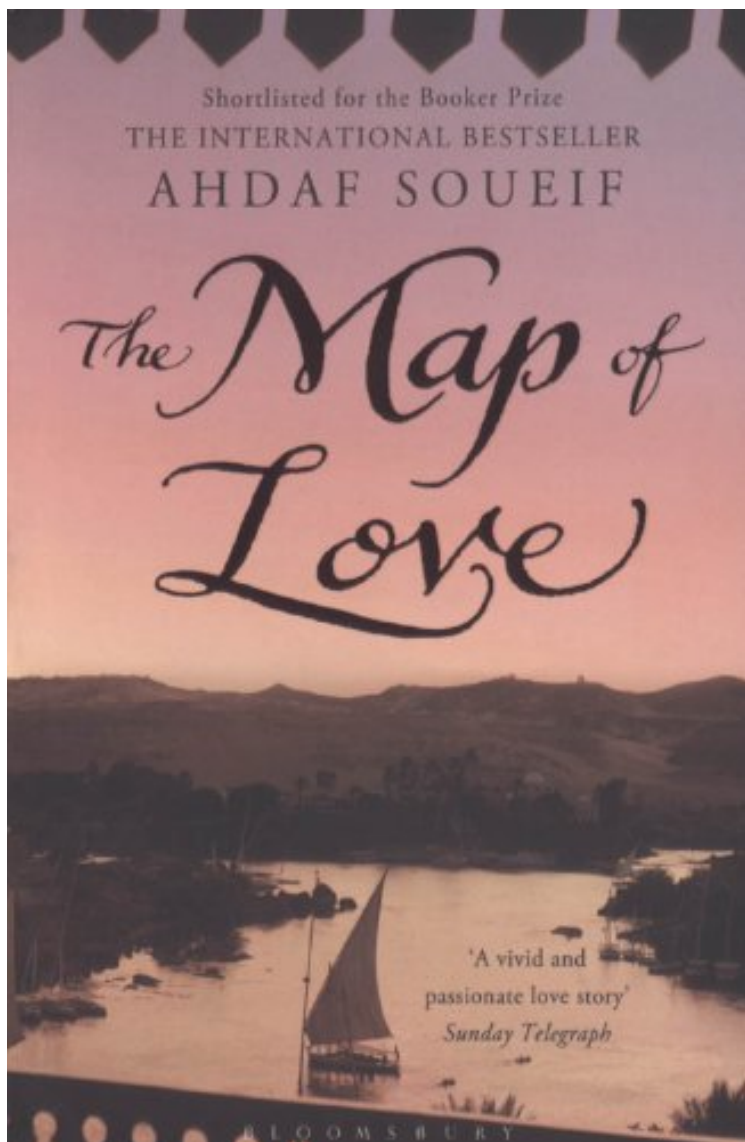


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Von Ahdaf Soueif : The Map of Love before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Map of Love:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wunderschne Familien-Saga aus gyptenVon Ein KundeWas fr ein tolles Buch. Die Geschichte spielt auf zwei Ebenen. Zum einem im Jahr 1997 wo eine junge Nachfahrin Anna's eine Kiste mit deren Tagebchern in die Hnde fllt. Sie reist zur Schwester ihres Liebhabers nach gypten wo die beiden Frauen die Lebensgeschichte der Lady Anne ergnden.

Zum anderen spielt die Geschichte im gypten der (vorigen) Jahrhundertwende. Die Geschichte zieht einen langsam immer tiefer in ihren Sog und man verfolgt gespannt Lady Anne Winterbourne, die durch ihre Liebe zu einem gyptischen Nationalisten zwischen die Fronten der Kolonial-Briten und gypter gert. Wer aufgrund des Titels eine reine leichte Love-Story erwartet wird getuscht, dieses Buch ist eine pralle Familiensaga die einen auch nach dem Ende des Buches noch lange begleitet. Ein unbedingtes Must-Read !!!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. LovelyVon Peter JonesThis amazing book that deals with the intricacies involved when two people from different cultures , from nations that have different histories and directions who love another come to realize that their lives together is a challenge that is not based on love alone and that time hasn't and will never mitigate the inherent differences. This is a must read for those embracing multi-culturalism, cosmopolitanism and the global economy. One thing for sure is that this novel is a thought-provoking, socially challenging and compelling read. I highly recommend it along with Disciples of Fortune, Sugar Street: The Cairo Trilogy, The Usurper: and Other Stories, which I found to be thought-provoking and insightful.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ost trifft WestVon KappepaulZwei Liebesgeschichten, eine aktuelle und eine zwei Generationen zuvoir, zwischen europäischen und amerikanischen Frauen und gyptern. Hufige Zeitenwechsel, historisch interessant (Ziele der Englnder in gypten), Unterschiede in den Lebenseinstellungen genauer betrachtet, gut zu lesen und sehr informativ ...

KurzbeschreibungIn 1900 Lady Anna Winterbourne travels to Egypt where she falls in love with Sharif, and Egyptian Nationalist utterly committed to his country's cause.A hundred years later, Isabel Parkman, an American divorcee and a descendant of Anna and Sharif, goes to Egypt, taking with her an old family trunk, inside which are found notebooks and journals which reveal Anna and Sharif's secret..deAhdaf Soueif's The Map of Love is a massive family saga, a story that draws its readers into two moments in the complex, troubled history of modern Egypt. The story begins in 1977 in New York. There Isabel Parkman discovers an old trunk full of documents--some in English, some in Arabic--in her dying mother's apartment. Incapable of deciphering this stash by herself, she turns to Omar al-Ghamrawi, a man with whom she is falling in love. And Omar directs her in turn to his sister Amal in Cairo. Together the two women begin to uncover the stories embedded in the journal of Lady Anna Winterbourne, who traveled to Egypt in 1900 and fell in love with Sharif Pasha al-Barudi, an Egyptian nationalist. To their surprise, they stumble across some unsuspected connections between their own families. Less surprising, perhaps, is the persistence of the very same issues that dogged their ancestors: colonialism, Egyptian nationalism, and the clash of cultures throughout the Middle East. The past, however, does offer some semblance of omniscience: That is the beauty of the past; there it lies on the table: journals, pictures, a candle-glass, a few books of history. You leave it and come back to it and it waits for you--unchanged. You can turn back the pages, look again at the beginning. You can leaf forward and know the end. And you tell the story that they, the people who lived it, could only tell in part. With its multiple narratives and ever-shifting perspectives, The Map of Love would seem to cast some doubt on even the most confident historian's version of events. Yet this subtle and reflective tale of love does suggest that the relations between individuals can (sometimes) make a difference. "I am in an English autumn in 1897," Amal confesses at one point, "and Anna's troubled heart lies open before me." Here, perhaps, is a hint about how we should read Soueif's staggering novel, using words as a means to travel through time, space, and identity. --Vicky Lebeau.co.ukAhdaf Soueif's The Map of Love is a massive family saga, a story that draws its readers into two moments in the complex, and troubled, history of modern Egypt. The story begins in New York, in 1997: Isabel Parkman discovers an old trunk full of documents--some in English, some in Arabic--in her dying mother's apartment. Omar-al- Ghamrawi, a man with whom she is falling in love, directs her to his sister, Amal, in Cairo. Together the two women begin to uncover the stories embedded in the journal of Lady Anna Winterbourne (who travels to Egypt in 1900 and falls in love with Sharif Pasha al- Barudi, an Egyptian Nationalist) and the unsuspected connections between their own families. British colonialism, Egyptian nationalism, the clash of cultures in the Middle East in 1900 and the present day: the different narratives of The Map of Love weave a subtle, and reflective, tale of love across culture and conflict--the ways in which relations between individuals may (or may not) make the difference. "I am in an English autumn in 1897 and Anna's troubled heart lies open before me": Amal's response to Anna Winterbourne's journal could be a description of how to read this fascinating book, its invitation to use words as a means to travel through time, space and identity. --Vicky Lebeau