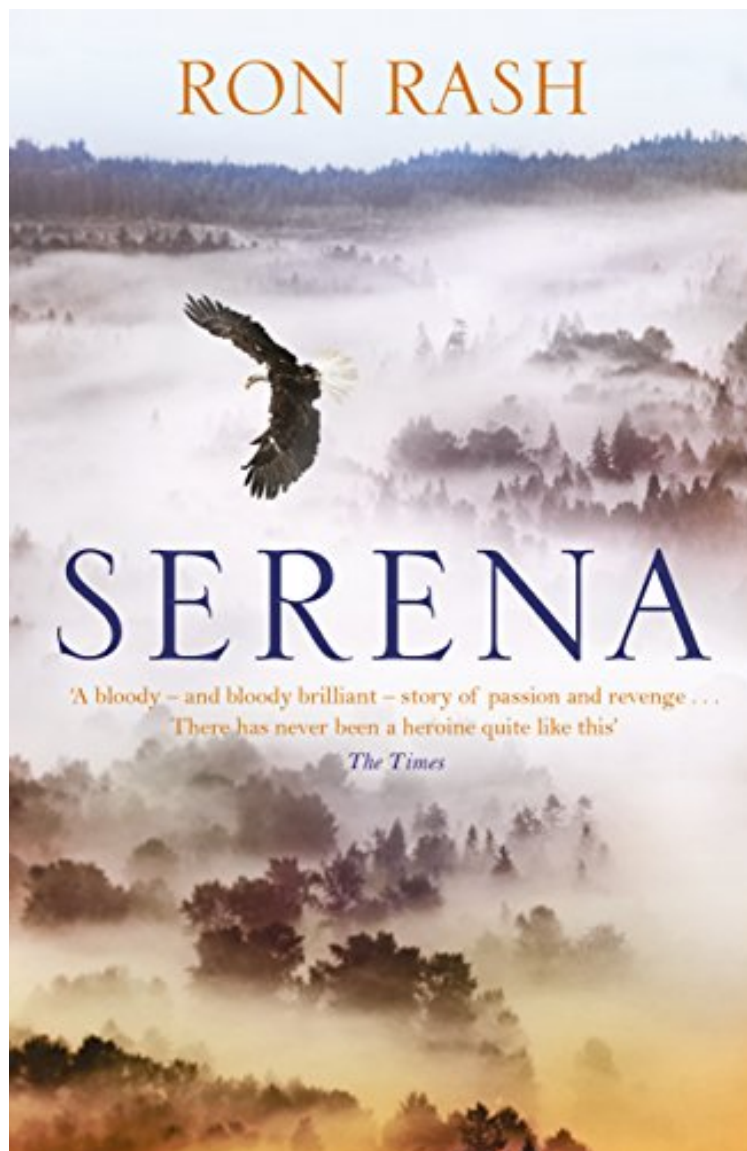


Serena

Von Ron Rash

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Von Ron Rash : Serena before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Serena:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Super Buch!Von CByckhausenEin spannendes, ungewöhnliches Buch mit faszinierenden Figuren. Die Geschichte ist dster und entfhrt in eine Welt voller Brutalitt und Grausamkeit. Natrlich gibt es zwischendurch auch leichte, positive Passagen, in denen man durchatmen kann und die das Gegengewicht zu Serena und den sie umgebenden Mnnern

bilden. Ich konnte das Buch nicht weglegen, fand es inspirierend und möchte auf jeden Fall weitere Geschichten von Ron Rash lesen. Ich bin auch schon sehr auf die Verfilmung mit Jennifer Lawrence gespannt. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. spannende Charakterstudie (in englisch) Von J76ET Meine Rezension bezieht sich auf die oben gezeigte Ausgabe (ecco Verlag), die vermutlich nicht mehr im Handel ist, was ich schade finde. Dieses Buch weist einen rauen Buchschnitt (Rough Cut) auf. Hierbei handelt es sich um unregelmäßig geschnittene, ausgefranzte Seitenränder. Diese sind beabsichtigt, um handgeschnittenes Papier nachzuempfinden und sich von maschinengeschnittenen Büchern abzusetzen. Dadurch wirkt das Buch sehr wertig. Ich bin noch nicht ganz mit dem Buch durch (ca die Hälfte) - kann es aber kaum aus der Hand legen. Obwohl ich lieber in deutsch, als englisch lese, merkt man das der Autor eine sehr angenehme und plastische Erzählsprache verwendet. Es fällt einem leicht in die 20er Jahre in North Carolina gedanklich einzutauchen, in den George und Serena Pemberton ihr Holzflorimperium aufbauen und scheinbar vor nichts zurückschrecken, was ihren Weg str. Mit Serena baut Ron Rash eine brillante und ehrgeizige aber auch berechnend und mysteriöse Hauptfigur auf, deren Geschichte man einfach bis zum Ende erfahren will. In anderen Kritiken wird die Novelle mit Macbeth-artigen Motiven beschrieben, was treffend erscheint. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A truly dark, but impressive work of greed, corruption and revenge that you should definitely read Von Helpful Advice Serena' written by Ron Rash, an American poet and short story writer, is one of his four published novels from 2008. The novel is set in North Carolina and it happens during the Great Depression, starting with year 1929. The authors of fiction are often accused of unwell fitting of actual events with fiction action, but Ron Rash made a great research exploring the events and characters that are looming in the background - the establishment of the National Park Great Smoky Mountains. With such a combination of a fictional and documentary, the author has added a pinch of private with descriptions of the Appalachian Mountains, where he was born and still lives. Classic style is adapted to the twenties of the last century due to which he was attributed by many as one of the most important authors of the genre and geographical area to which he belongs. Although the literary and movie world are still adapting to new female heroines, it seems to be quite refreshing from the crowd draw a figure like Serena. As someone said nicely - Ron Rash breathed life to the unmatched villain. Serena is anything but peaceful (lat. Serenus - calm, peaceful). Unscrupulous and beautiful, cruel, but attractive. The author manages to completely fascinate readers balancing between these contrasts. The book begins with the arrival of freshly married George and Serena Pemberton from Boston to the mountains of North Carolina, where wealthy George owns expanses of land and forest base. All will quickly realize that Serena is not one of the women which can be seen around every day. Although new in the area, her personality and ambitions are unmatched by any man. She prefers pants instead of expensive dresses and forestry base of luxurious villas. George and Serena have the intention to buy land refusing to sell it to the country for establishing a national park, but instead want to continue to slash their forests, create a wood industry empire and then move forward to the mahogany forests in Brazil. In addition to the destruction of forests and the life in it, the author gives a vivid image how the life looks like in forestry bases - workers who work six days a week, 11 hours a day, exposed to poisonous snakes, cold in the winter, axes, saws and drop down trees. Many of workers were not able to avoid injuries, even death. While following the action related to the two main characters, author speaks in the third person, but in parallel he introduces one additional important character who narrates in the first person - Rachel Harmon, a young girl who was pregnant with George Pemberton before Serena came into his life. Both Serena and George immediately made clear to Rachel that neither she nor her son Jacob will ever get anything from them. Pembertons are removing from their path anyone who bothers them and they have no problems with any kind of brutalities to frighten the people around them. Especially cold Serena who quickly gained everyone's respect and fear, the traits that had not been peculiar to women. The story elements are often shocking and lightning fast with a high dose of brutality and drama and because of that, it's hard to stop turning the pages. This is one of the few novels that include useful footnotes in which the reader learns interesting information and important people associated with the beginning of environmental awareness development. While such footnotes would be useful in other works as well, most of the novels are written in a way that implies that the reader already knows this information and omit such knowledge. Although Serena received many praises I hope that the author will get another bit of well-deserved glory from the upcoming movie directed by Susanne Bier who has already won an Oscar for best foreign film, especially because Jennifer Lawrence acts different type of character, sinister role of cold and calculated Serena. In general, the novel written by Ron Rash is really dark, but impressive work of greed, corruption and revenge that you should definitely read.

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story of love, passion and revenge moves toward its shocking reckoning. Pressestimmen Beautifully written, utterly unforgettable. To my mind, this novel, as powerful and inexorable as a thunderstorm, is as good a piece of fiction as was published last year and a new classic in the category of love gone terribly wrong. (Anna Quindlen) A gorgeous, brutal writer. (Richard Price, bestselling author of LUSH LIFE) Ron Rash's SERENA will stand as one of the major American novels of this century. It is a flat-out masterpiece—mythic, terrifying, and beautiful. (Lee Smith) From the moment she steps off the train, Serena Pemberton commands center stage in Ron Rash's rough-hewn tale of unchecked ambition. Universal in scope, frightening in its brutality, Serena is an unflinching vision of blighted souls played out against the backdrop of a nearly-lost Appalachia. (David Wroblewski, New York Times bestselling author of The Story of Edgar Sawtelle) [Rash] has outdone himself. The story of this brilliant, ambitious, seductive woman is a searing tragedy of Shakespearean proportions or, in simpler terms, a damn good book that will keep you awake far too late and, well after you've finished it, haunt your dreams. (Julia Glass, National Book Award winning author of THREE JUNES) A powerful tale, well told, SERENA is enriched by Rash's artful use of language. With just the right turn of phrase, dead-on details and subtle use of symbol, he delivers a story that will remain with readers long after the final page. (Charlotte Observer) Beautifully written (Seattle Times) The opening is unforgettable—the last hundred pages are thrilling—should be a breakthrough for this masterful storyteller. (Kirkus's (starred review)) An Appalachian retelling of Macbeth, a thriller, a word-perfect evocation of an era and a people, a grim chapter in the history of conservation: if Serena doesn't finally win Ron Rash the overdue attention of the national literary (and cinematic) establishments, I can't imagine what they're holding out for. (Arthur Phillips, author of Prague) This is a must-read novel. (About.com (Contemporary Literature)) Rash is a storyteller of the highest rank and SERENA confirms this from the opening sentence to the final page. An epic achievement. (Jeffrey Lent, bestselling author of IN THE FALL) Ron Rash's new novel Serena catapults him to the front ranks of the best American novelists. This novel will make a wonderful movie, and the brave actress who plays Serena is a shoe-in for an Academy Award nomination. (Pat Conroy) With bone-chilling aplomb, linguistic grace and the piercing fatalism of an Appalachian ballad, Mr. Rash lets the Pembertons' new union generate ripple after ripple of astonishment. (Janet Maslin, The New York Times) A harrowing tour de force that might be the most timely and dangerous novel released this fall... Rash has gone beyond any Southern gothic tale to weave a complex and riveting portrait in the tradition of Gabriel Garcia Marquez... brilliantly conceived. (Huffington Post) Too hypnotic to break away from... And the final chapter is as flawless and captivating as anything I've read this year, a perfectly creepy shock that will leave you hearing nothing but the wind between the stumps. (Washington Post Book World) From that arresting opening the violence escalates along with the tension in this absorbing story about rapacious greed in Depression-era Appalachia. Thrilling stuff. (People) Masterfully written... The book is consistently heartbreaking in its portrayal of what humans are capable of—sprawling [and] engrossing. (San Francisco Chronicle) Kurzbeschreibung The year is 1929, and newlyweds George and Serena Pemberton arrive from Boston in the North Carolina mountains to create a timber empire. Serena is new to the mountains but she soon shows herself the equal of any worker, overseeing crews, hunting rattlesnakes, even saving her husband's life in the wilderness. Yet she also learns that she will never bear a child. Serena's discovery will set in motion a course of events that will change the lives of everyone in this remote community. As the Pembertons' intense, passionate marriage starts to unravel, this riveting story of love, passion and revenge moves toward its shocking reckoning.