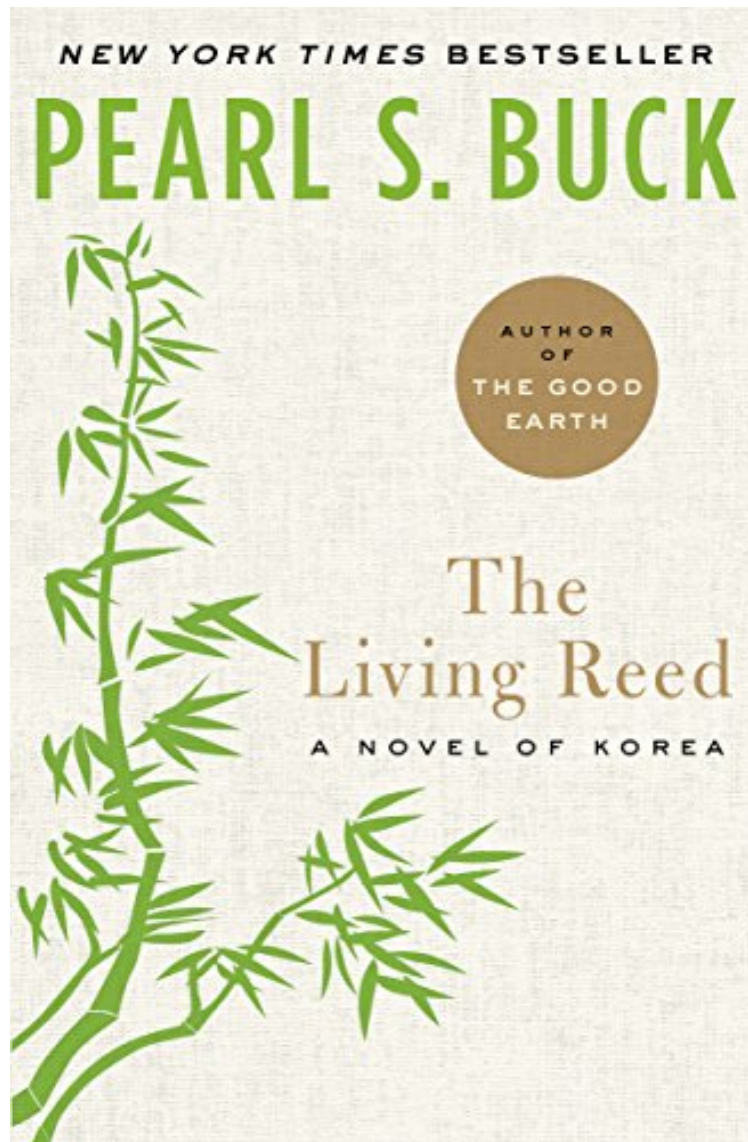


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Von Pearl S. Buck : The Living Reed: A Novel of Korea (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Living Reed: A Novel of Korea (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Magnificent BookVon Ein KundeIt's a must. Buck, one of my favorite authors, portrays Korean culture decades ago and historical facts, such as the Japanese invasion, all through the eyes of a family, and unforgettable one.I've never felt close to or understood Asian culture, but this book has brought me closer to it, and I'm grateful for that.

Knowledge really is power. Every culture has great aspects.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.when she really started churning'em outVon Bob NewmanI'm no expert on Korea or Korean history, though I did live there for six months some years ago. At that time, I learned enough about the country to realize that THE LIVING REED is a joke. If you like soap opera, uplifting prose about valiant people striving to overcome whatever, then this book could be for you. But, if you like reasonably authentic background and depiction of central characters who are not cardboard figures, then think twice before devoting too much of your time to such a book. Pearl Buck had a hit with 'The Good Earth', true. But she tried to capitalize on that and churned out more and more 'uplifting sagas' of this type. OK, so maybe she did it to increase understanding of Asia in the USA. It was for a good cause. But what we are doing here is reviewing books. This book is just not very good. Times have changed and it's out of fashion (happily) to regard individuals of any one nation as particularly charged with moral values, fighting spirit, special will power, etc. These traits are pretty well spread across the human race. You will not find this observation salient in THE LIVING REED. The Koreans are portrayed as a nation of heroes and heroines. That's bunk. They are people just like everyone else. However, it IS true that this is a second-rate novel just like a lot of Buck's others.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It is a good novel for people who are related to Korea.Von Choon-Kee Lee (choon-kee-lee@uiowa.edu)There are many different ways to review the writings of any kind.Here we have an old novel written by a woman who grew up in China and understood the cultural differences. It is by no means the most accurate description of Korean history or the way people lived of her time. However, I ended up admiring her attempt to know better and in the end to have understood the people and the way of their living and struggle. Nobody can understand the cultural differences and the values of the society unless we live on both sides of the world. That was what she did and used it for her writing. It was a good writing as a novel and described exactly the way of living of the Korean people during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Unbelievable? That is because you have no idea of the real core of different cultures.For example, my family maintains 1,000 years of written history of family geneology of my clan.It shows how we died during the struggle and how we maintain our family by a written code of conduct based on Humanism. That is the reason why Korean are nationalistic.That was accurately described in her writing.

KurzbeschreibungAn absorbing and fast-moving saga of Korea as experienced by one unforgettable family, from the Nobel Prizewinning author of The Good Earth (The New York Times). The year was 4214 after Tangun of Korea, and 1881 after Jesus of Judea. So begins Pearl S. Bucks The Living Reed, an epic historical novel seen through the eyes of four generations of Korean aristocracy. As the chronicle begins, the Kims are living comfortably as advisors to the Korean royal family. But that world is torn apart with the Japanese invasion, when the queen is killed and the Kims are thrust into hiding. Through their story, Buck traces the countrys journey from the late nineteenth century through the end of the Second World War. The Korean people come hauntingly alive, wrote the Journal of Asian Studies about The Living Reed. The remarkable novels of Pearl S. Buck have given the world an awakened understanding and appreciation of the Chinese people, and now she has wrought a like marvel for Korea. A New York Times bestseller, The Living Reed is an enlightening account of a nations fight for survival and a gripping tale of a family caught in the ebb and flow of history. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Pearl S. Buck including rare images from the authors estate.