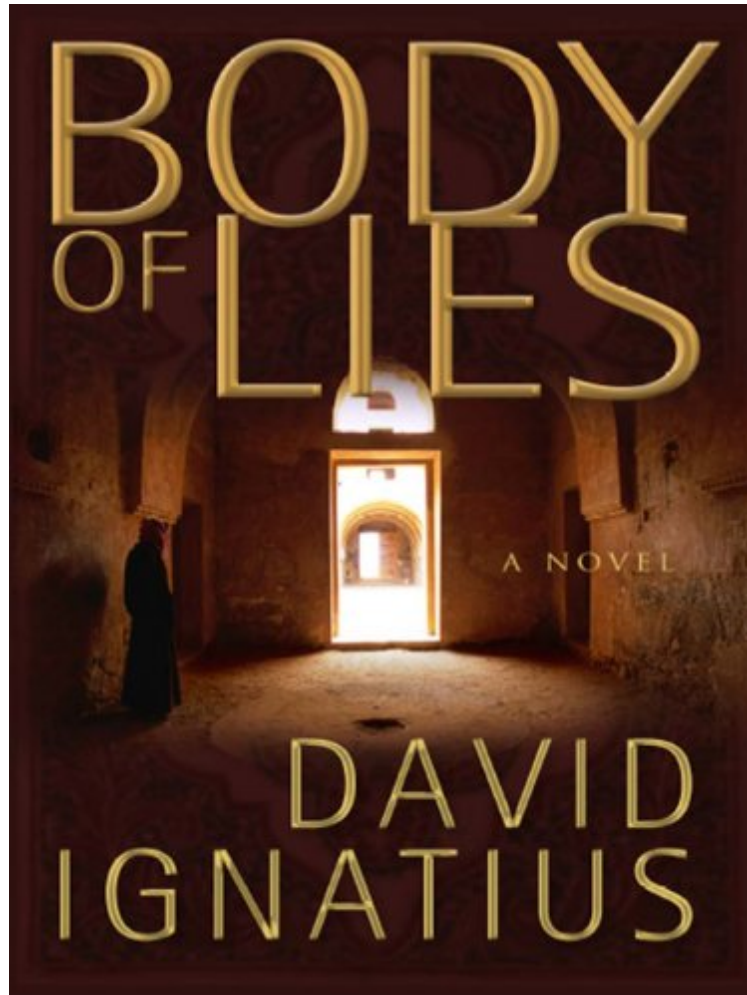


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Von David Ignatius : Body of Lies: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Body of Lies: A Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hard to put downVon Anneke van ZantenExcellent story about a world most people have have no clue about. It is hard to imagine that such surveillance is possible and it makes one wonder how often we ourselves inadvertently get picked up for suspicious contact or behavior when we are mere ordinary citizens going about our business; or conversely, how often time and resources are wasted on mere ordinary citizens who happen to cross into surveillance territory.I would not compare Ignatius to Le Carre, simply because it is a different style and - for me at at least - easier to relate to Ignatius. You do have to have some sense of geography and other cultures, as well as some sense/appreciation for the Islam, for this book to become truly interesting.This was my first reading of an Ignatius book but I am eager to

read more. Body of Lies: A Novel³ von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannende Unterhaltung kombiniert mit scharfem Einblick in den Nahen Osten. Von Miezkatze. Mit "Body of Lies" zeigt sich David Ignatius als würdiger Nachfolger von John Le Carr - der Kalte Krieg ist vorbei, nun ist der Brennpunkt der Nahe Osten. Die Handlung ist mitreißend; CIA und US-Anti-Terror-Bekämpfung im Undercover-Mantelchen in Jordanien stehen im Mittelpunkt: Der eher unauffällige Roger Ferris kämpft sich als CIA-Agent durch einen Sumpf aus Intrigen und Gegenintrigen der unterschiedlichsten Geheimdienste vor zu den Strippenziehern Al Qaidas... "Body of Lies" besticht durch die mitreißende Darstellung der Situation im Nahen Osten, wo es Ignatius gelingt, die komplexe Gemengelage klug und vielschichtig darzustellen. Roger Ferris steht der arabischen Welt nah, und bei ihm bekommt man als Leser hervorragenden Zugang zu dieser Welt. Mir hat besonders gut gefallen, dass Ignatius den Nahen Osten nicht schwarzweiß malt, sondern jede Partei wird vielschichtig dargestellt, z.B. unterstützen Al-Qaida-nahe Organisationen den Terror, doch Ignatius zeigt auch, dass dieselben Organisationen die Not des palstinensischen Volkes lindern - wer also US-amerikanischen Hurra-Patriotismus sucht, ist bei "Body of Lies" (erfreulicherweise) an der falschen Adresse. Die Protagonisten überzeugen allesamt, selbst wenn sie selten als dreidimensionale Charaktere beschrieben werden; Ignatius besetzt die Figurenzeichnung oft nur bei wenigen Pinselstrichen, doch diese sind so gut und trefflich platziert, dass Handlung und Protagonisten im Zusammenspiel mitreißen. Nur die Liebe zwischen Alice und Roger hat mich nicht überzeugt; trotz interessanten Wendungen am Ende des Romans ist die Romanze für mich schal und flach geblieben. Fazit: Hervorragender Thriller, aber ein Punkt Abzug wegen der unüberzeugenden Liebesgeschichte.

Kurzbeschreibung The novel made into the major motion picture released October 2008, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe: "Clever [and] well-paced, Body of Lies is hard to put down." John Miller, Wall Street Journal CIA soldier Roger Ferris has come out of Iraq with a shattered leg and an intense mission to penetrate the network of a master terrorist known only as "Suleiman." Ferris's plan is inspired by a masterpiece of British intelligence during World War II: He prepares a body of lies, literally the corpse of an imaginary CIA officer who appears to have accomplished the impossible by recruiting an agent within the enemy's ranks. This scheme binds friend and foe in a web of extraordinary subtlety and complexity. When it begins to unravel, Ferris finds himself flying blind into a hurricane. His only hope is the urbane head of Jordan's intelligence service. But can Ferris trust him? From Booklist Car bombs begin to explode in European cities, and it's only a matter of time until they reach the U.S. CIA agent Roger Ferris learns of the existence of "Suleiman," who may be responsible for the carnage. But finding Suleiman and penetrating his cell seem nearly impossible. Ferris, a rising young star in the CIA, is made station chief for Jordan, and he decides to employ a ruse used successfully by the British in World War II to deceive the Nazis. If it works, al Qaeda itself will eliminate Suleiman and deal a devastating blow to its own operations. Ferris wins over bluff, aggressive Ed Hoffman, chief of the CIA's Near East operations, and the elegant, wily, and dangerous Hani Salaam, Jordan's top spy. Meanwhile, Ferris' marriage to a Justice Department lawyer researching legal justifications for torture is failing, and he's falling in love with a woman whose passion is humanitarian aid to victims of Middle East chaos--all of which forces him to question his beliefs and worry about the unintended consequences of his actions. Body of Lies is thoroughly entertaining, but it's also a timely and plausible cautionary tale of schemes within schemes and morality compromised. It has vividly rendered locales, clever plotting, some compelling characters, and a disconcerting verisimilitude. Thomas Gaughan Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen Ignatius ranks with Graham Greene in his knowledge of espionage and the human heart - Publishers Weekly Publisher's Weekly Body of Lies is fiction but reads like fact. CIA officers admire Ignatius because more than any other writer he understands the nuances of their trade. Fascinating - George Tenet, former CIA Director George Tenet