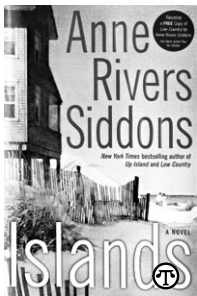




Books Worth Reading

A Great Southern Storyteller Is Back

(NAPSA)—The rich life of the American South is explored in New York Times best-selling author Anne Rivers Siddons' first novel in almost four years. Set in Charleston, South Carolina, "Islands" (HarperCollins, \$24.95) takes readers back to the Low Country, the place Siddons knows best. After falling for Lewis



Aiken, a surgeon fifteen years her senior, Anny Butler, the independent main character, is swiftly welcomed into Lewis's circle of friends, four couples who become her surrogate family.

Having known each other since adolescence, these friends share a weekend beach house where they have vowed they will live out their days together. Though her new life initially seems idyllic, Anny must learn that all is not as it seems and that some loves carry a secret and a terrible price.

Told in the lush language of a great southern storyteller, "Islands" magically evokes life in and the physical beauty of Charleston.