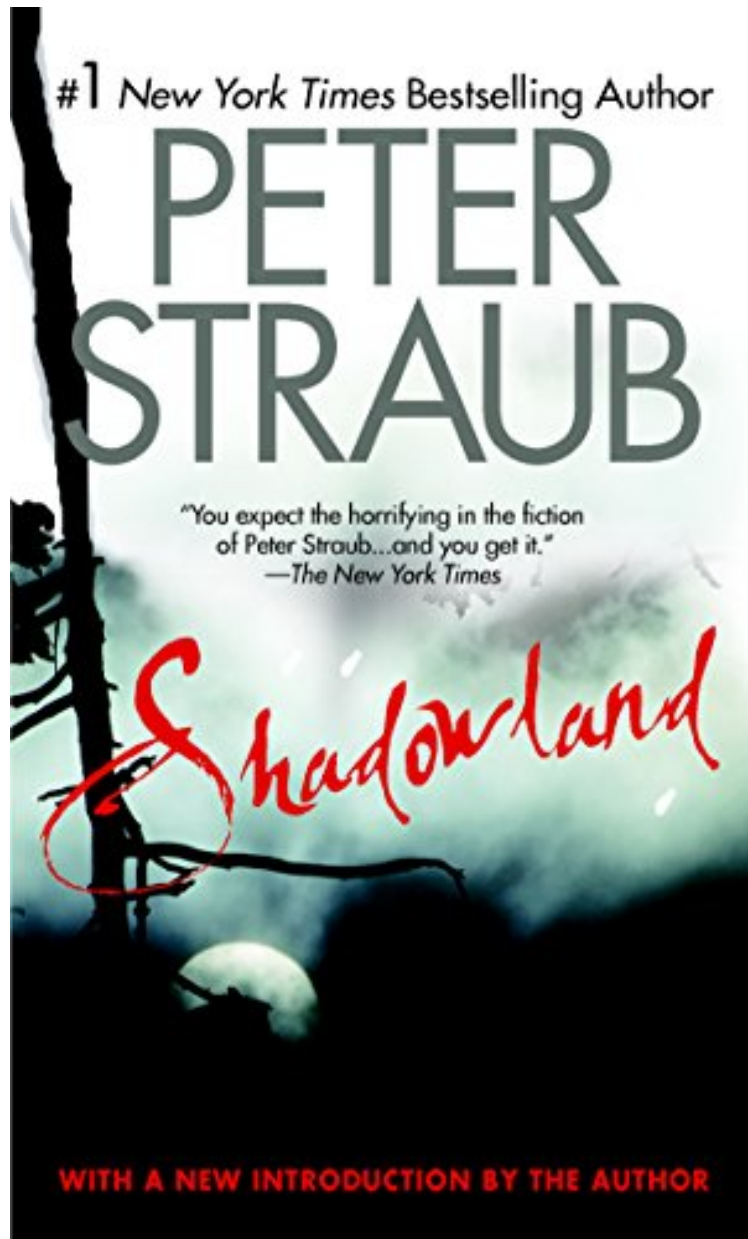


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Von Peter Straub : Shadowland before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Shadowland:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting story with a disappointing endingVon Ein KundeBefore I read "Shadowland" I went through some of 's

review finding comment like "SHADOWLAND at first seems utterly confusing, but by the end everything comes together in ways that will amaze and delight" and "unlike many novels of this genre, the ending is not simplistic or disappointing" I also think that the story is confusing here and there but I was hoping that there was to come the promised not-disappointing ending. Unfortunately I was the one to be disappointed. I must admit the story really keeps you in suspense, however, maybe I didn't get the message, but in my opinion the ending ain't one of the strongest. While reading I had some supposition how the plot would develop and I how things would come out in the end but -as mentioned above- the ending left too many things open (e. g. who/what is Rose?). Though "Shadowland" is entertaining, in the end I felt like having wasted my time cos it wasn't worth it. Well, there surely are books much worse than "Shadowland" but if you have a better one, don't hesitate to read that one first! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. This book is seriously creepy! Von Ein Kunde Hmm... let's see. The title of this book is SHADOWLAND. Sound's creepy. Well, I don't know if I should buy it. Well, the main setting of the story is in a deep dark forest where a young boy's uncle lives, an uncle who happens to be a magician and gets drunk often. CREEPY YET! So you have never heard of this guy: Peter Straub So..... WHAT! I'VE NEVER READ A BOOK IN MY ENTIRE LIFE SO CREEPY AND WELL-WRITTEN! Part 1 Tom, a young boy who starts high school. He meets Del, who is studying magic. They have many mishappenings, and, while defending Del from bullies, Tom learns that the school itself is part of Shadowland. When I finished Part 1 I rolled right along to Part 2. Part 2 Del and Tom go spend the summer at Del's uncle's house, IN THE WOODS. Tom already suspects Del's uncle when he tells Tom never to go into certain rooms. (HMMMM) During this time Tom is also taught the basics of magic, and he comes to realize that magic is not made up of illusions, but it is real. Tom also falls in love with Rose, a girl he meets there who is controlled by Del's uncle. Part 3 Del, Tom, and Rose decide to leave. But during their escape, they get caught and sent back to the house for their punishments. Del's punishment: Getting beaten up by his uncle's massive servants. Extremely strong. Tom's punishment: Crucifixion. With nails. Read the book to find out what happens next. I highly recommend it! JUST LOOK AT THE FRONT COVER OF THE BOOK! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. FLAWLESS Von WytShark@aol.com Rates in my top five all-time favorite books. This one delivers it all. Caught somewhere between a fever dream and the cool, longing whisper of a childhood memory, this book does what so few can: creates a narrative that is truly unique. As a film director, I have watched and read-- "absorbed"--so many stories, that it is impossible not to see lazy "cookie-cutter" storytelling in almost everything. How often have I picked up a book or watched a movie with an interesting premise only to find that it is just like every other book or movie. Not so with Shadowland, which kept me forever off balance--but not enough to lose me. I was lost and riveted at the same time. With absolute precision, Straub brings to life the adolescent's journey into manhood; how even everyday life can be a wondrous, terrifying mystery. By reframing this subtext within the confines of Shadowland itself--the magician's mansion--Straub creates a level of uncertainty and terror that you will feel lingering with you long after you've closed the book. I can't imagine that this book will suit everyone's taste; but for anyone who likes their fiction to remain elusive, revealing, surprising, this is a book that will haunt you for years to come.

Kurzbeschreibung You have been there if you have ever been afraid. Come back. To a dark house deep in the Vermont woods, where two friends are spending a season of horror, apprenticed to a Master Magician. Learning secrets best left unlearned. Entering a world of incalculable evil more ancient than death itself. More terrifying. And more real. Only one of them will make it through.. de First setting: an all-male prep school in Arizona, where two sensitive freshmen form a bond based on their interest in magic tricks. Second setting: the labyrinthine house of a weird magician uncle in New England, where the two boys spend a memorable summer being trained in the art of illusion. Or is it real magic? Third setting: an alternate world where dark forces are at play--forces that first show up at the school, but intensify their power the summer. Shadowland is a superb, under-recognized, early novel from a master of literary terror. Get it while it's back in print! Pressestimmen`Frightening enough to jolt even the most jaded ghost story addict. Straub can write superb horror.`Washington Post`Intriguing and appealing... poised and accomplished.`Sunday Times`Truly fantastic... a work of literary magic.`Miami Herald`Creepy from page one... a grand slam... I loved it.`STEPHEN KING