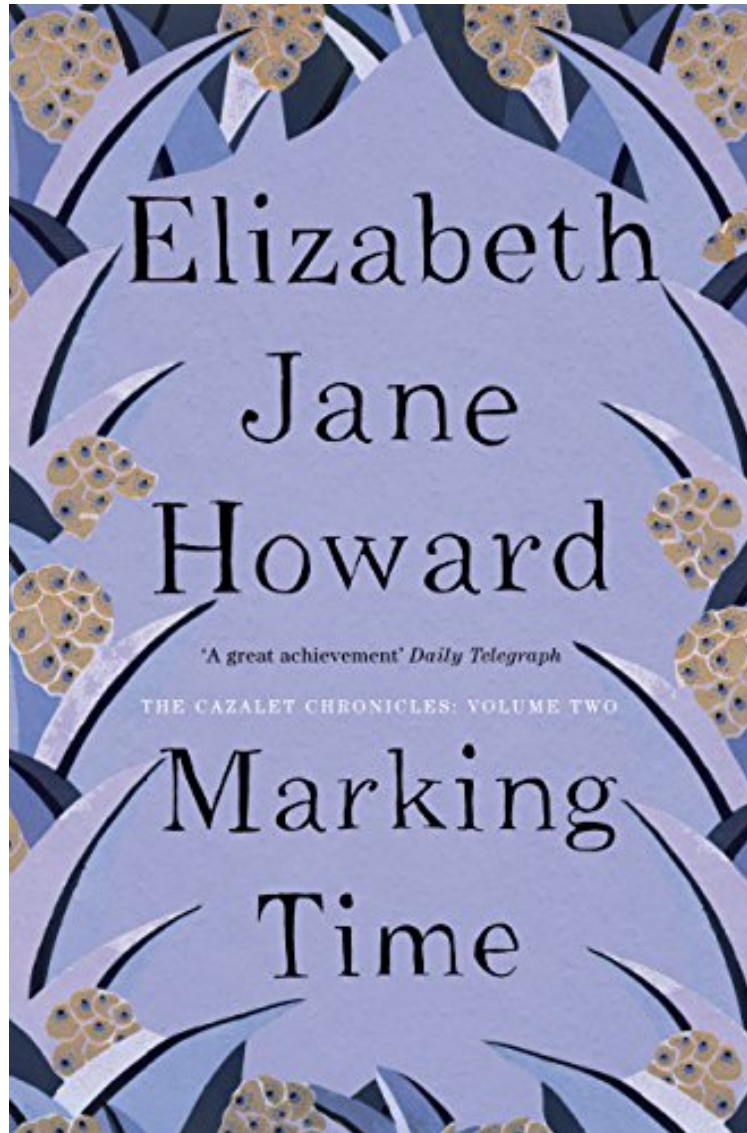


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Von Elizabeth Jane Howard : Marking Time (The Cazalet Chronicle) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Marking Time (The Cazalet Chronicle):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Slow Lane Is Still A Good RideVon MamalindeBeware! review is almost a spoiler for this book -- and not meticulously accurate. The mini-series proceeds with the characters from The Light Years, all nestled into The Home Place to wait out the war. The interaction of the Cazalet generations and the lives of the servants is conscientiously portrayed in the

most realistic manner. Social commentary is enlightening and the reader receives a eidetic view of the times.

Kurzbeschreibung *Marking Time* is the second novel in Elizabeth Jane Howard's bestselling *Cazalet Chronicles*. Home Place, Sussex, 1939. The English family at war . . . The sunlit days of childish games and family meals are over, as the shadows of war roll in to cloud the lives of one English family. At Home Place, the windows are blacked out and food is becoming scarce as a new generation of Cazalets takes up the story. Louise dreams of being a great actress, Clary is an aspiring writer, while Polly, is burdened with knowledge and the need to share it. Read the next books in the series, *Confusion*, *Casting Off* and *All Change*, or start from the beginning with *The Light Years*. From *Kirkus* a perfect if inauspicious title for this second course of Howard's *Cazalet Chronicles* (begun with *The Light Years*, 1990), since this latest is all idling before something big happens--as the Cazalet writer-to-be, Clary, puts it, "We need people to be in love with.... We'll just have to wait." The waiting begins right after Chamberlain's "peace with honor" falls through and Hitler marches into Poland. At the Sussex manse of "Brig" Cazalet--now a blind old duffer shepherded around by his faithful spinster daughter, Rachel--the much extended Cazalet family gathers with their gas masks, not to mention orphaned babies (one of Rachel's charity), wounded soldiers, and London evacuees. The Brig's eldest son, Hugh, lamed during the Great War, stays at home to blunder along with the family timber firm and to coddle his wife, Sybil, who has incurable cancer; middle son, Edward, the womanizer, joins up, spending weekend leaves sexually abusing his beautifully budding daughter, Louise, while his wife, Villy, develops a crush on a conductor; and the last son, Rupert, goes missing in action right before his young wife, Zoe, has a baby. In addition, Howard focuses on the children of this crew, including: 17-year-old Louise, who attends acting school; Clary, Rupert's daughter by his late first wife, who nicely copes with her airheaded stepmother and fills her journal feverishly; and Polly, whose chief attribute is her goodness. By the end, Japan has drawn the US into the war; there's word of Rupert, possible romance for Clary, and as always, the Cazalets marching ever on. Comfortable, literate, but very slow lane. -- Copyright 1992, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. From *Library Journal* As this second volume of the "Cazalet Chronicle" (after *The Light Years*, LJ 8/1/90) opens in September 1939, the Cazalet family prepares for war. Three Cazalet cousins--Louise, Polly, and Clary--are so eager to shed the trappings of childhood that they view the war from a different perspective than their more experienced parents. Howard successfully presents these differing images in an atmosphere steeped in period detail, keeping the central focus on the young girls' frustrations and disappointments. Her saga offers an engrossing look at a unique period of history as experienced by a "typical" English middle-class family whose shared adventures are engaging, sometimes heroic, and always authentic. Recommended.- Lydia Burruel Johnson, Mesa P.L., Ariz. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.