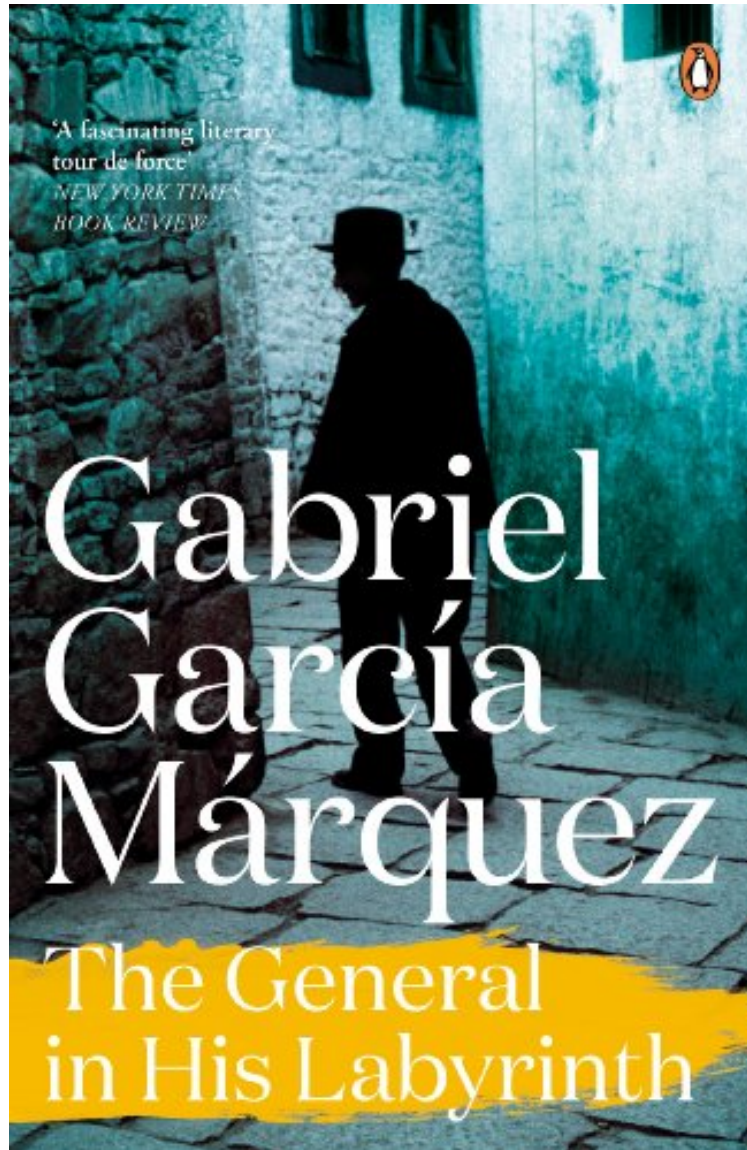


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Von Gabriel Garcia Marquez : The General in His Labyrinth (Marquez 2014) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The General in His Labyrinth (Marquez 2014):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. From the king of magic realism, some real magicVon Ein KundeHaving read The General in his Labyrinth for thefourth time, I am still amazed by the story, andway it is told. This is the story of the last days of Simon Bolivar the liberator of South America.He is dying of consumption, old before his time. He leads a sad and noble group of loyal soldiers and

retainers through the wilds of Nueva Granada. There is no hope - the General is not wanted any more, having watched the liberated continent fall in upon itself and fragment. Having taught the people separatism, the tired General is powerless to stop the inevitable. And so the journey proceeds, punctuated by heat, torrential rain, fever, delirium, memories of great loves, and despair. The General's state of mind is conveyed to the reader in the minutest detail. We are shown the destruction and self-destruction of a once powerful man, and the effect is one of witnessing death itself, with its mystifying loss of personality. Bolivar rants in fevers, paces the floor unable to sleep, and talks of the agony of assassination attempts, treacherous infighting, a fickle public, and memories of strong women. He goes from town to town with his entourage, in turn feted or reviled according to local faction. He has the protective love of his closest generals, and the dignified devotion of his servant Jose Palacios to comfort him on his seemingly ignoble flight. But this journey is the only possible end for a man of such brilliant but caustic powers. It gives him and us time to think about the real nature of power, achievement, history and fate. And the unstated conclusion the General reaches is that even those blessed with power and influence, even the most rigorous souls will come to an inevitable stop that will seem at the time to be just like any other "damn business". Bolivar says "I'm old, sick, tired, disillusioned, harassed, slandered and unappreciated" and "despair is the health of the damned". When at last death overtakes the General, Marquez closes his story with one of the most moving scenes I have read in any novel. ("...the heartless speed of the octagonal clock racing toward the ineluctable appointment at seven minutes past one..") People who know Marquez for the "magic" novels may be wonderfully surprised by this exquisitely written book. The people, the skies, the rains, the nature, the loves and the sorrows in this book are chillingly real. Its beauty quite literally haunts me. Anthony Nelson0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An Amazing Man: And A Masterful Blending of Fact and Fiction Von Ein Kunde With the style and eloquent language that earned him the Nobel prize for literature, Marquez weaves a stunning story of glory and despair. Both real history and Marquez' imagination let us enter the world of Simon Bolivar, Liberator of South America, in all his humanity - good and evil. Bolivar drove the Spanish out of South America, dealt with treachery from his own compatriots. Once hailed as a hero, he is now scorned and reviled, and fighting his own demons, he refuses to die quietly. We are given a glimpse of the genius and foibles of the man behind the legend, as we accompany him on his last journey, accompanied only by the loyal remnants of his once great army. It is almost guaranteed that after reading this book you will want to travel to South America and to read more about the places and colorful characters who come to life in this book0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Last 223 Days in the Life of Bolivar, The Liberator Von manningT@aol.com From his leaving Bogota in a misty dawn, the mules, the solitude, the little convoy, with Palacios, his black butler, and his faithful Irish aids de camp. To the San Pedro Alejandrino Villa, venue of his death, [and his last letter to Fanny], his recognition, in letter to Urdaneta, of grave error in having fought General Santander. It has a valuable Succint Cronology. It contains Miranda Lindsay, a novel by itself. Bolivar himself would have cried reading this masterful if sad account of his sad last days.

Kurzbeschreibung The General in his Labyrinth is the compelling tale of Simon Bolivar, a hero who has been forgotten and whose power is fading, retracing his steps down the Magdalena River by the Nobel Laureate Gabriel Garcia Marquez, author of One Hundred Years of Solitude and Love in the Time of Cholera. 'It was the fourth time he had travelled along the Magdalena, and he could not escape the impression that he was retracing the steps of his life' At the age of forty-six General Simon Bolivar, who drove the Spanish from his lands and became the Liberator of South America, takes himself into exile. He makes a final journey down the Magdalene River, revisiting the cities along its shores, reliving the triumphs, passions and betrayals of his youth. Consumed by the memories of what he has done and what he failed to do, Bolivar hopes to see a way out of the labyrinth in which he has lived all his life. . . . 'An exquisite writer, wise, compassionate and extremely funny' Sunday Telegraph 'An imaginative writer of genius' Guardian 'The most important writer of fiction in any language' Bill Clinton Pressestimmen A fascinating tour de force and a moving tribute to an extraordinary man (Margaret Atwood) Werbetext General Simon Bolivar, 'the Liberator' of five South American countries, takes a last melancholy journey down the Magdalena River, revisiting cities along its shores, and reliving the triumphs, passions and betrayals of his life. Infinitely charming, prodigiously successful in love, war and politics, he still dances with such enthusiasm and skill that those watching cannot believe he is ill. Aflame with memories of the power that he commanded and the dream of continental unity that eluded him, he is a moving exemplar of how much can be won - and lost - in a life.