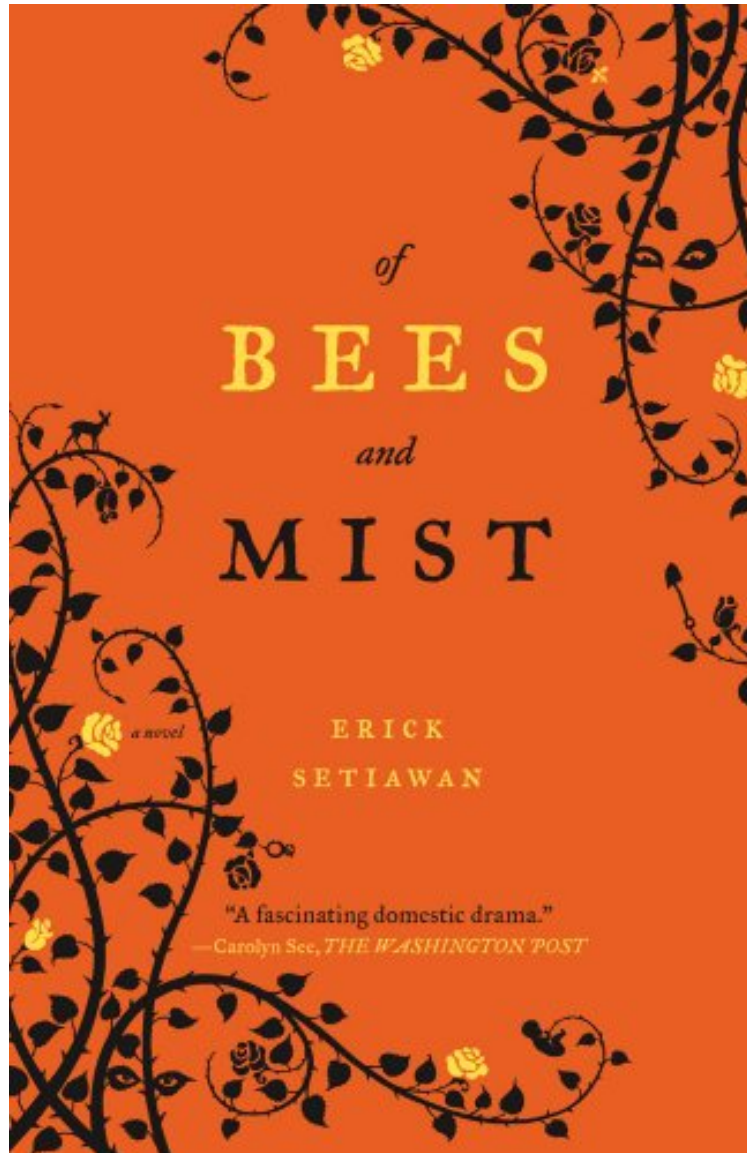


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Courtesy of Teens Read TooVon TeensReadTooGold Star Award Winner!Meridia is a young girl when she meets Daniel, the man who will sweep her off her feet. What follows is nothing short of a fairy tale. And, just like in all good fairy tales, there is struggle, heartache, and redemption.Meridia uncovers secrets in her family as well as Daniel's. Spells, charms,

witchcraft, demons, prophets, and clairvoyants are an everyday reality in Meridia's world. Colorful mists whisk her father away, and her mother's cooking can heal almost anything that ails you. Her mother-in-law also possesses strange powers; her vindictive, evil ways manifest themselves into a swarm of bees that attempt to pull Meridia and Daniel apart. Meridia must use all of her strength to keep her family together, and mend the broken parts of their lives. I was truly amazed by this novel. I am constantly drawn to fairy tales, and though this novel reads like one, none of the content seemed far-fetched. Erick Setiawan was able to create a world where the unbelievable seemed completely possible. It was easy to get lost in the story because of that. At the heart of this tale are three women - Meridia, Ravenna, and Eva, and how their relationships color their world. It is also about strength and the true meaning of love. It is beautifully told, and a joy to read. A fairy tale for the modern era - brilliant!

Reviewed by: LadyJay0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. MagicalVon Kunde  
This book is purely magical. But it isn't all happy and perfect. It's like a fairytale- with all its ups and downs. "Of Bees and Mist" tells a story of every human emotion that exists. Of everything that is important in life: Love- the beauty of it, the challenges. Betrayal. Family- the unconditional love, dysfunctions, abandonment. And self-discovery. Self-confidence. The power to stand up for yourself and what you believe in. I honestly don't know how to describe the story itself. For fans of magical realism (I'm definitely one of them) and readers who want to get into this genre- buy this book! I can't think of any reasons to not love it. I really enjoyed the development the main character- Meridia- went through. All in all, this book is a perfect example of a well-written masterpiece.

Kurzbeschreibung Erick Setiawan's richly atmospheric debut is a beautiful, engrossing fable of three generations of women in two families; their destructive jealousies, their loves and losses, their sacrifices and deeply rooted deceptions, and their triumphs. Of Bees and Mist is a fable of one woman's determination to overcome the haunting magic that is created by the people she loves and the oppressive secrets behind their broken lives. Raised in a sepulchral house where ghosts dwell in mirrors, Meridia spends her childhood feeling neglected and invisible. Every evening her father vanishes inside a blue mist without so much as an explanation, and her mother spends her days beheading cauliflowers in the kitchen. At sixteen, desperate to escape, Meridia marries a tenderhearted young man. Little does she suspect that his family is harboring secrets of their own. There is a grave hidden in the garden. There are two sisters groomed from birth to despise each other. And there is Eva, the formidable matriarch whose grievances swarm the air like an army of bees the wickedest mother-in-law imaginable. Erick Setiawan takes Meridia on a tumultuous ride of hope and heartbreak as she struggles to keep her young family together and discovers long-kept secrets about her own past as well as the shocking truths about her husband's family. Pressestimmen "Of Bees and Mist is sheer enchantment. Erick Setiawan has created a magical world just outside of our own, made all the more human and compelling by its rich and astonishing strangeness." - Keith Donohue, author of *The Stolen Child* and *Angels of Destruction* "A beautifully crafted adult fairy tale of love, loss and loyalty that is at once witty, magical, and moving. Of Bees and Mist is a stunningly accomplished first novel." - John Connolly, author of *The Book of Lost Things* and *The Lovers* "Of Bees and Mist is set in a secretive and mythical landscape where readers will yearn to be. A marvel of a novel." - Da Chen, author of *Colors of the Mountain* and *Brothers* A fascinating domestic drama. Carolyn See, *The Washington Post* A story that pulses with life. The *San Francisco Chronicle* A looping joy to read. *Denver Post*

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