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Von Naomi Novik

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Von Naomi Novik : Temeraire (The Temeraire Series, Book 1) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Temeraire (The Temeraire Series, Book 1):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen6 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A different name for the same bookVon hwmTEMERAIRE is the British edition of HIS MAJESTY'S DRAGON, which is the first book in a multi volume series by Naomi Novik (THRONE OF JADE, BLACK POWDER WAR; others as yet unnamed).The author brings the Napoleonic wars to life with great authenticity and builds in a little twist, dragons.

It is amazing how well they blend into this era and how much effort was put into their development. Their role in society is well thought through and they have little in common with the clichéd creatures of other fantasy books. Naturally, military life, battle tactics and fighting play a big part in this series, but that is balanced by the endearing main characters captain Will Laurence, his dragon Temeraire and their exceptional bond. At first, their bond is a galling duty for Laurence, but as he is faced with Temeraire's unconditional love and struggle to understand human concepts, he learns to love in turn and begins to question his old views and that of his peers. To sum it up, **TEMERAIRE/HIS MAJESTY'S DRAGON** is unique, authentic and suspenseful. It's the new must-have of the genre and I can recommend it highly to everyone who loves fantasy, historical fiction or just a real good story. And for those who prefer to read German and don't mind waiting, Blanvalet and Bertelsman plan to publish the book **DIE FEUERREITER SEINER MAJESTÄT 01: DRACHENBRUT** in June 2007.2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Great fun - the Napoleonic wars with dragons! Von Helen Hancox Although this book may appear to be a partially-altered history of the Napoleonic wars (the Brits and French have different species of dragons fighting for them!) it's actually far more of a story about a man and his dragon learning about each other. This is not just battles and fighting, it's a book about character and growth. Naval captain Will Laurence, when boarding a French ship that his men have taken, finds a dragon egg being transported. Dragons, when hatched, become bound to their new owners when the harness is put on them and from that point dragon and owner become virtually inseparable. One of Will's seamen wins (loses??) the lot to become the new owner of the dragon when it hatches - but when the egg is finally opened the newborn dragon instead takes to Will. This is a devastating loss for Will as the Aerial Corps (dragon owners and riders) are not treated well in the society of the day. Still, Will seems to take his new role fairly philosophically and he and Temeraire, the dragon, start learning about each other. Dragons can speak as soon as they are hatched and Temeraire is a very interesting character. He has incredible loyalty to Will but not the same level of loyalty to honour and country that his handler has. Most of this story covers the training that Will and Temeraire go through with different dragons, flying in formation and trying to protect British shores from the French dragons loyal to Bonaparte. The battle of Trafalgar takes place in this book, among other battles, and it is rooted in history despite the rather large tangent of battles. I enjoyed the book very much, particularly in Will's change of circumstance from sea captain to dragon handler, and in his dealings with Temeraire and the other dragons and their handlers. There are other books written following this and I will enjoy looking out for them - it's a great fun read and something that will appeal to many people. This book was also published under the title "His Majesty's Dragon"0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Originell, clever, unterhaltsam - ein Must-Read! Von Miezekatze Man stelle sich vor, zu Napoleons Zeiten hätte es nicht nur Armee und Marine gegeben, sondern auch noch eine aus Drachengeschwadern bestehende Luftflotte! Welch eine grandiose, originelle Idee - und dann auch noch brillant umgesetzt: Marine-Kapitän Laurence wird unfreiwillig der Partner des gerade geschlupften Drachen Temeraire, muss deshalb auf seine angesehene Marine-Laufbahn verzichten und wird zum verachteten Drachengeschwader abkommandiert, wo alles anders ist - und wo sogar Frauen dienen, nämlich als Captains ihrer Drachen! Die Ideen im Buch sind bestechend und unglaublich clever in die "echte" Geschichte mit ihren historischen Gestalten integriert. Die Autorin zeigt sprachliche Meisterschaft - der Sprachduktus der damaligen Zeit kommt herrlich ansatzrber, v.a. wenn der steif-formelle Laurence mit der saloppen Ausdrucksweise des Drachengeschwaders konfrontiert wird - oder wenn der wissensdurstige Temeraire Fragen stellt, die Laurence arg in Bedrögnis bringen... Die Protagonisten sind berzeugend, besonders Laurence und Temeraire sind höchst gelungen. Die Handlung ist unterhaltsam und spannend und schwächelt nur in der Mitte ein wenig, aber davon erholt sich der Roman schlagartig: Novik bietet ihren Lesern am Ende des Buchs einen wirklich umwerfenden militärischen Schachzug Napoleons! Trotz der leichten Schwäche in der Mitte ein Must-Read! Besonders zu empfehlen im englischen Original. Viereinhalb Sterne, aufgrund der Originalität der Story aufgerundet auf 5. brigens: Der Nachfolgebänd "Throne of Jade/Temeraire 2" ist so gut, dass ich ihn überhaupt nicht mehr aus der Hand legen konnte :-)

Kurzbeschreibung Naomi Novik's stunning series of novels follow the global adventures of Captain William Laurence and his fighting dragon Temeraire as they are thrown together to fight for Britain during the turbulent time of the Napoleonic Wars. Captain Will Laurence has been at sea since he was just twelve years old; finding a warmer berth in Nelson's navy than any he enjoyed as the youngest, least important son of Lord Allendale. Rising on merit to captain his own vessel, Laurence has earned himself a beautiful fiancée, society's esteem and a golden future. But the war is not going well. It seems Britain can only wait as Napoleon plans to overrun her shores. After a skirmish with a French ship, Laurence finds himself in charge of a rare cargo: a dragon egg bound for the Emperor himself. Dragons are much prized: properly trained, they can mount a fearsome attack from the skies. One of Laurence's men must take the beast in hand and join the aviators' cause, thus relinquishing all hope of a normal life. But when the newly-hatched dragon ignores the young midshipman Laurence chose as its keeper and decides to imprint itself on the horrified captain instead, Laurence's world falls apart. Gone is his golden future: gone his social standing, and soon his beautiful fiancée,

as he is consigned to be the constant companion and trainer of the fighting dragon Temeraire

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Pressestimmen Temeraire is a terrifically entertaining fantasy novel. Is it hard to imagine a cross between Susannah Clarke, of Norrell and Strange fame, and the late Patrick O'Brian? Not if you've read this wonderful, arresting novel.' Stephen King. 'A splendid novel. The plot was excellent, extraordinary in that the reader has no idea where it's leading. Let's hope this is the first of many from Naomi Novik.' Anne McCaffrey.