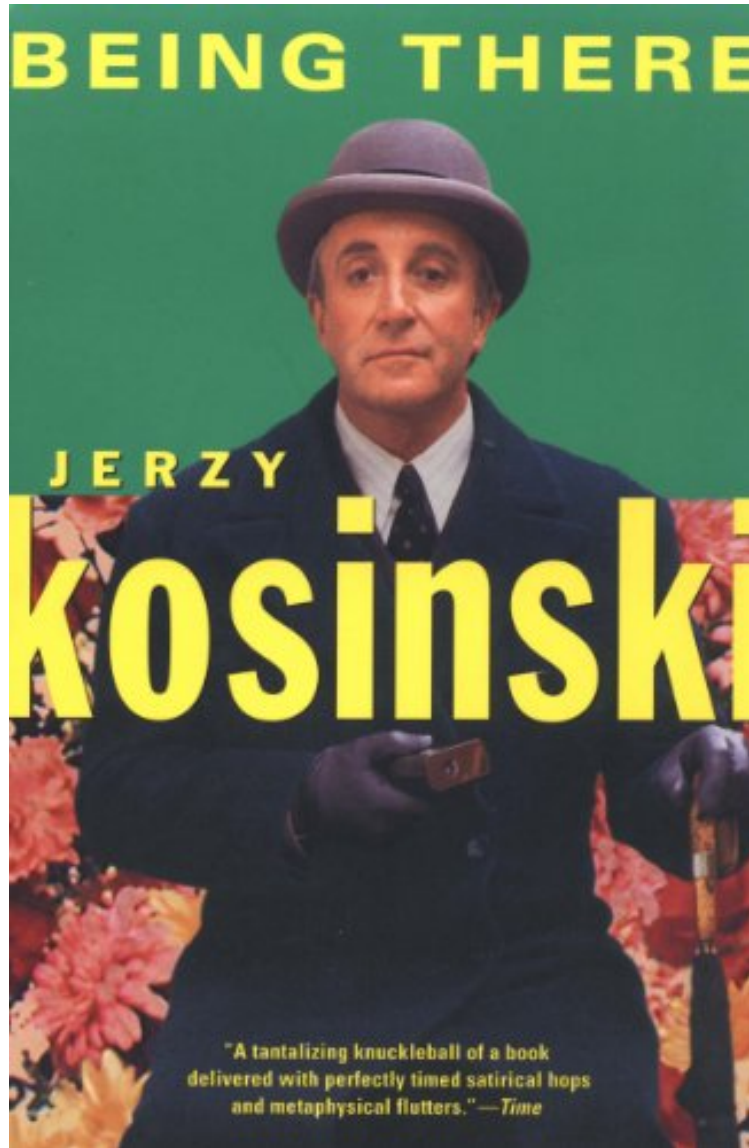


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Von Jerzy Kosinski : Being There (Kosinski, Jerzy) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Being There (Kosinski, Jerzy):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen11 von 11 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Entertaining, easy, but ultimately unsatisfyingVon Walter Sobchak"Being There" does a few things extremely well. First of all, it shows the influence of reputation. Gardiner is a man who is ignorant of society, except for what is shown on TV. It also shows how much superficial appearances are valued in our society. Since Gardiner's only frame of

reference are the depictions of society on TV, one would think he would be incompatible with the daily workings of people. But his innocence is what makes him a hero. It's funny at times because Kosinski's simple, direct prose contrasts so sharply with the exquisite atmosphere in which Gardiner resides. These factors make it worth one's time to glance over the book, especially if one is interested in politics... One could probably read this in one to two sittings...0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Influential, not a pleasant read Von Alfred J. Kwak Eons ago, I stopped reading his 1965 WW II novel *The Painted Bird* for being a mix of truth and fantasy, mostly fantasy. Years later, Mr. Kosinski was attacked in US media about the veracity of his writings. Perhaps to dispel doubts about truth and fantasy, he wrote this influential, sarcastic 1970 fantasy novel about a zero becoming a hero in the US. Chance is the name of the gardener of a NY mansion surrounded by high walls. He has lived there forever. Early on described as mentally defective, he is illiterate but kept well-fed and clothed by a maid. Watching TV in his room informs him about the world outside. He has no official papers nor a record of existence anywhere when his benefactor, the Old Man dies at age 97. Soon after, lawyers probe into his status, then become threatening. Chance packs a suitcase, moves out of his walled garden and is almost immediately hit by a car, putting himself, again and miraculously, into the care of someone else... How this fantasy proceeds is for readers to discover and enthuse about, or not. Found what followed increasingly annoying re JKs nasty, insidious tone and Chances simple messages about gardening gaining political track. Were Americans really that stupid? Probably, given the last presidential elections. The film version of this book starring Peter Sellers as Chance, is judged by many to be superior to this original book version. 9 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Chauncey Gardiner, is this really fictional? Von Ein Kunde Jerzy Kosinski did a great job writing this book. Focusing on the life of a gardener, who has to leave the environment he grew up in Kosinski narrates the remarkable career of this young man. Gardiner has the ability to impress everyone by his analysis of politics. The noticeable thing however is that Gardiner simply talks about his garden and in reality he does not understand anything about politics. The other people interpret his comments wrong and everyone thinks he is a genius, even the President. But Gardiner convinces everyone, even the Russian-American relationship improves. The most important thing I had to realize while reading this book was that tv ruins our lives. Gardiner does everything like he has seen it on tv before. Since many things are not seen on tv he has a lack of experience. While I was reading this book I kept smiling all the time. After I read the book I went outside for a walk and thought, well this is the reason why the tv is totally unnecessary. Nature is what is important. However, it is really difficult to express ones feeling about this book. If you read it you will have to think about it a long time.

Kurzbeschreibung A modern classic now available from Grove Press, *Being There* is one of the most popular and significant works from a writer of international stature. It is the story of Chauncey Gardiner - Chance, an enigmatic but distinguished man who emerges from nowhere to become an heir to the throne of a Wall Street tycoon, a presidential policy adviser, and a media icon. Truly "a man without qualities," Chance's straightforward responses to popular concerns are heralded as visionary. But though everyone is quoting him, no one is sure what he's really saying. And filling in the blanks in his background proves impossible. *Being There* is a brilliantly satiric look at the unreality of American media culture that is, if anything, more trenchant now than ever.