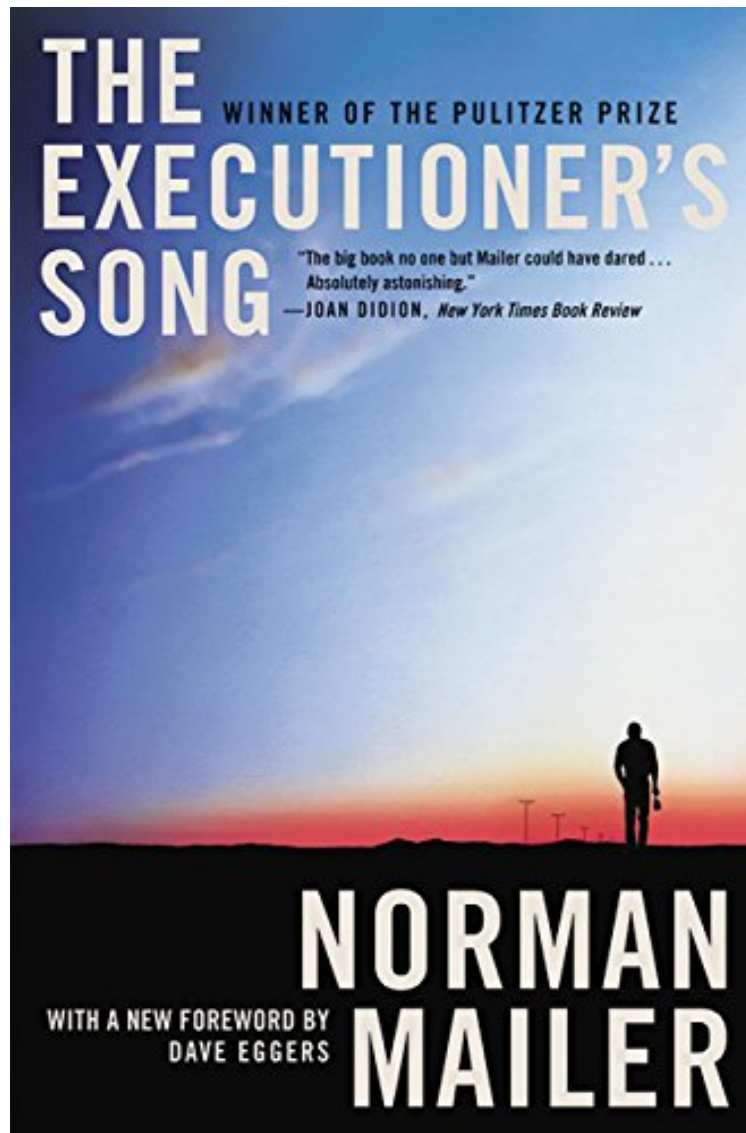


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Von Norman Mailer : The Executioner's Song (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Executioner's Song (English Edition):

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book is easily the best of the more than one hundred true crime books I've ever read. The story of Gary Gilmore Nicole Baker reads like a warped American Romeo Juliet at times, albeit a white trash version of sorts. When all was said and done, Gilmore had spent 18 of his 36 years institutionalized in one form or another. So Gary fought the state of Utah when they sentenced him to death in 1976. The twist is that he had to fight to make them follow through with their threat. Gilmore, as well as anyone, knew what prison was like and that he wanted nothing more to do with that kind of life. This is one of the few 1,000+ page books that left me wanting more when it was over. Mailer had access to virtually everyone necessary to pull off this monumental undertaking. The narrative is basically stripped of needless frills and the author's opinions are held in check beautifully when you consider the inflammatory nature of the subject matter. Mailer also does an admirable job of allowing Gilmore's victims to appear as human beings, not merely as props used by Gilmore to achieve immortality and release. This book has the potential to spark debate on a variety of newsworthy issues, such as prison reform, victim's rights, incarceration vs. education, the death penalty as a deterrent, right to die, etc.. Gilmore's case was remarkable in regard to American Justice as we now know it. Gilmore himself was a complex and fascinating individual with underdeveloped emotional control and virtually no social skills to speak of. He developed into adulthood in legal institutions and was woefully unprepared for life outside prison walls. Mailer does not flinch or miss a single beat. He simply tells the story of Gary Gilmore and the story of the lives touched and/or destroyed by Gilmore. He does not take any obvious liberties to fit the story to match his own beliefs. I was not a Mailer fan until I read this book. It is one of the five best books I have ever had the privilege of reading. The movie of the same title did Gilmore a serious injustice. Yes, he was certainly a thief and a murderer, there's no overlooking that, but he was also an extremely intelligent and artistic man. I also recommend reading *Shot In The Heart*, by Mikal Gilmore (Gary's younger brother). It is a beautifully written book that fills in a lot of blanks and generally helps to complete the Gilmore story. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It's About A Lot More Than An Execution Von Ein Kunde This book is about nothing less than Human Nature and America. There is so much in this book to treasure that I would have to agree with other reviewers that it could have gone on twice as long. Mailer's incredible book does two things. First it uses an epochal event to paint a portrait of America at a certain point of time. Most notably, to me at least, it captures (1) the hypocrisy of America's growing focus on Law Order at a time when it reinstated capital punishment and (2) the capitalist greed that epitomized the fierce contest for Gilmore's life story. Second, and perhaps more importantly, Mailer capitalizes on fascinating factual occurrences to tell stories that no novelist could dream up. Gilmore is a character that seems so intelligent, carefree and fun to be around that you just want to throw your arms around him...until he resorts to brutal, random and inexplicable acts of violence. The affection keeps coming back until you once again remember his vicious acts. No author could have dreamed up a character that stirs so much ambivalence in the reader. As for Gary and Nicole's romance, who could have dreamed up the twists and turns -- the suicide pacts, Nicole's institutionalization, the difficulty of the relationship in person contrasted with its ease when the two are separated. Finally, no author could create such a complete look inside the criminal mind without having complete access to an actual criminal. Sorry if I was long-winded. This book is a true treasure.

Kurzbeschreibung Norman Mailer's Pulitzer Prize-winning and unforgettable classic about convicted killer Gary Gilmore now in a brand-new edition. Arguably the greatest book from America's most heroically ambitious writer, *THE EXECUTIONER'S SONG* follows the short, blighted life of Gary Gilmore who became famous after he robbed two men in 1976 and killed them in cold blood. After being tried and convicted, he immediately insisted on being executed for his crime. To do so, he fought a system that seemed intent on keeping him alive long after it had sentenced him to death. And that fight for the right to die is what made him famous. Mailer tells not only Gilmore's story, but those of the men and women caught in the web of his life and drawn into his procession toward the firing squad. All with implacable authority, steely compassion, and a restraint that evokes the parched landscape and stern theology of Gilmore's Utah. *THE EXECUTIONER'S SONG* is a trip down the wrong side of the tracks to the deepest source of American loneliness and violence. It is a towering achievement--impossible to put down, impossible to forget. (280,000 words). de The Executioner's Song is a work of unprecedented force. It is the true story of Gary Gilmore, who in 1977 became the first person executed in the United States since the reinstatement of the death penalty. Gilmore, a violent yet articulate man who chose not to fight his death-penalty sentence, touched off a national debate about capital punishment. He allowed Norman Mailer and researcher Lawrence Schiller complete access to his story. Mailer took the material and produced an immense book with a dry, unwavering voice and meticulous attention to detail on Gilmore's life--particularly his relationship with Nicole Baker, whom Gilmore claims to have killed. What unfolds is a powerful drama, a distorted love affair, and a chilling look into the mind of a murderer in his countdown with a firing squad. com The Executioner's Song is a work of unprecedented force. It is the true story of Gary Gilmore, who in 1977 became the first person executed in the United States since the reinstatement of the death penalty. Gilmore, a violent yet articulate man who chose not to fight his death-penalty sentence, touched off a national debate about

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