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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannend und sehr empfehlenswertVon Beat LanzSehr gut recherchiert und wirklich spannend erzht. Eine etwas andere Erklrung was eine Konkubine ist. Wenn jedes Geschichtsbuch so geschrieben wre, dann ware Geschichte wohl

das Lieblingsfach vieler Schler. Sehr unterhaltend und sehr zu empfehlen.

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