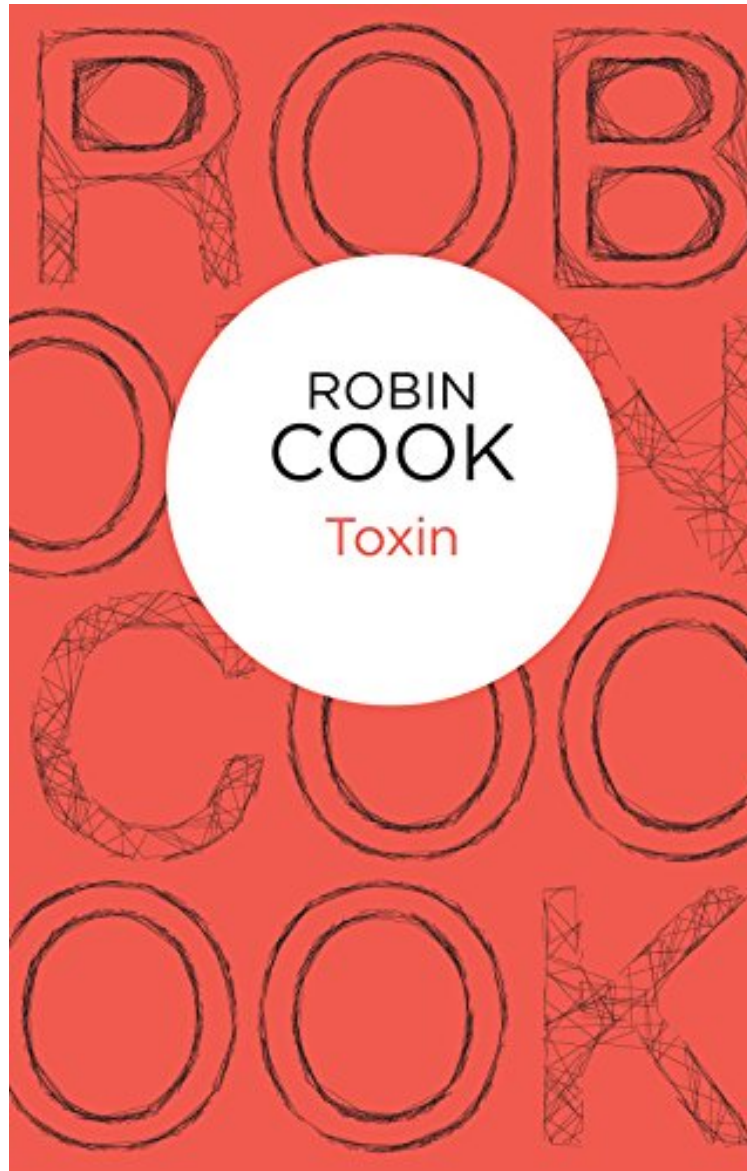


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Von Robin Cook : Toxin (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Toxin (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent book for Grisham fans as well ...Von Ein KundeUnfortunately, the five star rating excludes opinion based on the happy-ending principle. If it were, I would have removed a star. However, the book is fantastic otherwise, and a

slight alteration in storyline stereotype by Dr. Cook. I followed one surgeon's life through drastic change as he fought the uncontrollable evils that left him helpless in the wake of his daughter's illness. Dr. Cook, for the first time so dramatically, showed not just how impacting a disease can be on a very local level (as opposed to the epidemic standards we're used to from the author), but how the human spirit and personality can evolve magnanimously via a force oppressionable enough. The book was mostly unpredictable, with a "how-will-he-stop-the-bad-guys" rather than a "who-did-it" sort of mystery. And the emotional ride along was a treat, accurately in my opinion stirring tears and laughs where they should appropriately be. And the underlying issues of the story are on cue with the "lone-ranger" syndrome of John Grisham's *RUNNAWAY JURY*, or *THE FIRM*, in which it's just one guy against the gigantic corporate evils that ultimately put profit above human life. Also, *TOXIN* is the most graphically descriptive Robin Cook book I have ever read! From severed heads tho shredded hearts to pieces of cow organs spitting and splatting on you from apocalyptic conveyer belts, this book was effective enough to get across a pointedly remarkable social issue! Robin Cook does it again! Read it!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pretty good, but the ending made me throw the book down! Von George Marzloff This was a good book, but it definitely had three problems. 1- The multi-personality doc was unbelievable, resembling a whiny superhero. 2- The writing was so contrary. Cook has a large vocabulary, even sometimes he's too perfect with the grammar in the conversation. Yet, most of the dialogue is followed by "Tracy said, Reggis said, Tracy said, Becky said, Kelly said". Does Cook know of any other word to use besides "said" after quotation? And the third problem was the ENDING! It ruined the book AND cost the book two stars on my rating. My hand was turning the pages at a mile a minute and then stopped at the ending. The story just fell into an empty space, not resolving the problem, no conclusion, nothing. UGH! I threw the book down in disgust. Now you're asking why did I rate it with 3 stars. I couldn't put the book down (until the end, explained earlier). Cook's use of setting, conflict, and description was phenomenal. I really felt like I was in the scenes. The author merged a narrative medical drama with expository information about the steer-to-hamburger process. The "bridge" that melded the two and made the story work was the conflict of: the doctor's attempt to uncover E. Coli contamination versus the USDA and beef industry alliance's attempt to keep the contamination secret, in order to maintain their profits. If an ending was included in the book, it would be worthy of five stars. This won't be the best book you'll ever read, but it's nonstop action and exploration through the beef industry will make you think next time you take a bite into that Big Mac.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Better than a Bad Burger Von Ein Kunde There's some irony that Robin Cook, whose books are like fast food, tackles the meat industry. The expose is a little slender, like a 20-20 report done for as dumbed-down audience. Much more telling is Richard Rhodes' non-fiction book, "Deadly Feast." Nevertheless, Cook's effort is fast-paced and entertaining, even if the plot seems a bit paint-by-the-numbers. A literal movie version undoubtedly would be a howler. The best part is the father's manic and destructive behavior after waiting three hours in an emergency room (attacking a trash can, decking an attending physician). The feeling is understandable, though the father is a cardiologist and you'd think he'd know of such things. Adding to the incredulity is the reality that in most hospitals the fellow, doctor or not, would be arrested. Here he is let off only to go on and have other temper tantrums. Of course, his daughter's disturbing illness explains his agitation. A sub-plot involving the guilt of divorced parents and the tendency to attribute blame nicely fleshes out the story. After the inevitable, the protagonist tries to track down the infection through a meat plant. The book falls apart at this point. Stereotypes are trotted out and confusing chase sequences ensue. The meat industry is portrayed with the sympathy typically reserved for depictions of the Mafia. And as a vigilante the character is ludicrous. Whatever. The book's a good beach read and you should not feel shortchanged if high tide carries it off to sea. Just don't grab a burger as a substitute.

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