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Von Maj Sjwall, Per Wahl : Roseanna (The Martin Beck series, Book 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Roseanna (The Martin Beck series, Book 1):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Roseanna is a masterpiece of police procedural fiction.Von steve cooneyThe nude body of a young woman is dredged from the bottom of a Swedish canal, and Martin Beck, a homicide detective with the Stockholm Police Force, spends the rest of "Roseanna" doggedly looking for clues and trying to solve her murder. Authors Maj Sjowall and Per

Wahloo supposedly set out to write ten books featuring a homicide detective (Beck), and showing the ills of modern society in the process. Roseanna was the first of the ten books, one per year, that came out in the late sixties and early seventies. But what Sjöwall and Wahloo may have succeeded in doing is something a little different - revealing a genius for characterization and story, so that by the tenth book ("The Terrorists", sadly out of print), one looks at Beck and the other recurring characters like old friends. But Roseanna is great reading, whether basking on the beach or in bed on a dark and stormy night. One roots for Martin Beck, a creation every bit as compelling as Sam Spade, Travis McGee or Phillip Marlowe, as he stubbornly pursues his seemingly impossible task. And one also has to thank Black Lizard for having the courage to re-issue these masterpieces of crime fiction. Enjoy!

10 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. First book of a series of 10, introducing Martin Beck. Von Alfred J. Kwak. A vessel dredging the busy Gota canal scoops up the mud-covered, naked body of a young woman. It takes agonizing months to identify her and more months of painstaking research to arrest her killer. The book is situated in Sweden, the victim a US citizen. This timeless 1964 police procedural by Maj Sjöwall and Per Wahl (SW) is a true classic and a feast to reread. It is the first of a series of 10 novels completed in 1976 with Martin Beck (MB) as chief detective. He explains his key rules for crime investigation and comes across as a non-assertive head of a family of four, who eats and sleeps badly and smokes a lot. He hates crowds, driving (in) cars, flying, taking the subway. But he is quite systematic and sharp when murder is at stake. And a masterful interrogator. SW were inspired by Georges Simenon and Ed McBain, wildly popular in Europe in the 1960-1980s with books about murder squads opening up a bit about their private lives. Strictly speaking, all 10 SW's books are police procedurals, alert to tunnel vision, methodical, casting the net wide, relying on pre-DNA forensic medicine. The books can be read separately. What made the series so special? It began in book 3: questioning the role of the uniformed police in a democracy, its army roots, its conduct during WW II, its violence against protesters and its patrol car cops having an average IQ of 93. In later books this theme takes up ever more space. To left-leaning readers in the 1970s, the series pictured and confirmed a dismal state of the welfare state. SW thus created a Scandinavian school of crime writing in which the police do not solve deep social problems, but seem to exacerbate them... "Roseanna" is a gem and a great introduction to SW's universe.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I stayed up all night. Von Ein Kunde. This murder mystery/police novel is surprisingly captivating. I don't usually read this genre, so I can't compare to other, more familiar, authors of crime stories, but I stayed up all night to finish it, I found myself wanting to get to the bottom of the murder as much as the relentless, detective Martin Beck.

Kurzbeschreibung Roseanna is the first book in the hugely acclaimed Martin Beck series: the novels that shaped the future of Scandinavian crime fiction and influenced writers from Stieg Larsson to Jo Nesbo, Henning Mankell to Lars Kepler. On a July afternoon, the body of a young woman is dredged from a lake in southern Sweden. Raped and murdered, she is naked, unmarked and carries no sign of her identity. As Detective Inspector Martin Beck slowly begins to make the connections that will bring her identity to light, he uncovers a series of crimes further reaching than he ever would have imagined and a killer far more dangerous. How much will Beck be prepared to risk to catch him? .de According to Per Wahloo, the ten books he wrote with his wife, Maj Sjöwall, about Inspector Martin Beck were intended to be a left-wing assault on the sacred cows of Swedish society. They are also, however, entertaining tales of mystery that allow non-Swedes to slip under the skin of another culture while having a frighteningly good time. In this first book of the series, the body of a young woman is discovered as a dredger digs a canal. There seems to be little chance of Beck identifying the woman, let alone discovering who killed her. But by combining time-honored methods of police procedure with a few local twists, Beck manages to do just that. .com According to Per Wahloo, the ten books he wrote with his wife, Maj Sjöwall, about Inspector Martin Beck were intended to be a left-wing assault on the sacred cows of Swedish society. They are also, however, entertaining tales of mystery that allow non-Swedes to slip under the skin of another culture while having a frighteningly good time. In this first book of the series, the body of a young woman is discovered as a dredger digs a canal. There seems to be little chance of Beck identifying the woman, let alone discovering who killed her. But by combining time-honored methods of police procedure with a few local twists, Beck manages to do just that.