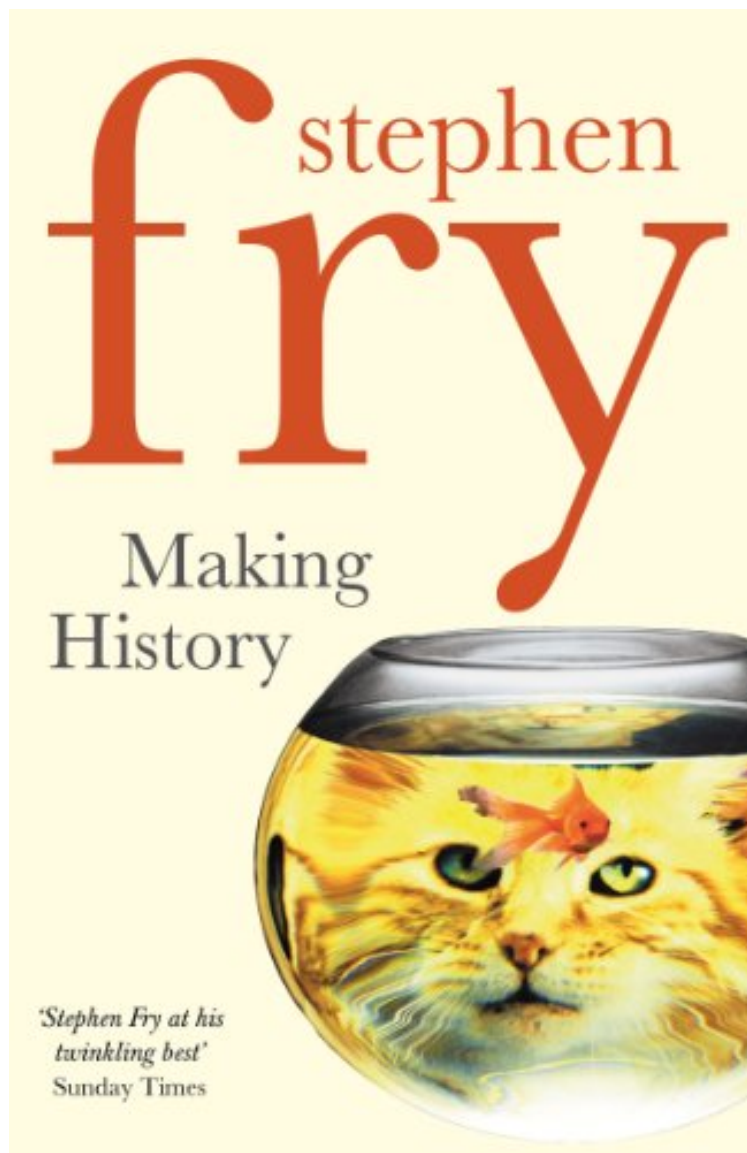


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen13 von 13 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. DAS ist ein BuchVon Ein KundeDieses Buch ist wirklich ein Buch. Wenn man angefangen hat muss einem schon etwas sehr wichtiges dazwischenkommen (das Haus brennt, die Katze klemmt im Fenster oder das Bad steht unter Wasser), damit man es wieder aus der Hand legt. Frys Umgang mit Geschichte ist fantastisch. Er schreibt ohne einem stndig vor

Augen zu halten wie wichtig es ist, sich betroffen zu fühlen und einem einzureden wieviel Verantwortung man selbst noch zu tragen hat. Andererseits ist er auch nicht verharmlosend oder respektlos. Fry hat meiner Meinung nach den perfekten Mittelweg gefunden, wie man 50 Jahre nach dem Holocaust auch darüber schreiben kann. Und er schreibt nunmal mit diesem unvergleichlichen Witz, der einen sogar in der U-Bahn oder im Hrsaal laut loslachen lässt. Dieser Roman ist allen zu empfehlen. Denen die sich nicht für Geschichte interessieren und ganz besonders denen, die sich dafür interessieren. 6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Not just another 'what if' story Von Mr Pocket What a book. All the usual Oscar Wilde flippancy, Evelyn Waugh waspishness and P.G. Wodehouse absurdity, cleverly guided by the pen of one of the world's sharpest wits plus, in this case, maybe just a touch of H.G. Wells thrown in for good measure. The nub of the plot is that two Cambridge academics decide to reverse history and have Hitler 'unborn'. Simple enough, really! Unfortunately, of course, they don't foresee that the void left by a non-Hitler would have to be filled. Nature abhors a vacuum. Someone HAD to rise to power, in this case someone even worse - the timing and the circumstances in Europe pretty well guaranteed it. History is changed, but the world doesn't turn out how they intended. Michael struggles in this new, disturbing world to find the physicist and to right the wrong, and along the way he finds love with another man. But will this love survive when they try to set the world right? Sometimes fun, always intelligent, this novel can be called a sci-fi comedy, or just a highly imaginative book. It is rare to find a read that is this lighthearted and fun, yet profound enough to bring me to tears. Which is better, pain or oblivion? This book is clever on so many levels. But I still can't help but wonder what the world would have been like if Queen Victoria, rather than Hitler, was the one erased from our History. 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Which dog knows the way? Von Ann W. Unemori Making History is one of those books that takes a fascinating idea--What Hitler had not been born?--and wanders around wondering just what to do with it. Certainly the initial premise is compelling, graduate student Mark Young and his *Jewish* teacher Zuckerman send sterilization tablets back to the water in Hitler's hometown, thus preventing his parents from conceiving him. With this act, the world changes--yet not all that much. Fry upsets the Great Man Idea of history by giving Hitler an understudy--another despot, Rudi Globber, who not only becomes a more effective Führer but also embraces the *Jewish science* of physics Hitler rejected. The resulting Reich now dominates all Europe with its nuclear warheads--yet how is it different from a world in which Hitler won? The concept has been done elsewhere--most notably Fatherland--with stronger results. Fry is considering removing the most provocative man of the 20th century, yet he only replaces a wolf with a tiger. The time-travel concept, first pills, then a dead rat, are shot backward a hundred years, is mentioned, then dropped. The homosexual angle is almost silly: In the alternate world Mark Young finally meets his One True Love,--Stephen, a fellow student. This idea is not new, in other hands Stephen would simply be Stephanie. While it is good to see homo-love mentioned without the mandatory agonizing, in this case it almost distracts from the initial idea of Hitler. True, gays died in the death camps, but Gay Guy Steve is no different from a Jewish girl in this setting. Mark, his lover, and Dr. Zuckerman shift from world to world with little real upheaval; the alternate world is grim, yet I have seen far worse ones, and far better. While Fry pens an enjoyable read, he plays with marvelous ideas he then abandons in favor of his own playful agenda. A dog sled goes faster if one dog is allowed to lead, not let each one get a sniff along the way.

Kurzbeschreibung A novel of ideas comical, historical, frightening and unputdownable. Michael Young is a brilliant young history student whose life is changed when he meets Leo Zuckerman, an ageing physicist with a theory that can change worlds. Together they realise that they have the power to alter history and eradicate a great evil. But tinkering with timelines is more dangerous than they can imagine and nothing - past, present or future - will ever be the same again. Making History is funny, moving, romantic and told with Stephen Fry's characteristic skill and brilliance. Pressestimmen "His best novel yet... an extravagant, deeply questioning work of science fiction." GQ "A sci-fi comedy that is also a time-travel thriller, constantly topical and always surprising... packed with the author's personal enthusiasm and hatreds, the former red-hot and the latter icy-black." Literary Werbetext A novel of ideas comical, historical, frightening and unputdownable.