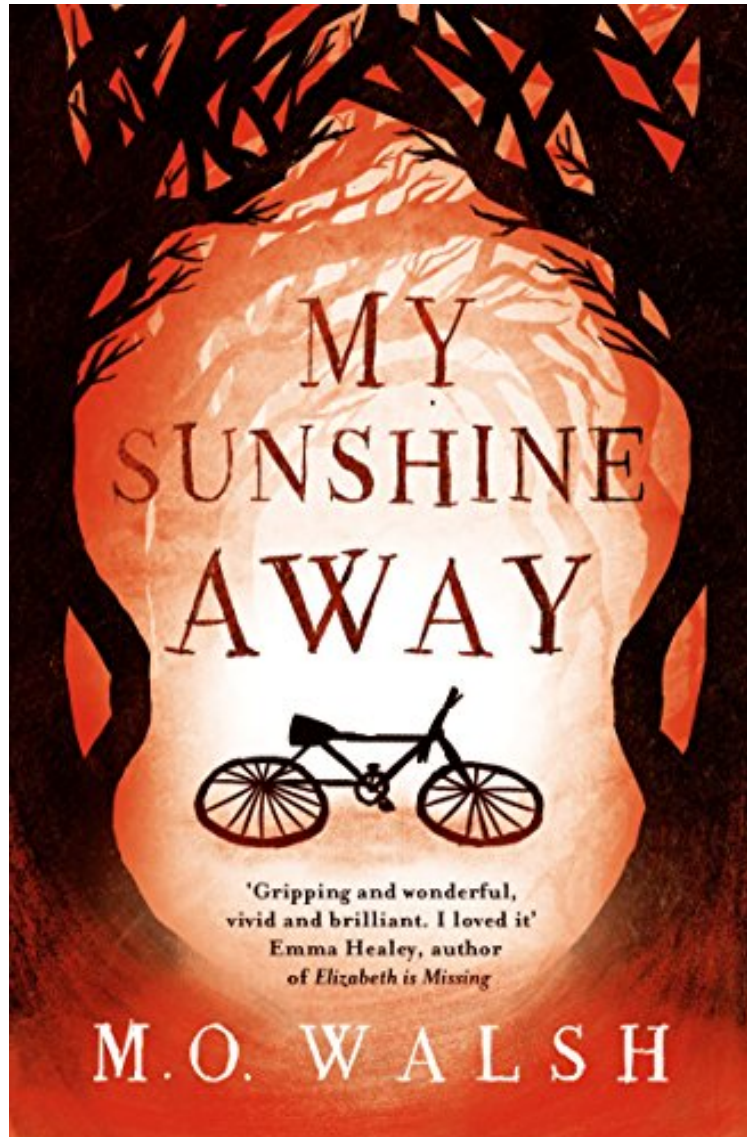


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dieses Buch mit einer gewissen Vorfremde auf den Kindle - und wurde nicht enttäuscht. Schon die Leseprobe hatte mich innerhalb der ersten drei Seiten gefesselt. Dieses Buch hat definitiv eine Luke, durch die man in eine andere Welt gelangt. Der Erzähler blickt zurück auf seine Jugendzeit in einem scheinbar idyllischen Viertel von Baton Rouge. Doch schon zu Beginn dieser Geschichte wird dem Leser klar, dass hinter dieser vermeintlichen Idylle dunkle Abgründe lauern. Die fünfzehnjährige Lindy Simpson, in die der jugendliche Erzähler unsterblich verliebt ist, wird auf dem Heimweg nach dem Training vergewaltigt - der Täter entkommt unerkannt. Alle weiteren Handlungsstränge sind eng mit diesem Hauptstrang (Das Verbrechen an Lindy) verknüpft. Der junge Mann, durch ein dunkles Geheimnis von großen Schuldgefühlen geplagt, versucht mit allen Kräften, die Gunst der gebrochenen jungen Frau zu gewinnen. Nebenhandlungen sind dabei die Scheidung seiner Eltern und das zerrüttete Verhältnis des Protagonisten zu seinem egoistischen Vater, der Verlust der Schwester, ein weiteres Verbrechen, das sich lange unentdeckt in unmittelbarer Nachbarschaft abspielt, und die Entwicklung des Protagonisten vom verliebten, naiven Teenager zum jungen Mann. Spannend ist hier vor allem die Parallellität des jugendlich naiven und des erwachsenen Blicks auf dieselben Geschehnisse. Gelegentlich sind die emotionalen Einblicke in das Seelenleben des jungen Helden etwas zu schwelstig und die Salomitaik des Autors vor allem gegen Ende des Romans etwas zu offensichtlich, aber ansonsten gibt es an diesem sehr lesenswerten Krimi nichts zu meckern. Gelegentliche Anklänge von "To Kill a Mockingbird".

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