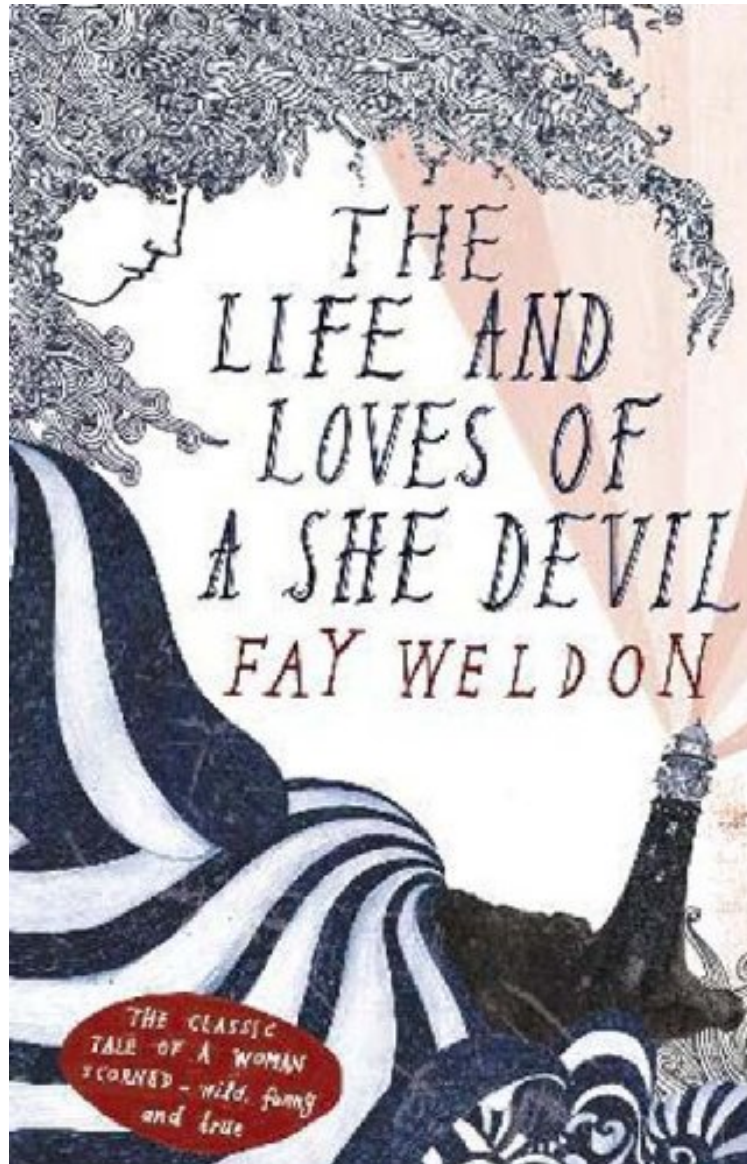


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Von Fay Weldon : The Life and Loves of a She Devil (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Life and Loves of a She Devil (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The most astutely fashioned tale of revenge since Moby Dick.Von Apoplectic_Boy@msn.comI think too many readers reviewers have overlooked the sheer scope of Ms. Weldon's attack in this, my favorite novel. More than just a roadmap to the vengence of one woman against the man and mistress that cause the disintegration of her life, Ruth by

the end, becomes the avenging angel of all who have ever felt unwanted by a world consumed with the transient virtues of beauty, taste and wealth. She decimates, with the depraved passion of a Bosch-like demon, all of the "sensible" notions of love, mother-hood, respect for beauty and humanity that society foists upon the less attractive of its people, specifically its women. By the end of this novel her attack broadens beyond the simply banal cruelties of man and begins to rattle the very gates of heaven itself to force a confrontation with Nature and God. Ruth's gripe is with God and not man, for she sees Him as the real culprit behind the suffering she, and all women, must endure. Her ultimate victory, and the perversity of its coming is summated in the last line of this book (In my opinion, one of the best final lines ever written). One of the sharpest minds writing today, Ms. Weldon brings a lucidity and vigor to her portrait of the modern beauty-obsessed culture, that is by turns biting humor and strangely touching; for all of the bile that she unleashes throughout the novel, Ruth is a character that we can fundamentally claim as one of "our" own. I think that this "our" goes way beyond the small group of feminist women who have had Weldon claimed as one of their own. For me she is the truest torch-bearer for anyone who has ever felt not beautiful, intelligent, graceful or genteel enough to earn respect in our culture. A true masterpiece, this novel is Weldon at her delicious best and is worthy of any comparison to that other great novel of revenge, "Moby Dick". Is Ruth Patchett the modern-day equivalent of Ahab? You decide.

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fantastic and funny book that you can't put out of hand

Von Ein Kunde
I really want to recommend this book. Fay Weldon describes how Ruth, big, ugly but with a good heart and mother of two children becomes a she-devil after her handsome but selfish husband Bobbo leaves her for the attractive romantic-novel writer Mary Fisher. After she sets her house on fire and drops her children off at Mary Fisher's house she starts a new life. She becomes a she-devil who gets her power from making love to men. Her only goal is revenge. Ruth starts to totally destroy Mary Fisher's and her husband's life and she even undergoes plastic surgery to look like her husband's mistress. Once you start reading this book you can't put it out of your hands. More than once you'll have to laugh about how Ruth manages to succeed in her goals.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. funniest revenge book ever and not revenge on who you think

Von Ein Kunde
revenge on society as a whole of course, i love fay weldon, from her realistic, i think views of the society that puts down women from thier birth to her honesty about all relationships, mother daughter, parent child, you name it. and yes, the funniest scenes are when ruth gets back at bobbo, as when bobbo does not notice ruth, who is eating ketchup packages in mcdonalds she is so poor. "after all there was no reason bobbo, lover and accoutant, should recognize ruth, abandoned wife and mother" ruth then decides to add extra zeros to bobbos accounts, so that when the "police come to visit bobbo" she can get a vicarious thrill. also sex slave to judge, advisor to women on selling hteir babies,(as the only commidity a poor woman possesses) and on and on, fay weldon goes way beyond the woman aboandoned theme and takes it to the heights of woman gets back at society,and how well she does it. all her books are funny and this ruth is a much fiestier better equiped version of a down trodden woman, much funnier and easier to read than jane hamiltons the book of ruth a very serious study of the same kind of story. this one, ruth wins in the end and you root for here

Kurzbeschreibung
Ruth Patchett never thought of herself as particularly devilish. Rather the opposite in fact - simply a tall, not terribly attractive woman living a quiet life as a wife and mother in a respectable suburb. But when she discovers that her husband is having a passionate affair with the lovely romantic novelist Mary Fisher, she is so seized by envy that she becomes truly diabolic. Within weeks she has burnt down the family home, collected the insurance, made love to the local drunk and embarked on a course of destruction and revenge. A blackly comic satire of the war of the sexes, *THE LIFE AND LOVES OF A SHE DEVIL* is the fantasy of the wronged woman made real.

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