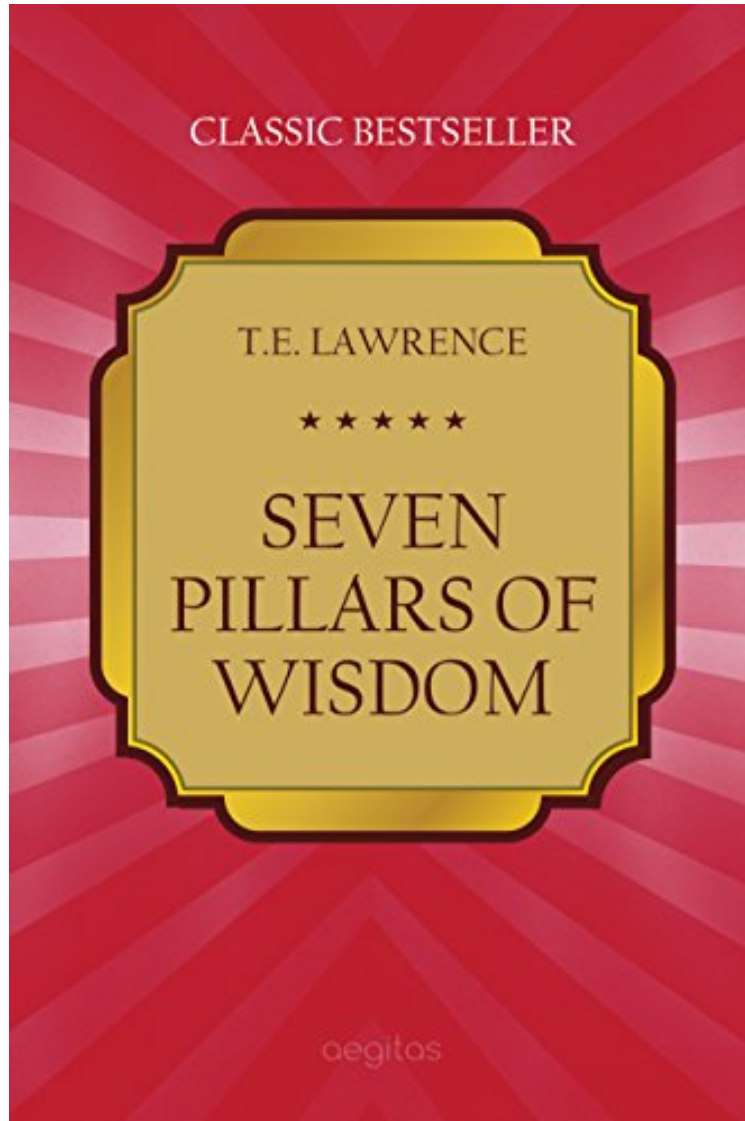


Seven Pillars of Wisdom

Von Thomas Lawrence

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Von Thomas Lawrence : Seven Pillars of Wisdom before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Seven Pillars of Wisdom:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen19 von 19 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. War as epic poetryVon Doug VaughnThis book stands alone in the history of military memoirs. The book as a literary achievement and the subject of the book as a personal achievement are both unparalleled. What Lawrence did in WWI - unite the Arab tribes in a common fight against the Turks - was remarkable not only because no one thought it

could be done but also because it was done by a man with no power or influence beyond what he could inspire by his own presense. Lawrence, a scholar before the war working as a mapmaker for the British army, was about as far removed from anyone's ideas of a military hero as could be. He nevertheless did the impossible and that story, no matter who tells it, is as fascinating as any that ever came out of warfare. Equally fascinating is the book itself. A blend of truth and evasion, the book is told in a beautiful lazy style that suggests it had been thought out with the vast Arabian desert and ancient way of life in mind. It is helpful to have read another account of Lawrence's life, just to be sure of what is happening when he chooses to be vague, but the beauty of the writing and the insight of the keen intelligence from which it springs, is a great delight to experience. Even more amazing is to realize that after this monumental book was completed, Lawrence left the complete manuscript - the only copy - on the London subway and had to recreate it from scratch using just his notes. This is a remarkable testament to both his focus when he needed it, and his tendency to be frequently apart from the real world. A remarkable man. A remarkable book. Unique and worthy to be read and enjoyed.

6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Extraordinary Book by Extraordinary Man Von Susan Shwartz SEVEN PILLARS OF WISDOM would be that rarity, an extraordinary tale of action, adventure, politics, and introspection, told by a writer who was also a first-rate intellectual and man of letters (the two -are- different), if it weren't also part of a tradition in English letters: the man or woman such as Charles Doughty or Gertrude Bell or Hester Stanhope or Freya Stark, or the men who went off and played the Great Game in India and Afghanistan who willingly entered cultures alien to them and returned changed, with books for us. Of all of these, Lawrence has fascinated me most. I first read SEVEN PILLARS when I was twelve, and I've read it every couple of years since then. As I grow wiser, it grows richer. Lawrence was an unlikely defender of empire, an unlikelier man of action who forced himself into a kind of ascetic mental and physical preparation for the great deeds he felt himself called upon to play. Living as he did from 1888 to 1935, he was practically born in the last age where someone could express that claim without being ridiculed; and he found his war in the Arab Revolt, that long-lasting sideline to the War to End All Wars that produced more war -- and some great writers, among whom Lawrence was one. This is a story of war. It's also a story of heroism and of anguish, written by a man who not only shaped events, but was shaped -- and warped -- by them. It can be read as military strategy, political history, travel story, or pathology. But it's better to read it as itself: a unique and complex book written by a man who was loved and admired by the most famous people of his time, but who, in the end, wanted only obscurity and the anesthetizing speed of one of the motorcycles that killed him.

3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Great Piece of Literature and History Von Mason D. Kelsey T.E. Lawrence's "Seven Pillars of Wisdom", published in 1926 is a stark contrast to much of the literary works of that time (compare to Virginia Woolf's "Orlando" published in 1928). I thought his dispassionate, photographic, unflowery, and crisply accurate and detailed descriptions of his experiences, his quick sizing up of the abilities and characters of the people he had to deal with, his self criticism, agonizing over his betrayal of the Arabs who helped him for the benefit of England to be very refreshing. His vocabulary was excellent. Somehow I find it hard to imagine Virginia Woolf as being self critical in a public way like Lawrence was. And her choice of words was about at the same level as Miss Manners. It is ironic that both books dealt with the Turks as an anvil. The Sick Man of Europe was disintegrating. Virginia's Orlando described the pleasant boredom of an ambassador's life in Istanbul and T.E. endured a bloody beating to avoid being raped by a homosexual officer in the Turkish army, between blowing up Turkish trains. Somehow that didn't make it to the movie. In the coddled civilization in which we men (and women) live today, it is a good reminder that there are reasons why you don't pander to the perverse, stupid, and ignorant. T. E. Lawrence maintained the highest standards, standing apart, the best of leaders. A good example and a book well written that is worth reading over and over.

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