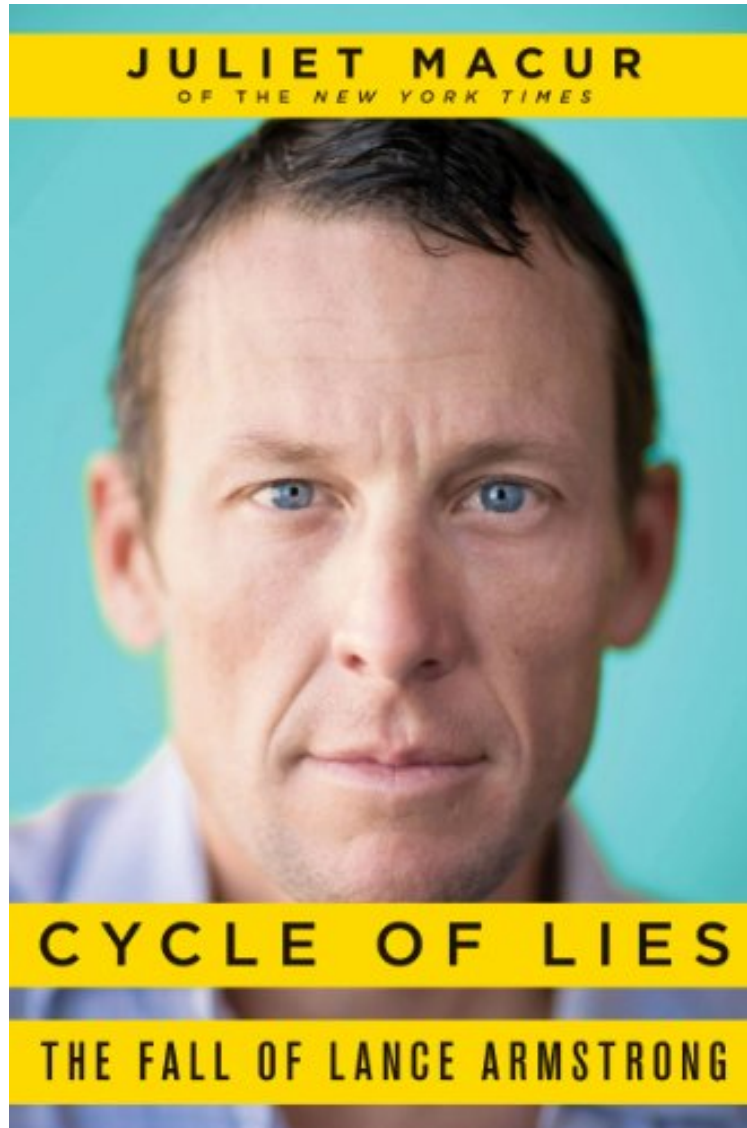


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Am "Rad der Lgen" drehte die gesamte Branche mitVon Maximilian CarlTitel: "Cycle of Lies", auf gut Deutsch: Das Rad der Lgen. Das klingt so, als htte Lance Armstrong bei den Cyclisten in aller Welt das systematische Doping eingefhrt. Das hat er selbstverstndlich nicht. Der erste Dopingtote auf dem Rennrad war ein Engländer und das bedauerliche Ereignis fand um das Jahr 1885 statt. Danach ging es immer so weiter, ber mehr als ein Jahrhundert. Und die Branche,

ich nenne die Radrennfahrer mal so, hatte von Anfang an beste Beziehungen zur Pharmazie und zur Medizin und nutzte das Fachwissen dieser Wissenschaften mit deren freundlicher Unterstützung. Ob die Stammzellen-Therapie bereits zu den leistungsfördernden Maßnahmen gehört, ist nicht ganz klar. Aber wenn dieser neue Zweig der Medizin erfolgreich sein wird, dann werden sich garantiert die Nachfolger von Lance Armstrong sich auch der Stammzellen bedienen. Genau wie bei EPO, das keineswegs die Branche zu einem einsamen pharmazeutischen Gipfel-Erlebnis führte. Nochmal: Alle machten mit, zumindest knapp unter 100 Prozent. Und seit mindestens einem Jahrhundert hatte sich kein Fahrer "ungedopt" auf die Tour de France gewagt. Das war auch bekannt. Jetzt verfassen zweit- oder drittklassige Fachjournalisten wie Mrs. Macur heuchlerische Schmhschriften über Lance Armstrong oder Jan Ullrich, die in Wahrheit der Tour de France eine goldene Dekade brachten (so etwa 1995 bis 2005). Und wer heute bei Armstrong noch mal absahnen will, schreibt ein Buch, das ihn demonisiert. So einfach ist das. Man könnte also von einem spekulativ angelegten Bestseller sprechen. Aber da macht nicht nur sie, sondern all die anderen "Fachjournalisten", denen ich eigentlich nur immer wieder sagen möchte: "sie", Armstrong, Ullrich, Anquetil, van Steenbergen, Altig und all die anderen heroischen Pedaleure haben es nicht erfunden, sondern sie haben sich - wenn auch geschlossen - der Dopingpraktiken bedient, die durch die Kenntnisse von Pharmazie und Medizin erst möglich wurden. Mrs. Macur kann ich deshalb nur zwei Sterne zubilligen, einen dabei allenfalls für "Flei", ansonsten hat sie sich in den zur Zeit vorherrschenden Trend angehängt, sie gehört also zum Peloton.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Clear, understandable, concise - sports and investigative journalism in its true form Von Helpful Advice Cycle of Lies written by Juliet Macur is a well-made biography of athlete that was first admired, and then despised by the whole world - Lance Armstrong. The author of the book is Juliet Macur who is a sports reporter for The New York Times covering last ten years various sports stories connected with doping and legal issues. Previously she wrote about some other controversial subjects such as Countdown to Beijing that brought a story about China sports world that was pushed hard in order to host the 2008 Summer Olympics and In Two Arenas that spoke about Iraq wars effect on sportsmen. With Cycle of Lies Juliet Macur set for herself the ambitious goal to write a true and interesting story about an athlete whose fate in recent years repeatedly filled newspaper columns, equally for good, as for the bad reasons. And certainly she succeeded because her 500 pages work is something that can be read in one sitting and with full right it can be said that this is a great work of investigative journalism in sports world. Her book is divided into seven chapters, each of them, in addition to the Prologue and Epilogue, named in a provocative way Lies of the Family, Lies of the Sport, Lies of the Media, Lies of the Brotherhood, Lies of the American Hero and finally, The Truth. Right at the beginning of the book author gives clear guidelines from which it can be seen that she knows a lot about Armstrong and people around him - for nearly a decade, Lance Armstrong and I have had a contentious relationship. Seven years have passed since his agent, Bill Stapleton, first threatened to sue me. Back then, I was just one of the many reporters Armstrong had tried to manipulate, charm or bully. Filing lawsuits against writers who dared challenge his fairy-tale story was his quick-and-easy way of convincing people that writing critically about him was not worth it. Over the years, he came to consider me an enemy, one of the many he and his handlers had to keep an eye on. Using such style, directness and the facts Juliet Macur wrote her book, not fearing at all to present to the world a host of lies, and some real truths. The nice add-on on the book end are picture section, notes and selected biography which further indicates the seriousness with which the author approached her writing project. Whether you liked Armstrong in the period of his greatest popularity, and especially if you didn't in a time when this sports hero had been taken as an example of everything positive and was almost blasphemy to speak against him, you'll enjoy Juliet Macur's book. Clear, understandable, concise - sports and investigative journalism in its true form. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sehr kritisches, aber gut geschriebenes Buch. Von Sahnepass "Cycle of Lies" ist zunächst einmal sehr gut geschrieben und fasst vieles, was über Lance Armstrong geschrieben und gesagt wurde (z.B. David Walsh, Tylor Hamilton, Floyd Landis etc.) zusammen. Die Autorin geht mit Armstrong und seiner kompletten Entourage sehr hart ins Gericht und zeichnet das Bild eines Menschen, der von Erfolgshunger und Geldgier ein Längengeflecht aufgebaut hat, was letztlich zerfällt. Auf positive Gegenstimmen wird weitestgehend verzichtet, die Deutungshoheit über Leben und Karriere des Lance Armstrongs übernimmt die Autorin und begründet dies bereits in der Einleitung: Dort reflektiert sie ihre Treffen mit Armstrong und es wird deutlich, dass sie Armstrongs Erklärungsansätze / Bitten (nachvollziehbar) als kalkuliert empfindet. Ich kann dieses Buch empfehlen, rege jedoch an nicht ausschließlich auf Basis dieses Buches über Armstrong zu urteilen. Ergänzend empfehle ich u.a. die Biographien von Laurent Fignon, David Millar und Tylor Hamilton, aus denen hervorgeht wie das EPO-Doping Anfang der 1990er Jahre sich langsam im Peloton verbreitete und welche Gefühlslage damit bei den jungen Radprofis verbunden war.

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"Riveting ... Why did he do it?" is clearly the first question begging for an answer. And "How did he get away with it for so long?" is another. Macur investigates both exhaustively and the result is a tale right out of ancient Greece - the demi-god with the fatal flaw' Toronto Star 'Macur is a fine writer and a tireless reporter' Observer 'Her well-researched book pays testimony to the determination of a large group of people, those used and cast aside by Armstrong, who found the courage to stand up to the bully ... That he was still arrogant enough to try to get her to change the title of 'Cycle of Lies' speaks volumes for his self-centred nature and Macur's determination as a journalist to stick with what she believed to be the truth' Eastern Daily Press 'Macur offers plenty that is new and is capable of holding your interest ... Compared with the other recent Armstrong books - 'The Secret Race', 'Seven Deadly Sins' and 'Wheelmen' - 'Cycle of Lies' is the one to read if you want the whole story nailed in a clear and concise narrative ... But it is also a book that can be quite subtle at times and contains moments of beauty ... a rewarding read' Podium Cafe

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