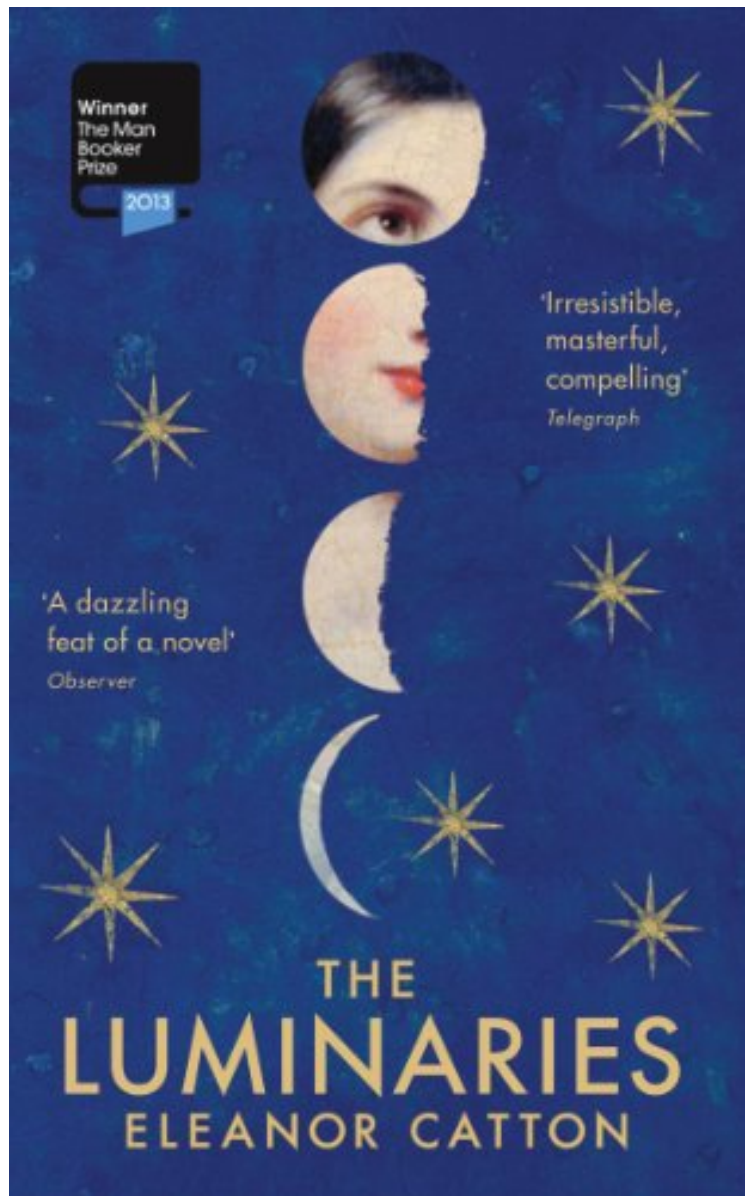


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Genial!Von buechoeliWow. Der Roman der Neuseelnderin Catton lsst mich sprachlos zurck. 800 Seiten vollgepackt mit einem ganzen Universum. Die Handlung spielt in einer neuseelndischen Goldgrberstadt um das Jahr 1866, ist

Geschichtsroman, Gesellschaftsroman, und Krimi in einem. Alles geschrieben in einem Englisch, das direkt aus der Zeit zu stammen scheint. Chapeau, Catton wurde völlig zu recht mit dem Bookerpreis ausgezeichnet. Und das alles mit noch nicht einmal 30 Jahren. Das beste Buch, das ich seit langem gelesen habe? Ja, wenn, wenn, wenn, es da nicht zwei Kleinigkeiten gäbe, die mich richtig gereizt hat. Mit Sicherheit bin ich zu pedantisch (und zu angetan von dem Buch), aber Catton hat es an zwei Stellen nicht geschafft, eine halbwegs logische Erklärung für die Ereignisse zu finden. Eine der beiden Stellen ist ziemlich an den Haaren herbeigezogen, gut, ok, aber eine andere wichtige Handlung findet überhaupt keine Erklärung - außer einer bersinnlichen. (Ohne Spoiler hier nicht zu erklären.). Catton findet es auch schwer, einen Schluss zu finden, das Buch plätschert gegen Ende etwas dahin und hrt dann mehr oder weniger zufällig auf. Aber einen Punkt deswegen weniger zu geben - bei 800 Seiten mit extrem dichter Handlung und wunderschöner Sprache - wäre dann doch bertrieben. Das Buch ist richtig gut, eines, das man in 10 oder 20 Jahren noch lesen wird. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Anspruchsvoll, aber lesbar Von Uhrenfan Ich habe "The Luminaries" vor einer Neuseeland-Reise auf den Kindle geladen, um meine Sprachkenntnisse aufzufrischen - normalerweise lese und spreche ich englisch nicht auf diesem Niveau. In Verbindung mit "Das große Wörterbuch Englisch-Deutsch" erscheinen die - oft notwendigen - Übersetzungen sofort nach leichtem Druck auf das gesuchte Wort. Eine gewisse Motivation + Durchhaltevermögen vorausgesetzt, ist das Buch durchaus lesbar. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Can't put it down Von Kunde This book is excellent! Great characters, twisting storyline and wonderful imagery of gold rush times New Zealand. Couldn't put it down, it was so exciting.

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