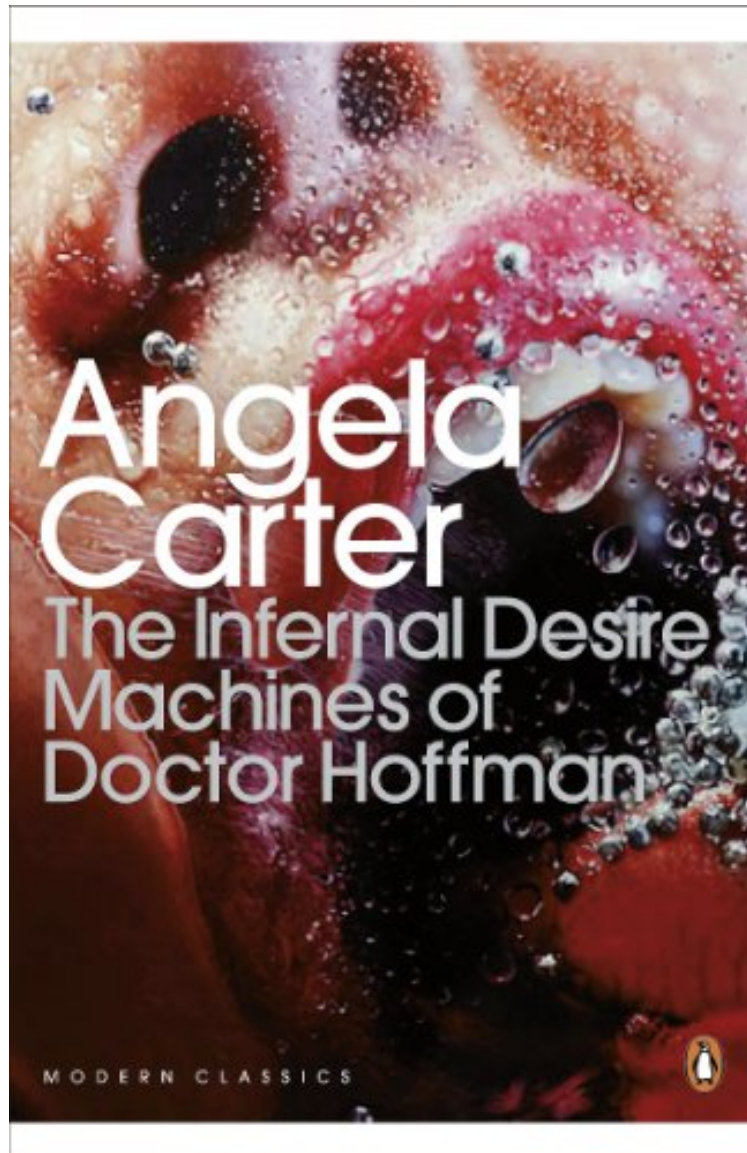


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**Von Angela Carter : The Infernal Desire Machines of Doctor Hoffman (Penguin Modern Classics)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Infernal Desire Machines of Doctor Hoffman (Penguin Modern Classics):

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Swifts Jonathan Swift Von Andrew Rasanen This is one of Angela Carter's wildest and best novels, a verbal feast served up by the late writer's seemingly inexhaustible imagination. Erotic, picaresque, complex, surreal, and humorous only begin to describe the pleasures contained herein. The story revolves around Desiderio, who as a young man sets out to assassinate Dr. Hoffman, a genius waging war against an unnamed city by means of hallucinations or dreams produced with the "eroto-energy" of 50 copulating couples in his Wagnerian mountain castle. In his very Swiftian travels, Desiderio encounters a deserted seaside town, is arrested for a murder he didn't commit, and escapes with a bullet wound; is taken in by the river people with their strange, seductive ways who eventually try to sacrifice him; escapes again to sojourn with a traveling circus where he is raped by nine Moroccan acrobats who later fall off a cliff with the rest of the circus and a town of puritans (imagine that conflict); meets a megalomaniacal Count whose travels take him and Desiderio to Africa where the Count is boiled in a pot by a cannibal chieftain; spends time in a curious, religiously rigid culture of centaurs (Carter's most obvious homage to Swift). The novel is a satire of sexual mores, restrictions, fetishes, and hang-ups that only a writer as gutsy and opulently talented as Angela Carter could have attempted. As a work of art, it's all over the place, and you might not enjoy it unless you let it take you along for the ride. It makes a very suitable companion to her later, more disciplined novel, *The Passion of New Eve*. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A dizzying journey: love, hate and the destruction of desire Von Ein Kunde Usually, Carter's novels and stories enmesh the reader and make sense in their intricate descriptions of complicated relationships and turbulent emotions. This book got me completely lost. But read it anyway if you're a fan of Angela Carter --it makes you appreciate her wild imagination and sense of beauty. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Recommended, with discretion. Von Ein Kunde Having been introduced to Angela Carter through her short stories, I was curious to see what she would accomplish throughout a novel. The result was dizzying, disturbing, and compelling all the same. 'Infernal Desire Machines..' reads like a perverse *Gulliver's Travels*, moving from one hallucinatory terrain to the next. Potentially very disturbing to sensitive readers, I recommend this book cautiously. The book is aptly titled, and Carter delivers all the dark sexuality that it implies. Hint: Don't let your senator read this. Otherwise it is an engrossing novel, proving that Fairy Tales aren't all that Ms. Carter was about...

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