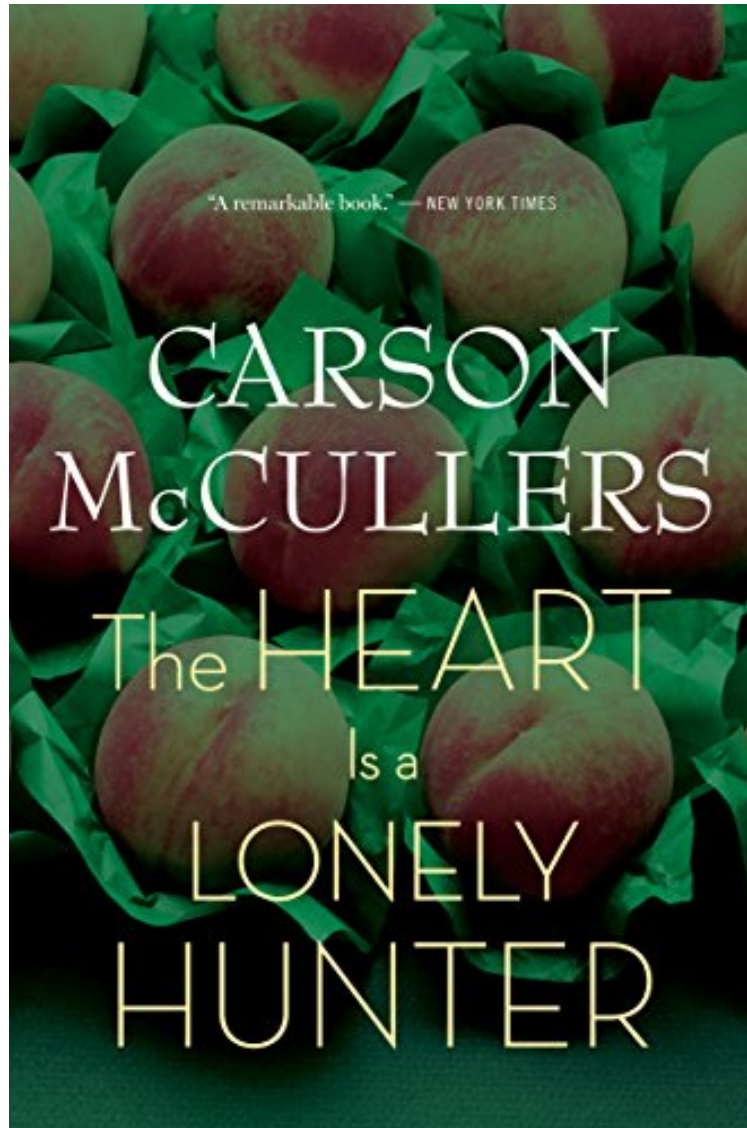


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Von Carson McCullers : The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Große amerikanische Erzählerin Von Peter "The Ballad of the Sad Caf" von Carson McCullers halte ich für eines der besten Bücher, die jemals geschrieben wurden. "The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter" ist fast genauso gut, erreicht aber nicht ganz die atmosphärische Dichte und erzählerische Tiefe des erstgenannten Werks. Wie "The Ballad ..." spielt "The Heart ..." in Georgia, vermittelt einen Südstaatenhintergrund, doch verschiebt sich das Interesse der Erzählerin diesmal eher

Richtung Schwarze, enthält demzufolge auch recht viel Schwarzen-Slang. Wer diesen mag, wird solche Dialogteile gut finden, weil authentisch. Wer durchgehend "korrektes" Englisch erwartet, wird wohl nicht ganz so viel Freude daran haben. 15 von 15 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. und immer wieder Verständnis suchen Von Genussleserin Der Handlungsort ist eine Stadt in Georgia, die Handlungszeit die Jahre und Monate vor Ausbruch des 2. Weltkrieges. Das macht das Buch aber weder unaktuell, noch fällt es schwer, sich mit seinen Figuren zu identifizieren. Die Frage ist nur, mit welcher? Vermutlich ändert sich das im Laufe eines Lebens, wenn man das Buch wieder einmal liest. Im Mittelpunkt der Geschichte stehen vier Personen, die alle abseits oder am Rande der gesellschaftlichen Norm leben. So unterschiedlich ihre Ideale und Wünsche auch sind, sie alle sehnen sich vor allem danach, verstanden zu werden, und jeder glaubt, dies bei dem taubstummen John Singer zu finden, der ihnen zu "hört", der ihre Nähe zulässt, der einfach da ist für sie. Doch letzten Endes ist genau dieser John Singer derjenige, der am meisten unter seiner gefühlten Einsamkeit leidet. In diesem Roman steckt mehr Tiefgang und Lebensweisheit als in den meisten anderen Büchern, die ich in jüngerer Vergangenheit gelesen habe. Das ist umso erstaunlicher, da die Autorin gerade mal 23 Jahre alt war, als sie es verfasste. "Das Herz ist ein einsamer Jäger" ist eine traurige, aber eine wunderschöne Geschichte, in der sehr viel Nachdenkenswertes steckt. Eines der Bücher, die man ganz sicher nicht nur einmal liest! 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Compelling Expression of Loneliness and Isolation Von AJ Ashcroft This book is set in a small, indistinct southern town, full of misfits -- people who don't feel like they quite fit in anywhere -- with different desires and dreams. A lot of what McCullers focuses on is the inability of individuals to express themselves to others. Instead, they put their energies towards self-destructive habits such as drinking, fighting, and sex. Two of the main characters are Mick Kelly and John Singer. Mick is a young tomboy who comes of age in the story. She doesn't have money for instruments or lessons, but she goes through a deeply personal attempt to find the kind of happiness and beauty she finds from musical expression. Mick, like many of the townspeople, finds beauty and intrigue in the deaf mute, John Singer. John Singer leads a quiet life, but is deeply troubled by the loss of his longtime friend Anapolous, who is also a deaf mute. John Singer becomes a mystical figure to the townspeople, becoming a projection of each individual's personal desires. Part of his mysticism forms around the fact that he is a deaf mute, therefore communication is limited, mostly a one-way event. People pour all their wishes and dreams into their projections of him. Amazingly, Carson McCullers was only 23 when this book was published. How a person that young (well, my age, in fact) could write with such an insightful view of humanity, as well as politics, art music is impressive. Her prose is descriptive, but at the same time spare. The narrator of the book gives a limited-omniscient view, so while you know what each character might think, you feel you only are scratching the surface of their thoughts. In many cases, what you find is that the individuals themselves don't quite understand their own motives or desires. This book in many ways reminds me of Sherwood Anderson's classic novel, Winesburg, Ohio. The power of these books is not in what is said or the events themselves, but the things left unexplained, what we are prompted to think about as a result.

Kurzbeschreibung With the publication of her first novel, THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER, Carson McCullers, all of twenty-three, became a literary sensation. With its profound sense of moral isolation and its compassionate glimpses into its characters' inner lives, the novel is considered McCullers' finest work, an enduring masterpiece first published by Houghton Mifflin in 1940. At its center is the deaf-mute John Singer, who becomes the confidant for various types of misfits in a Georgia mill town during the 1930s. Each one yearns for escape from small town life. When Singer's mute companion goes insane, Singer moves into the Kelly house, where Mick Kelly, the book's heroine (and loosely based on McCullers), finds solace in her music. Wonderfully attuned to the spiritual isolation that underlies the human condition, and with a deft sense for racial tensions in the South, McCullers spins a haunting, unforgettable story that gives voice to the rejected, the forgotten, and the mistreated -- and, through Mick Kelly, gives voice to the quiet, intensely personal search for beauty. Richard Wright praised Carson McCullers for her ability "to rise above the pressures of her environment and embrace white and black humanity in one sweep of apprehension and tenderness." She writes "with a sweep and certainty that are overwhelming," said the NEW YORK TIMES. McCullers became an overnight literary sensation, but her novel has endured, just as timely and powerful today as when it was first published. THE HEART IS A LONELY HUNTER is Carson McCullers at her most compassionate, endearing best.