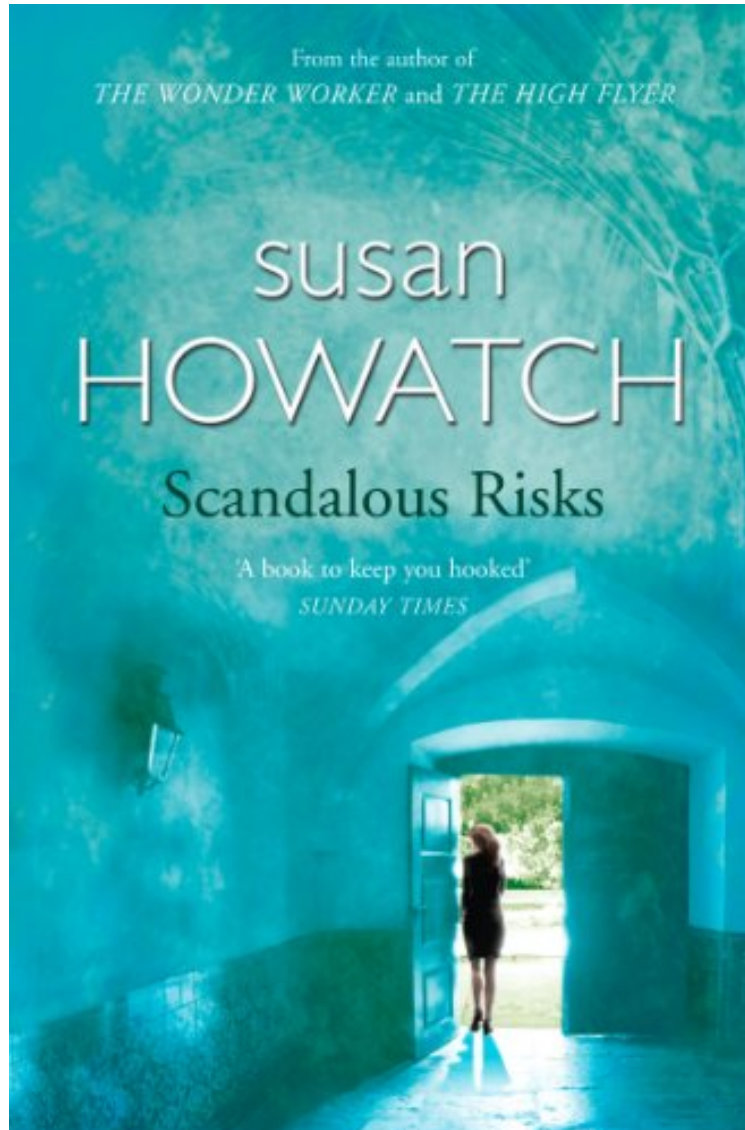


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Von Susan Howatch : Scandalous Risks before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Scandalous Risks:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How Can It Be So Wrong When It Feels So Right!?Von Ein KundeAuthor Susan Howatch unites Stephen Aysgarth, a married Anglican Dean of Starbridge Cathedral, with young aristocrat Venetia Flaxton in a passionate affair of the heart. Scandalous risks indeed! This affair serves as a mirror that reflects the human impact of a raging debate in the 1960's over the book, Honest To God, by Anglican Bishop John A. T. Robinson. The contents of this volume record

an attempt to restate Christianity in modern terms to a "generation come of age." Howatch tracks the nature and implications of the debate in the lives of these all too human characters as they seek to live out their beliefs. The consequences of their actions highlight what was truly at stake in such a public debate. This clever device puts real faces on the scandalous risk of theological "up-dating." The lively dialogue, passionate characters, and suspenseful developments make this book an engaging and thoughtful read about Church and society in a tumultuous era.

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Von Ein Kunde
An emotion-charged, roller coaster ride on the subject of intergenerational love, Howatch's book deals close to the bone. Neville Aysgarth is surely one of the sexiest protagonists in fiction, with his mass of frailties and weaknesses. Yet ultimately it is his belief in Love and its redemptive powers that lift the ending. And of course, he is right. The subject of an old/young love has rarely been dealt with in fiction, albeit with such perception and sensitivity. As a younger partner in one such relationship, her observations strike very close to home, and the last few pages, describing the twilight of Aysgarth's life and his search for forgiveness left tears in my eyes. I finished the book with a sense of loss and regret...too real, the book had been. Much too real...thank you Ms. Howatch. I thought you had peaked with the excellent Wheel of Fortune, but I'm glad you didn't.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A theological beach novel
Von Kim Boykin
Like all the books in Susan Howatch's Church of England series, "Scandalous Risks" has a page-turning plot and a good dose of romance and intrigue, while also being an exploration of 20th-century Anglican theology and spirituality. In this novel, the sexual tension is between a young woman and a married Anglican priest, and theologically, it's about a certain type of liberal theology (specifically, the 1960s book "Honest to God" by Bishop John Robinson) and its potential for misuse. The six books in the series, plus "The Wonder Worker," which might as well be part of the series, move through the 20th century and have overlapping characters, but there's no need to read them in order. My favorites are this one, "Glamorous Powers," and "Absolute Truths."

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