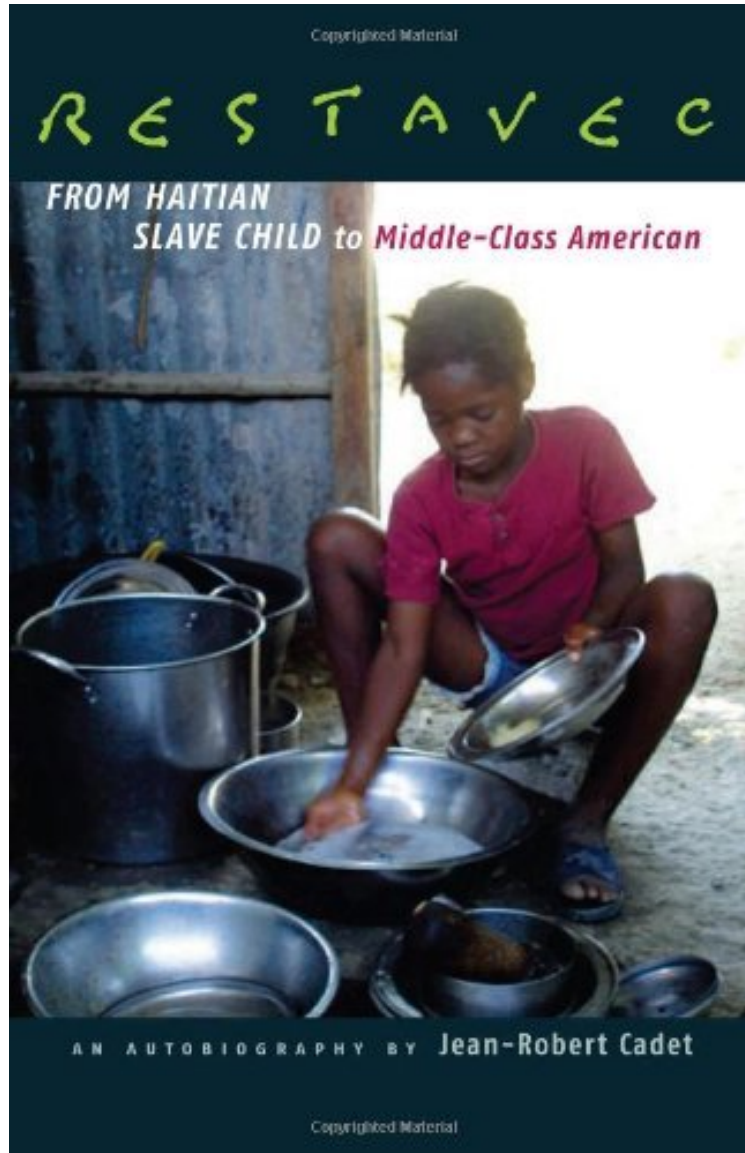


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Jean - Robert Cadet's ability to touch the human soul.Von Jennifer ZamarinIt all started when a friend at work and I were talking about spiritual things and He shared a story with me about his childhood. He told me of a boy that he met when

he was a young boy himself living in Haiti, that boy turned out to be Jean -Robert Cadet and he was "Oliver" in the book "Restavec". I was so touched by his story that I wanted to know more, it just so happens that there was a book about the experience that his friend went through. He let me borrow the book and I was so inspired that I could not put the book down or stop talking about it, I wanted to share it with any one who would listen. The book stirred many emotions in me. Even though I am a white person and was never a child of slavery, I felt my inner child cry out and feel once again all the abuse that I felt as a child. Jean's story of survival and overcoming great adversity was awe inspiring. I am praying that this book gets the well deserved attention it should receive. As I read the book the vivid scenes came into view. It would make a great movie. I have since shared the book with many who have felt the same emotional response that I have. We all feel that this book is an important message for all to read.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An eye-openerVon Jenifer WellsCadet's autobiography is a disturbing reminder that nothing is ever what it seems. While all the world is aware of the poverty and violence that make up much of modern Haiti, few are aware of the child slavery that still goes on. While it is common to hear about children being sold across the border to work in the Dominican cane fields, here in the U.S. we don't usually hear about Haitian children being given or sold to wealthier families to act as unpaid servants. The most affecting part of Cadet's story is that we never know whether his restavec status was intentional or not. His father gave him to someone "to be raised" after his mother's death. His father also provided the woman who would raise Cadet money for her trouble. So was his treatment as a restavec intentional on his father's part? It would seem not...most restavecs are sold, not paid for. However, his father's callous disregard is an evil in itself, as well as being the factor that allowed Cadet to be treated so poorly by she who should have raised him with care. Worth reading.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Recounting of Childhood to Compare With Angela's AshesVon Dr Jane M BeaulieuIn "Restavec", Jean-Robert Cadet recounts to us in disturbingly matter-of-fact language the outrage that was his childhood in Haiti.The illegitimate son of a wealthy man,he was given into slavery as a gift to his father's former mistress. The brutality of this woman, whom he came to think of as his mother, is recounted in excruciating detail. The facination of this book is in watching this brutalized child realize an escape from this degraded life. The parallels between Jean-Robert Cadet escape from slavery and Frank McCort's escape from abject poverty are very striking. The role of education in their own countries, and their fulfillment as teachers in the U.S. are just two similarities in their stories. "Restavec" is an intense read, not relieved by humor. I would highly recommend it to anyone interested in a tale of human potential and quiet heroism.

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