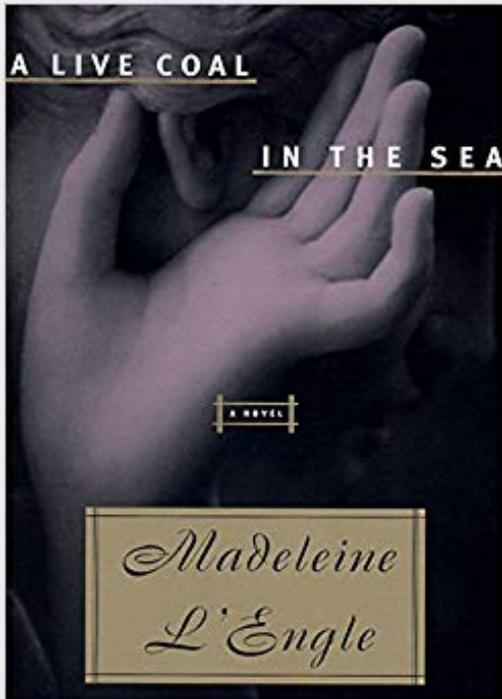


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Madeleine L'Engle's first adult novel in four years -- now in paperback! With 23,000 copies sold since May 1996, this "haunting domestic drama" (Publishers Weekly) examines the powers of faith and mercy in one family's confrontation with a legacy of evil.

Best known for *A Wrinkle in Time* -- the children's classic that has sold more than 2 million copies since 1962 -- Madeleine L'Engle is as adept at exploring faith and human experience as she is at spinning fascinating, fantastic tales. Now this masterful storyteller blends her two passions and offers an engrossing new story to delight her devoted audience.

When Dr. Camilla Dickinson's teenage granddaughter confronts her with the disquieting question of whether Camilla is, in fact, her grandmother, long-kept secrets rise to the surface to test the faith, love and loyalty of the Xanthakos family. This skillful, gripping tale shuttles between past and troubled present, providing clues to a multigenerational mystery -- clues that begin to focus on Camilla's son, the deeply troubled TV idol Artaxias, and on Camilla's mother, the irresistibly beautiful and adulterous Rose. Though riveting and psychologically complex, *A Live Coal in the Sea* is "infused with the warmth of love and mercy" (Booklist), showcasing the keen eye and deep compassion that have made L'Engle one of this century's premier writers on faith and its place in human experience.



Reviews of the [A Live Coal In The Sea](#) by Madeleine L'Engle

1. Whitebeard

A well-written narrative of a family's secrets, mysteries and surprise resolution. The resolution is mostly satisfying, though there are a few loose ends I'd have liked tied up. The story portrays beautiful relationships between people of different generations, especially the women, and those 'elders' whose wisdom has come via harsh experiences. A bit edgier than other L'Engle works I've read.

2. Brannylv

This a fine book. Not sci-fi at all, like *A Wrinkle in Time*, but similar in that there are threads of science and theology intertwined. There is one particular plot element that is very outdated and cringey. I won't spoil it. I really tried to keep in mind that this book was written a while ago and thoughts have changed since then. Barring that, it is a nice story about a family that, though they go through a tough ordeal, persevere in the end.

3. Reemiel

This book was about family secrets, keeping sins under wraps within clergy. The sweeping under the rug things that should be acknowledged . The author tells an interesting story.

4. Akirg

I could not stop reading this beautiful story of extraordinary but ordinary people making their way through whatever life throws at them with grace.

5. Centrizius

Many interesting twists to the story. A realistic tale with surprises. I enjoy this author's writing style. The more I read the better it gets. A mixture of science and religious beliefs.

6. Bladebringer

Well told story of a family's brokenness and healing.

7. Mozel

Classic. A great way to spend two consecutive evenings.

8. Great book

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