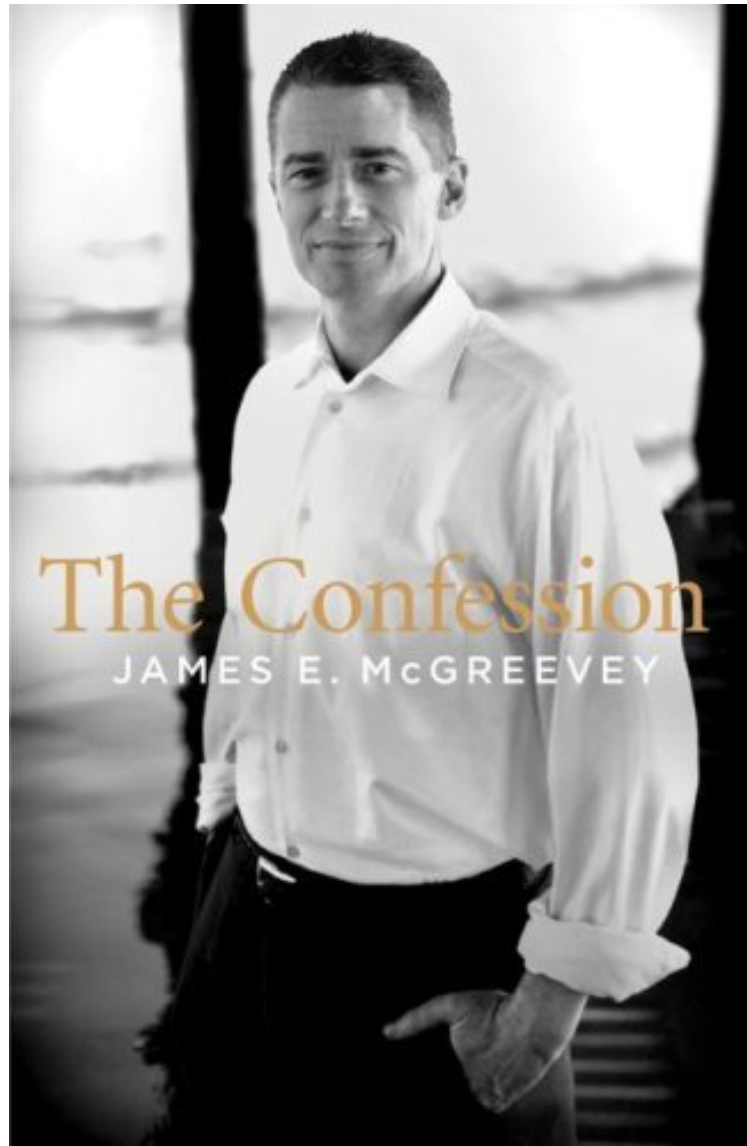


The Confession

Von James E. McGreevey

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Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Der steile Aufstieg und Fall eines Politikers Von Rox@James E. McGreevey, ehem. Governor des Staates New Jersey und der Sohn irischer Einwanderer, beschreibt in seiner Autobiographie seinen politischen Aufstieg bis zum höchsten Amt des Staates New Jersey. McGreevey beschreibt in seinem Buch wie er im Laufe seiner Karriere schnell lernt

Kompromisse einzugehen, um seine Macht und seinen politischen Einfluss zu stärken. Der größte Kompromiss und gleichzeitig seine größte, das Buch beherrschende Lebenslage ist seine sexuelle Orientierung: zweimal verheiratet, Vater zweier Töchter, die perfekte amerikanische Familie und doch ist all dies nur eine Fassade mit der er versucht seine Homosexualität zu verleugnen. Am Versuch ein "normales" Leben zu führen droht McGreevey schließlich persönlich zu scheitern. - Seine politische Karriere tut dies zweifellos, als er im Jahre 2004, nur 3 Jahre nach seiner Wahl und erpresst von einem früheren Liebhaber, sich und der überraschten amerikanischen Öffentlichkeit eingestehen muss "The truth is that I am a gay American". Sicherlich sollte man beim Lesen dieses Buchs die Wortgewandtheit eines Politikers und seine, natürlicherweise persönliche Sicht in der die Dinge geschildert werden, berücksichtigen. Dennoch glaube ich, dass dies eine ehrliche und aufrichtige Darstellung des Aufstiegs und Falls eines Politikers ist, dessen Ziel es war, gemeinsam mit seinen Mitmenschen ein besseres Amerika zu gestalten. Sicherlich ein interessantes Buch für alle, die es interessiert nach welchen Spielregeln (wohl nicht nur) amerikanische Politik auf allen politischen Ebenen funktioniert.

Kurzbeschreibung In August 2004, Governor James E. McGreevey of New Jersey made history when he stepped before microphones, declared "My truth is that I am a gay American," and announced his resignation. The story made international headlines but what led to that moment was a human and political drama more complex and fascinating than anyone knew. Now, in this extraordinarily candid memoir, McGreevey shares his story of a life of ambition, moral compromise, and redemption. From childhood, McGreevey lived a kind of idealized American life. The son of working-class Irish Catholic parents, named for an uncle who died at Iwo Jima, he strove to exceed expectations in everything he did, meeting each new challenge as though his "future rode on every move." As a young man he was tempted by the priesthood, yet it was another calling politics that he found irresistible. Plunging early into the dangerous waters of New Jersey politics, he won three elections by the age of thirty-six, and soon thereafter nearly toppled the state's popular governor, Christie Todd Whitman, in a photo-finish election. Four years later, he won the governorship by a landslide. Throughout his adult life, however, Jim McGreevey had been forced to suppress a fundamental truth about himself: that he was gay. He knew at once that the only clear path to his dreams was to live a straight life, and so he split in two, accepting the traditional role of family man while denying his deepest emotions. And he discovered, to his surprise, that becoming a political player demanded ethical shortcuts that became as corrosive as living in the closet. In the cutthroat culture of political bosses, backroom deals, and the insidious practice known as "pay-to-play," he writes, "political compromises came easy to me because I'd learned how to keep a part of myself innocent of them." His policy triumphs as governor were tempered by scandal, as the transgressions of his staff came back to haunt him. Yet only when a former lover threatened to expose him did he finally confront his divided soul, and find the authentic self that had always eluded him. More than a coming-out memoir, *The Confession* is the story of one man's quest to repair the rift between his public and private selves, at a time in our culture when the personal and political have become tangled like frayed electric cables. Teeming with larger-than-life characters, written with honesty, grace, and rare insight into what it means to negotiate the minefields of American public life, it may be among the most honest political memoirs ever written. From Publishers Weekly Starred . The New Jersey governor whose resignation made headlines in 2004 delivers a gripping, compelling memoir that offers much more than insight into the pain of being a closeted gay man for more than four decades. Listeners seeking juicy sex-life details will not be disappointed, but this memoir is as much a lesson on authenticity in politics as in sexuality. McGreevey, who is just as candid about New Jersey's politics ("New Jersey leads the nation for mayors in prison"), does a masterful job of weaving a richly detailed chronicle of his own political career with tales of his home and sex lives. McGreevey's narration is relaxed enough for his Jersey accent to sneak out along with spontaneous chuckles, and impassioned when re-enacting speeches or conversations. His passion is clear at every turn: detailing his professional and political accomplishments; offering colorful, vivid descriptions of his mentors; and naming friends and colleagues he lost on September 11. The final three discs, covering his relationship with Golan Cipel, his postresignation depression and entry into rehab, are riveting. This is an important memoir that is sure to resonate mightily with listeners. Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. **Pressestimmen** An astonishingly candid memoir...brave and powerful. (Newsweek)