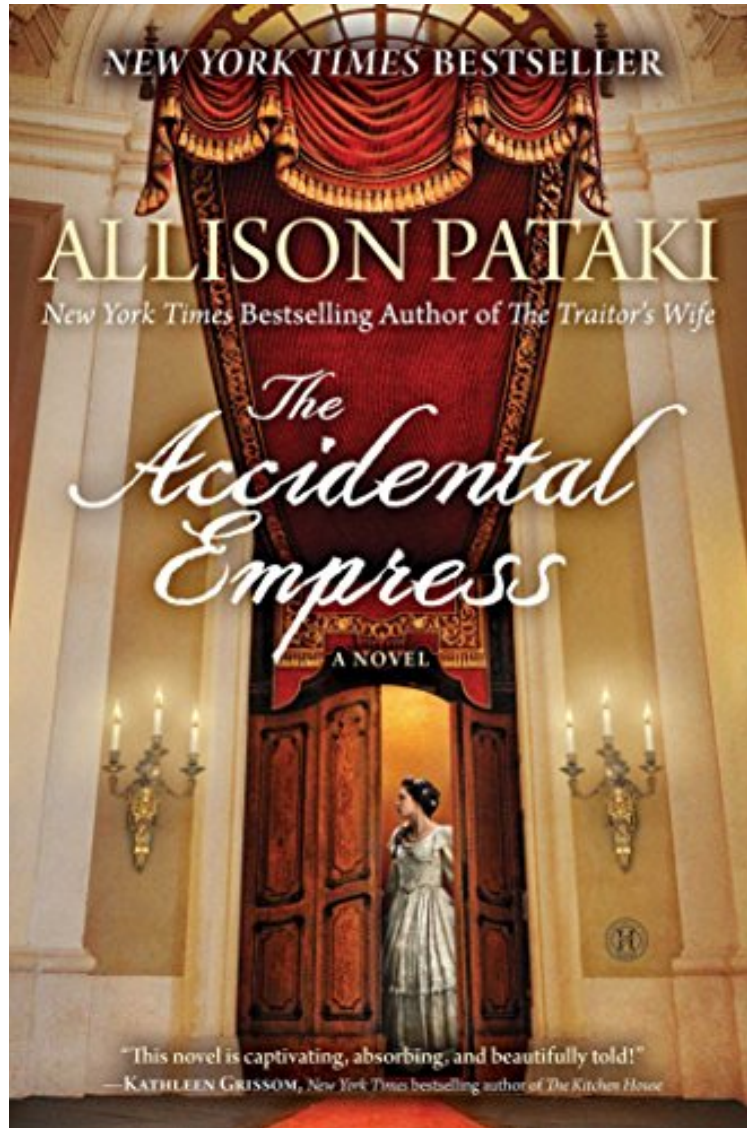


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Von Allison Pataki : The Accidental Empress: A Novel (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Accidental Empress: A Novel (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Slow start but gets better towards the endVon BookwormI did not love this book as much as I had hoped I would. I grew up with the 1950s movies (with Romy Schneider) about Sisi, and I've been looking for a good novel about her for years. Those old movies are of course the fairytale version of her life and are not really historically accurate. In that sense,

this book was better because it stuck more to the actual true story of Sisi's life. But for large chunks of the book the story read more like a biography than a novel, and I also wasn't enamoured of the writing style. Roughly the first half of the book covers a time span of about two years - from Sisi's first meeting with Franz Joseph to the birth of their first child - whereas the second half covers the 10 or so years after that. There are numerous time jumps of several months or even years in between chapters, which made it feel like large parts of Sisi's story were simply missing. For example, there is one chapter that ends with Sisi finding out that her husband has kept mistresses for years, and deciding to leave the palace to do what her doctor had recommended for her to do - go to a place with a warmer climate to recover from an illness - because, as she says, since her husband has abandoned their marriage she might as well abandon him to. Which is all good and well, except the next chapter starts with her returning to Vienna after an absence of four (!) years. We only get an offhand remark about where she has been during those years, and there's no real mention of what she felt or learned or experienced during that time, and that just felt really odd. The third (and final) part of the book was by far the best. In fact, that part (which covers roughly the last 130 pages) is responsible for me giving this book 3 stars rather than just 2. Sisi is older and more mature during this final part, and this is also the time where she grows closer to the handsome and charming Hungarian Count Andrássy. Their scenes together were my favorite parts of the whole book. There is a terrible dearth when it comes to novels about Sisi, and that - along with the final part of this book, which was much better than what came before - makes me think that I will most likely pick up the sequel eventually despite the issues I had with this first one. 2 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Interesting! Von Jeanne Adamek After a slow start I really got into this novel. I live in Vienna and, of course, I have heard about Sisi, seen Schönbrunn and even visited the Sisi museum in the Hofburg and read some of the poems that she had written. Why do I mention all this? Because although this book is a novel Allison Pataki wrote so passionately that Sisi was alive. Oh, there were mistakes. Small ones, not really historically important. Ms. Pataki made assumptions that I didn't always agree with, but as a whole I found this a very well written interesting novel. It made me check in my history books and I did find out one or two new things that I didn't know or have forgotten. I recommend this book, especially for those who are interested in history. This story is based on history that I had never learned in school when I lived in the U.S. and I think that most Americans do not know... I would love to hear that Allison Pataki writes a second novel about Sisi in Sisi's later life. 4.5 stars

Kurzbeschreibung A New York Times bestseller, *The Accidental Empress* is the captivating, absorbing, and beautifully told (Kathleen Grissom) love story of Sisi the Austro-Hungarian empress and wife of Emperor Franz Joseph. The year is 1853, and the Habsburgs are Europe's most powerful ruling family. With his empire stretching from Austria to Russia, from Germany to Italy, Emperor Franz Joseph is young, rich, and ready to marry. Fifteen-year-old Elisabeth, Sisi, Duchess of Bavaria, travels to the Habsburg Court with her older sister, who is betrothed to the young emperor. But shortly after her arrival at court, Sisi finds herself in an unexpected dilemma: she has inadvertently fallen for and won the heart of her sister's groom. Franz Joseph reneges on his earlier proposal and declares his intention to marry Sisi instead. Thrust onto the throne of Europe's most treacherous imperial court, Sisi upsets political and familial loyalties in her quest to win, and keep, the love of her emperor, her people, and of the world. With Pataki's rich period detail and cast of complex, bewitching characters, *The Accidental Empress* offers another absolutely compelling story (Mary Higgins Clark) with this glimpse into one of history's most intriguing royal families, shedding new light on the glittering Habsburg Empire and its most mesmerizing, most beloved Fairy Queen. Pressestimmen "This novel is captivating, absorbing, and beautifully told--I can't wait for the sequel!" (Kathleen Grissom, New York Times bestselling author of *The Kitchen House*) "A love match alters the course of history...Pataki deserves kudos for choosing her subject matter well Sisi's life is ideal fictional fodder." (Kirkus) "Intricately plotted, Pataki's latest is engrossing and incredibly real." (Romantic Times (four stars)) "Another absolutely compelling story. I loved it." (Mary Higgins Clark) "The Accidental Empress is lush, romantic, and enlightening a truly lovely novel." (Therese Fowler, New York Times bestselling author of *Z*) "Allison Pataki brings to life one of the most enigmatic, intelligent, and stunningly beautiful women ever to have graced a court in Europe. A remarkable novel about a truly remarkable empress!" (Michelle Moran, bestselling author of *Rebel Queen*) "Once again Pataki stuns by diving deep into the pages of history and bringing up a heroine who is not only a jewel, but a red-blooded, complicated woman, allowing us to see history through a refreshingly new perspective. Smart, interesting, and chock-full of betrayal, intrigue, and love -- The Accidental Empress had me glued to the page." (Lee Woodruff, New York Times Best-Selling author and CBS *This Morning* contributor) With her meticulous attention to historical detail and powerfully entertaining storytelling skills, Allison Pataki is a force in historical fiction. Set amid the grand landscapes of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and the wilds of the human heart, *The Accidental Empress* is an epic tale of honor, power, and love. Breathtaking! (Erika Robuck, bestselling author of *Hemingway's Girl*) "A glorious novel about a misunderstood empress...With a sumptuous sense of history and evocative attention to detail, Allison Pataki conjures the rebellious, glamorous spirit of Sisi of Austria." (C.W. Gortner, bestselling author of *The Queens Vow*) "The Accidental Empress is a tale of royal love we

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