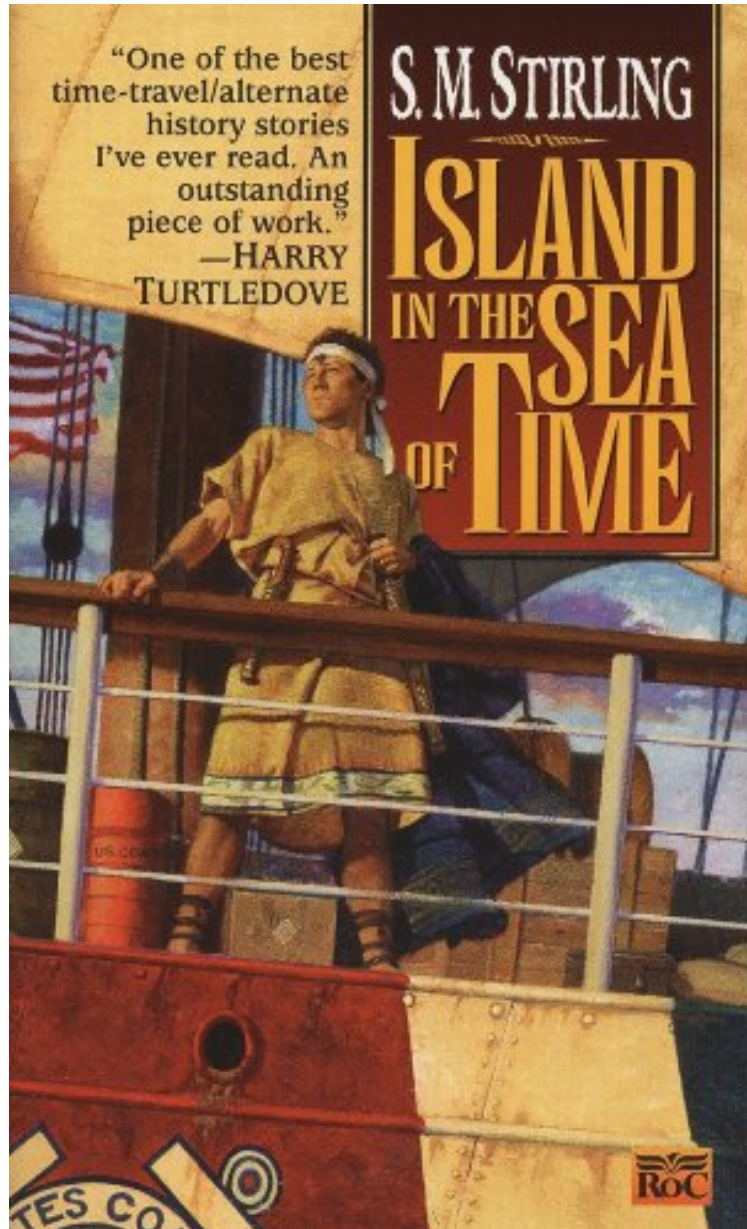


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Von S. M. Stirling : Island in the Sea of Time before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Island in the Sea of Time:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.

Excellent potboiler Von David M. Cook The above is not meant to be faint praise. I prefer a good potboiler to a thoughtful but meandering book. This is a very entertaining novel which I read mostly in 2 sittings. It certainly has much less padding than the Turtledove World War books. I hope the later books don't spend 100 pages on background like the Turtledove books do. I think some of the negative reviews can be explained by a culture clash between the audience for military fantasy and general SF. Considering the crypto-fascist leanings of much of the former genre I find complaints about Sterling's "liberal" agenda a bit rich. I thought that making the hero a career military woman, black, divorced, battered, an estranged mother, a Southerner, and gay was a bit too much baggage for one character. That said I liked the Marian Alston character. You could see the lesbian love affair coming a mile away, but it was cute. The "multi-culties" go to Central America plot line was obnoxious, though I do see why Stirling felt he needed it to give the Guard troops some battle experience before they hit the Bronze age. The martial arts stuff was a bit silly, too (I would have preferred more siege engines ;)). The Alice Hong character seemed like merely an excuse for some hot and kinky sex scenes. Why can't the good guys have hot sex? Also, I think the editor should have noticed the Asian dragonlady stereotype (probably bubbled up from Stirling's subconscious memories of some B films) and nixed it. BTW, the Nantucket constitution in the story follows the Swiss model in so far as citizens get to keep their weapons after compulsory military service. Hardly anti-gun-rights. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Long Winded Political Harangue Von Paul This book combines a terrific idea and well crafted writing with an a boring, constant political harangue. In short, the island of Nantucket is transported to the Bronze Age. Luckily for this island group, the population is a cross section of just those skills a society would need living in the Bronze Age! Lucky indeed. Oddly from my pov, the author insists on making heroes out of the strangest people. The political leader is a tyrant, the military leader a strange neurotic lesbian who abandoned her family to captain a Coast Guard ship (right). The most interesting and sympathetic person is the first officer of the ship who runs a string of bad luck almost as unlikely as the 'good' guys run into good. Throughout the book, the author berates us with modern US far left liberal beliefs as being the only true and shining path for this group to take. That is, unless the subject is the native population who exist to either obey or die. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fantastic time travel story Von Ein Kunde Don't let some of the reviews fool you--this book is not at all a politically correct screed. I have always really loved alternative history/time travel books, and have read tons over the years. This one is definitely among the top few, and my 5 star rating is a rare honest 5 star rating. All the fun stuff--the anachronisms, the brilliant re-creation of modern technology in an ancient era, changing the course of history--are all here and done extremely well. With this book, Stirling has upped the ante for the entire genre. For example, merely shooting a "thunderstick" does not send the natives fleeing in terror. Stirling demands far more cleverness from his characters. As for the complaints about the supposed political correctness, come on already! Every author imposes a point of view. I heartily disagreed with Stirling on some points, but he didn't lecture me, and it didn't detract from the story. It was far less clumsy than say, Turtledove's Guns of the South (a favorite nonetheless), where he inexplicably has a female pretend to be a man so she can enlist in the Confederate army. You know what? There actually are some really ridiculously PC characters in this book, but they are portrayed as utter fools and losers. I guess if you can't deal with a strong, positive lesbian main character, then stay away. But honestly, she is not used as a device to lecture the reader on how great lesbianism is. I am very quick to roll my eyes at such nonsense and never felt the urge to do so. If you love this type of story, you have to read this book. A new classic of the genre.

Kurzbeschreibung Utterly engaging...a page-turner that is certain to win the author legions of new readers and fans. George R. R. Martin, author of A Game of Thrones It's spring on Nantucket and everything is perfectly normal, until a sudden storm blankets the entire island. When the weather clears, the island's inhabitants find that they are no longer in the late twentieth century...but have been transported instead to the Bronze Age! Now they must learn to survive with suspicious, warlike peoples they can barely understand and deal with impending disaster, in the shape of a would-be conqueror from their own time. From Library Journal A cosmic disturbance transports the island of Nantucket and its inhabitants over three thousand years back in time to the shores of a Stone Age America. In addition to coping with the day-to-day problems of survival and the trauma of losing all connection with the modern world, the residents of the time-stranded island find their lives complicated by the presence of native tribes across the water. Stirling's (The Ship Avenged, Baen, 1997) imaginative foray into time travel should also please fans of alternate history. A good selection for most sf collections. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen Utterly engaging. This is unquestionably Steve Stirling's best work to date, a page-turner that is certain to win the author legions of new readers and fans. George R. R. Martin, author of A Game of Thrones A perfectly splendid story endlessly fascinating solidly convincing. Paul Anderson A compelling cast of characters a fine job of conveying both a sense of loss and hope. Science Fiction Chronicle [Q] ite a good book definitely a winner. Aboriginal Science Fiction Meticulous, imaginative. Logical, inventive and full of richly imagined characters, this is Stirling's most deeply realized book yet. Susan Schwartz, author of The Grail of Hearts One of the best time

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