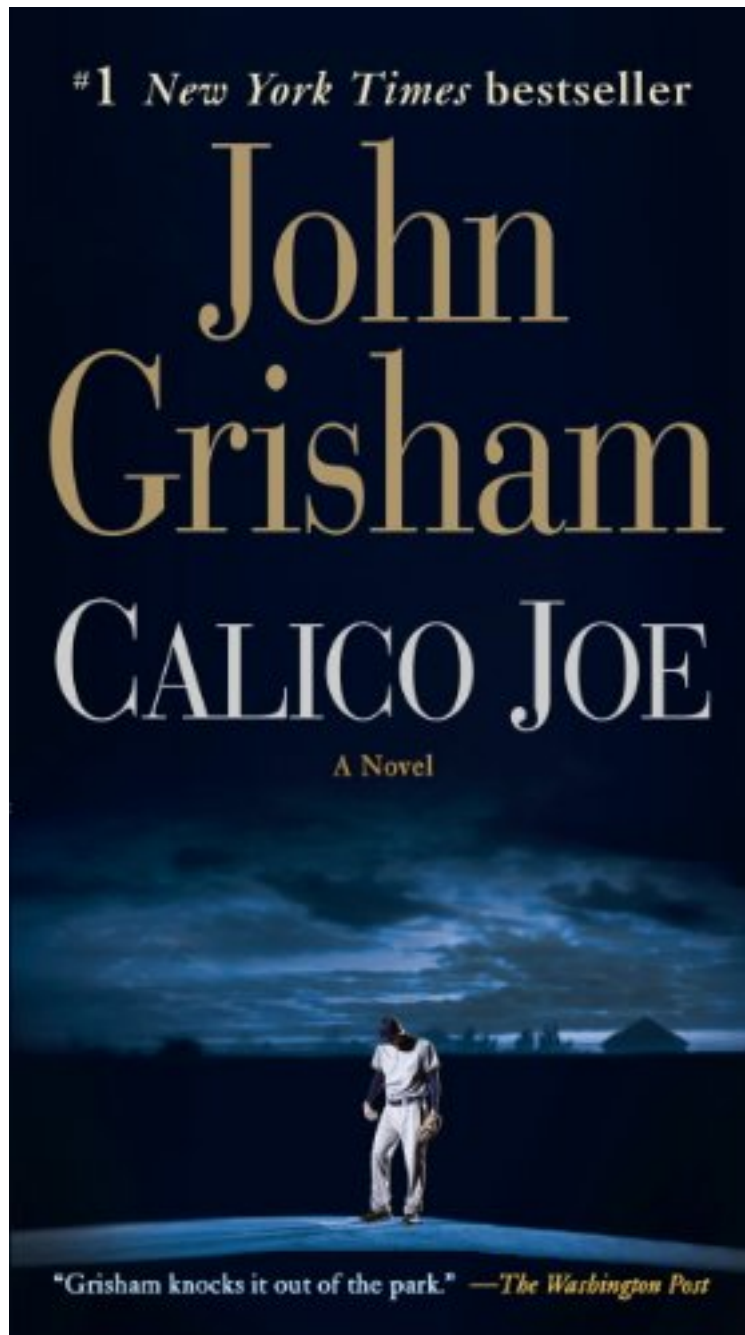


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time, and all praised Calico Joe: A Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Uninteressant!Von Klaus QuerfurtUninteressant!Von Grisham erwarte ich einen intelligenten Krimi mit Nutzung seiner grossen Erfahrung als Jurist.Zuviel Baseball fr meinen Geschmack.Man sollte den Kzfer vorher warnen, dass es kein typische Grisham ist.KQ4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Of Forgiveness and ReconciliationVon Donald Mitchell"Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." -- Luke 6:37 (NKJV)Much baseball fiction is all wrapped up in the kind of juvenile fantasies that grown men continue to indulge. I admire John Grisham for going against the grain and looking at baseball through the lens of what can be wrong about baseball: self-centered players, abuse, sexual infidelity, cruelty, envy, and lying. Rather than just portraying that dark side, Mr. Grisham also exposes the possibility of receiving forgiveness, being reconciled to those who have been harmed, and finding peace. It's a nice ethical journey carried out amid some pretty exciting baseball writing that is soundly based.Despite my admiration for Mr. Grisham's conception, I didn't feel that he carried it off nearly as well as he needed to. The rise of Calico Joe in the book's beginning is so far beyond possibility that reading those sections makes you feel that Mr. Grisham was just entertaining himself rather than trying to build the best possible story. A less over-the-top biography for Calico Joe would have worked a lot better, in my opinion. The fable-like quality led me to feel outside the story, rather than inside it with the characters.The dark side of the story also seemed overdrawn. It's as though only absolute perfect white and the blackest black would satisfy readers. That's not giving readers enough credit. What about writing about real human beings of the kind we've all met? That would bring the message home much more than having such an extreme contrast.I also found that the book lacked suspense. I didn't feel the tension build very much because what came next was kept quite predictable. That's not a good recipe for a fully entertaining novel.I think part of the reason that Mr. Grisham is such a fine writer about lawyers is that his writing builds on a sound foundation of our skepticism about them . . . but not lots of knowledge. When Mr. Grisham tells us what it's like from the inside (with an ironic sense of humor), it's a great trip.Those qualities just don't work so well when it comes to writing about sports.4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A touching story, very well writtenVon J. VittIn my opinion, John Grisham's best book on sports. Bleachers and Playing for Pizza are not bad, but Calico Joe is much better by far. Being interested in baseball helps to understand the story. If not, it does not matter that much as a troubled father-son relationship is in the focus of this book. Some unfinished business between two aging baseball pros lets the story move along very smoothly. I have enjoyed every page. A must have for every Grisham fan.

KurzbeschreibungGrisham knocks it out of the park.The Washington Post Its the summer of 1973, and Joe Castle is the boy wonder of baseball, the greatest rookie anyone has ever seen. The kid from Calico Rock, Arkansas, dazzles Chicago Cubs fans as he hits home run after home run, politely tipping his hat to the crowd as he shatters all rookie records. Calico Joe quickly becomes the idol of every baseball fan in America, including Paul Tracey, the young son of a hard-partying and hard-throwing New York Mets pitcher. On the day that Warren Tracey finally faces Calico Joe, Paul is in the stands, rooting for his idol but also for his dad. Then Warren throws a fastball that will change their lives forever. #1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER An enjoyable, heartwarming read thats not just for baseball fans.USA Today Grisham has hit a home run. . . . Calico Joe is a great read, a lyrical ode to baseball, small-town America, youthful innocence and a young boys search for heroes.The Buffalo News [A] pleasure . . . Suffice to say [Grisham] knows his way around the ballpark as well as he does a courtroom.The Washington TimesIncludes an excerpt of John Grishams The RacketeerPressestimmenPraise for Calico Joe Grisham knocks it out of the park.The Washington Post An enjoyable, heartwarming read thats not just for baseball fans.USA Today Praise for John Grisham Never let it be said this man doesnt know how to spin a good yarn.Entertainment Weekly Grisham may well be the best American storyteller writing today.The Philadelphia InquirerPressestimmenPraise for Calico Joe Grisham knocks it out of the park.The Washington Post An enjoyable, heartwarming read thats not just for baseball fans.USA Today Praise for John Grisham Never let it be said this man doesnt know how to spin a good yarn.Entertainment Weekly Grisham may well be the best American storyteller writing today.The Philadelphia Inquirer