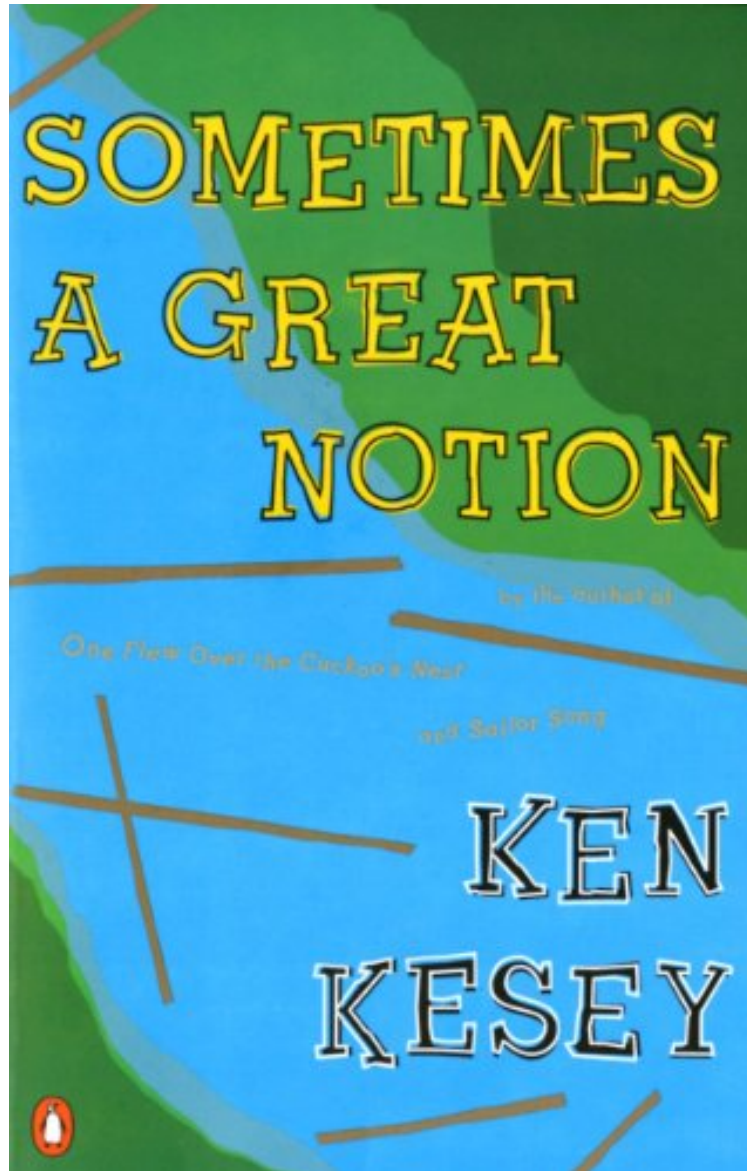


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Auch ohne Reich-Ranicki: WeltliteraturVon Ein KundeDer Groe Amerikanische Roman, ein vielgejagtes Phantom, das hier einmal konkrete Formen annimmt. Shazam! Hervorragend konstruiert, ohne dadurch an erzthlicher Kraft einzublen,

erzählt "Sometimes A Great Notion" die Geschichte eines Familienclans, dessen Oberhaupt Hank Stamper sich gegen die Bevormundung durch eine schier barmhertige Organisation stellt. Ein Triumph des Individuums über das Kollektiv, packend erzählt, voll mitreißender Szenen, in denen immer auch die Finesse des Erzählers durchscheint. Die auf den ersten Blick wie mit der Holzflügelaxt roh behauenen Figuren erscheinen bei genauerem Hinsehen vielschichtig und sind mit großer Liebe zum psychologischen Detail gezeichnet. Ebenso wuchtig und doch poetisch die Sprache. Ein Monument amerikanischer Gegenwartsliteratur.³ von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Rich in language, characters and message Von Ein Kunde I first read this around 1964 as a young man in Scotland...it has lived with me ever since. After recently visiting for the first time the beautiful Oregon coastal and river areas described by Kesey, I had to buy the book again. What a buy! I had forgotten (or never fully appreciated) the beauty of the language, the depth of the characters and the strength of the narrative. To revisit the book after these long (and hopefully maturing) years, with the benefit of a better understanding of life and America and the Oregon landscape has been a rich journey. This book will take a permanent spot on my bookshelf and will be high on my "must read" list.² von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. True America Von Ein Kunde I am 18 years old and have read this book twice. I think every 18 year old who reads should give it a run. It'll straighten out all those giddy girls in love with Jane Austen, it will prove to Shakespeare fanatics that beautiful writing doesn't have to be flowery and dead in order to be great; to disillusioned youth in love with depression and false alienation, it will show them there is no point to depression; it will show Beat wanna-be's and hippies that the best hero is one who goes out and works for something everyday instead of running from nothing constantly. This novel supports what America is truly about: rugged individualism and hard work. Yea, reading and education is great and all, but take it from me, there's nothing like working all day in thankless physical labor and going home. It is exactly what this culture needs. A drunken, wild, free-flowing, original, flowing, independent work that shows exactly what is wrong with our technologically and label (i.e. Abercrombie, GAP) dependent, bad music loving, money-grubbing, lazy culture. It is a story about real people solving real problems. It should be required knowledge for all of us.

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