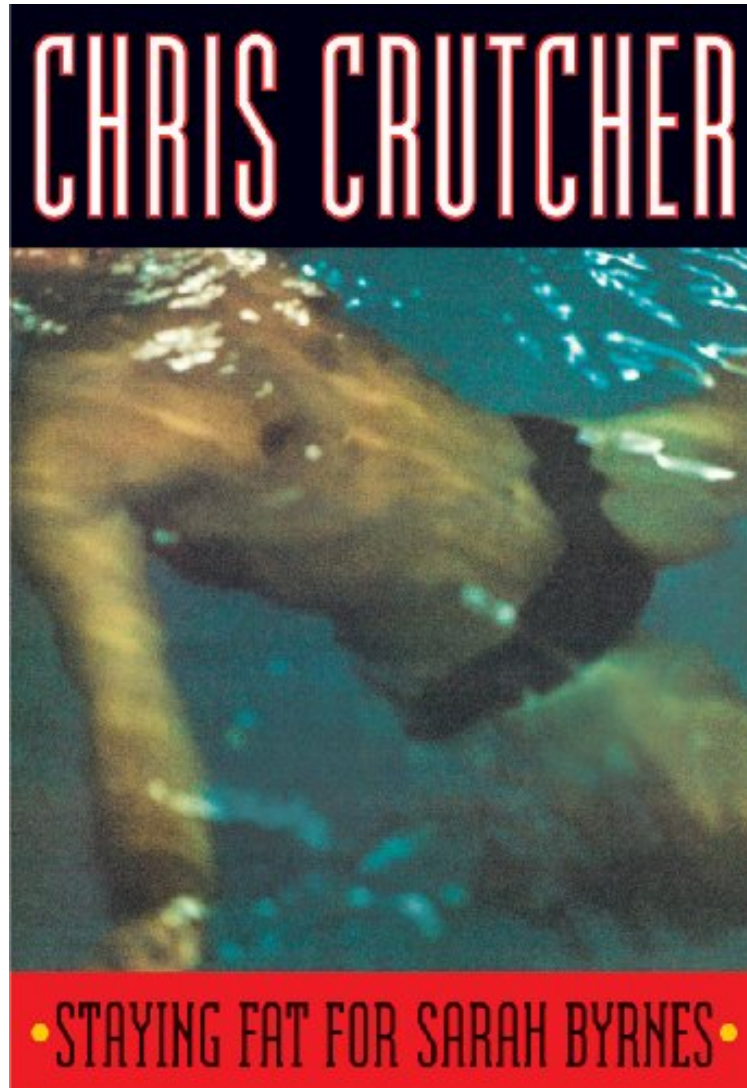


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**Von Chris Crutcher : Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Perhaps too much fun for its subject matter. Von Margaret FioreIt almost hurts to find yourself laughing so much on the way through such a book. When the book is dealing with the pain of a socially ostracized teenager that was deliberately burned as a tender 3-year-old by a brutal, controlling father, and abandoned by a cowardly mother, how can these amazing lines force you to laugh? But they do.This is a beautifully choreographed little book that hurtles along at top speed, lurching from highs to lows, with absolutely pitiless humor. It's only some breaths after finishing that the reader

can consider and find it a bit too neat. Eric (a.k.a. Moby) Calhoun is the fattest kid in the school. Sarah Byrnes, face and hands hideously burn scarred, is the ugliest. But they are both among the brightest. Thrown together by their deformity, they bolster each other's determination in the face of social attacks. Eric's talent as a swimmer buys his ticket out of ostracism, and the workouts begin to burn him out of his fat. But he is determined never to leave his first and best friendship behind. This is a good story about loyalty, moral courage, and inner honesty. Although each character is well-drawn and believable, it is, however, perhaps a bit too pat, with too many absolute villains and heroes to be fully convincing. Still, a great read, darkly funny, and one to discuss with any young adult.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Without doubt, a must read! Von Ein Kunde No book has ever captivated me as much as this one. Staying Fat for Sarah Byrnes is a fiction, yet realistic book written by Cris Crutener. The characters of this book are strong characters that contribute to the greatness of this book. Eric Calhoun, a senior, faces the task of helping close friend, Sarah Byrnes, who was burned in an accident. Sarah's dad, her problem, is not necessarily someone you'd like to be friends with. Eric faces other small, bothersome problems. The biggest of them all, Mark Brittain, a fellow classmate who constantly lectures everyone on his strong catholic beliefs. The only thing Eric doesn't despise from Mark is his girlfriend, Jody Mueller Mrs. Lemry, a strong character, is Eric's swimming coach and CATS teacher. Eric tries to help Sarah overcome a psychological problem, by visiting her at the psychological center. Soon, he finds out a dark secret Sarah has kept from everyone for a long time. He then becomes involved in a constant fight to keep Sarah safe. This book came to me when I wasn't sure if I still enjoyed reading. Lately, as a student I have not been able to choose the books I wanted to read, and was not enjoying reading. Choosing this book was not easy. Mainly, I thought I was going to have to face another boring book. I was wrong. As I read the first pages, I found myself caught up in the plot. Without realizing it I finished, what was perhaps, one of the best books I ever read. It's true that this book involves the same kind of drama many books involve, but something about it is different. It has this special thing that separates it from other books. You will not encounter a language that is boring or too elegant. The language is realistic and so real that young people will have no trouble reading and understanding it. The author has not avoided using bad words: there are plenty that give this book a realistic touch. The characters don't talk like stuffy old people, but like everyday people, making this book even better. This book is great and not a moment! boring, once started it can be difficult to stop. This book is perhaps the best ever. The author has known how to write a funny, entertaining, realistic book. It doesn't fall in the same category as those books that constantly repeat the same ending as they all lived happily ever after. Without doubt, this book is a 10!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Chris Crutcher is a genius. Von Scott Newhouse This is without a doubt the best book ever read! People can talk about Harry Potter all they want but when it comes down to just a great realistic story about being in high school and having problems which need help from other people this book has it all. I'm in 8th grade and we have to pick out a book to read from our library and I just picked this book off the shelves and I was very unexcited about reading it when I noticed that this book isn't that bad. Then I couldn't stop reading it. I took it home with me and just read it. Usually it takes me at least a month to finish a book this long but this book only took me a week because I couldn't stop reading. Now I don't want to give away that much of the plot but this is about a troubled girl named Sarah and her best and only friend Eric. They have been best friends since they were little about age 3 because they both have terminal "uglies". Sarah has a scar on her face from early in her childhood and Eric is fat. Sarah's mother left her early in her childhood so she only has a dad who is a mean insensitive man with no regard for the law. When Eric starts to lose weight from swimming on the high school team he starts to eat a lot more to stay fat for Sarah. Eric is in between a lot of trouble this whole book with the assistant principal Mr. Mautz. I don't want to tell you the rest of the characters because this review is already long enough so I just want to add one more thing. Read this book! This book has taught me a lot of things I didn't know before I read this book. It will make you laugh, cry, and happiness at the end. I think Chris Crutcher is a genius and should be given a lot more credit than he has already been given for this book!

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