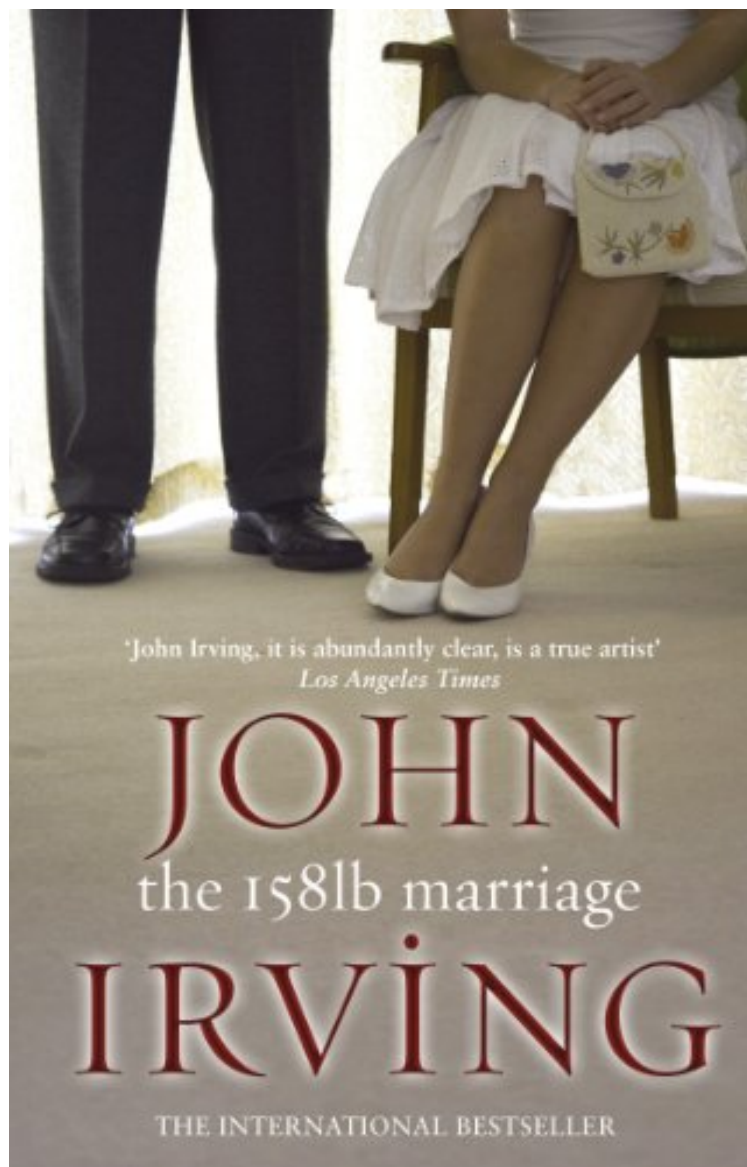


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Von John Irving : The 158-Pound Marriage before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The 158-Pound Marriage:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Schade insgesamt Von Carsten W. Ich habe einige sehr gute Bücher von John Irving bereits gelesen (Mein Favorit: Cider House Rules), aber dieses Buch ist sehr enttäuschend, entsprechend habe ich auch sehr lange gebraucht, das Buch fertig zu

lesen. Das ewige Thema von Irving (Ringens) zieht sich durch dieses Buch von der ersten bis zur letzten Seite wie Kaugummi, einfach da, etwas mehr Kreativität hätte hier Irving auch schon früher gut getan. In diesem Buch wird zu Beginn sehr viel geplatzt, nichts wirklich Wunderliches bei Irving, aber das Maß ist hier deutlich überschritten, mal davon abgesehen, da in der zweiten Hälfte der Geschichte die Frauen nicht mehr zum Zuge kommen lassen, leider sehr unausgewogen. Schade insgesamt. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Mind of a Menage a Quatre Von Ein Kunde John Irving is a mastermind for rich characters. From the get go, he engages the reader with the less than pleasing imagery of a young Austrian girl, Utchka, who experiences the torture and murder of her family by Russians from inside the belly of a gutted-out cow. It kept me reading! By intertwining the disturbing pasts of two married couples as they embark on a menage a quatre, Irving leads you through the mindful manipulations and selfishness that inevitably follow the couples in their quest for open sexuality...or is it? Extremely saucy, all characters are completely unique and interesting. Irving's use of the wrestling metaphors through the eyes of Severin Winter, the washed up wrestling coach, are completely obtainable to those, like myself, who are totally negligent of wrestling terms. And of course, like any long standing novel should, Irving leaves plenty of questions unanswered about marriage, fidelity, and the value of trust. This was my first introduction to Irving, mostly because "Garp" and "Owen Meany" were checked out at the Library. The 158-Pound Marriage truly lives up to his more well-known novels! 6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I do not understand why they need dire action to like a book Von Zeit This is his third novel, and as critics say, all his first four novels may be considered as one huge project. Each of the first three concentrates on some aspect of life, while in "The World According to Garp" these themes are unified. "Marriage" is all about envy and consequences of letting oneself free with desire. Even if everyone seems to accept excursions outside of marriage, the participants are bound to fail later on, no matter what happens in the early stage. Joy and apparent gain is temporary, while the loss and damage is of long term character. As always in his books, John Irving has a lesson to teach for us. This time there are two commandments that heroes of the book violate. There is crime, so there is punishment. "Marriage" is the first piece of Irvingian writing that fully shows his storytelling abilities. You are sucked into the plot, you admire the construction of dialogues - there is also something unique to his prose, and I am not educated enough in this field to say precisely what. You do not know till the very end what will follow next, and there is no obvious finale, nor is there a happy end, which should encourage you further. Two couples exchange partners, including women themselves having some fun, but contrary to the first and next impression you might have, the motives are not so straightforward as they may seem. Unlike his other books, here we have only four heroes, and the story is very condensed. I claim it is best to read the book before Garp.

Kurzbeschreibung On a New England campus, Viennese housewife Utchka and her aspiring writer husband live a rather placid life with their two children. Until, that is, they meet Severin Winter, Professor of German and wrestling coach, and his delicate wife Edith at a faculty party. Utchka and Severin are rather taken with one another, and, conveniently, their spouses appear to be similarly smitten. A bizarre menage a quatre is the result of these convoluted desires, and what starts out as a bit of fun is soon subject to the darker machinations of obsession... Pressestimmen "One of the most remarkable things about John Irving's first three novels, viewed from the vantage of The World According to Garp, is that they can be read as one extended fictional enterprise. . . . The 158-Pound Marriage is as lean and concentrated as a mine shaft." Terrence Des Pres "Irving looks cunningly beyond the eye-catching gyrations of the mating dance to the morning-after implications." The Washington Post From the Trade Paperback edition. Werbetext A modern classic from the international bestseller John Irving.