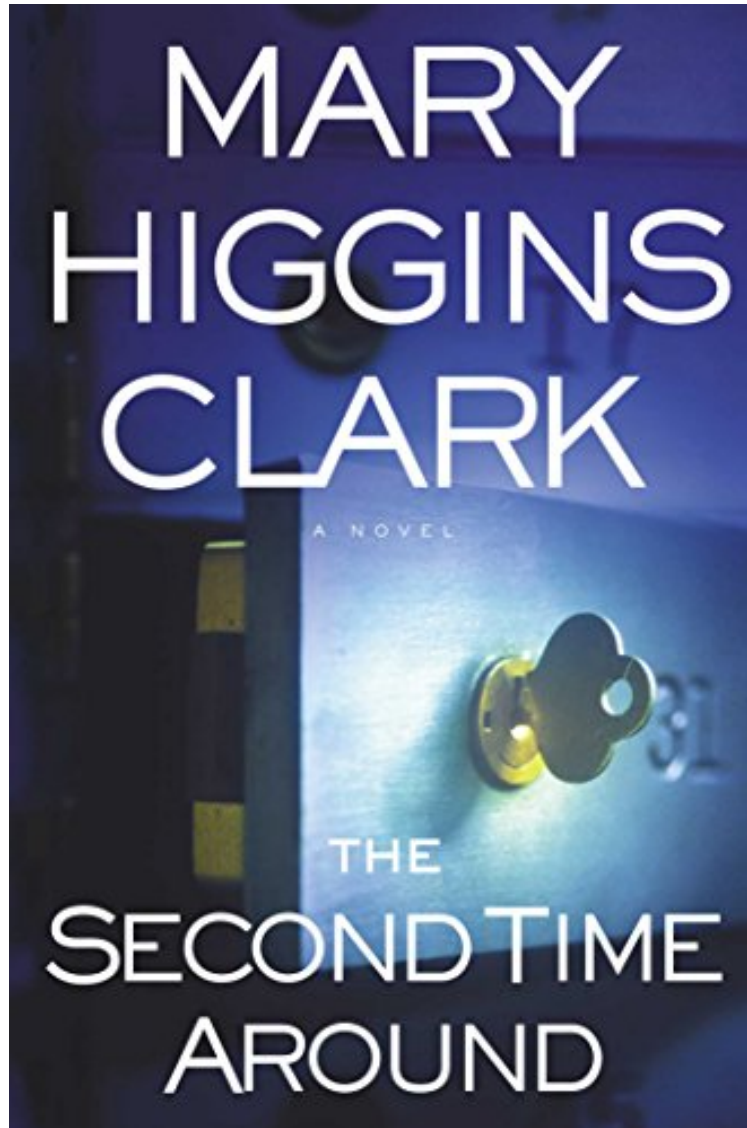


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Etwas zu wenig Spannung...Von Annette TmmlerDer Einband verspricht eine interessante Geschichte um eine Pharmafirma. Die Story ist auch sehr gut, nur kommt sie insgesamt leider nicht an die Klasse von "Night time is my time" heran. Erst ganz zum Schlu kommt etwas von der Spannung auf, die im gerade genannten Buch die ganze Zeit zu spren ist.

Trotzdem machte mir das Lesen des Originals viel Spa. Es ist eigentlich schade, da ich "Night time is my time" so frh in die Hnde bekommen habe...

KurzbeschreibungIn a novel that reaffirms her reputation as "America's Queen of Suspense," Mary Higgins Clark delivers a gripping tale of deception and tantalizing suspense. Nicholas Spencer, charismatic head of the medical research company Gen-stone, involved in the development of an anticancer vaccine, suddenly disappears. His private plane crashes en route to Puerto Rico, but his body is not found. Early results of the vaccine seemed highly promising. Yet, coinciding with Nicholas Spencer's disappearance comes news that the FDA is denying approval. Then follows the shocking revelation that Spencer had looted Gen-stone of huge sums of money -- including the lifetime savings of people who had risked every penny they had. Marcia "Carley" DeCarlo, the thirty-two-year-old columnist for the Wall Street Weekly, is assigned to cover the story. Carley is the stepsister of Spencer's wife, Lynn, an aggressive PR woman and socialite, whom she dislikes and distrusts. The day after news of her husband's disappearance rocks the financial and medical world, Lynn attends a meeting of the stockholders of Gen-stone, flaunting expensive clothing and jewelry. Accused of having participated in the scam, she appears indifferent to the anger and despair of the people attending, among them a man whose child has cancer and who is now about to lose his home. That night, she narrowly escapes death when her mansion in Bedford, New York, is set on fire. She turns to Carley, begging her to use her investigative skills to prove that she was not her husband's accomplice. As Carley proceeds with her investigation, she is confronted by seemingly impenetrable questions: Is Nicholas Spencer dead or in hiding? Was he guilty or set up? Why the sudden reversal in medical opinion of the vaccine from recognition to condemnation? And as the facts begin to unfold, she becomes the target of a dangerous group involved in a sinister and fraudulent scheme. *The Second Time Around* is Mary Higgins Clark at her best, telling a story that intertwines fiction with the stuff of real-life headlines in a novel of breathtaking suspense and surprises. **From Publishers Weekly**There's something special about Clark's thrillers, and it's not just the gentleness with which the bestselling writer approaches her often lurid subject matter (in this one, for instance, there are numerous killings, but all occur off-page). Special above all is the compassion she extends to her characters--heroines, villains and supporting cast alike. In this latest effort, she conjures empathy even toward a mass killer, whose murderous spree has been sparked by a corporate crime. The smoothly told tale is narrated partly from the third-person perspective of the killer, and partly from the first-person point of view of Wall Street Weekly correspondent Carley De Carlo. Carley is the stepsister of Lynn Spencer, whose charismatic husband, Nicholas, dies in the crash of his small plane as he is fleeing arrest for looting the medical company he founded, which had made claims of a cancer cure, now proved false. Myriad investors have lost much, sometimes everything; one is Ned Cooper, whose beloved wife died as a consequence of Nicholas Spencer's thievery, and who determines to take revenge, setting off on a killing spree. Assigned to do a feature about the Spencer case, Carley digs deep, uncovering clues to a conspiracy within Spencer's medical company, as well as to the possibility that the cancer cure worked after all. Can she get to the bottom of the mess before Ned Cooper, or the possible conspirators, take her out? Clark's fans know the answer to that question, but what the novel lacks in suspense it makes up for in grace, charm and solid storytelling. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. **From Booklist**Financial columnist Marcia "Carley" DeCarlo finds herself squarely in the middle of a bizarre story about the mysterious disappearance of Nick Spencer, founder of the medical research firm Gen-stone, which had been on the brink of developing a cancer vaccine. When it's discovered that Spencer apparently stole thousands of investment dollars and either lied about or sabotaged the progress of the vaccine's development, Carley can't believe it. Being loosely related to Spencer (she's the stepsister of his second wife), she found him completely upstanding and honorable in his passion for his work. Could he have fooled her and the hundreds of other investors who gave their money hoping for a cure for someone they loved? Under the guise of doing an in-depth story on Nick Spencer, Carley conducts her own investigation, discovering dark forces behind Gen-stone's demise. The prolific and ever-popular Clark isn't the subtlest crime writer, but she knows how to spin an intriguing tale, and this time she's created a convincing heroine in Carley. **Mary Frances Wilkens**Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved