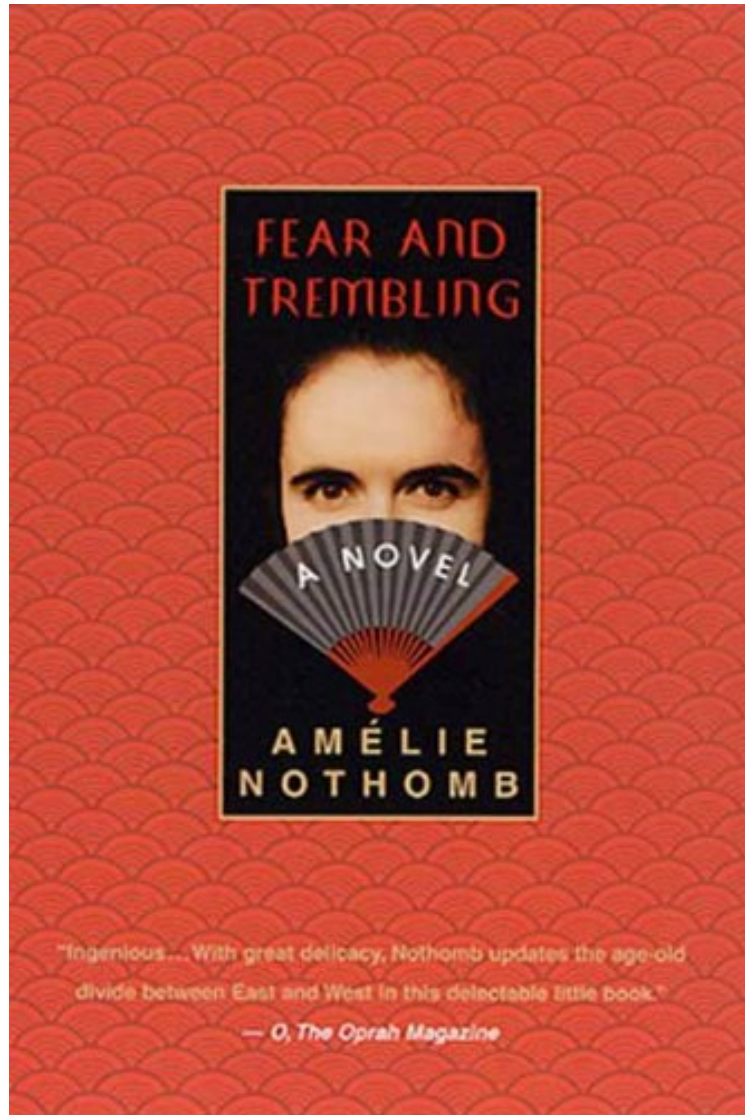


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Toll!Von Ginevra_BenciEin wirklich tolles Buch ist das! Japan und Bromilieu interessieren mich von jeher und so ist dieses Buch wirklich ein must-have!Die Belgierin Amelie trifft auf die japanische Arbeitsmentalitt, die von Hierarchien, Duckmuserei und Stillhalten geprgt ist, nicht von konomischem Nutzen und Sinnsuche in der Arbeit.Ihre europische Lebens- und Arbeitsmentalitt wird von den Japanern ganz schn gefordert. Schliehlich wird sie zur Klofrau

degradiert und kündigt nicht - aus Trotz und aus japanischer Gelassenheit heraus, und dem Wissen, da sie nicht aufgeben wird. Ein toller Schmecker, den ich auf einer zweistündigen Zugfahrt gelesen und mich dabei sehr amüsiert habe!

Kurzbeschreibung According to ancient Japanese protocol, foreigners deigning to approach the emperor did so only with fear and trembling. Terror and self-abasement conveyed respect. Amelie, our well-intentioned and eager young Western heroine, goes to Japan to spend a year working at the Yumimoto Corporation. Returning to the land where she was born is the fulfillment of a dream for Amelie; working there turns into comic nightmare. Alternately disturbing and hilarious, unbelievable and shatteringly convincing, *Fear and Trembling* will keep readers clutching tight to the pages of this taut little novel, caught up in the throes of fear, trembling, and, ultimately, delight. **From Booklist** As if we needed more proof that our globe is shrinking, here is a novel set in Japan, translated from French, written by a Belgian who was born in Kobe and now lives in Paris. Our heroine, Amelie, gets a job in the import-export division of the huge Yumimoto Corporation, the only Westerner in sea of Japanese company men. There are also a very few women, the most prominent among them being the stunning and awe-inspiring Miss Mori, Amelie's immediate superior. Through no fault of her own, but only because no one who is not Japanese can possibly navigate through all the complex rituals and protocols that lie at the heart of Japanese corporate culture, Amelie-san finds herself falling down a rabbit hole of increasingly meaningless tasks--delivering the mail, photocopying an executive's golf club bylaws, finally cleaning the bathrooms. It is Fubuki Mori who presides over this spiral, bent on humiliation even as Amelie begins to understand and even sympathize with her plight as an unmarried Japanese woman trying to hold her own. **Mary Ellen Quinn** Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved **From Library Journal** Winner of many literary prizes in France, Nothomb (*Loving Sabotage*, *Stranger Next Door*) presents an utterly charming, humorous tale of East meets West in her newest novel about a young Belgian woman who works for a year in Japan, a country that she has revered and admired since childhood. At the Yumimoto Corporation, a huge export/import business, the chain of command is made very clear to her on a daily basis, and all initiative is snuffed out. After several crucial errors, our heroine's career ends up in the toilet, literally. Nothomb is a terrific writer whose writing style is simple, honest, and elegant. Very highly recommended for all libraries. **DLisa Rohrbaugh**, East Palestine Memorial P.L., OH Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.