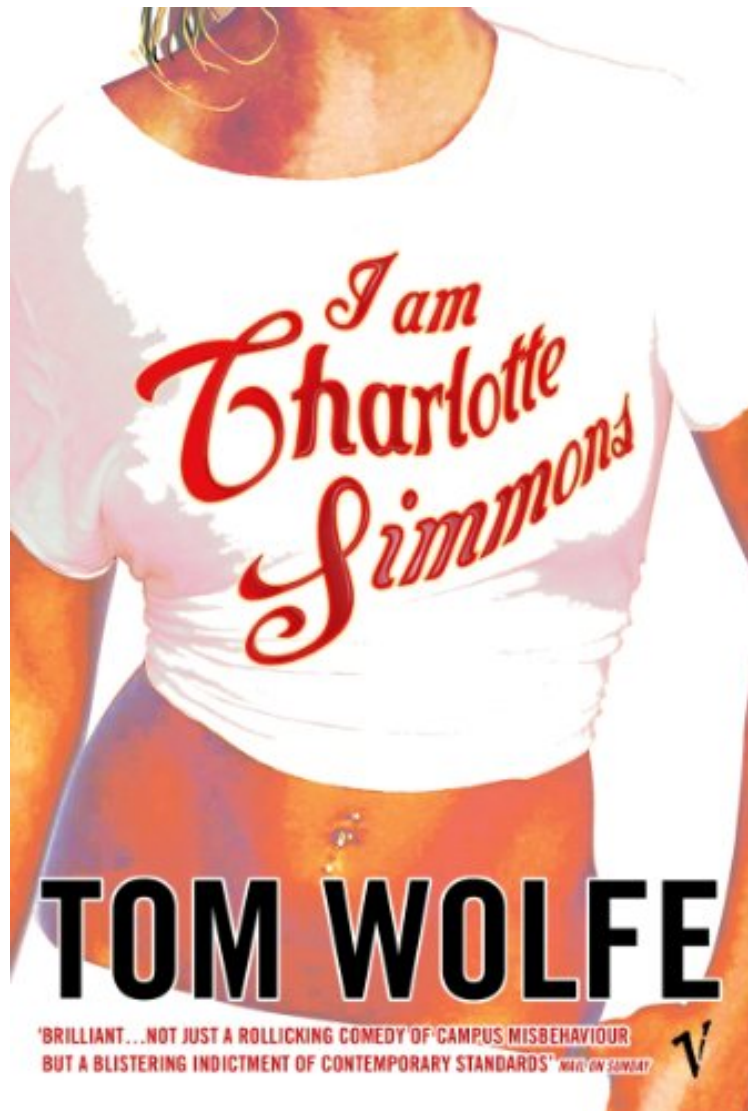


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Von Tom Wolfe

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**Von Tom Wolfe : I Am Charlotte Simmons** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised I Am Charlotte Simmons:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. this book falls a little flat comparatively.Von HarrietAfter reading 'Bonfire' and 'Quest' von Kostantinos. consecutively and absolutely adoring both( Don't miss them ), I just had to devour anything by Tom Wolfe. After waiting for the book to become available in paperback, I snapped it up. Riding on the high of the previous two books, I must admit my expectations were grand. Unfortunately, I was disappointed and like many others, I tried so hard not to be. I did not

open this book impartially, I opened it certain it would be great and passage by passage (although not word by word as the language is still spot on) I sunk further and further into the land of discontent. I guess at the heart of my disappointment was the fact I simply did not like Charlotte. I swung between mild dislike and apathy towards Charlotte and often found her grating and overall, quite a shallow construction. Although Charlie Crocker possessed many deplorable traits he was a character who was as the title describes, 'full', he was brimming with life. His spirit sprung off every page and I visualized him vividly, expression to expression. However, Charlotte seems well, insipid. Although she experienced a great deal of heartache, I never really felt for her, I never really cared that much about what happened to her. I felt strangely detached from her plight. Her relationship with JoJo at the end was completely incredulous. I guess we only see what most want to see of a young woman - vulnerable perfectionist who seeks only what earns her approval from others - good grades (for Momma and Pappa and Miss Pemberton), diesel jeans (for the other girls), cool boyfriend (for peers). Who is Charlotte Simmons and what does she really want for herself? That we never discover. Although I suspect it may involve Mr Starling! And for the redeeming features? As an Australian with only a very basic knowledge, mainly gathered from Hollywood films of American university life, I was fascinated by the fraternities, sororities and cliques of all descriptions. The bribery offer from Pierce Pierce proved an engrossing part of the book, however, this is familiar territory for the author, and in my opinion, where he is at his best. Perhaps if I read this book before the others I would have been more satisfied, but knowing the brilliance and tremendous insight that Wolfe is capable of means.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein Fest für Wolfe Fans, ein Erlebnis für Einsteiger und Nicht-Kenner Von A. Majewski Wirklich unglaublich! Jedes Mal, wenn ein neuer Tom Wolfe rauskommt, denke ich mir, es ist unmöglich seinen Stil den Leser stundenlang an den Sessel zu fesseln, zu toppen. Doch auch dieses Mal ist es tatsächlich so, da man das Buch in hunderten Seiten auf einmal verschlingt und einfach nicht wekommt. Die Story selbst ist sehr gut, vielleicht nicht sehr originell, aber das steht nicht im Vordergrund. Charlotte Simmons ist eine Musterschülerin aus Alleghany County, einem der römsten Teile West Virginias. Nebst ihrer herausragenden schulischen Leistungen, die sie zum Teil ihrer sehr konservativ erziehenden Mutter zu verdanken hat, schafft sie es auch, in Dupont aufgenommen zu werden. Dupont ist eine fiktive Eliteuniversität - einige meinen es sein in Wahrheit "Duke" - auf der Zustände herrschen, die in gewisser Weise der Realität entsprechen, natürlich vollkommen bezeichnet von Tom Wolfe, aber irgendwo ist immer ein Funke Wahrheit dabei. Diese Uni ist nicht das, als was sie sich verkauft. Denn statt ein Tempel des Wissens zu sein, hortet sie entweder unheimlich erfolgreiche "Student-Athletes", die keine Ahnung vom Studieren haben, oder verzogene Kinder der amerikanischen Elite, die nur an Konsum und Sex interessiert sind. Charlotte Simmons trifft auf diese Welt und erlebt eine Schock-Situation nach der anderen, tut sich zu sehr gehen und schafft es letztendlich nicht, ihre Vorstze zu halten. Neben dem aalglatten Flu der Story, welcher im Stile von "Man in Full" oder "Bonfire of the Vanities" den Leser andauern in Hochspannung hält, ist das absolut Unbertreffliche die Tiefe und Realitätsnähe. In seinem Alter hätte man ihm das nie zugetraut, da er die Denkweise einer Generation von 18-22 jährigen so punktgenau beschreiben kann, wie in diesem Buch. Deshalb ist die englische Version die einzige, die zu empfehlen ist. Das Buch besticht durch authentische Sprachstudien, die bis ins Tausendste gehen. Manchmal glaubt man wirklich, man ist ein junger, unzerstrbarer Student auf dem Campus einer Eliteuni. Auch hat sich Wolfe getraut, die amerikanische Doppelmoral mitten ins Herz zu treffen. Das oft genannte stockkonservative Amerika trifft auf die Realität einer Elite, die eigentlich auch die moralische Elite dieses Landes sein sollte, sich aber ganz am anderen Ende des Verhaltens-Spektrums befindet. Das Buch ist definitiv jedem zu empfehlen. Niemand wird es leid tun, es gelesen zu haben und für die unglaublich tiefen Verhaltens-Einblicke, die nie auch nur annhernd langweilig erscheinen, gibt es fünf Sterne. Vielleicht, um genau zu sein, 4,75, denn das Ende hätte doch etwas länger dauern können. Man wird zuerst knappe 700 Seiten im Stile Wolfes perfekt dahingetragen, bis es dann die letzten 50 etwas zu schnell geht. Kein Haken, kein Fehler oder so, doch ich hätte mir ein klein wenig mehr Detail am Ende erwartet, wo auf einmal Monate bersprungen werden, während man 700 Seiten lang in Tagesabständen eingestimmt wird.

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ist).trotzdem: ein feines buch, das mir sehr viel spass gemacht hat!

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