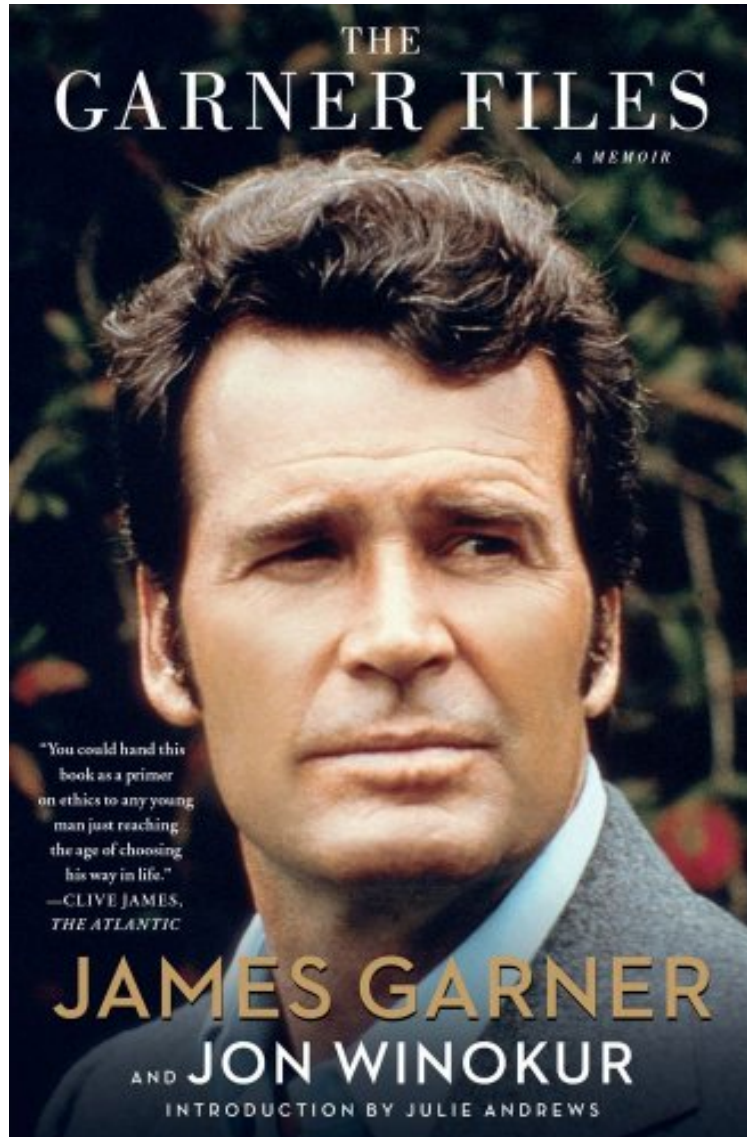


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Von Jon Winokur, James Garner : The Garner Files: A Memoir (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Garner Files: A Memoir (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Sehr lesenswerte Bio eines echten GentlemanVon RacerWer glaubt, dass James Garner mit seinen Rollen in Maverick (TV) oder Rockford identisch ist, hat gar nicht mal so unrecht. Warum seine Figuren so viel mit ihm gemeinsam haben (was er so eitel in seiner Autobiografie nie geschrieben htte), wird in den ausführlichen und offenherzigen Schilderungen

seiner (oft wenig idyllischen) Kindheit und Jugend deutlich (viele Fotos!). So entwickelte er einen ausgeprägten Gerechtigkeitssinn, und zeigte in seinem Leben oft Flagge, sei es in der Auseinandersetzung mit korrupten knauserigen Studiobossen, oder bei seiner Teilnahme beim Marsch auf Washington 1963, der in der berühmten Rede von Martin Luther King "I have a dream" gipfelte. Um es kurz auf den Punkt zu bringen - James Garner war an dem Typ, der nicht viel geredet hat, sondern eher Taten hat sprechen lassen, mit dem jeder gerne mal ein Bier trinken würde, den man an seiner Seite haben möchte, wenn's mal Probleme gibt... Allein die Kapitel über Rockford, die Filme Grand Prix und The Great Escape (gespickt mit Anekdoten vom Set und aus München, wo er sich mit einem Polizisten und letztendlich der deutschen Regierung anlegte!) rechtfertigen schon den Kauf dieses Buches. Dazu gibt es sehr viel interessantes über unbekanntere Streifen Garners, die auch noch mal am Schluss zusammen mit sämtlichen anderen Movies und TV-Serien seiner Karriere chronologisch aufgeführt, und kurz kommentiert werden. Klasse! Das Wichtigste für das Lesevergnügen ist sein immer wieder aufblitzender Extra Dry Humor - keine Kalauer - sondern etwas subtiler, so wie man eben auch Jim Rockford kennt und schätzt... Einzig das Kapitel über seinen Faible zum Golfsport hätte für meinen Geschmack deutlich kürzer sein können, ist aber kein Grund für einen Punktabzug ;) Eine besonders schöne Idee, ist es im Schlussteil Familie, Freunde und andere Weggeführten zu Wort kommen zu lassen... Hätten sie's gewusst, dass der TV-Hit Magnum (Tom Selleck) nicht zufällig Ähnlichkeiten mit Rockford aufweist? Dass James Garner durchaus seinen Anteil an einer der besten und erfolgreichen TV-Serien der 1980er hatte? Tom Selleck: "I took Jim's (Garner's) advice and it worked (...) it changed my life - in the new script, Magnum was not a superhero. He's a tough guy as Rockford was, but he was reluctant. That's all from Jim" Auch wer kein absoluter Englisch-Spezi ist, dürfte mit der leicht verständlichen Schreibung klarkommen... Als Schmankerl befindet sich im Mittelteil eine große Anzahl von z.T. privaten Fotos Garners... One Word: Kaufen! Zum Schluss nochmal James Garner: "So if anybody asks, 'How do you want to be remembered?' I tell them: 'With a smile.'" 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Watch Carefully, Pay Attention, Keep It Real, and Add Humor Von Donald Mitchell "Listen now to my voice;" -- Exodus 18:19 (NKJV) When I was in elementary school, a friend's mother asked me what my favorite television program was. I didn't blink an eye before announcing, "Maverick." She looked surprised, and I explained that I enjoyed watching a show about someone who first tried to think of a solution rather than just use violence. I also mentioned that I thought the show was very funny. From that show's appeal, I followed James Garner and enjoyed watching The Rockford Files and some of his better movies, such as The Americanization of Emily. Knowing that actor memoirs are often vacuous, I decided to take a chance on finding out more about James Garner. I was glad that I did. There's interesting material here for James Garner fans. I was fascinated to find out how little training (essentially none) he had before launching into being a successful actor. He credits much of his success to simply observing what outstanding actors did and to being fully present in a scene, no matter how many times the scene is reshot. Clearly, he must be very observant and able to adjust his mind and body to reflect what's going on around him. I was even more interested to learn that he had become a pretty decent golfer through employing a similar method. The book also succeeds in portraying him as a person who cares about others and does so in respectful ways. Since the story is leavened with humor, the bromides and insider stories go down a little more smoothly than usual. I knew that he had struggled with chronic pain for decades (try being humorous through that!), but I didn't know that he also has quite a temper and suffered from greater than usual amounts of stage fright. While you probably won't come away from this book with much of personal value, I believe you will probably feel a little more encouraged to persevere at whatever you do, to take life with humor, to look out for others, and to pay attention when you have a chance to improve. Live a positive life, as best you can. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hier spricht Rockford... Von Morgenröte Die Garner-Biografie ist ein Muss für "Rockford"-Fans. Einige interessante Details zu Garners Vita aber auch zu den Schauspielerkollegen machen die Biografie durchaus lesenswert. Allerdings sollte man nicht zu viel Tiefgründigkeit erwarten, es ist eher Unerhaltung.

Kurzbeschreibung Told in the charming and self-deprecating style that has made him one of America's most beloved celebrities the real story behind Hollywood legend James Garner, from his Depression-era childhood to his colorful career. His incredible story, in his own words. One of Hollywood's all-time great leading men, James Garner enjoyed a remarkable career spanning six decades, and whether you know him as Bret Maverick or Jim Rockford, his appeal bridges generations. Few know the real story, now told in this intimate memoir of growing up in Depression-era Oklahoma and triumphing in Hollywood. After physical abuse at the hands of his stepmother, Garner left home at fourteen. He was Oklahoma's first draftee of the Korean War, receiving two Purple Hearts for combat wounds. Back in Los Angeles in need of a job, Garner reluctantly tried acting and was surprised to find his career taking off. Working with such luminaries as Julie Andrews, Marlon Brando, Steve McQueen, and Clint Eastwood, he became a star in his own right. He threw himself into his work, and despite stage fright and bouts of depression, constant physical pain and epic battles with the Hollywood establishment, he became the acting equivalent of a national monument. Written with Jon Winokur, The Garner Files is a wry, engaging self-portrait chronicling the vagaries of a screen career along with the cast of personal and professional characters that helped shape a great American life. Pressestimmen "Laid-back

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