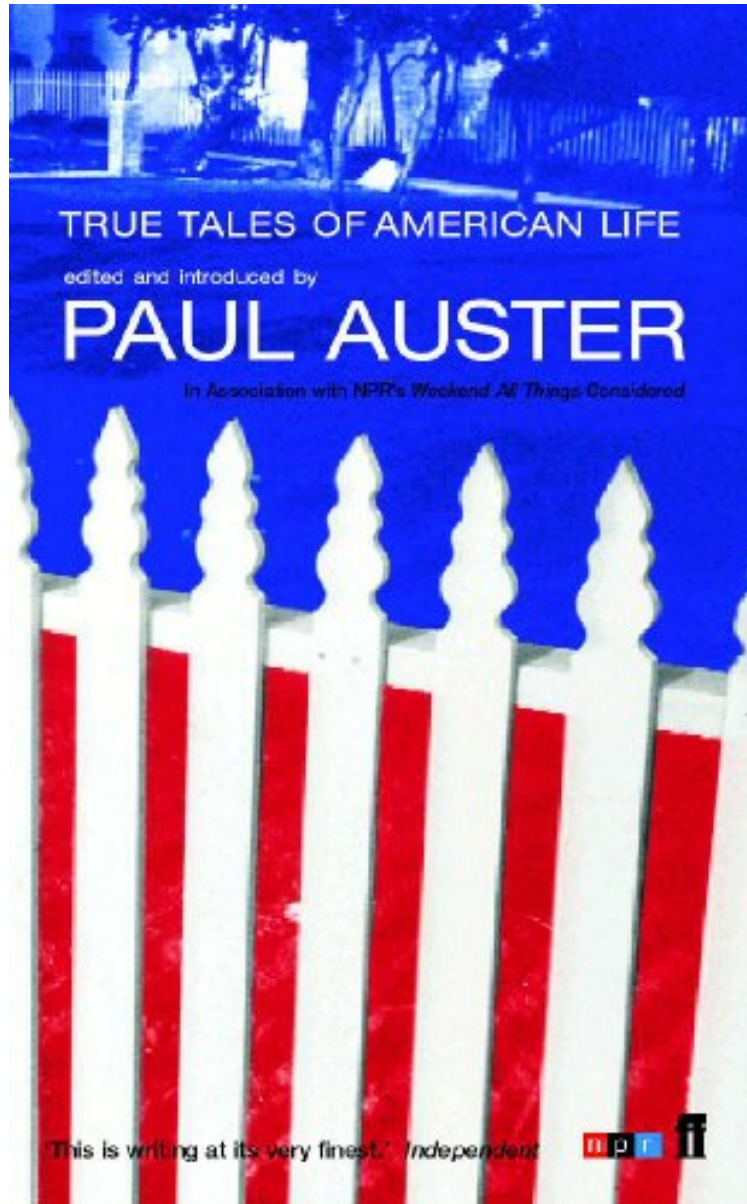


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Von Paul Auster

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Von Paul Auster : True Tales of American Life (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised True Tales of American Life (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wertvolle und unterhaltsame BetrachtungenVon KundenrezensionenDies ist eine ungewöhnlich groe Sammlung sehr

kurzer Geschichten, die teilweise sehr bewegen und so musste der Herausgeber ihnen zunächst eine gewisse Ordnung geben. Deswegen sind die Geschichten gleichmäßig über die folgenden Bereiche verteilt: Animals (Tiere), Objects (Gegenstände), Families (Familien), Slapstick, Strangers (Fremde), War (Krieg), Love (Liebe), Death (Tod), Dreams (Träume) und Meditations (Meditationen). Die letzten fünf Seiten des Buchs listen dann die jeweiligen Autoren der Geschichten auf. Eine Sammlung zum Lachen und zum Weinen, zum Nachdenken und zum an den Kopf fassen. Außerdem ist es eine Sammlung, die in der heutigen Zeit auch noch ihren eigenen Wert hat. Denn bei aller Aufregung über die amerikanische Außen- und Innenpolitik in den letzten Jahren mag sie nun berechtigt oder unberechtigt sein zeigt dieses Buch doch sehr deutlich, dass es die Amerikaner genauso wenig gibt, wie die Deutschen, die sterreicher oder was auch immer. Zunächst gibt es einmal Menschen, die immer und unter allen Umständen versuchen so gut zu sein, wie sie können. Und das ist ein sehr netter und beruhigender Gedanke, bevor man die Nachrichten guckt. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Bewegende Geschichten Von Dr. Rosemarie P. Bewegende Geschichten, ganz unterschiedlicher Art, von existentiell bis alltäglich und doch alle beeindruckend, faszinierend, zum Teil kaum vorstellbar und doch wahre Begebenheiten. Großartig erzählt, wie dies der Stil Paul Auster's ist. Ich habe das Buch bereits mehrfach verschenkt. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful read, again and again and again... Von S. Parker I have had this book for many years now and it is one of my favorites. I have given copies of it several times and I regularly pick it up and read a story, or two, or three... it is so full of emotion, so human - and at the same time full of hope. Absolutely wonderful !

Kurzbeschreibung Chosen by Paul Auster out of the four thousand stories submitted to his radio programme on National Public Radio, these 180 stories provide a wonderful portrait of America in the twentieth century. The requirement for selection was that each of the stories should be true, and each of the writers should not have been previously published. The collection that has emerged provides a richly varied and authentic voice for the American people, whose lives, loves, griefs, regrets, joys and sense of humour are vividly and honestly recounted throughout, and adeptly organised by Auster into themed sections. The section composed of war stories stretches as far back as the Civil War, still the defining moment in American history; while the sequence of 'Meditations' conclude the volume with a true and abiding sense of transcendence. The resultant anthology is both an enduring hymn to the strange everyday of contemporary American life and a masterclass in the art of storytelling..de True Tales of American Life is a collection derived from a project launched by Paul Auster on US National Public Radio. Auster credits his wife with the idea of having listeners send in their own short pieces of true-life writing, from which Auster would choose half a dozen to be read on air each week. But, for all the success of the radio programme, as Auster writes, "you can't hold the words in your hands". Here, then, is the fully "holdable" book. Auster has selected 179 pieces from the 4,000 plus he had received by October 2000. Split fairly evenly between male and female authors, with an age range of 20 to "pushing 90", the collection revels in its multifariousness: the contributors include "a postman, a merchant seaman, a trolley-bus driver, a gas-and-electric-meter reader, a restorer of player pianos, a crime-scene cleaner", and so on. The biographical detail is relevant because inevitably most of these true stories draw on the rawest of raw materials, the writers' own experience. Auster wanted "true stories that sounded like fiction". In an age where talk shows (think Jerry Springer and Ricki Lake) demand that we tell our life stories as fiction--and encourage us to live our lives as fiction--it's a particularly timely and potent meeting place of reality and art, or in Auster's words, "an archive of facts, a museum of American reality" in fictional form. Unlike Auster, who regularly has to wade through 60 of these tales in a day to meet his weekly radio deadlines, the regular reader can dip in and out. And at a rate of, say, one story per day, this book will keep you fascinated with (and occasionally horrified at) American's true life tales for just about six months. --Alan Stewart Pressestimmen 'It is difficult to think of another book published this year, and probably any book to be published next year, that is so simple and so obvious, so excellent in intention and so elegant in its execution, and which displays such wisdom and such knowledge of human life in all its varieties.' Ian Sansom, Guardian; 'Fantastic... Glows with the truth of shared human experience.' The Face; 'Astonishing... This is writing at its very finest.' Independent