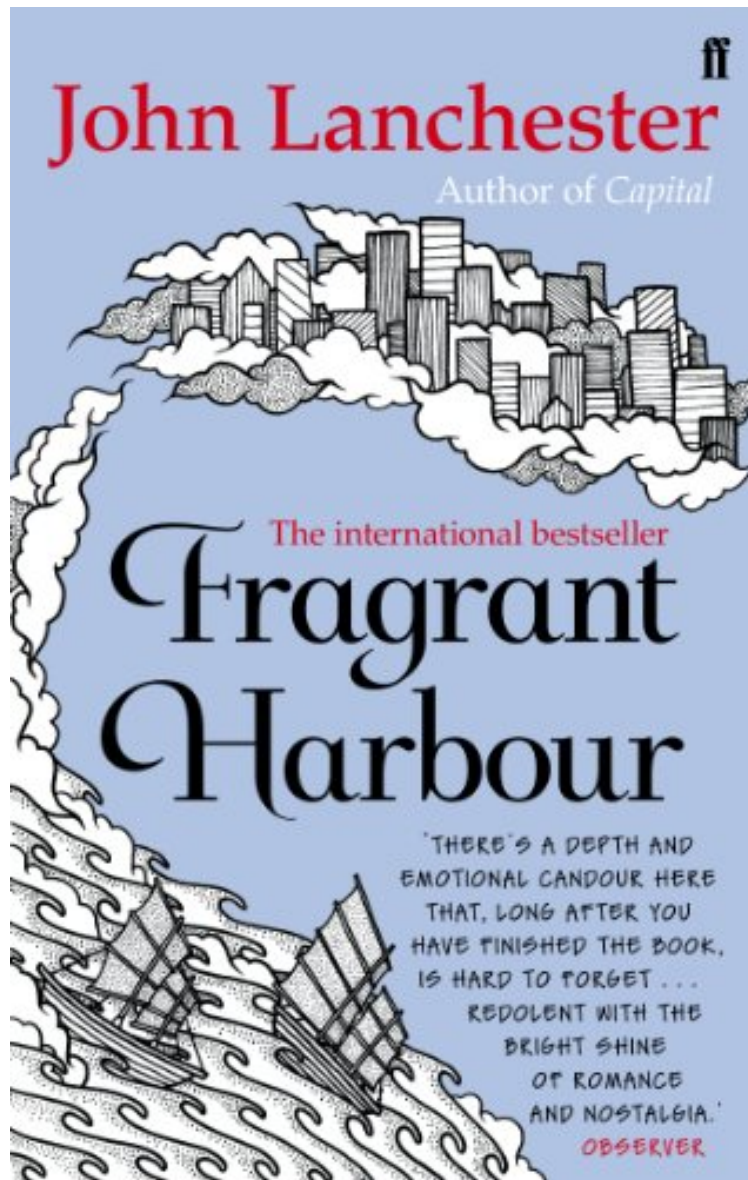


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**Von John Lanchester : Fragrant Harbour (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Fragrant Harbour (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The best historical sociological novel I have read in a long whileVon rrr\_hhhA really enjoyable reading that will transport you through all the history of the XXth century in Hongkong. I liked the trustful and detailed descriptions of the harbour.

The author shows a lot of sensibility towards the environment and I like the way he describes indoors as well as outdoors places and locations. He also shows a great interest in the way the economy works. He is also a great story teller and his characters are earthed in reality and believable. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. auf nach Asien Von R. Weller Fragrant Harbour, knapp 80 Jahre der Geschichte Hong Kongs. Die Entwicklung der Stadt ist eigentlich der Treiber der Story. Wir verfolgen über die Jahre hinweg diverse Einzelschicksale von Menschen die in Hong Kong ihr Glück suchen. Eine junge Journalistin, die Mitte 90er Jahre in die Stadt kommt und dort Karriere macht, ein junger Engländer der 1930 vom Reisefieber gepackt wird und in Hong Kong zum Hotelier wird, eine chinesische Nonne die aus Frankreich zurück nach China kommt und noch einige andere Akteure. Die Schicksale der Figuren sind alle an irgendeinem Punkt miteinander verwoben. Der Leser erlebt den zweiten Weltkrieg, den Aufstieg der Stadt zur Handelsmetropole, den Einzug der Triaden und anderer krimineller Vereinigungen. Der Autor hat einen wunderschönen, entspannten Roman über die Stadt und ihre Bewohner verfasst. Die Geschichte fließt gut 300 Seiten gemütlich dahin. Das interessanteste aus meiner Sicht ist die Tatsache, dass die Story nie wirklich spannend ist und trotzdem ist das Buch ein Pageturner. Wunderschön formuliert und als Gesamtwerk eine dicke Empfehlung für alle die ein gutes Buch zu schätzen wissen. Soweit ich weiß ist die Geschichte bis heute nicht auf Deutsch erschienen, das Englisch ist jedoch für den halbwegs gebildeten Leser kein Problem. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannende Reise Von Bestseller Spannende Reise durch Zeit, Raum und Kulturen. Es spannt den Bogen vom Hongkong der Kolonialzeit zum heutigen Expat-Dasein der privilegierten Elite von heute. Ein sympathischer Hauptdarsteller, dem man ein Happy End wünscht...dieses aber durch seine eigenen Entscheidungen verhindert.

Kurzbeschreibung Fragrant Harbour is the story of four people whose intertwined lives span Asia's last seventy years. Tom Stewart leaves England just before it is hit by the Great Depression to seek his fortune, and finds it in running Hong Kong's best hotel. Sister Maria is a beautiful and uncompromising Chinese nun whom Stewart meets on the boat out from England; their friendship spans decades and changes both their lives. Dawn Stone is an English journalist who becomes the public face of money and power and big business. Matthew Ho is a young Chinese entrepreneur whose life has been shaped by painful choices made long before his birth, and who is now facing his own difficulties, and opportunities, in the twenty-first century. The complacency of colonial life in the 1930s; the horrors of the Japanese occupation during the Second World War; the post-war boom and transformation of Hong Kong into a laboratory of capitalism at its most cut-throat; the growth of the Triads; the handover of the city to the Chinese - all these are present in Fragrant Harbour, an epic novel of one of the world's great cities..de In his new novel Fragrant Harbour John Lanchester, as in his previous books, shows an impressionist's gift for adopting different voices for his narrator. The moral hedonist Tarquin Winot who tells his story in The Debt to Pleasure and the downsized suburbanite whose inner monologues provide the material for Mr Phillips could hardly be more contrasting characters, yet Lanchester makes both equally convincing. In Fragrant Harbour much of the story is told in the words of Tom Stewart, a young Englishman who sails to Hong Kong in the 1930s and ends up spending the rest of his long life there. The voice of Stewart--reserved, humane and understated--is as finely achieved as those in the earlier novels. Through his eyes we see Hong Kong's 20th-century history. The class-ridden and racially divided society of the 1930s is given the brutal awakening of the Japanese occupation. After the war, the old Hong Kong disappears and the city is transformed by economic boom and entrepreneurial energy. The approaching return of the city to mainland China brings its own problems, anxieties and upheavals. Against this backdrop, Stewart's life, and particularly his relationship with Maria, a Chinese nun he first meets as he is travelling out from England in 1935, unfolds. Lanchester intertwines personal histories and the city's history with great skill, showing how the past lives on, even in a city as resolutely modern as Hong Kong. The narrator of the book's last section, a young businessman called Matthew Ho, may be the embodiment of the new Hong Kong but, as he knows himself, his life has been decisively marked by the old. --Nick Rennison Pressestimmen This is the story of four people whose intertwined lives span Asia's last 70 years. Tom Stewart leaves England just before the Great Depression to seek his fortune, and finds it in running Hong Kong's best hotel. Sister Maria is an uncompromising Chinese nun whom Stewart meets on the boat out from England; their friendship spans decades and changes both their lives. Dawn Stone is an English journalist who becomes the public face of money and power and big business. Matthew Ho is a young Chinese entrepreneur whose life has been shaped by choices made long before his birth. The complacency of colonial life in the 1930s, the horrors of the Japanese occupation; the post-war transformation of Hong Kong; the growth of the Triads - all are present in Lanchester's epic novel.