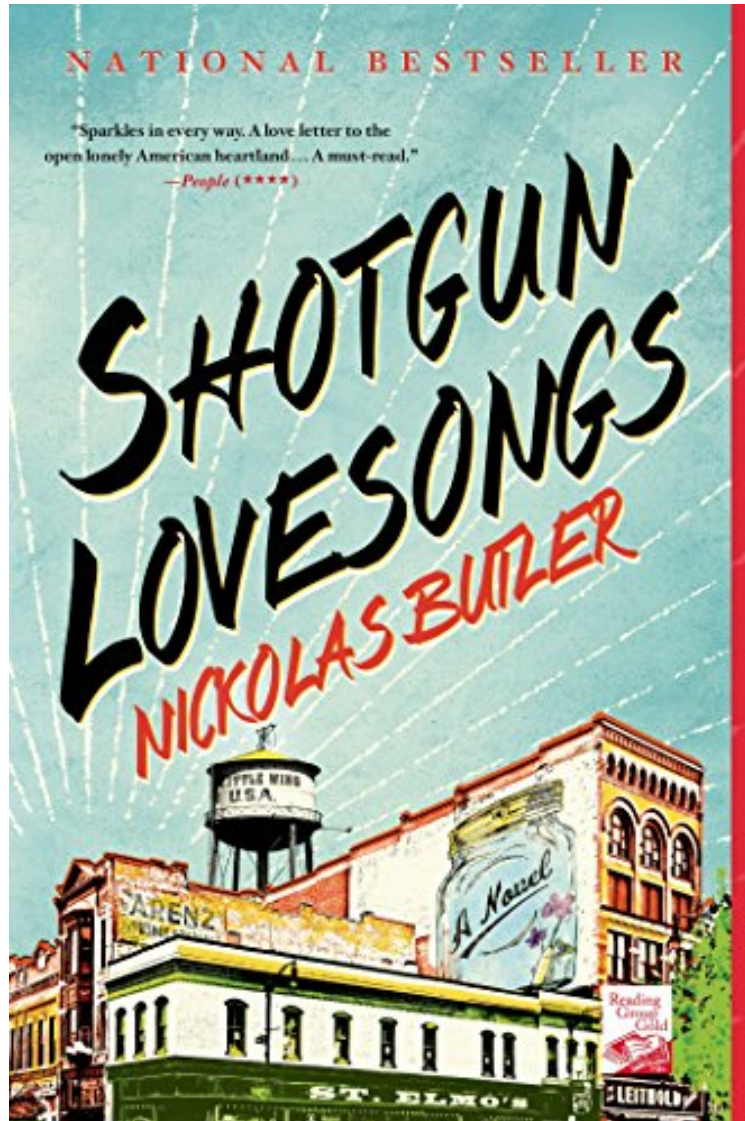


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safety of their hometown or spreading their wings elsewhere. Close friendships, secrets and revelations, his characters strong bonds were tested, and in the background, I could hear a lovesong playing for each one of them. Butler is a great writer, so much so that I found myself highlighting many beautifully crafted sentences/phrases. Here are a few: he had holed up in a derelict chicken coop and played his battered guitar in the all-around silence of deepest winter. (page 2) white-and-red checkered tablecloths that stick to your hands and forearms like flypaper. (page 60) the jukebox so old it seemed almost senile, repeating the same songs like so many shell-shocked war stories. (page 174) And here he paused. I could hear him, thinking, collecting his words as if they were spare change spilled across the sidewalk his entire fortune. (page 231) A definite favorite of mine. I suggest you take the journey. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Das Leben in der kleinen Stadt Von bodo Der Roman Shotgun Lovesongs ist eine Widmung an das Leben in einer kleinen Stadt. Die Kmpfe, die man gegen den tristen Alltag fhrt. Die Hoffnungen mit jedem neuen Sonnenaufgang. Freundschaften, Geheimnisse, Liebe. Die Suche nach dem groen Sinn. Kurzweiligkeit und Spannung, gepaart mit einem lesenswerten Schreibstil. Eine Empfehlung fr den Besuch in der Heimat. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Nee ... Von Lesebiene Das Buch pltschert dahin wie ein Song von Bruce Springsteen. Nicht schlecht, aber auch nicht so, dass man die Lautstrke aufdrehen mag. Ich habe in der Mitte abgebrochen zu lesen, weil ich mich langweilte.

Kurzbeschreibung NATIONAL BESTSELLER "Impressively original." The New York Times "Sparkles in every way. A love letter to the open lonely American heartland A must-read." People "The kind of book that restores your faith in humanity." Toronto Star Welcome to Little Wing. It's a place like hundreds of others, nothing special, really. But for four friends all born and raised in this small Wisconsin town it is home. And now they are men, coming into their own or struggling to do so. One of them never left, still working the family farm that has been tilled for generations. But others felt the need to move on, with varying degrees of success. One trades commodities, another took to the rodeo circuit, and one of them even hit it big as a rock star. And then there's Beth, a woman who has meant something special in each of their lives. Now all four are brought together for a wedding. Little Wing seems even smaller than before. While lifelong bonds are still strong, there are stresses among the friends, between husbands and wives. There will be heartbreak, but there will also be hope, healing, even heroism as these memorable people learn the true meaning of adult friendship and love. Seldom has the American heartland been so richly and accurately portrayed. Though the town may have changed, the one thing that hasn't is the beauty of the Wisconsin farmland, the lure of which, in Nickolas Butler's hands, emerges as a vibrant character in the story. Shotgun Lovesongs is that rare work of fiction that evokes a specific time and place yet movingly describes the universal human condition. It is, in short, a truly remarkable book a novel that once read will never be forgotten. Pressestimmen Advance Praise for "Shotgun Lovesongs" "Nickolas Butler ripped my heart out with rare honesty and good old-fashioned unapologetic love." -- Matthew Quick "A Midwestern masterpiece [that] has done for the modest splendor of verdant farmlands what Larry McMurtry did for the brutal beauty of small town Texas." -- Amber Dermont "You will be moved to laughter and tears, plugged in to a melody that brilliantly shares the story of all our lives." -- Benjamin Percy "Nick's literary focus... explorations of the human quest for meaning and value... is a much-needed addition to contemporary fiction in that it explores beyond the conventional repositories of 'self' -- job security, family bonds, for example -- and reintroduces us to the settled world of nature, where we can explore into both new and ancient meanings of the term." -- James Alan McPherson, Pulitzer-Prize winner Praise for "Shotgun Lovesongs" "Nickolas Butler ripped my heart out with rare honesty and good old-fashioned unapologetic love. A book that makes you want to call old friends. A writer who makes you feel more human than you thought possible." -- Matthew Quick, "New York Times" bestselling author of "The Silver Linings Playbook" "Nickolas Butler has written a Midwestern masterpiece and has done for the modest splendor of verdant farmlands what Larry McMurtry did for the brutal beauty of small-town Texas." -- Ambert Dermont, author of the "New York Times" bestseller "The Starboard Sea" "This is a novel about home, and home is how the book feels." -- Josh Weil, award-winning author of "The New Valley" "An unswervingly bighearted and compelling novel about an indie rocker made good and his best friends back home in Wisconsin... a soaring, meditative chorus of voices. And it's absolutely beautiful." -- Dean Bakopoulos, author of the New York Times Notable Book "Please Don't Come Back from the Moon" "You will be moved to laughter and tears, plugged in to a melody that brilliantly shares the story of all our lives." -- Benjamin Percy, Pushcart Prize-winning author of "Red Moon" "A beautifully written, heartfelt novel about young men in the Midwest grappling with the slipperiest bits of life. Read "Shotgun Lovesongs" with caution--these guys will stay with you for a while." -- Katie Crouch, "New York Times" bestselling author of "Girls in Trucks" "Hooray for this warm, wise, bighearted book." -- Emily Jeanne Miller, author of "Brand New Human Being" "What a cracking book. Full of heart, full of compassion, full of characters who have you rooting for them from the very first page." -- Shelley Harris, author of "Jubilee," short-listed for the 2012 Commonwealth Book Prize "There is also a profound empathy for the characters and the small-town dynamic that the reader will likely share, an appreciation for a Praise for "Shotgun Lovesongs" "Shotgun Lovesongs" is about a

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