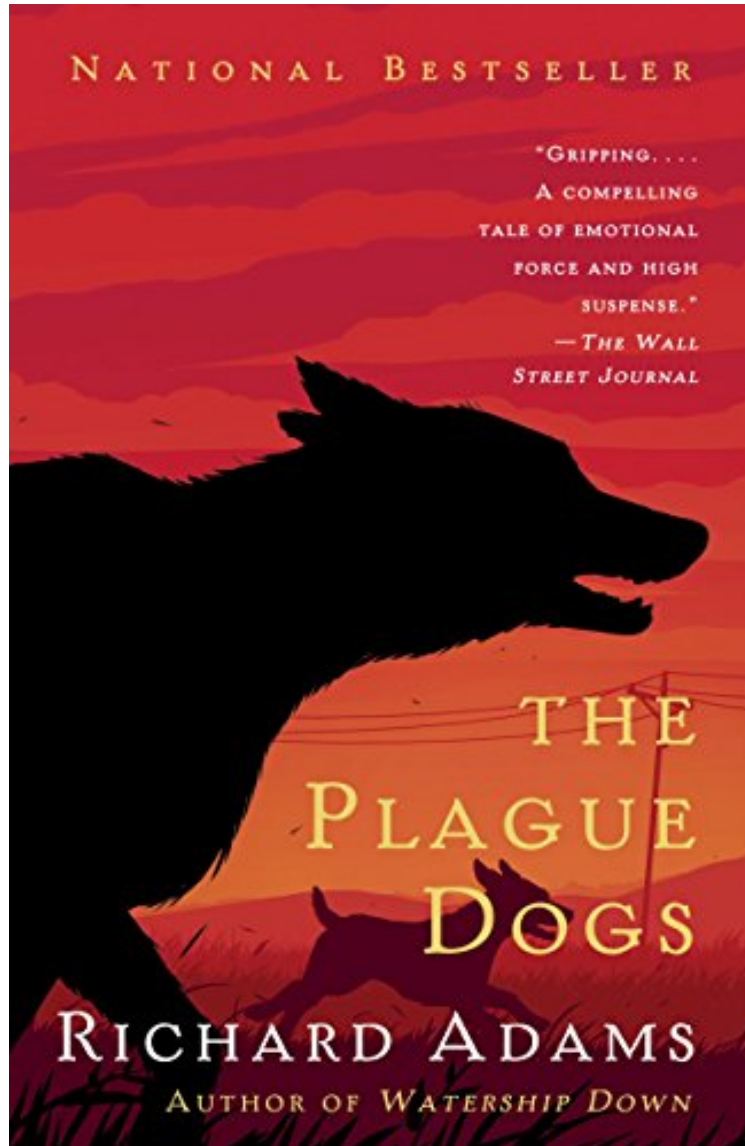


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Von Richard Adams : The Plague Dogs: A Novel before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Plague Dogs: A Novel:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A little too wordyVon Patricial loved Watership Down so much that I wanted to read more of Adams' books, and Plague Dogs sounded familiar. I know Adams' style and how he loves descriptions and long musings and poetic drifting away from the topic. But this is a chase, and while in Watership Down you have almost exclusively the perspective of the rabbits,

in *Plague Dogs* you have so, so, SO many different points of view, so many human musings, so many stories that are left unfinished. You have the feeling that every single human that is ever mentioned in the book got one to five pages of history to themselves, to explain their character and way of thinking and intentions, when they are not even relevant most of the time. I understand that Digby Driver needed a few pages of introduction to show what a despicable human being he is. And maybe one or two of the scientists. I don't understand it with most of the others. I would have liked to know what happened to Powell. No chance. Very often I had the feeling that you could have improved the tempo of the whole book if you had replaced ten pages of political protocol and musings with "the council decided that..." and it would have made the book much, much better. Pace is something you look for in vain in this book. I wanted to love it, I really did. But Adams threw me off too many times. As terrified as you should be for the dogs, Adams really wants to show in every single little tiny detail how corrupt and bad the human race is. And it is, don't get me wrong, but this is a story about the dogs Rowf and Snitter and it is a sad and heartbreaking story. If Mr Adams wanted to get his political and ethical views about humans out there, he should not have done it so excessively and tediously in a story about struggling dogs. Yes the events are linked, and yes you need to feel the hate for some of the cruel people who made life hell for the animals. But I don't care about the life routine of a farmer who is only mentioned once, or the whole life story of a man who dies a horrible if well deserved death in the mountains, and not at all about the word-by-word protocol of a government meeting, with all the unnecessary details. I love musings from time to time, and I love when books are wise and when you can pick quotes about any topic in life from it without end. But this is too much. The end of the book almost compensates you for the 300 of 400 pages of too-much-detail beforehand. Almost. I will probably never read this book again, but I'll hold it dear simply for the idea and wisdom it contains, and because Richard Adams is a poet and a genius. But this book had too many weak spots.

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Von Hazel
My first instinct was to claim that whilst this book is wonderful, it does not quite meet the precedent set by "Watership Down". However, this is not really the case. "The Plague Dogs" is simply a far more adult, mature read than "Watership" and whilst it can by no means be described as easy reading, it is certainly worth that extra bit of concentration. The writing style is amazing as always, and the storyline gripping and fascinating. Adams' ability to switch from the perspective of the two dogs, Rowf and Snitter, to the humans is incredible. The book's witty contributions, gripping story line and happy ending make a wonderful story without diminishing any of the underlying concerns. It is an incredible masterpiece, and should be devoured eagerly by dog-lovers and book-lovers alike!

0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. RICHARD ADAMS' MASTERPIECE
Von Ein Kunde
From the author of "Watership Down", this book is a hidden literary treasure -- a work of absolute genius. The main complaint of this book -- that the intense and often wordy descriptions make it unreadable -- is valid, but ultimately insignificant. Victor Hugo, author of such classics as "Les Miserables" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" is the master of extraneous description, and makes Adams look positively concise. Get past the first forty pages or so, and you may actually enjoy the peaceful reflections as a break from the challenging work as a whole. Trust me. You'll be glad you persevered. For "The Plague Dogs" is no ordinary novel. Wrapped in its relatively simple premise of two dogs escaping from a cruel research facility is an extraordinary study and breakdown of everything that is wrong with Human society. Adams exposes the darkest machinations of the media and the social orders, revealing the manipulative strings attached to every facet of Human life and how they are pulled. We are witness to how sensationalism and perception reshape mass reality, and how innocent lives and souls become swallowed by the bloated machine we have created to act as our ruling bodies, and the motivations behind these acts. This is an unbelievably perceptive, enlightening creation. As a balance, Adams details the proper nature of things, and the harmony of nature. And what truly impressed me was the time he spends analyzing all sides of the issues he explores, remaining unbiased or fanatical. Add suspense, adventure, humor, bitter irony, GREAT characters... And the ending ... you'll be afraid to breathe for several chapters; the suspense is so intense. The brilliant resolution makes no compromises. You'll be sweating by the time it's all over. In short, this book is Adams' masterpiece. Read it ... truly READ it, and you will grow from the experience into a more enlightened person.

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If one book by Adams is to survive, I hope that it will be this! *Observer* 'Compulsively readable' *Guardian* 'Once again Adams champions animals against the excesses of man' *Financial Times*
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