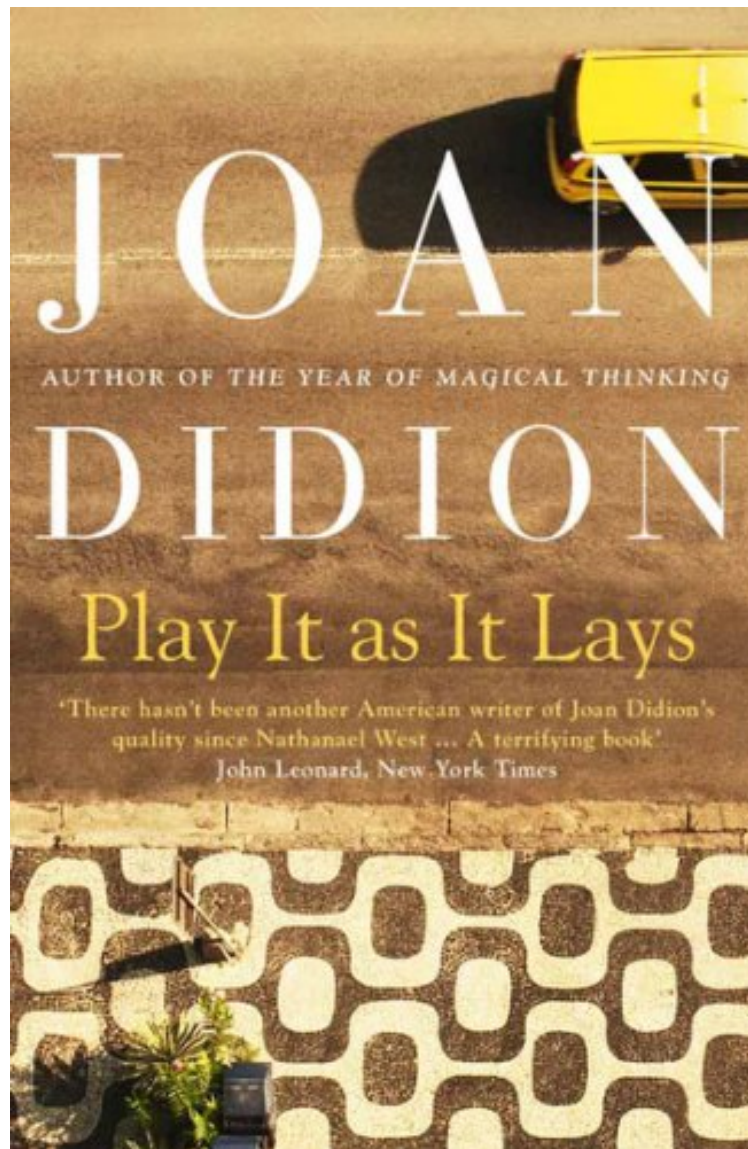


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fantstic novel about a dark, sepulchral, unsettling life.Von Christian EnglerWhat would life be like if it was meaningless, if the people we associated with were plastic? not real? pretentious? What if our life was just a hopeless void with loose morals, drugs, hollow sayings and beliefs? What if we just played the empty game of life as it was laid

down for us? That is the main theme in Joan Didion's classic book that takes the reader into the life of Maria Wyeth, actress, mother, daughter, divorced wife, a woman who has grown tired and desensitized to the fakeness and pain caused by the Hollywood and Las Vegas establishment. It is a life filled to the brim with movie premiers, booze, pills, suicide, casual, empty sex, abortions and nothing else. It is a world of plastic surgery and beautiful people, of Let's do lunch and venomous gossip. The sneering, caustic tone of Didion's voice would want to make anybody who lived the lives of the novel's characters put a gun to their head and end it all. The language is stinging, fast-paced, lean, anti-Hollywood. Pure Didion! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This one hits you right in the stomach..... Von Ein Kunde Joan Didion's " Play it as it Lays " is one of the few books I read over and over again . It chilled me to the bone . Much has been said of Ms. Didion's voice as a prose writer - no decoration , her words simply astound . With this novel , however , style takes a backseat to a frightening ability to flesh out character . I must stop myself , for it is difficult to review any novel without citing specific passages or examples . You'll just have to trust me : this novel is Didion's finest work , and the truths she illustrates cannot be denied . 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. My first glimpse of my favorite author Von Debby I was in my last year of high school when I read this book and it remains one of my most treasured books. Didion's precise images in Play It As It Lays compelled me to run out and read each essay and book I could get my hands on. Sometimes I pick it up and read the book from cover to cover, other times just my favorite parts. This book tells a story that - while distressing - you absolutely must devour!

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