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*Von Nevil Shute*

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**Von Nevil Shute : Pied Piper (Vintage Classics)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pied Piper (Vintage Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Impressive StorytellerVon crpIt always amazes me how Shute can pack so much detail about characters in so short a book. He is a wonderful story teller because I am still thinking of this (and many of his other) book three years after reading it.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. LesenswertVon Petra WarmanWunderbar, geht

ans Herz. Habe dieses Buch schon mehrfach in den letzten 30 Jahren gelesen und weiterempfohlen. Es liest sich gut.1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of the finest novels to come out of WW II.Von Bsismit@sgi.netThe author takes a commonplace occurrence - an old man on vacation in Switzerland - and walks the reader through war-torn Europe. The basic premise that an old man can rescue so many children and do so unintentionally is an amazing mechanism for a tension-filled plot. This book should be re-published

KurzbeschreibungAs recommended on BBC4's A Good Read - 'A very good writer...simple, elegant and readable...a fantastic story' Jonathan CoeWITH AN INTRODUCTION BY JOHN BOYNEJohn Howard is determined to brighten up his old age by taking a fishing trip to France. However, during his stay the Nazis invade and he is forced to try to escape back to England with the two small children of some friends who are forced to stay behind in order to help the Allied war effort. As the conflict grows closer the roads become impassable and Howard also comes across five more children who need his help. He ends up leading this motley group of youngsters through the French countryside, constantly beset by danger yet heroically protecting his charges.Nevil Shute Norway was born on 17 January 1899 in Ealing, London. After attending the Dragon School and Shrewsbury School, he studied Engineering Science at Balliol College, Oxford. He worked as an aeronautical engineer and published his first novel, Marazan, in 1926. In 1931 he married Frances Mary Heaton and they went on to have two daughters. During the Second World War he joined the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve where he worked on developing secret weapons. After the war he continued to write and settled in Australia where he lived until his death on 12 January 1960. His most celebrated novels include Pied Piper (1942), No Highway (1948), A Town Like Alice (1950) and On the Beach (1957).Pressestimmen"Mr Shute not only writes vividly and excitingly of occupied France, but with a delightful understanding of children" Sunday Times "A small masterpiece...a book about frail but indomitable old age, simple kindness, childhood, and courage in dark confusing danger. It is not sentimental but prosaic and suspenseful on every page...it conjures up the country of the 1940's, and gently acclaims the value of ordinary decency in wicked times" -- Libby Purves "A brilliantly descriptive writer, a master of suspense" -- David Holloway "Exhibits his talents at their provocative best" New York Times "That shattering, unaffected, literary style of his is wholly deceptive...is, in fact, masterly" -- H.E. BatesWerbetextA classic adventure from the author of A Town Like Alice and On the Beach