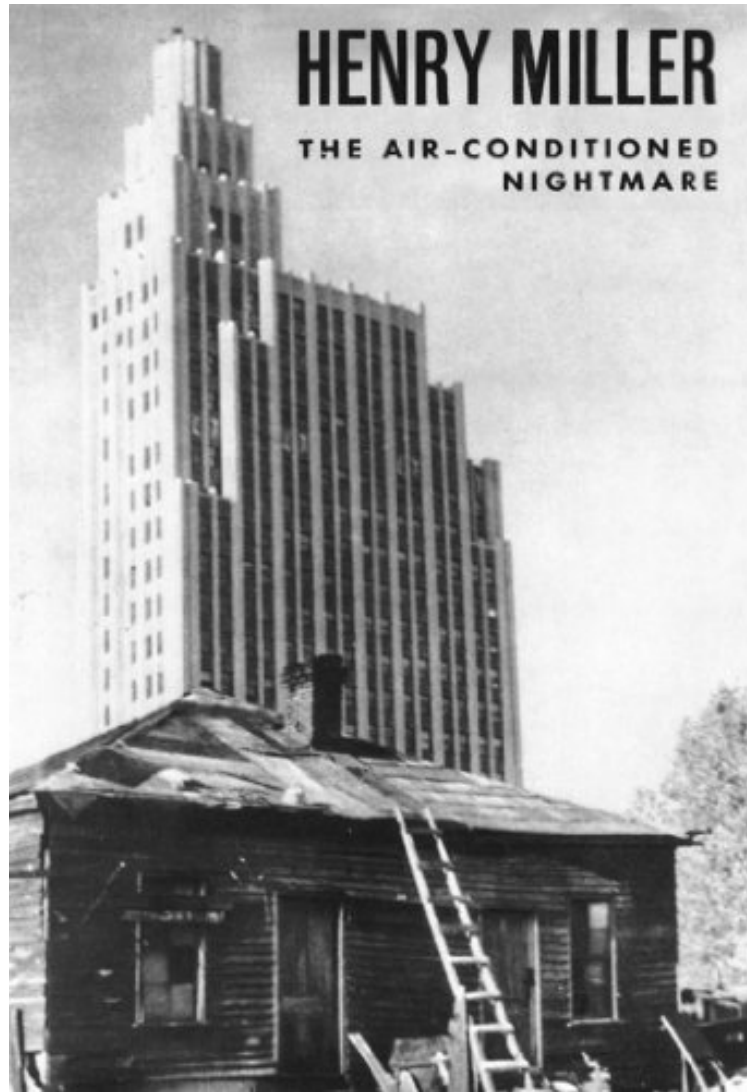


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Convincing Rouser From A Talented Writer. Von Ein KundeThese set of essays fit more like social diatribes with travel as a platform to announce them from.Miller relates the decay of the social core in American lifestyle,a way of life which he would gladly secede for the completely human natural way of living.Although his statements are mostly convincing,an objective critical mind would notice the few slips of his zealous antagonistic approach where one could

suspect that if he did not miss the point of the topic that he assails on, he misses it as a whole. One can sense the innocent exuberance of his dreams derisions, like a child wishing for his toy or an adult barring a door to the problems he wants to completely forget forever. The style of his writing is vigorous, lively with occasional flashes of grin compelling wit, highlighted at times by paragraph climaxes which round up all the previous sentences to a slap driving whole. Though lacking the spine-cracking, life-altering appeal of Bukowski and the inimitable brilliance of Celine, his adamant and at times raging missives rarely fail to convince. The work as a whole could have been better if it would have stayed true to the gist of its inception: A Travelogue. But the incongruence hardly affects the work at all, this has got to be one of Miller's finest moments.

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. *Travels with Henry Miller around the United States* Von Ein Kunde In "The Air-Conditioned Nightmare", Henry Miller writes about an automobile trip he made through the United States in the 1950's. His encounters with colorful characters, and his hilarious and insightful descriptions of the towns he passes through make this a "must read" for Miller fans. His criticisms of the banality and shallowness of American life he observed then still hit the mark. His favorite region was the South, which, as a Southerner, I appreciate, and so this part of the book was especially interesting to me. Compared with Jack Kerouac's "On the Road", which was written at about the same time, this is a more cynical and negative view of America, but is saved from being merely depressing by Miller's wonderfully savage sense of humor and his ultimately forgiving human heart.

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