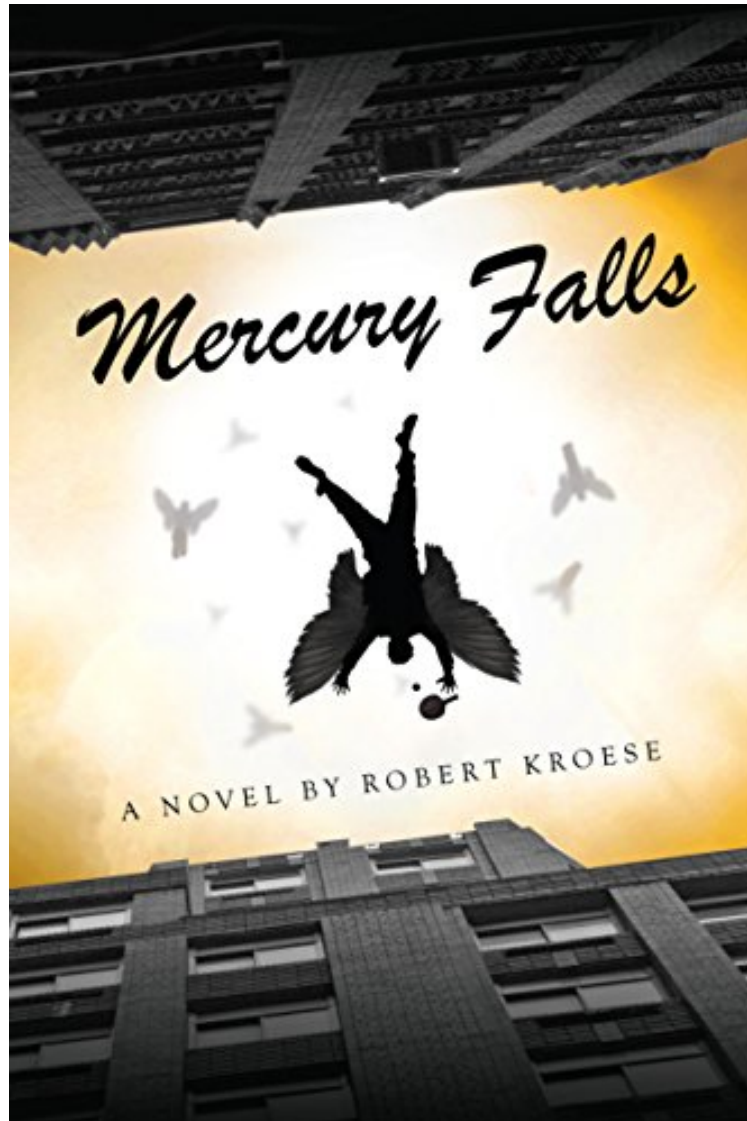


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Von Robert Kroese : Mercury Falls (Mercury Series Book 1) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Mercury Falls (Mercury Series Book 1) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Hilarious, I love it!Von Ian McGriffinMel Brooks meets Dan Brown in Mercury Falls, a witty romp through a bevy of characters - including angels and demons - who are trying to get the Apocalypse just right, which includes being on time and under budget. Stepping into the fracas is magazine reporter Christine Temetri, who has the quiriness of Carl

Kolchak and the tenacity of a British Bulldog, but has a boss - Harry Giddings - who would make William Randolph Hearst flee the office in terror. The tyrant of the last days is BattleCraft ace Karl Grissom, whose daily routine includes keeping his mother appeased so he can continue living in the attic of her home. And then there is Mercury - an angel with the swagger of a big-league slugger on steroids, but whose work ethic is oftentimes less than desirable - who is slated to orchestrate the end of the world. "The Apocalypse has a way of fouling up one's plans. To its credit, humanity has done its best to anticipate the End of Days, but lacking any basis for a reliable timetable, they've jumped the gun on more than a few occasions," writes Kroese. "The Apocalypse's stubborn refusal to arrive on schedule has caused no end of trouble for the people who have volunteered to announce its arrival. Those waiting at the metaphorical arrival gate for the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse are forced to eat a lot of metaphorical crow. And pay for a lot of metaphorical flooring." And what about that sweet science? Kroese climbs into the ring and delivers an overhand right to the jaw, but with the power behind the punch coming from the tongue being firmly planted in the cheek: "Mundane scientists have never found any evidence of the existence of interplanar energy channels. Furthermore, if they were ever to come across evidence of the existence of such channels, the scientists would, of course, insist that the channels are simply another phenomenon that has not yet been fully explained. They would patiently explain that the existing model of the Universe simply needed to be updated with this new information and that eventually the rules governing the channels would eventually be discovered."

18 von 19 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Herrlich albern, aber intelligent Von Holger Schwendler Dieses Buch liegt zwar bisher nur auf Englisch vor, aber das kann ja noch werden; deswegen veröffentliche ich diese Besprechung auf Deutsch. Der Autor Robert Kroese versuchte vergeblich, dieses Buch bei angesehenen Verlagen unterzubringen, die aber in Zeiten der Wirtschaftskrise kein Buch über die Apokalypse veröffentlichen wollten. Dabei sollte man doch gerade in Krisenzeiten seinen (Galgen-)Humor nicht verlieren. Er lie sich aber nicht abschrecken und veröffentlichte das Buch im Eigenverlag. Dazu möchte ich ihn beglückwünschen. Es wäre schade, wenn dieses Kleinod in einer Schublade vergammeln würde. Wenn Sie denken, Bürokratie sei die Hölle, haben Sie nur zum Teil Recht. Der Himmel scheint um Einiges schlimmer zu sein. Diese Geschichte ist eine sehr lustige, teilweise herrlich alberne Achterbahnfahrt durch die Ereignisse, die der nahenden Apokalypse vorangehen. Während man der auf dieses Thema spezialisierten Journalistin Christine und dem Engel Mercury, dem eigentlich alles wurscht ist, auf ihrem Abenteuer folgt, begegnet man einigen vertrauten Charakteren, die man eigentlich zu kennen glaubte. Kroese erklärt uns auch endlich, was wirklich hinter einigen verwirrenden naturwissenschaftlichen Phänomenen steckt. Zumindest für die englische Version sollte man sein Wissen über die Alben der englischen Band "The Police" etwas auffrischen, sonst verpasst man eines der herrlichsten Wortspiele. Die betreffende Stelle las ich mehrere Male hintereinander, weil sie so unglaublich irre ist! Da ich zwar recht gut in Englisch, aber kein Muttersprachler bin, blieben mir wahrscheinlich leider einige der vielen Wortspiele verborgen. Das Buch ist aufgrund seiner lockeren, intelligenten Schreibweise und der kurzen Kapitel angenehm zu lesen, nur das ständige Kichern könnte für Irritationen sorgen. Die Vorstellungen, die man sich so von allen möglichen Dingen und Charakteren macht, werden hier gründlich über den Haufen geworfen, die neuen Sichtweisen leuchten aber durchaus ein. Und zum Schluss: Wenn Ihnen das Buch nicht gefällt, erhalten Sie immerhin noch ein paar nützliche Haushaltstipps. Dieses Buch ist empfehlenswert für alle, die gerne Bücher von Douglas Adams, Terry Pratchett, Robert Rankin und Neil Gaiman lesen.

9 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. "Good Omens" did it first, and better... Von Phedre This is an amusing and fun book, but as I said in the title line "Good Omens" did it first and better. I may have chuckled once or twice while reading "Mercury Falls" but it never was as laugh-out-loud funny and did not manage to take the themes it was dealing with to the next level. The author definitely had some good ideas for a new take on Armageddon but it never feels fully realized. All too often I found myself thinking back to how Terry Pratchett and Neil Gaiman had handled certain aspects like the Anti-Christ or the four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and found this book lacking in comparison. So, I had fun with this book but for everyone who wants to see how it is really done go read "Good Omens".

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Robert Kroese's sense of irony was honed growing up in Grand Rapids, Michigan, home of the Amway Corporation and the Gerald R. Ford Museum, and the first city in the United States to fluoridate its water supply. In second grade, he wrote his first novel, the saga of Captain Bill and his spaceship Thee Eagle. This turned out to be the high point of his academic career. After barely graduating from Calvin College in 1992 with a philosophy degree, he was fired from a variety of jobs before moving to California, where he stumbled into software development. As this job required neither punctuality nor a sense of direction, he excelled at it. In 2009, he called upon his extensive knowledge of useless information and love of explosions to write his first novel, Mercury Falls. Since then, he has written nine more novels and learned to play the guitar very poorly. Find out about Rob at <http://sfauthor.net>, connect with him on Facebook at www.facebook.com/robkroese, and follow him on Twitter at www.twitter.com/robkroese. To get exclusive free fiction and updates about future releases from Robert Kroese, sign up for his mailing list at <http://sfauthor.net/get-email-updates>.