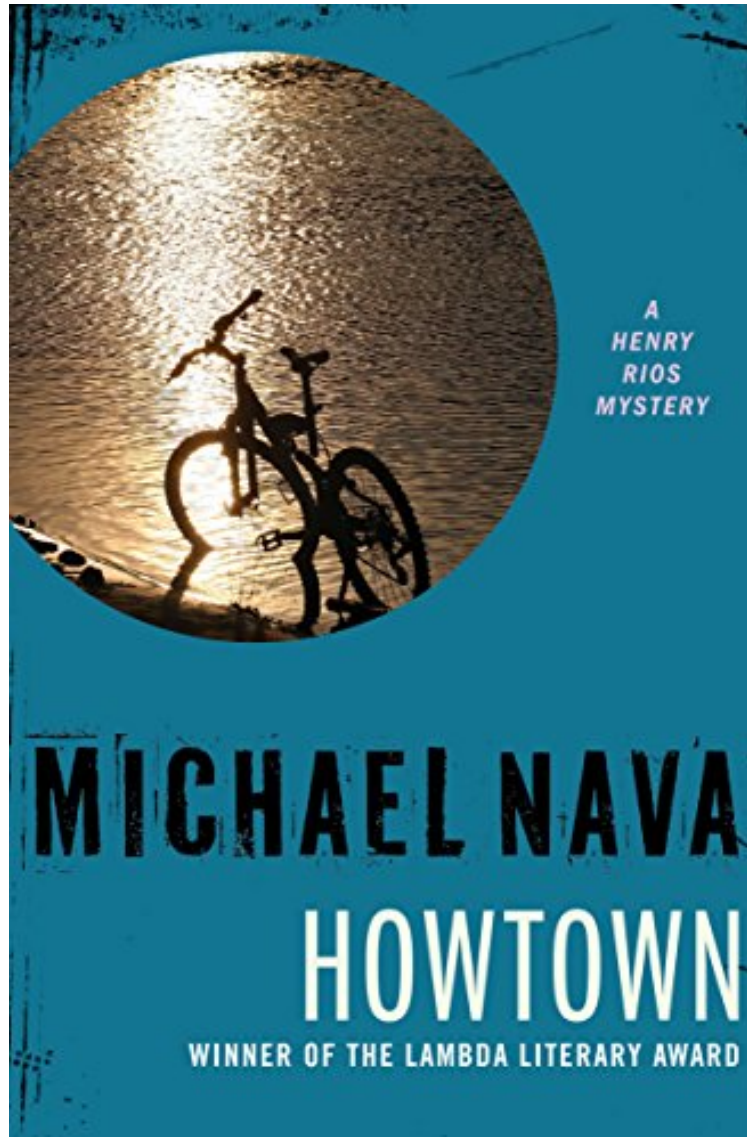


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**Von Michael Nava : Howtown (The Henry Rios Mysteries)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Howtown (The Henry Rios Mysteries):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Real men seek marriage counseling... Von Ein KundeSomeone has murdered homophobic State Senator Gus Pena. Could it be Henry Rios' client, a troubled Hispanic youth? A political opponent? A member of the radical gay organization which Josh, Henry's HIV-positive lover now belongs to? A loving family member? Gee...it's a tough one. As usual the

mystery in incidental in Michael Nava's fourth Henry Rios mystery. The real story here, the emotional meat of the novel, is Henry's breakup with Josh. And don't get me wrong, this breakup is rending. If you don't have a lump in your throat by the time Henry queues up Suor Angelica you must have a heart of stone. In fact the whole laying asunder bit is so very poignant that it feels calculated. And one thing I resent as a reader is having my emotions manipulated. Having established Henry and Josh as intelligent, sensitive, "exemplary" men who truly love each other, Nava needs to supply them with better motivation than (it boils down to) "I'm dying and you're not." A lot of people are dying these days. They don't all cheat on their spouses and run off with Aids-infected lovers. For me the breakup of Henry and Josh felt like a literary contrivance. Or convenience. Or both. But that's not what really dismays me about this novel. In HOW TOWN Josh says to Henry, "I want to marry you." Henry answers, "Them or us, it's all the same." In THE HIDDEN LAW Henry refers to his "marital discord." he buys How-to Save-Your-Marriage books. Nava has established a gay marriage between two "exemplary" lovers. Nava is a writer who has crossed into mainstream acceptance. So why does he play right into Middle America's worst stereotypes, especially concerning gay marriage? For crying out loud (because all gay men do), what is the message here if not gay men are emotionally fragile, unstable and incapable of monogamy? Shouldn't Henry and Josh work to save their marriage at least as hard as their typical straight counterparts would? Whatever happened to for better or worse, in sickness and in health, till death do us part? Reading Michael Nava I always feel like the little kid in THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES. I've read all the panegyric reviews, and I can see for myself the man is an excellent writer/stylist, but I keep wanting to point my finger and cry, "But he isn't SAYING anything..." 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great writing, great mystery. Von LenaRibka "Sometimes I defend someone because I think he deserves a break, or maybe just because I like him. And sometimes I do it because, whatever the guy's done, worse has been done to him. And sometimes I do it for money. And sometimes I do it because no one else will. Like this case." It was a difficult case for Henry Rios. Normally I empathize with Henry Rios clients, I feel for them, but how to sympathize with Paul Windsor? Does Paul, who had been already charged of child molestation in the past and who escaped a jail by a hair's breadth only because his victim refused to testify against him in court, deserve to be punished for a brutal murder that he probably didn't do? The evidence against him is weak, though he is not very trustful, the police and judicial authority of Henry's hometown aren't proved to be very open-minded, helpful and welcoming, and the publicity in this small provincial town has already made its verdict. Not a particularly good basis for a fair process. I was torn between Law, Justice, Ethic, Morality and my personal Feelings. But Henry is a pro. And he mastered this challenge EXCELLENTLY. And it got an extra bonus from me for some wonderful moments of Henry Rios private life. You won't be disappointed! Great mystery, superb writing! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A great weekend read Von Ein Kunde Just finished How Town. I enjoyed it and recommend it. The only criticism of the book is that I never felt satisfied about two things: 1) Why on earth did he take this case? At every turn the defendant, defendant's wife, sister, police, DA, etc were on his back. Nava should have better articulated what was motivating Rios to take this case because I never got why he felt obliged to. Giving Rios a stronger motivation would have at least left me feeling content with the characterization. 2) I think Nava could have challenged the 'pedophilia is a harmless sexual orientation' rationalization shown by the defendant a little more than he did. In particular, with his dramatic ending there was a golden opportunity for a showdown with Mr. Windsor saying - look at what pedophilia has done to all these lives. It ain't pretty.

Kurzbeschreibung A controversial case brings lawyer Henry Rios back home to Oakland and into the sights of a stone-cold killer. It's been almost a decade since Henry Rios has seen his sister, Elena. A troubled family history has left them both with unhappy memories. But his visit with his sister isn't the reunion he imagined. As Rios comes to terms with the results of his partner's HIV test, Elena asks him to defend Paul Windsor, someone they grew up with who has a history of pedophilia and has just been charged with murder after his fingerprints were found at a crime scene. The victim, who peddled child pornography, was tortured before he was bludgeoned to death in a motel room. The investigation takes Rios back to his old neighborhood and down a twisting trail of blackmail, jealousy, and tainted love. Forced to confront his demons, he faces off with some hard truths about himself and with a merciless killer. Howtown is the third book in the Henry Rios mystery series, which also includes The Little Death and Goldenboy.