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Von Tash Aw : Five Star Billionaire before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Five Star Billionaire:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Strange and amazing Von Shelley Dally Spellbinding tale of our times, set in a place unlike any known before. Story and characters seem real yet futuristic in their search for constant evolution. Simply told, this book is a complex web both

beautiful and dangerous in its complexity.

KurzbeschreibungIn the Man Booker prize-longlisted *Five Star Billionaire* Tash Aw charts the overlapping lives of migrant Malaysian workers, forging lives for themselves in sprawling Shanghai. Justin is from a family of successful property developers. Phoebe has come to China buoyed with hope, but her dreams are shattered within hours as the job she has come for seems never to have existed. Gary is a successful pop artist, but his fans and marketing machine disappear after a bar-room brawl. Yinghui has businesses that are going well but must make decisions about her life. And then there is Walter, the shadowy billionaire, ruthless and manipulative, ultimately alone in the world. In *Five Star Billionaire*, Tash Aw charts the weave of their journeys in the new China, counterpointing their adventures with the old life they have left behind in Malaysia. The result is a brilliant examination of the migrations that are shaping the new city experiences all over the world, and their effect on myriad individual lives.

Pressestimmen`Aw's tale of five migrant workers carving out lives in a modernising Shanghai is the stuff of a hit TV miniseries ... the reading experience it offers is coolly engrossing' Adam Mars-Jones, *Observer*`A brilliant, sprawling, layered and unsentimental portrayal of contemporary China' Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie`A fascinating cast of characters ... a panoramic, expertly detailed painting of contemporary Shanghai' *Sunday Times*`"Five Star Billionaire" opens with a bang, not a whimper ... Aw is a master storyteller and "Five Star Billionaire" can be read as "The Way We Live Now" for our times' Aminatta Forna, *Guardian*`[Aw] is unmatched at evoking the smells and sounds of the land and cityscapes, the figures of speech and shifting cultural mores of that finger-like peninsula that pokes into the South China Sea ... Their tales are told chapter by chapter, the characters slowly drawing closer together like flotsam in a vortex, before the stunning finale ... There is wit here, and plenty of acute observation and characterisation' *Independent on Sunday*`A new kind of immigrant novel. One that takes place in our increasingly multipolar world and is ... a challenge to the old narrative' *Sunday Telegraph*`The five characters are distinct, and Aw manages to bring them together well ... Aw brilliantly recreates the intonations and vocabulary of someone educated only in Chinese' *Independent*`Highly topical, sharply observed but affecting portmanteau novel' *Independent*, `Books of the Year` A splendid achievement. The narrative ... is brilliantly designed, a puzzle whose pieces click satisfyingly into place - Aw's book could scarcely be bettered' *Independent on Sunday*`Aw's style - terse but tender, lightly ironic without being snide - is fresh, bracing and, above all, compassionate. His characters ... form profound impressions on the reader. One simply cares deeply what happens to them, and this skilled writer never makes that an easy matter to predict' *Scotsman*

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