laura Linney. Maupin's other books include *Maybe the Moon* and *The Night Listener*, which was made into a film starring Robin Williams and Toni Collette. A stage-musical version of *Tales of the City* premiered at San Francisco's American Conservatory Theater in May 2011. Maupin was the 2012 recipient of the Lambda Literary Foundation's Pioneer Award. He lives in Santa Fe with his husband, the photographer Christopher Turner.

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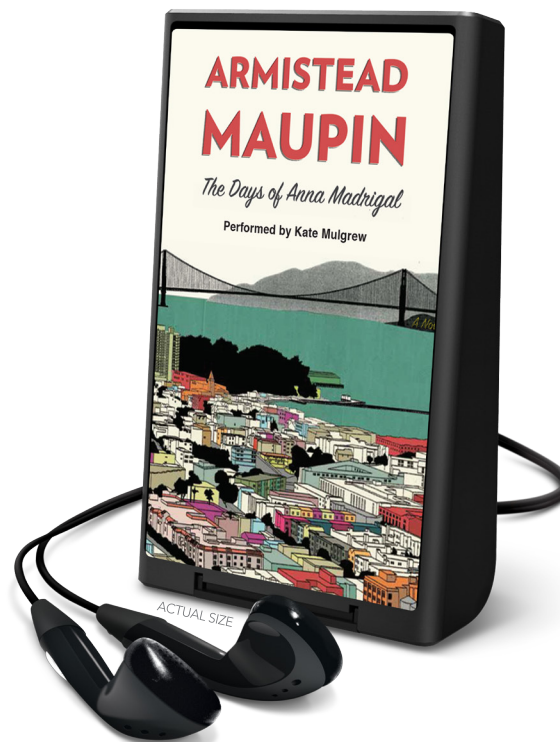


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