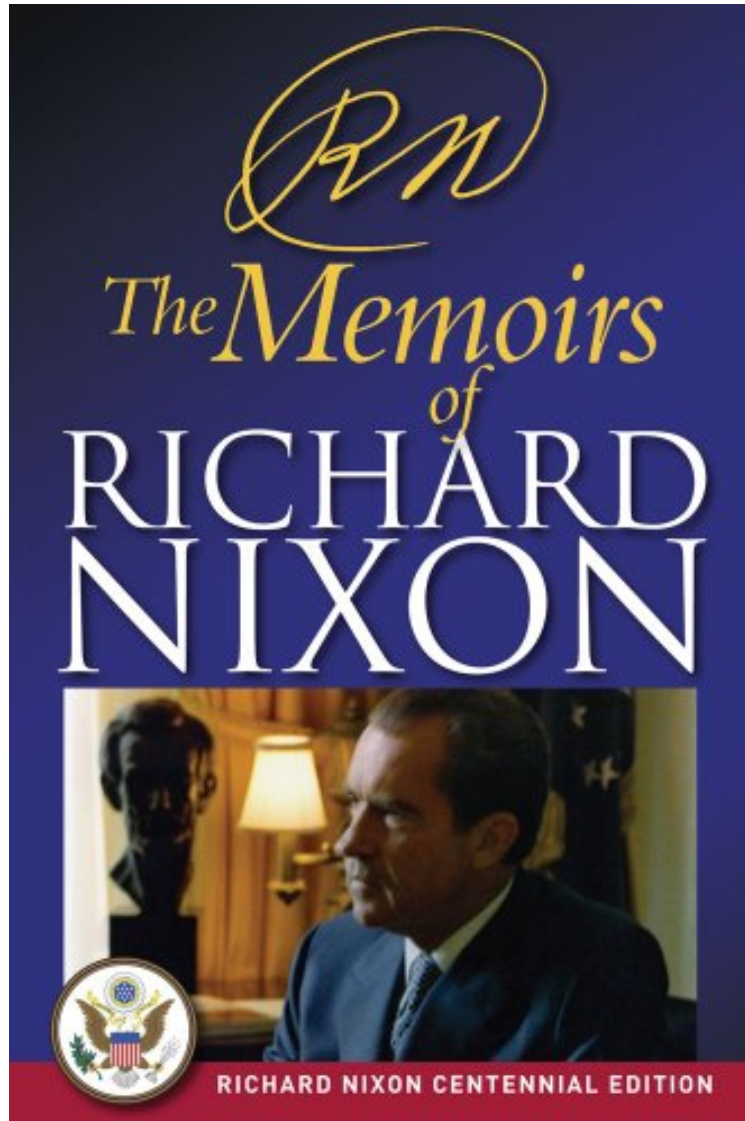


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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. immer noch interessant Von Customer Richard M. Nixon ? Ach ja, Watergate! ##### Soll das etwa alles sein, was uns zu diesem Staatsmann einflut? Er war ein beraus erfolgreicher Prsident, der am Ende an seiner Professionalitt gescheitert ist. Er benennt den Unterschied zwischen Politik und "politics". Am Ende ist er abgeschossen worden, weil sich die

Medien auf ihn eingeschossen hatten und ihn zur Strecke bringen wollten. Das haben sie geschafft und damit das Amt des Präsidenten der USA schwer beschdigt. Welch ein erbarmlicher Erfolg! #####Die Verhältnisse in Amerika sind selbstredend andere als jene, die zum Rücktritt unseres Christian Wulff geführt haben und die Ereignisse spielen auch zu einer anderen Zeit. Aber es luft doch immer auf das Gleiche hinaus: Tten aus Lust an der Freude, Selbstdarstellerei, Profilierungssucht, Einschaltquoten, Business ... und da hat der Betroffene keine Chance. Ich habe auch Bush gelesen - es ist immer das gleiche Spiel. Nixon-Bashing, Bush-Bashing und bei uns eben das elende Wulff-Bashing. Wer setzt noch einen drauf, wer bietet mehr? #####Schließlich noch dies: Ich habe dieses "dicke" Buch ber Monate hinweg durchgearbeitet. Es hat mich gefesselt und ich habe nicht aufgegeben. Fr mich als Nicht-Engländer war der Text gut zu lesen Das Thema arbeitet die Geschichte auf, die ich zum Teil noch miterlebt habe. Wer mehr wissen will ber die Demokratie in USA, deren Rolle als Weltpolizist, US-Sowjet-Relations und die gegenseitige Wertschtzung der handelnden Personen (man kommt aus den Staunen nicht heraus!), der sollte sich die Zeit nehmen. ICH EMPFEHLE DIESES BUCH,0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nixon's Testament Von James Gallen

Richard Nixon is one of those rare presidents who has been both the subject and the author of much writing about his life and views. I suspect that his own works are more extensive than those of any other author-president. If that is correct, "RN: The Memoirs of Richard Nixon", at 1120 pages is in keeping with his reputation. This is truly a magnum opus worthy of the life it documents. It is a whole life memoir beginning with his childhood in California through college, courtship of Pat, naval service in the Pacific during World War II and his entry into politics. This section provides a reminder that our presidents were not always famous and powerful, but were raised in families, grew up in communities and experienced many of the events of daily life that are familiar to the readers. His political career started with a 1946 challenge to Jerry Voorhis, a long serving liberal Democratic congressman who had grown too out of touch with his district to survive the 1946 Republican landslide. The most important event during his four years in the House was the Hiss case in which Whitaker Chambers came to Nixon with information that Hiss, a State Department official, had been a Communist. Nixon details the roller coaster investigation that threatened to bury his career before Hiss' conviction of perjury gave Nixon the boost he needed to defeat Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, actress and wife of actor Melvyn Douglas and, according to Nixon, "Pink, right down to her underwear" for an open Senate seat. The continued glow from the Hiss fire propelled Nixon from the Senate to the Vice-Presidency. The Vice-Presidential nomination advanced Nixon to the national stage, both as a candidate and an office holder. He goes to great length to explain the "Fund Scandal" arising out of a fund collected to assist him in carrying out his duties as a senator from a large western state. Nixon lays out his defense of the fund and explains to the reader, as he did to the audience of the Checkers speech, why the fund was a legitimate undertaking comparable to what many politicians before and after have done. As he explains it, it was an early form of the continuing campaign that members of congress routinely engage in today. Nixon writes of a vice-presidency that was engaged and marked by crises. The Eisenhower heart attack and stroke placed Nixon in the position of keeping the government running and himself prepared to assume the presidency while not appearing to do anything that might be interpreted as taking power from Ike. The violent trip to South America cast him as a brave defender of America's honor. His second term ended with the disappointing loss to Kennedy in the 1960 election tempered by a belief that he would be back. While focusing on his presidency, the author does not neglect his years out of power. Another disappointment in the California gubernatorial election of 1962 seemed to return him to private life for good. In this section of the book Nixon opens up about his plans and reasons for his actions that led to his triumphant return to politics in 1968. The presidency is portrayed as years during which Nixon focused on foreign affairs while trying to steer domestic affairs toward a more conservative course before being distracted and ultimately dragged down by Watergate. The foreign affairs initiatives can be summed up in three intertwined words: Russia, China and Vietnam. To read these pages is to enter the mind of a master chess player on the world stage. It is worth reading just to see how one initiative was used to influence another as the three powers triangulated against each other. After the resounding 1972 victory Watergate grew and enveloped the administration in a web from which it could not escape. He tells how he gradually came to realize how men he trusted had been involved, one way or the other, in the scandal and how his own actions made his continuance in office a political and public relations impossibility. During all this he was still working on dtente with the Soviet Union, the opening to China and the extraction without surrender from Vietnam. The ending, with his resignation and departure from Washington is, in Pat's words, "so sad." A few themes that drove Nixon through his life emerge from this book. One is physical courage. On Vice-Presidential tours Nixon stared down threatening protestors to maintain the dignity of the United States. As president he visited anti-war protestors in the early hours of the morning at the Lincoln Memorial. What other modern vice-president or president would ever do that? Another is a sense of honesty. Nixon seemed to have a running belief that he was suspected of enriching himself at the public troth. From the Checkers Speech to the "I'm not a crook" remark he was defending himself from those innuendos. The third theme is that of a man of peace. A Quaker, although self-admittedly not a very good one, he really seems to have devoted his life to creating a world in which people can live in freedom and peace. I have read memoirs by presidents and others and rank this as one of the best. I like the insight into the policies Nixon pursued and the steps he employed to bring them to fruition. The prominence of foreign policy shows what was important to him. Much of his wording sounds

like a conversation with the reader more than an official pronouncement. Nixon comes across as a man who came from of America with a goal to be somebody and to do something. Some of this tome is a defense of his actions and policies against his detractors, but he is entitled to his stay. This is the testament of a complex and determined man whom any student of American history needs to know.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting, informative, believableVon Jonathan EmersonHaving read this book, I can finally say that I am historically informed as to the time in question. I myself was born long after the events told here. A major portion of the book's interest is based upon hearing an exhaustive detailed report on the day to day functions of the Presidency. The fact that Nixon actually wrote his book, unlike Kennedy, whose Pulitzer Prize winner was ghost-written, makes it all the more enjoyable. Nixon's side of the story is finally told in a skillful manner that cannot be interrupted by the harrangue of some foolishly inept liberal intent on forcing their own opinion of a complicated era. Finally, Nixon's mistakes do not qualify him as the greatest criminal of the twentieth century, as one reviewer so eloquently wrote. If Nixon did in fact have knowledge of the Watergate break-in, (and it is hard to believe he did not) then he is still no worse than Truman, LBJ, or even the greatly beloved John F. Kennedy. It is a singular characteristic of liberal thinking to declare that a "third rate burglary," is worthy above mass murder etc, for the title of worst crime and the person by whom the burglary was ostensibly committed the worst criminal. Nixon's greatest asset to the common man was that he did not shrink from the political arena that was from the beginning tilted against him. The elitist minority of this country remains, sadly, under the delusion that the disappearance of Nixon from the national scene put to death the existence of the great silent majority. America still more closely resembles the rough edges and imperfection of Nixon that it does to the unrealistic and contrived memory of Kennedy as a lust and corruption tainted savior.

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