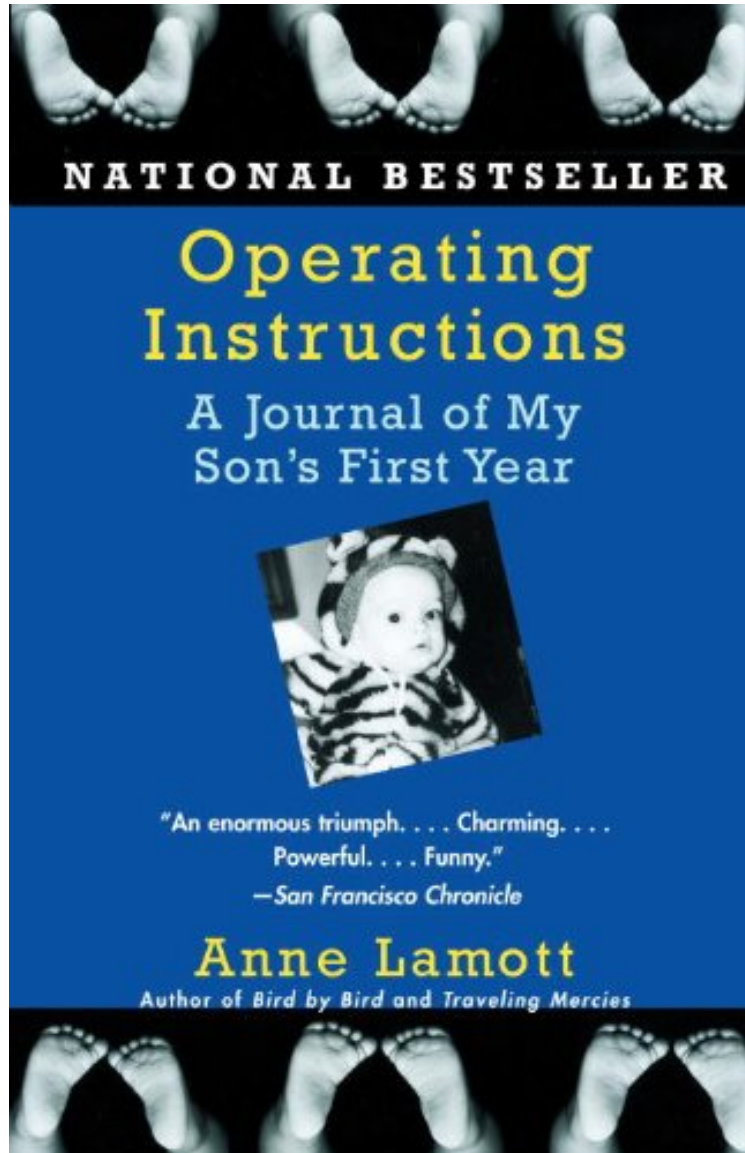


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wow -- thanks.Von Ein KundeAs I write this, I am around 33 weeks pregnant with my first child -- a child who is also an

"accident" and also a boy. Especially because I didn't plan to have kids at this particular moment in my life, as soon as I found out I was pregnant I raced to the bookstore (typical response for me) and started buying books -- on pregnancy, childbirth, parenting, anything I could get my hands on that would make up for what I didn't know. A friend recommended this book along with a pile of others, and eventually I picked it up on one of my innumerable trips to the pregnancy/parenting section of a local bookstore. By then I knew a lot of the basics on all that pregnancy and childbirth stuff, but this was the first and remains the only book that really helped me imagine what it will be like to have a child. A lot of men and women I know have a hard time imagining interesting, intelligent, dynamic people like themselves and those they know as parents. It was wonderful and emotional to hear from an interesting, intelligent, dynamic woman about her own experiences with parenting as a surprise life choice. The woman has GUTS. Particularly in terms of admitting her own struggles and failures in parenting and it is a tremendous relief to feel like you can screw up and move beyond it as a parent. She had a lot of hard times, but her story of Sam's first year made me connect to my soon to be born child in a way that nothing else did -- finally, I could really imagine what I, with all my failings and closet skeletons, could be like as a parent, and how much I might love it. I can't wait to find out now, and her book (which I have read and reread during the course of my pregnancy) has helped that feeling along immensely. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sure it's a must-read, and yet... Von JANEI really appreciate this lady's intelligent bluntness about religion, early motherhood and getting over big mistakes, and God, she writes so lyrically when she wants to--but she whines and whines and WHINES about how damaged and insecure she is, and the impression of self-absorption this leaves mars the book. We don't get the pleasure of inferring who the author is from how she reads her beloved son and others (and with a writer this good, what a pleasure that would be!); instead, we get to hear all about the author, all the time. There's no fun or subtlety in that, and the attention-seeking involved is a little sad. The wonderful parts of this book come when she runs into things that are too big for her and her need for attention, and she just makes a song of it all--just plays that honest voice and that big heart, which are really such amazingly fine instruments when she lets them be. The very worst parts are when she gets tired and very clearly settles for just blathering out something that she thinks might amuse and sound confessional at the same time. That is NOT so very honest. Where was the editor? It's perfectly obvious that Lamott is way bright, strong enough to sober up, a loving mother who provides her child with shelter, love, family and faith, a genius at friendship, and an honest-to-God literary success. If she ever realizes that she is, in fact, highly competent, maybe she'll shut up about it and do some more of her really great writing. Then she'd almost certainly be among the best we've got. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Real life Von Ein Kunde Anne Lamott is truly one of the most gifted writers of our time. She is funny, true blue, strong, and opinionated, poignant, and totally, disarmingly honest. In *Operating Instructions*, she chronicles the first year of her son, Sam's life. This is much, much more than a journal. It's the unfolding of real, true life. Three years after giving up her addictions to drugs and alcohol, Lamott found herself pregnant and single at 35. The struggles she encountered with her new baby are so real and honest. She describes her love for him one day as being a feeling larger than anything she can describe--then the next day, being overwhelmed with the urge to leave him on the porch all night where his colicky cries won't reach her ears. All the while, she struggles to keep on top of her addictions, struggles with her spirituality, with the fact that Sam has no father in his life, with the loss of her own father to brain cancer, with money, and with her strong and conflicting emotions about motherhood. Finally, her best friend of over 20 years falls gravely ill, something that nearly shatters Lamott's faith. But through it all, she stays true, beyond all else. She is an amazing writer and person. If you are a mother or want to be a mother, this is a must-read.

Kurzbeschreibung With the same brilliant combination of humor and warmth she brought to bestseller *Bird* by Bird, Anne Lamott gives us a smart, funny, and comforting chronicle of single motherhood. It's not like she's the only woman to ever have a baby. At thirty-five. On her own. But Anne Lamott makes it all fresh in her now-classic account of how she and her son and numerous friends and neighbors and some strangers survived and thrived in that all important first year. From finding out that her baby is a boy (and getting used to the idea) to finding out that her best friend and greatest supporter Pam will die of cancer (and not getting used to that idea), with a generous amount of wit and faith (but very little piousness), Lamott narrates the great and small events that make up a woman's life. "Lamott has a conversational style that perfectly conveys her friendly, self-deprecating humor." -- Los Angeles Times Book "Lamott is a wonderfully lithe writer .... Anyone who has ever had a hard time facing a perfectly ordinary day will identify." -- Chicago Tribune. The most honest, wildly enjoyable book written about motherhood is surely Anne Lamott's account of her son Sam's first year. A gifted writer and teacher, Lamott (*Crooked Little Heart*) is a single mother and ex-alcoholic with a pleasingly warped social circle and a remarkably tolerant religion to lean on. She responds to the changes, exhaustion, and love Sam brings with aplomb or outright insanity. The book rocks from hilarious to unbearably poignant when Sam's burgeoning life is played out against a very close friend's illness. No saccharine paean to becoming a parent, this touches on the rage and befuddlement that dog sweeter emotions during

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