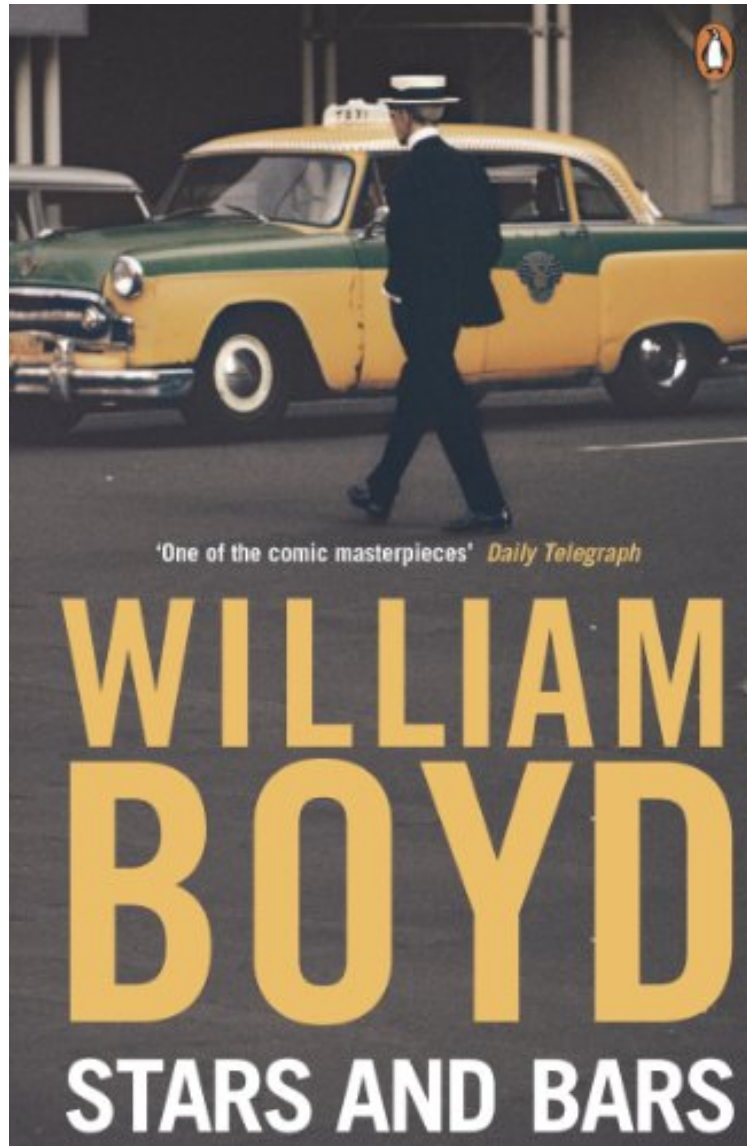


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Von William Boyd

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situated on the banks of the river Thames. Here, the first four chapters outline and describe Henderson Dores via 24 hours full of mishap and disaster. He is a shy Englishman (39) working in NYC as an art historian specialized in Impressionists at an auction house yearning for a prestigious sale. But Henderson is not just only shy, he is also an insomniac, reviewing his life's mistakes endlessly, and not good at decision-making either. Early on, under severe pressure from his workplace, his ex-wives wish to remarry (along with two children not his own) and an assertive new girlfriend, Henderson faces many challenges. A road trip to the Deep South to assess and value a collection of a dozen paintings is an opportunity for contemplation and making good. But once arrived, his client, mansion and family are a far cry from Capote, Faulkner and other Southern classics... William Boyd's plots are always convincing and his research is thorough (and invisible). Wrote pages filled with his acute observations and descriptions worded in beautiful sentences about an Englishman's daily wonderment about e.g. America's aesthetic standards, weird cuisine (in NY and the South) and media. Much of his brilliance here concerns transatlantic language use: Henderson saw America as a cure for his shyness. After more than a year there, when the story begins, he appears to have made little progress. Entertaining from page one. Highly recommended about life before internet and I-phones. 7 von 11 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Pure Situationskomik Von Ein Kunde Dieses Buch lege ich immer all jenen ans Herz, die mal wieder richtig lachen wollen. Es kommt bestimmt nicht oft vor, da man bei Bchern lauthals lachen mu. Bei diesem Buch mu man es stndig... Besonders der Ausflug des "Helden" in ein Hotel mit sportlicher Animation ist kaum zu berieten. Obwohl der humoristischen Seite ein breiter Raum eingerumt wird, ist dieses Buch auch recht nachdenklich und behaupt nicht oberflchlich.

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