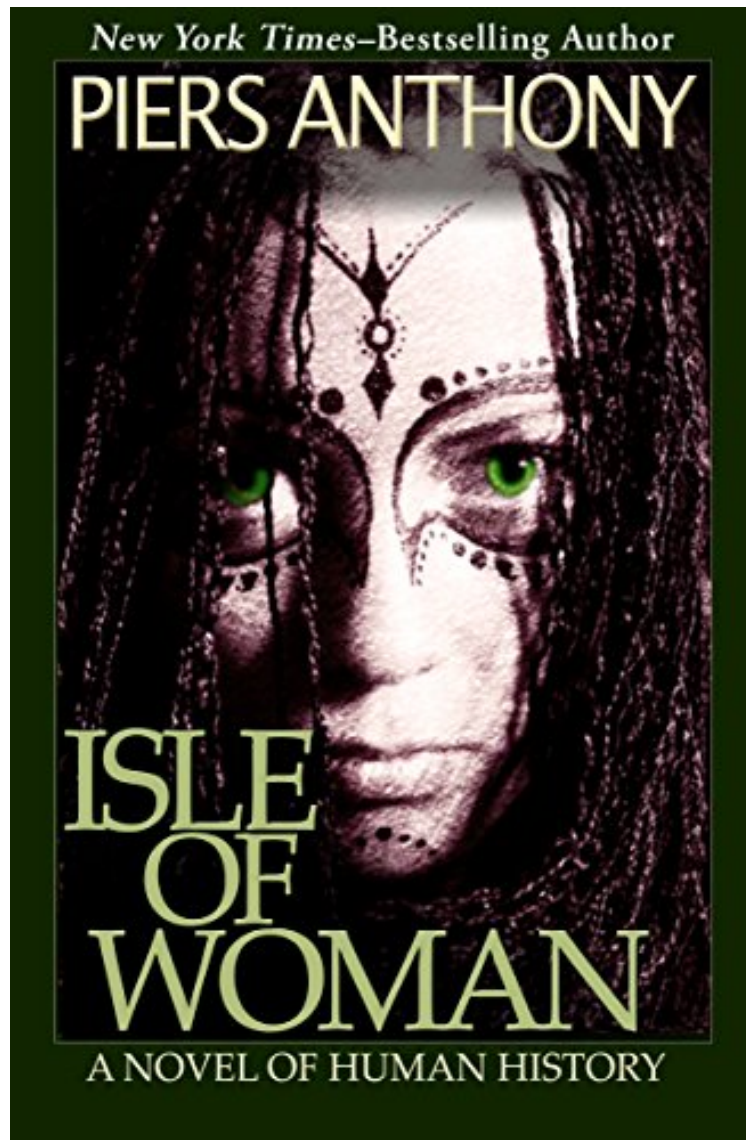


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**Von Piers Anthony : Isle of Woman (Geodyssey)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Isle of Woman (Geodyssey):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Isle of WomanVon Will ThorntonI find it amazing that so many people champion this book for being an entertaining novel while admitting that its historical inaccuracies permeate throughout. It is my opinion that authors who attempt to use history as their stage for fiction must be held accountable for their veracity and lack thereof. Historical accuracy is the

glue that holds a story such as this together. And in my view, it falls apart in too many places. I freely admit that this novel is listed as a "Fantasy" and I accept it as such. And the historical settings chosen are of an interesting variety. The first several chapters are very captivating and well conceived. However, just as the story begins with great promise it ends like the last swallow of a flat beer. The final chapter was horribly contrived and pathetic. See for yourself. I do commend Mr. Anthony for his efforts and his inspiration. The idea for this story is wonderful and original. It is simply too bad that the execution is marginal at best. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. easy to miss the point Von Ein Kunde This is a story about the evolution of the human being paralleling the evolution of the species. It is NOT an accurate depiction of human evolution (and never claims to be). What is striking about this book is the creativity and dedication needed to conceive and execute it, not the research and evolutionary theories it expresses - they are nothing but semi-educated guesses with little factual evidence. Anthony states in his introduction that that is all he intended them to be. If the reader forgets this, the book could become frustrating. Reading the reviews here, it strikes me that the Kirkus reviewers missed the boat. They did understand that this book MUST be treated as fiction and that if you are looking for an education on history and prehistory, you won't find it here. However, most of the AMAZON reviewers just enjoyed the story. When you read this book, focus on plot and character, not history. Despite what Kirkus writes, the plot (a series of short stories with similar characters) holds together just fine and the ending is perfect. BOTTOM LINE: a fun and unique read, enjoyable by almost anyone. Just remember what the point is. And don't skip the introduction. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful overview of current evolutionary theory. Von Ein Kunde Piers Anthony has written in a genre too little used in a world full of the knowledge of evolution and cultural diversity. The chapters are introduced by the time frame and theories of what may have been taking place in each. Although knowledge of evolution changes very quickly and is always open to debate depending on the most recent archeological finds, Piers Anthony deserves distinction for attempting such an undertaking as reconstructing human origins and history. He does an exceptional job proposing hypotheses for each step in evolution, while also working them into a coherent storyline in which the reader can become involved. As a student of anthropology, I am frustrated by the lack of imaginative storylines based on evolution, and Piers Anthony's series is the only reading I have been able to find which satisfactorily shows that the author has a working knowledge of evolutionary theory and its' realistic possibilities.

Kurzbeschreibung Piers Anthonys Isle of Woman is a monumental epic of unprecedented drama and scope, retelling the saga of humankind in a unique and dramatic way. The culmination of more than a quarter century of research, it is a stunningly ambitious achievement from a master of imaginative fiction. At once grand in scope and intimate in human detail, Isle of Woman tells the story of a man and a woman born at the dawn of human history, separated by fate, yet united by an unquenchable passion that even time could not conquer: Blaze, the fire worker who raised his kind of savagery, and Ember, the beautiful green-eyed woman who forever haunted his dreams. Through their eyes and those of their descendents, we witness humanity's odyssey from savagery to civilization as they are reborn again and again throughout history. We share with these two eternal lovers an unforgettable odyssey of triumph, tragedy, and discovery that takes them from the African savannah to the ancient Middle East, from the South Pacific to the caves of northern Europe, from the court of imperial China to India during the British Raj, ending in a stunning reunion in an America in ruins only a few short years from now.