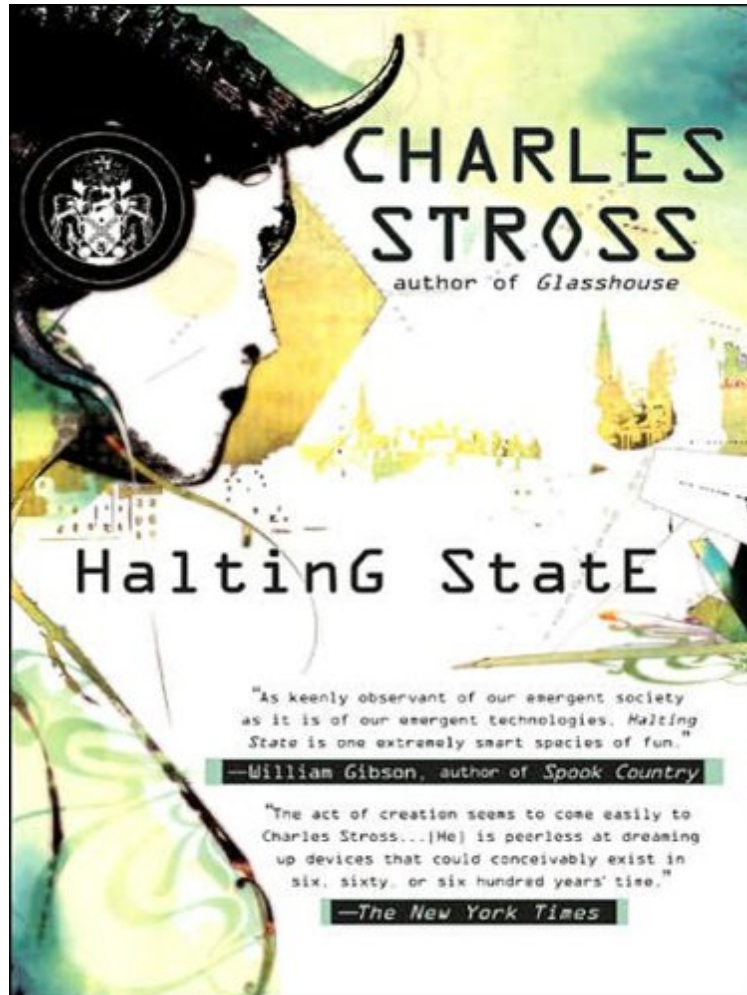


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen28 von 28 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An epiphany even and especially for the tech geek :)Von CustomerThis is propably the most entertaining, most hilarious, most ingenious and best thought out book I've read in a long time. Stross takes all the ideas, politics, technology, trends and subcultures of today's Information Society and projects them into the near future, painting a picture that I can't find a fault with.On top of that, It is told in Stross's typical eloquent style and has a entertaining and captivating story, as well as ideas that give rise to epiphany even in the deeply immersed Programmer/Hacker/ScienceTechnology Geek :(And by the way, reading the book feels like playing a MUSH or TextAdventure)To fully enjoy the full depth of the book however, I recommend at least a Bachelors Degree in Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, a

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KurzbeschreibungNow in paperback?from the author of Saturn's Children.In the year 2018, a daring bank robbery has taken place at Hayek Associates. The suspects are a band of marauding orcs, with a dragon in tow for fire support, and the bank is located within the virtual reality land of Avalon Four. But Sergeant Sue Smith discovers that this virtual world robbery may be linked to some real world devastation.From Publishers WeeklyStarred . This brilliantly conceived techno-crime thriller spreads a black humor frosting over the grim prospect of the year 2012, when China, India and the European System are struggling for world economic domination in an infowar, and the U.S. faces bankruptcy over its failing infrastructure. Sgt. Sue Smith of Edinburgh's finest, London insurance accountant Elaine Barnaby and hapless secret-ridden programmer Jack Reed peel back layer after layer of a scheme to siphon vast assets from Hayek Associates, a firm whose tentacles spread into international economies. The theft is routed through Avalon Four, a virtual reality world complete with supposedly robbery-proof banks. As an electronic intelligence agency trains innocent gamers to do its dirty work, Elaine sets Jack to catch the poacher. Hugo-winner Stross (Glasshouse) creates a deeply immersive story, writing all three perspectives in the authoritative second-person style of video game instructions and gleefully spiking the intrigue with virtual Orcs, dragons and swordplay. The effortless transformation of today's technological frustrations into tomorrow's nightmare realities is all too real for comfort. (Oct.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.PressestimmenA great read, and a fascinating look at the future of security in a massively networked world. (Bruce Schneier, CTO, BT Counterpane)The first couple of pages had me hooked, and I didn't touch another book until I finished it. (John Carmack, Technical Director, iD Software and creator of Doom and Quake)As keenly observant of our emergent society as it is our emergent technologies, Halting State is one extremely smart species of fun. (William Gibson)Charles Stross is the most spectacular science-fiction writer of recent years. In Halting State, he has written a near-future story that is at once over-the-top and compellingly believable. (Vernor Vinge)