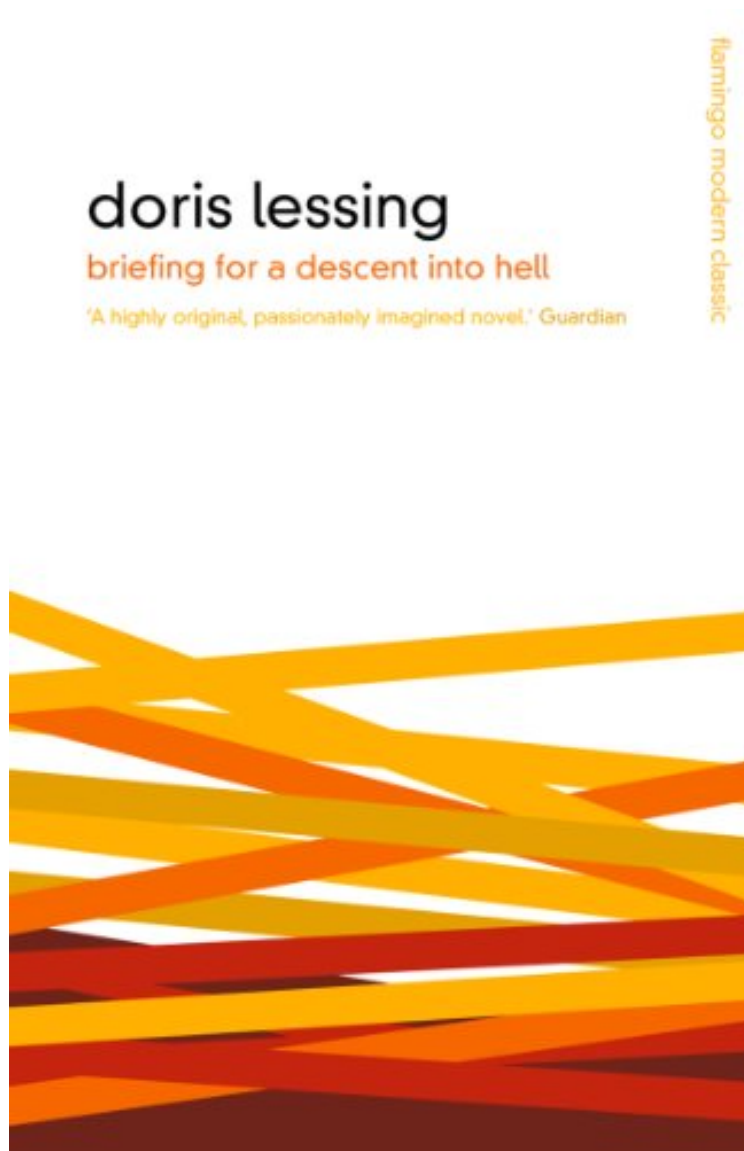


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A comment that probably only I will find amusing... Von Ein Kunde...but I've suggested to some people that a name for this author that might be more appropriate would be Boris Lessing, as in BOOOOR-ING. Admittedly, I've only made

it through 30 pages of this book but the experience has been akin to watching paint dry while enduring a root canal. I'd like to think I've the patience and the refined sensibilities to appreciate the meandering pace and voyages into the lost depths of opaque stream-of-consciousness prose, but I suppose I have a low tolerance for pain... or maybe I'm jaded, in this day and age, where psychology is simultaneously applauded and disregarded, conspiracy theorists have appropriated the whole 'extra-terrestrial encounter' thing and television has whittled my attention span to near zero... either way, this book doesn't contribute much to my appreciation for poetry or science-fiction - or the theater for that matter, given that much of the dialogue is written as if it's to be performed in a play. A case of a text attempting to transcend too many boundaries? In any case, not a book I would recommend.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Possibly the most important book Ms. Lessing has writtenVon martinholinger@hotmail.comThis book starts as a mystery of sorts: an amnesiac man is brought into a hospital in a near-coma, and the narrative follows the hospital staff as they do what they can to help him. There are also passages that take the reader deeper and deeper into the consciousness of the "patient," until his startling truth is uncovered. Caution: may remind you of who you really are and what you're really here for. This knowledge can be extremely disruptive.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Darkness as a SpecializationVon Ein KundeLessing seems to specialize in writing about the darker side of human nature. Here she explores the notion that mental illness may really be misunderstood insight, because of how superficial society is in general. This is a great book to impress adolescents who want to feel superior to everyone else, as I know from personal experience with a friend of mine. It is, however, really not something to be read without a strong, qualifying perspective.

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