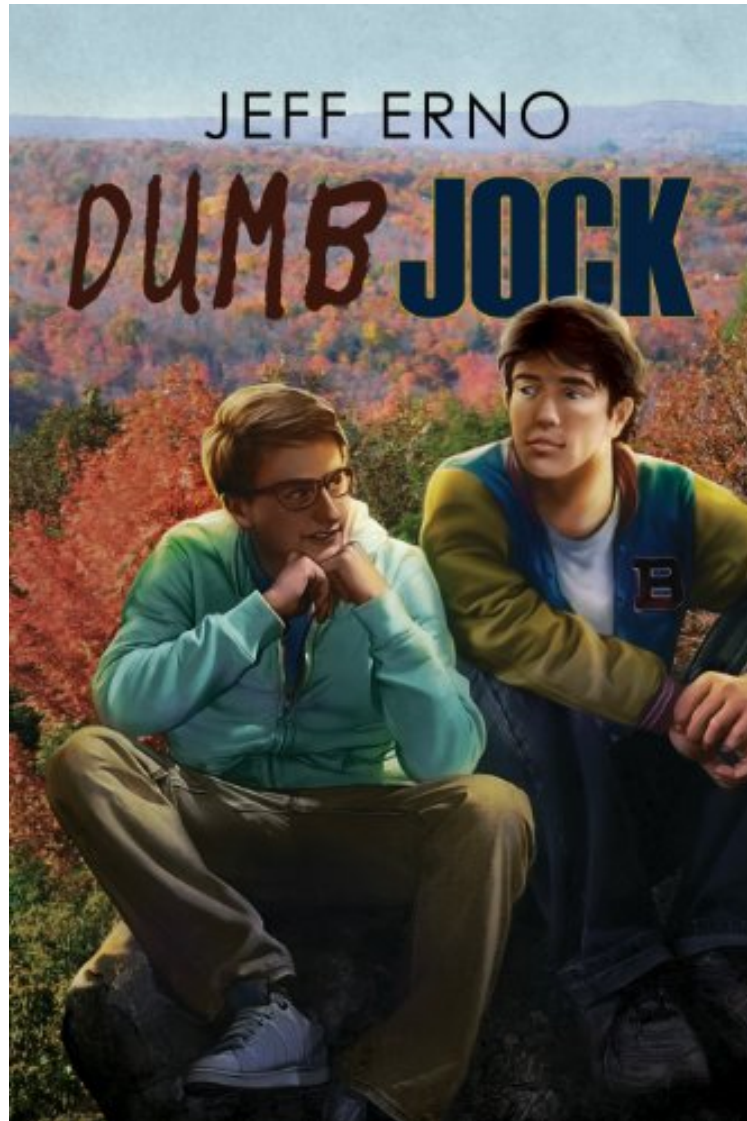


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**Von Jeff Erno : Dumb Jock (Dumb Jock series Book 1) (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Dumb Jock (Dumb Jock series Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Die Welt wie sie ist -und die Welt wie sie sein sollteVon CustomerWir befinden uns Anfang der 1980er Jahre. Jeff (14) ist in seinem Freshman- Jahr auf der High School. Er verkprert genau das, was man einen Nerd nennen wrde: Klein, zierlich, trgt eine Brille, schchtern, brav, gut in der Schule, schlecht in Sport. Auerdem ist er ein sehr emotionaler

Junge. Richtige Freunde hat er wenig, eher eine Clique von weiteren Außenseitern mit denen er sich abgibt. Seine familiäre Situation ist auch nicht die beste. Aus der Ferne bewundert er die tollen Sportler, allen voran den Star-Quarterback, den zwei Jahre älteren Brett. Es ergibt sich, dass Jeff Brett Nachhilfe in Englisch geben muss und die beiden freunden sich erst an, kommen sich schließlich näher. Jeff ist schließlich verliebt bis über beide Ohren. Brett behauptet es auch zu sein. Ist er mit Jeff zusammen würde er ihm den Mond vom Himmel holen, in der Öffentlichkeit jedoch tritt er weiterhin mit seiner Freundin auf. Nutzt er Jeff nur aus? Ist es ein Ablenkungsmanöver um seine Mitschler nicht misstrauisch zu machen? Während Jeff sein Leben bald um die Ohren fliegt steht Brett ihm bei. Doch dann kommt der Tag der Entscheidung, und wird er auch öffentlich zu Jeff stehen? Dies ist das erste Buch von Jeff Erno, und hätte ich es auch zuerst gelesen, hätte ich ihm vermutlich auch die fünf Sterne gegeben. Doch inzwischen weiß ich, dass der Autor noch mehr kann. Wie in allen seinen Büchern, liegt der Beziehung der beiden Jungs auch hier eine bestimmte Dynamik zugrunde. Wir haben auch hier den sensiblen, zierlichen Jungen, der geschützt werden will und den großen "starken Held", der ihn beschützen will. Dabei kommt eine bestimmte D/s- Dynamik zum Ausdruck. Stimmt, jetzt könnte man die Hände über dem Kopf zusammenschlagen: Eine solche Dynamik bei einem Jugendbuch? Alles halb so wild. Während in seinen Büchern für Erwachsene diese Dynamik durchaus vertieft wird, beschränkt sich der Autor hier darauf aufzuzeigen, dass es schlicht verschiedene Persönlichkeiten gibt. In Jeffs Augen hat Brett all seine Bewunderung, einen gewissen Gehorsam und seine Heldenverehrung völlig verdient und ist in seinen Augen eine völlig faire Sache im Austausch für Bretts fürsorgliche, beschützende Seite. Das ist in der heutigen Zeit sicherlich ein ungewöhnliches Konzept, besonders zwischen zwei Männern, aber Erno bringt Jeffs Gefühlswelt sehr deutlich rüber, erklärt viel, und am Ende kann er nicht mehr viel tun als sagen: Es wäre vielleicht nicht mein Konzept, aber es funktioniert, beide bekommen das was sie möchten/ brauchen. Und keiner nutzt den anderen wirklich aus. Die beiden Charaktere haben eine sexuelle Beziehung. Diese Handlungen finden aber off-stage statt, die Szenen enden praktisch vor der geschlossenen Tür. Aus dem Nachwort und der Homepage des Autors weiß man, dass er viele persönliche Gefühle, Erlebnisse und reale Personen (wenn auch modifiziert) in seine Geschichte einbaut und diese persönliche Verbindung merkt man auch diesem Buch an, macht es umso glaubwürdiger. Weiterhin schreibt er, er würde für das unrealistische Happy End kritisiert. Seine Antwort darauf ist so simpel wie einleuchtend: Sein Leben habe schon genug Dramen, dann sollen wenigstens seine Figuren ihr verdientes Ende haben. Dieses Buch hat er noch selbst veröffentlicht. Einige Passagen, besonders die wörtliche Rede klingen zum Teil noch etwas arg unprofessionell und gezwungen. Für den Schreibstil gibt es auch den Stern Abzug. Sein letztes Buch Trust Me ist diesem in vielen Aspekten gar nicht so unähnlich und auch ein Jugendbuch. Die Verbesserungen im Stil sind allerdings unverkennbar. Fazit: Ein lesenswertes Jugendbuch mit einer ungewöhnlichen Beziehungsdynamik, spannenden Charakteren und viel Herz aber leider etwas holprigem Schreibstil.

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Von TeensReadTooSet in the 1980's, DUMB JOCK illustrates the struggle of two young teens coming to terms with their sexuality and their growing love. Although the book is not autobiographical, author Jeff Erno looked to his own personal struggle of coming out as gay in a small northern Michigan town. Jeff and Brett are as different as night and day in appearance and interests. Jeff is a slightly built freshman with no athletic talent whatsoever. His friends are other social outcasts, and he is often the target for mean remarks and cruel practical jokes. His mother loves and dotes on him while his father finds him odd and annoying. Brett is a junior and the talented quarterback everyone hopes will take the team to a state championship. He runs with the popular crowd, attending parties and getting voted homecoming king. He is the last person people would think of being gay. When Coach McDonald, gym teacher/football coach, uses the threat of failing freshman gym class as motivation for forcing Jeff to tutor Brett in English, no one would have guessed the final outcome. It doesn't take long for the two teens to become comfortable with each other and begin an emotional and sexual relationship. They aren't afraid to express their feelings to one another, but revealing their relationship in public in the tiny Michigan community would surely ruin their lives. Jeff Erno tells the story of their young love with honesty and directness. He reveals their heart-stopping passion as well as the agony of fear and jealousy that threaten to break them apart. Times have changed some since the 80's, but small towns still breed the misunderstanding and prejudice evident in Erno's story. DUMB JOCK is a bold example of one author's attempt to create a novel to help teens accept their own sexuality or better understand that of those around them. It is a worthy addition to any high school collection. Reviewed by: Sally Kruger, aka "Readingjunky"

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nice enough ... Von amygdalaIt's really difficult for me to rate this book. It was better than most other books that I gave 3 stars, but definitely not as good as many books I rated with 4 stars... That's why I decided to actually write a review, so that you guys know that I'm giving "Dumb Jock" 3.5 stars. This is now the second book by Jeff Erno I read and I have to say Erno obviously likes his stories with great tragedy. Again, we have a boy who doesn't really fit in, who is rather small, unconfident and physically weak, who is a geek - who all in all is not really "manly" and can be considered an outcast in high school. Jeff Irwin is the name of the boy in this story. Jeff gets blackmailed (by the football coach) to tutor the star quarterback in English grammar in order to help this "dumb jock" to finally pass Mr Litzenfowler's class. What he didn't expect at all was to fall head over heels in love with Brett, said "dumb jock". What I didn't like that much, is the unbalanced nature of the relationship that develops between the two unlike boys. From the very beginning Jeff is very submissive, does everything that is

expected of him. Jeff is all but an equal partner and friend to Brett. He is the "loyal pup", through and through. Brett can do to him whatever he wants without having to be afraid of losing him. And often enough, Brett does exactly that. On the other hand, we see the loving and loyal side of Brett, too: When he comforts Jeff in front of everybody (all his jock friends) in gym class, when he supports Jeff during his mother's death. Sometimes, Brett's character felt a bit uneven to me. I did not really like this unequal dynamic between both of them. Maybe it's just me, but any relationship, in which one can do almost anything to the other, doesn't feel right. But I have to admit, it's not Brett I have a problem with (even though he behaves like a jerk at times) - it's Jeff. I can understand, that he doesn't feel up to confront anyone who doesn't do right by him because of his lack of physical height and strength. But Jeff rather behaves like he doesn't have any self-respect at all - and as far as I did get Jeff Erno (author) right, this book isn't about Jeff's lack of self esteem. I mean, Jeff even likes being Brett's loyal pup, being the one who obeys. But then, he's still very young (14) and naive. Furthermore, all the tragedy and bad things Jeff has to endure during this story is a bit over the top, at least in my opinion. And from time to time, I had to skip some pages that felt unnecessarily stretched, e.g. the description of Jeff's mother's death. Having read 3/4 of the book, I almost decided not to end the book, but I'm glad that I did, because the end is very beautiful. Brett finally "grows a pair" and with his admission of being gay and being in love with Jeff, his days of treating Jeff as he pleases are finally over. Altogether, it was a nice enough read - even though you might not get this impression by my review ;) - so go ahead and buy the book :)

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