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**Von Carl Hiaasen : Star Island (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Star Island (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Erste Hlfte Top, Zweite Hlfte FlopVon RolfCarl Hiaasen kannte ich als launigen Verfasser von "Striptease" und freute mich anlsslich meines Florida-Urlaubs auf Lesevergnngen mit dem gewissen Florida-Touch. Tatschlich erflft der neueste Streich des Mr. Hiaasen zunchst die Erwartungen. Skurrile Typen, allen voran der Paparazzo Bang Abbott, ein in den

Everglades lebender ehemaliger Gouverneur sowie ein Leibwächter namens Chemo mit ungewöhnlichem Krperteil (ich will nicht zuviel verraten), viel floridianisches und miamianisches Lokalkolorit, aktuelle Anspielungen auf den Starrummel la Britney Spears und eine sich irrwitzig steigernde Handlung. Just wenn der Lesespa seinen Lauf nimmt, schlafft das Werk aber etwa in der Hlfte pltzlich ab. Statt skurriler, aber glaubwrdiger Handlung nur noch unplausibles Verhalten der Akteure, sich stndig wiederholende Handlungsmuster (Entfhrungen am laufenden Band) und immer wiederkehrende Gags (der bewusste Krperteil von Chemo...). Ich schleppte mich von Seite zu Seite. Zu schlechter Letzt liefert Mr. Hiaasen uns noch eine knappe bersicht ber das weitere Schicksal der Protagonisten. Als ob den Leser die Biografie fiktiver Personen auerhalb des Romans, ihres Existenzraums, interessieren knnte. Das wirkt wie nachgeschobene Verwertung von Ideen, die der Autor mangels Lust oder Energie nicht mehr ausfabulieren wollte. Insgesamt also eine ordentliche, leichte und in gut verstndlichem Englisch geschriebene Urlaubslektre, mehr aber auch nicht.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. best book I have read for a long timeVon NicoleI picked up this book at the airport - didnt really read the back and just started reading. It was one of the best holiday books in a long time. Lately all the chick lit books turned out to be too predictable and boring and after 10 pages you already know how the books is going to end.But with Star Island it is completely different. There is not one main character but Carl Hiaasen tells an exciting story with many twists and turns. It is set in Florida and by coincidence we travlled through all the villages mentioned in the book a week earlier.If you want a book which stands out, has an amazing story with many twists and also some crazyness it in, then read it. I cannot understand that the book only has a total of 4 stars , it should have 5!!!!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Celebrities, Paparazzis, Fooling the Public, Environmental Destruction, and Skink on the LooseVon Donald Mitchell"When I observed it intently and considered, I saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air." -- Acts 11:6 (NKJV)Star Island was probably a lot more fun to write than to read. I'm sure Carl Hiaasen had many good laughs thinking about the no-talent celebrities he's been forced to spend time with as he got his revenge by putting some of their characteristics into the eminently uninteresting Cherry Pye, the anti-heroine of this comic novel.If you already know that you don't like no-talent celebrities and people who use influence to destroy the environment, you don't need to read Star Island for its messages. If you've ever watched television, you probably know as much about the comic misdeeds of young ne'er-do-wells as you want to.If you are mildly interested in how paparazzi might turn the tables on stoned celebrities, there's a little to attract you.A lot of this story is just plain repulsive, which has always worked as a source of humor since Rabelais made such good use of it. But you probably have to be in the right mood. I read the book sober, and it just dragged on without entertaining me or making me laugh very much.Mr. Hiaasen's writing works better when he has a greater range of ironic subjects to work with. Here, the irony was mostly caught up in a few gags and it felt more like pratfalls than thought-provoking humor.Unless you are addicted to Mr. Hiaasen's writing, I think you could safely skip this one and not miss much.

KurzbeschreibungTwenty-two-year-old pop star Cherry Pye is attempting a comeback from her latest drug-fuelled disaster. Her 'stunt double' Ann travels everywhere with her, throwing paparazzi off the scent when they get too close.But one night, Ann's resemblance to Cherry Pye proves too convincing - she is kidnapped by an obsessed paparazzo who only realises his mistake once it is too late to go back...From there it's a fast, funny and furious race against time to rescue Ann from a terrible fate. An international bestseller, acclaimed as Hiaasen's most hilarious, gripping novel to date, Star Island is an addictive read.PressestimmenAlways sharp and deliciously funny, Hiaasen is at his satirical best in this incisive look at celebrity culture', 69 DegreesPressestimmenCarl Hiaasen [is] Floridas most entertainingly indignant social critic . . .He presents us with Cherry Pye, a 22-year-old pop star whose every display of narcissistic excess will send a frisson of horrified delight up your spine . . . The outlandish events soar on the exuberance of Hiaasens manic style, a canny blend of lunatic farce and savage satire.New York Times Book Does anyone remember what we did for fun before novelist Carl Hiaasen began turning out his satirical comedies one after another after another? . . . Star Island is a concoction worth the time of any reader who wants quality entertainment.San Francisco ChronicleHiaasen reclaims his groove in Star Island, a wicked, fizzy sendup of American celebrity culture . . . A very funny book about life in the fast lane.Boston GlobeFans of Carl Hiaasen will feel right at home when they plunge into Star Island. Theres the familiar collection of deliciously tawdry characters, each angling for a piece of the action in Florida . . . And theres the fast-moving plot, and the writing that makes you laugh out loud . . . Hiaasen has turned out another gem. Readers of his previous novels can settle in for more wacky fun in the Florida sun.Associated PressA wild and fun Sunshine State ride.New York PostHiaasen is at his gleeful best skewering the morally bankrupt. He has plenty to poke fun at here, from a reprehensible real-estate developer with an excruciating groin injury to twin publicists Botoxed within an inch of their lives. This is classic Hiaasendemented, hilarious, and utterly over the top.Booklist (starred)An outrageous, offbeat novel . . . The torrent of pop culture barbs are bound to please Hiaasens ardent fans.Publishers Weekly