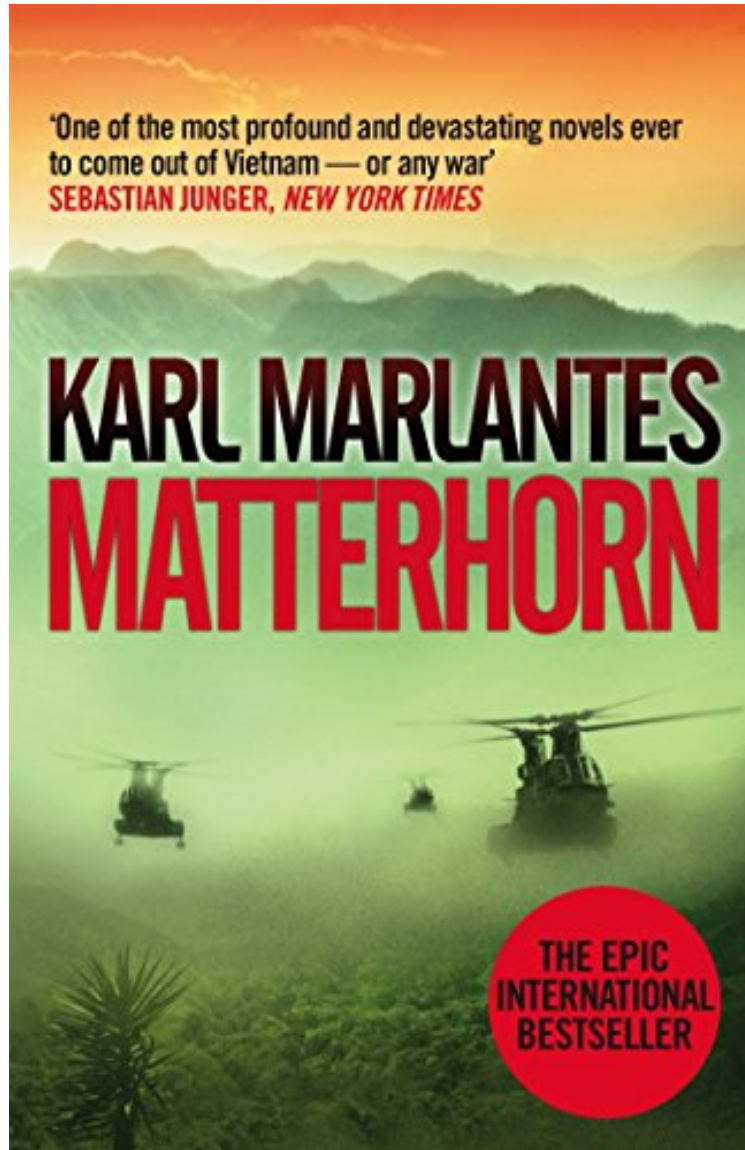


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**Von Karl Marlantes : Matterhorn (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Matterhorn (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Wahnsinn Vietnam Von Katja Knop Eine realistische Erzhlung aus Sicht eines Leutnants der US Marines. Ewig lange Patrouillen, wo gegen die unwirklich erscheinende Natur von Vietnam angekmpt wird, immer mit der Furcht hinter dem nchsten Strauch steht der Feind. Wer John Rambo erwartet wird hier sicherlich enttuscht. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden

die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Unglaublich fesselndes Buch Von technik-bastian Das Buch hat mich gefesselt und nachhaltig beeindruckt. Absolut einmaliger Einblick in einen Teil des Krieges, wenn auch (mal wieder) nur aus US-Sicht...8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Intense Story Von B. Beissel-Moll Matterhorn by Karl Marlantes is a powerful but also deeply moving novel about the Vietnam War. The novel reminds us of a war which we were beginning to forget about in times of September 11th and Afghanistan. Having already read several novels on this subject before by other authors, none of them were so intense and lingers with its reader long after the story is over. The story is the story of 2nd Lt. Mellas and his comrades in Bravo Company, their struggle to accomplish their apparently impossible mission ordered by their superior officer, their friendship, their losses, their sufferance, their grief. It's the story of Lt. Mellas changing from a young innocent, inexperienced and confused lieutenant into an old combat experienced, all over accepted battle-hardened company leader. It's the story of his fight not only against a North Vietnamese Army Regiment in a hillside vast stretch of jungle a few kilometres off North Vietnam and the Laotian border. It's the story of racial tension within the company. It's the story of a colonel who should have better resigned in dignity after Korea instead of drinking his brains off playing John Wayne while watching his men die in combat through his binoculars giving his commands by long-range radio. It's the story of resentments and killing attempts against non-commanding and commanding officers finally resulting in tragedy. But it's also the story of tiny details visualizing everything Bravo Company is going through. Steve Kroft wrote in his Newsweek review of Matterhorn that it took him only the opening paragraph to be transported 40 years back in time stirring sensory perceptions, memories, and emotions that had either been forgotten or pushed into the recesses of mind. Maybe this intensity is the secret of the story that took the author over 30 years to write, rewrite and publish. An intensity that makes the story singular: not only written for those who fought in Vietnam, but also for the next generation who only knew about this war by stories of their fathers, mothers, grandparents or simply from books.

Kurzbeschreibung Fire Support Base Matterhorn: a fortress carved out of the grey-green mountain jungle. Cold monsoon clouds wreath its mile-high summit, concealing a battery of 105-mm howitzers surrounded by deep bunkers, carefully constructed fields of fire and the 180 marines of Bravo Company. Just three kilometres from Laos and two from North Vietnam, there is no more isolated outpost of America's increasingly desperate war in Vietnam. Second Lieutenant Waino Mellas, 21 years old and just a few days into his 13-month tour, has barely arrived at Matterhorn before Bravo Company is ordered to abandon their mountain and sent deep in-country in pursuit of a North Vietnamese Army unit of unknown size. Beyond the relative safety of the perimeter wire, Mellas will face disease, starvation, leeches, tigers and an almost invisible enemy. Beneath the endless jungle canopy, Bravo Company will confront competing ambitions, duplicitous officers and simmering racial tensions. Behind them, always, Matterhorn. The impregnable mountain fortress they built and then abandoned, without a shot, to the North Vietnamese Army... Pressestimmen 'One of the most profound and devastating novels ever to come out of Vietnam - or any war' Sebastian Junger, New York Times 'Incredible - I came close to reading it in one sitting - I was living and dying in Vietnam with Bravo Company' Sunday Times 'Astonishing... A Vietnam novel of astonishing power and insight - the definitive Vietnam novel of our times - Marlantes steps alongside Stephen Crane, Joseph Heller and even Ernest Hemingway.' Observer 'That Marlantes served in Vietnam lends the book a rare and immersive veracity - bewildering and brilliantly rendered' The Times Pressestimmen 'One of the most profound and devastating novels ever to come out of Vietnam - or any war' Sebastian Junger, New York Times 'Incredible - I came close to reading it in one sitting - I was living and dying in Vietnam with Bravo Company' Sunday Times 'Astonishing... A Vietnam novel of astonishing power and insight - the definitive Vietnam novel of our times - Marlantes steps alongside Stephen Crane, Joseph Heller and even Ernest Hemingway.' Observer 'That Marlantes served in Vietnam lends the book a rare and immersive veracity - bewildering and brilliantly rendered' The Times