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Von Kim Stanley Robinson

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Von Kim Stanley Robinson : A Short Sharp Shock (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Short Sharp Shock (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Mysterious, captivating, and ultimately mind-boggling... Von Ein Kunde"A Short, Sharp Shock" is quite different from any of Robinson's novels, or for that matter from any of his short stories that I remember. It's as good as anything else he's written, but in a totally different direction.Robinson creates a world of mythology, of peculiar yet compelling visions. The story can only be said to be elliptical, orbiting far out into mysterious lands and lives, before hurtling back

to its starting point in a particularly thought-provoking way. If all this sounds vague and atmospheric, I'm sorry, but this is not the kind of book that can be described by simply condensing its plot. That plot focuses on an amnesiac character who finds himself abruptly thrust into a peculiar world, a thin strip of land surrounded by an untravelled ocean. As he travels along through this evocative landscape, he interacts with a cast of memorable persons most of whom are not clearly friends nor enemies, but all of whom provoke some kind of response in the protagonist (and in the reader). The meaning of this journey starts out simple -- a search for someone who might be his partner, and who was kidnapped by a band of local thugs -- and with every page, it becomes more complex. By the end, the journey has become a metaphorical strand tying together cosmology, love and hate, cultural diversity, parallel universes, the unrecoverable loss of memories, and I don't know what all else. No review can adequately describe this story; it's too complicated and yet too simple. I *wholeheartedly* recommend it.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wow...I mean...Wow Von Rob (freak@pop1.nai.net) This is Robinson like you've never seen him. I guess I COULD compare it to his Mars trilogy, Ice Henge, or Antarctica, but it's really unlike them. However, it ranks up there with his very best works. As usual, his character development is incredible. The description of the Fantasy world he creates is amazing. I finished it in one sitting, though I thought about it for the next week. The novel's strength lies in its inner meaning. Read for face value, it's a decent novel though extremely confusing. Read with some thought and reflection, it can be seen in many different lights, such as the circle of a human life, relationships, histories...the list goes on. Truly a remarkable novel, but don't read it if you just want a light, fun read (like Dune or Grisham novels).

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Utterly engrossing and philosophical Von Harlan Harris This book, which other reviewers have described well, was totally enthralling and absorbing. After finishing it, my perceptions of reality had changed, and it took a while before I was able to relate to the real world again! Robinson's writing in this work, more than most of his other novels, is artistic and literary, almost Kafka-esque. I would compare A Short, Sharp Shock to a similar book, also a surrealistic fantasy written by an SF author, The Bridge, by Iain Banks. Aside from their superficial similarities (fish-out-of-water protagonist traveling on a trip of land/bridge on an endless sea), both are astonishingly thought-provoking and deep. Very highly recommended for those willing to challenge themselves.

Kurzbeschreibung A man tumbles through wild surf, half drowned, to collapse on a moonlit beach. When he regains consciousness, he has no memory of who he is or where he came from. He knows only that the woman who washed ashore with him has disappeared sometime in the night and that he has awakened in a surreal landscape of savage beauty a mysterious watery world encircled by a thin spine of land. Aided by strange tribesmen, he journeys to the cove of the spine kings, a brutal race that has enslaved the woman and several of the tribesmen. That is only the beginning of his quest, as he struggles to find her identity in this wondrous and cruel land and seeks out the woman whose hold on his imagination is both unfathomable and unshakable. Haunting and lyrical, filled with uncommon beauty and terrible peril, A Short, Sharp Shock is an ambitious and enthralling story by one of science fiction's most respected talents. "A fabulation of life, love and beauty transplanted into the alien; a dreamy picaresque A strange and hallucinatory short fantasy with occasional sharp insights into human natures and loves A story that will haunt you, long after you finish reading." - Infinity Plus "Mysterious and poetic, with vivid descriptions of the lands through which they walk...compelling." - SFF Chronicle "Robinson shows off his vivid imagination and descriptive skills." - Science Fiction Times.de Kim Stanley Robinson, justly famous for his science fiction, has created a mesmerizing fantasy work in A Short, Sharp Shock. Each brief chapter (with evocative titles such as "Beauty Is the Promise of Happiness") explores a little further along the path of the amnesiac protagonist, Thel. Thel finds himself on an amazing world, which has just one narrow ridge of land encircling the globe, with endless ocean on either side. And Thel is on a quest, searching for the woman who was with him when he first awakened, but who was taken by the murderous spine kings. In his travels along the ribbon of land, Thel encounters exotic local peoples and their legends of the origin of the world, and learns more about his companions and himself. Robinson's imagination is far-ranging and he has a pointed way with words: in a scene where Thel is slowly pushed through a magical mirror, Robinson's evocation of pain is unforgettable. A Short, Sharp Shock is guaranteed to haunt the reader for a long time. --Blaise Selby .co.uk Kim Stanley Robinson, justly famous for his science fiction, has created a mesmerizing fantasy work in A Short, Sharp Shock. Each brief chapter (with evocative titles such as "Beauty Is the Promise of Happiness") explores a little further along the path of the amnesiac protagonist, Thel. Thel finds himself on an amazing world, which has just one narrow ridge of land encircling the globe, with endless ocean on either side. And Thel is on a quest, searching for the woman who was with him when he first awakened, but who was taken by the murderous spine kings. In his travels along the ribbon of land, Thel encounters exotic local peoples and their legends of the origin of the world, and learns more about his companions and himself. Robinson's imagination is far-ranging and he has a pointed way with words: in a scene where Thel is slowly pushed through a magical mirror, Robinson's evocation of pain is unforgettable. A

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