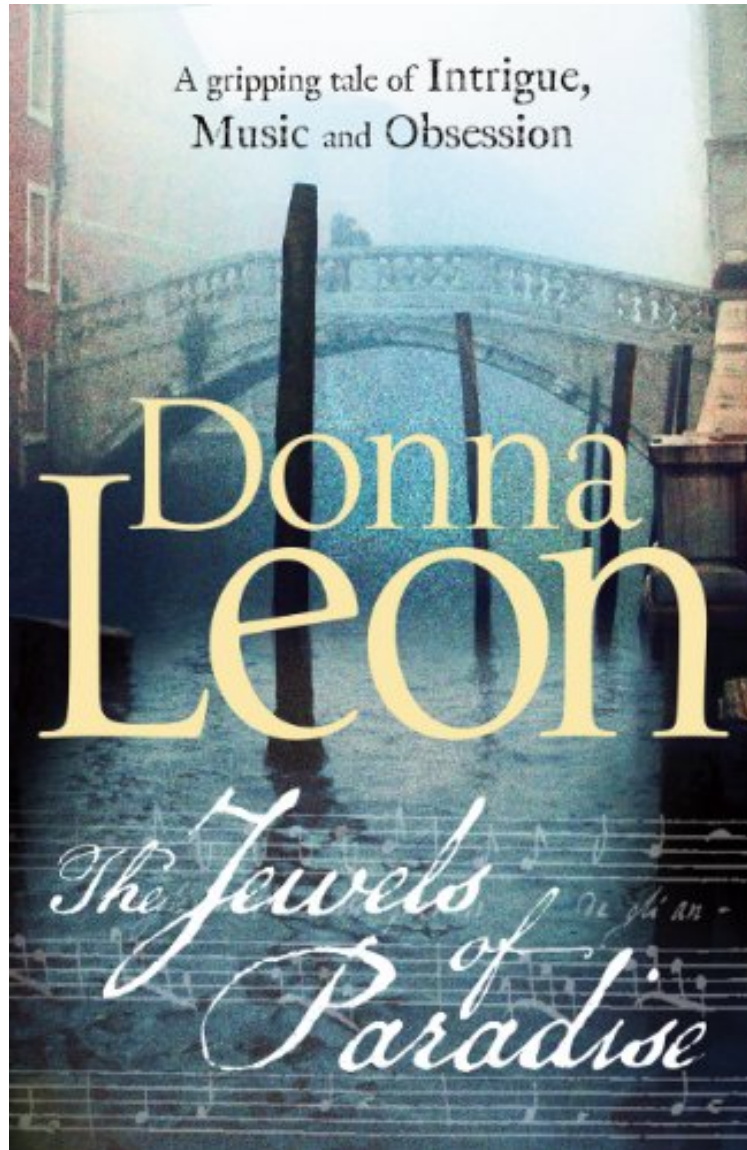


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**Von Donna Leon : The Jewels of Paradise** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Jewels of Paradise:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen8 von 9 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. No Resemblance to Commissario Brunetti's VeniceVon Donald Mitchell"So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain;It takes away the life of its owners." -- Proverbs 1:19 (NKJV)The Jewels of Paradise is a morality tale, dripping in irony, against a backdrop of Baroque opera and Catholic diplomacy. As someone who enjoys reading about all such

things, I found the story to be a nice surprise. The main drawbacks come in that Ms. Leon doesn't handle her storytelling as deftly as she does the Brunetti books. Horror of horrors, she makes the boo-boo of giving Venice itself short shift. Doesn't she realize that people love her earlier books because they can't get enough material about Venice from an insider's point of view? Happening to like Steffani's opera, Niobe, I was delighted to expand my knowledge of that venerable composer through reading the book. If your musical tastes aren't in that direction, you'll probably like the book a lot less well than I did. I was extremely disappointed that the villains and questionable characters in the book are little more than cardboard cut-outs. The book ends in a way that I found extremely satisfying. That ending won't be as appealing to all readers. Take the star rating down one or two if you don't find the ending to be delightful. 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. ein faszinierendes Buch für Musikliebhaber und solche, die dem Vatikan eher kritisch gegenüber stehen! Von Claire-lise Och Das neue Buch von Donna Leon - das ich auf Englisch lese - ist so völlig anders als alles, was ich bisher von ihr gelesen habe. Die Wissenschaftlerin Caterina untersucht das Leben des Komponisten Steffani und kommt dabei zu interessanten und unerwarteten Entdeckungen. Ich bin fasziniert, würde das Buch aber nicht empfehlen für Menschen, die sehr kirchlich orientiert sind - denn da ist Caterina kritisch eingestellt. Finde das Buch gut geschrieben, auch ohne den sympathischen Commissario Brunetti ;-)  
2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Matte Juwelen Von Christa Kummer Das Thema hat mich fasziniert: Recherchen über einen heute fast vergessenen Komponisten aus der Barockzeit. Was man über Steffani erfahren hat, war durchaus wissenswert, die Geschichte wies interessante Entwicklungen auf, ganz in der Art der Autorin. Das Ende war überraschend und einer Donna Leon würdig, stellenweise ist die Erzählung aber recht zäh und fast ein wenig langweilig. Ihre ständige Auseinandersetzung mit Kirche und Religion hat wahrscheinlich persönliche Gründe und ist durchaus verständlich, kann aber auf die Dauer ein wenig auf die Nerven gehen.

Kurzbeschreibung From the bestselling author of the Brunetti crime series comes *The Jewels of Paradise*, a gripping tale of intrigue, music, history and greed and Donna Leon's first stand-alone novel. Caterina Pellegrini is a young Venetian musicologist hired to find the rightful heir to an alleged treasure concealed by a once-famous, but now almost forgotten, baroque composer. Sworn to secrecy, Caterina can solve the mystery only by searching through the papers contained in two chests that have not been opened for centuries. As she delves into all quarters of his life, she is drawn into one of the most scandalous affairs of the baroque era. What dark secrets do these chests hold, and just whom can she trust? *Pressestimmen* "Jewels of Paradise demonstrates the author's deep understanding of Venice, and is an entertaining work that questions the changing values of life over the ages. Like life, it makes you wait to the end to understand the plot." (Selected by Lord Browne (former Chief Executive of BP) as his summer read in the *Financial Times*) "Written with all Leon's elegant delicacy combined with her ability to reveal the truth almost without your noticing, this is a little gem of a book, immersed as it is in Leon's own love for the baroque." (Daily Mail) "[it has] all the ingredients of a zippy historical mystery in an intriguing new genre. Leon seamlessly interweaves the Italian cultural heritage into her story, and hasn't lost her feeling for everyday life" (Spectator) "Splendid . a fascinating historical mystery. Full of authentic details and wittily recounted ... Leon's 22nd novel has a freshness which indicates her delight in the subject" (Jane Jakeman Independent) "Fans of Leon's work will find much to enjoy here, particularly her elegant descriptions of day-to-day Venetian life and the city's architectural wonders, and Caterina makes for an enjoyably irreverent companion for the tour." (Irish Times) *Werbetext* From the bestselling author of the Brunetti crime series comes *The Jewels of Paradise*, a gripping tale of intrigue, music, history and greed and Donna Leon's first stand-alone novel.