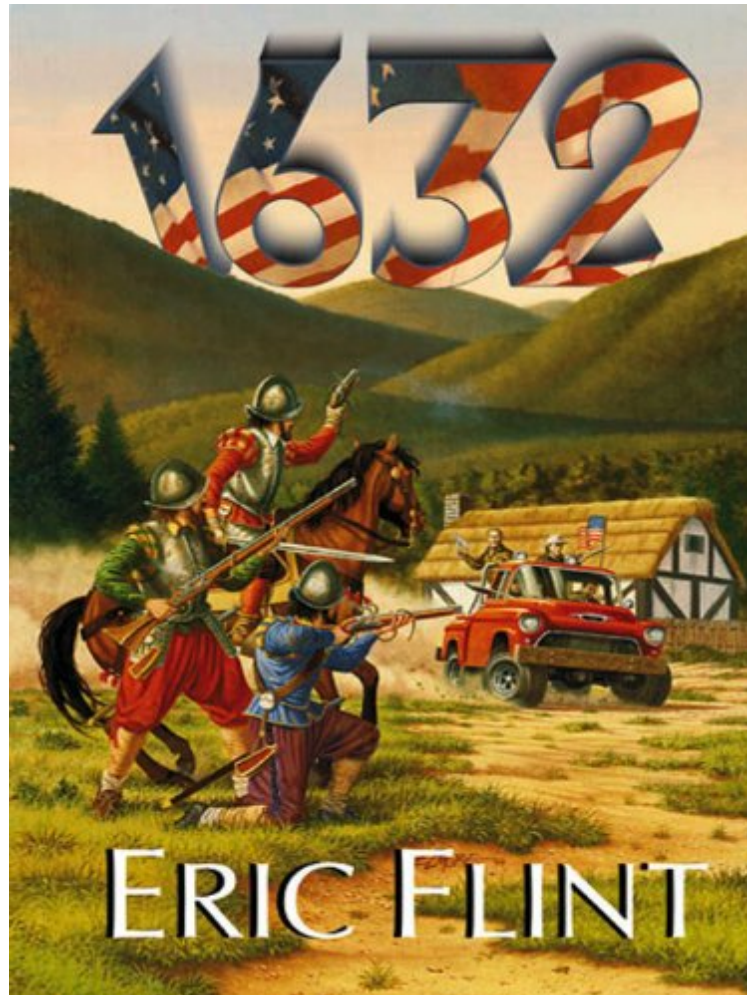


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Von Eric Flint : 1632 (Ring of Fire Series) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 1632 (Ring of Fire Series) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen10 von 11 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Minor FlawsVon Peter WernerAlternative history can be a treat, if you like the genre. If you like it here is an interesting and suspenseful novel - with two minor flaws in it. The setting of 17th century Europe is seen from a very American angle. Although the major historical facts are quite correct, their evaluation is sometimes too modern and slightly distorts the historical reality and characters. For example: a Swedish officer uses a comparison between a chipmunk and a bear when he watches two other characters. He certainly was not able to use this image as there are no chipmunks at all in Europe. And exactly this mistake leads to another one. All the characters seem very credible as individual personalities. But the natives become less credible when they so readily and quickly accept modern political, technical,

and economical concepts that are so alien to them that they must create strong conflicts in this mixed society. Modern western democracy is a political concept that nobody - even the poor and suppressed people of that era - would have accepted then. Something like that developed in centuries, not in days. But this novel is fiction after all, and, of course, the author is free to use his imagination as freely as he may find it suitable. It is the result that counts, and the result is a very good and exciting novel.

10 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Anti-amerikanisch darf man nicht eingestellt sein..... Von Schelli Denn die US-Amis können im Buch alles, wissen alles und zeigen Schweden, Deutschen, Kroaten, etc., was 'ne Harke ist (fr sterreicher: wo der Bartl den Most herholt...). Die Beschreibung der amerikanischen Tugenden kann man durchaus als betrieben selbstherrlich verstehen. Oder man nimmt sie einfach mit Humor..... Wenn man also nicht anti-amerikanisch eingestellt ist, und wenn man damit leben kann, dass den Protagonisten einfach alles gelingt, DANN hat man eine interessante Geschichte vor sich, die durchaus vier Sterne verdient. Die kleine Stadt Grantville in West-Virginia wird durch den sogenannten 'Ring of Fire' - einem Experiment Ausserirdischer - in das Jahr 1632 zurückkatapultiert. Ein sehr interessantes gedankliches Experiment! Die Protagonisten finden sich in Deutschland wieder, das gerade den Höhepunkt des 30jährigen Kriegs durchleidet. Mord, Raub, Vergewaltigung und verwüstete Landstriche sind der Alltag im Krieg der Habsburger gegen die Reformationskräfte in Deutschland und Schweden. Es ist klar, dass die aufrechten Amerikaner ihre hehren Ideale und die Werte ihrer Konstitution vertreten, ja, verteidigen werden. Moderne Maschinen gegen Musketen.... Flint ist mit '1632' ein interessantes Werk gelungen, dass Geschichte mit Spannung und durchaus auch Humor verbindet. Das Buch kann daher bedenkenlos weiterempfohlen werden. Ich korrigiere mich, fast bedenkenlos weiterempfohlen werden, wenn man nicht gerade anti-amerikanisch gesinnt ist.....

32 von 34 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. easy to read omnibus of historic errors about Germany Von monice By some kind of explosion, the town of Grantville, West Virginia, is transferred from today into 17th century's Thuringia, during the 30 Years' war. The inhabitants of the city have to deal with the new surroundings. First thing for them is to "elect" an emergency staff to rule the town during the first phase of adjustment. They soon have to use their superior arms in open combat against imperial mercenaries. Of course there's no doubt as to the outcome of these skirmishes, and in consequence the small community is overrun by German refugees seeking protection. After the first year, Grantville has expanded, forming the "United States" that include almost all of southern Thuringia from Eisenach to Gera. Now the young Union has to prove it can take a lead role in European politics, which it does. The main characters are the president of the Union, a Sephardic Jewess, a black doctor, a liberal schoolteacher, a German prostitute and Gustav II. Adolph. It might have been interesting to learn how the former persons, thrown together through time and space, grow in experience and personality. Unfortunately, none of the characters is credibly depicted. Any exchange of ideas is down to "you bastard won't stop me" - like expressions that are sometimes funny but never really interesting. Even worse is the picture of the latter and all historical persons. Their language is basically swearing. They address each other with first names - in a time, where even husband and wife were using formal addresses in conversation. Their motives are depicted as utter egotisms - except those of Gustav Adolph, whose goal is to rid the German people of tyranny. Anybody only roughly familiar with history and literature of the age ("Simplicius Simplicissimus", "Ackermann aus Böhmen") will easily find the flaws in this scheme. Worse than the characters is the author's command of anything concerning knowledge of the part of Germany he describes. One of ten German words or phrases is correct, some German is just barely understandable. German geography and landscape are lost: for instance does Nürnberg lie at the Pegnitz, not the Rednitz river. The description of any German town is apparently fictitious. None of the several strong points of Thuringia at that time and place are mentioned besides the Wartburg, whose description lacks any reality. The church appears only in the Spanish Inquisition while no cloister, abbot or clergyman out of Thuringia is mentioned in the novel. The highlight of the book is the description of the battle of Breitenfeld in September 1631. As any battle depicted in the novel, one is wrapped into its excitement. On the other hand, the forming of the "United States" is utterly untouched by any knowledge even of the political systems of the towns that want to be part of the Union. The cities who are supposed to join the Union were mostly residences with garrisons (f.i. Eisenach) and therefore unlikely to join any republic without an armed struggle within their boundaries. Not once does the author show how a city council or a mayor of a town actually votes to join the Union. Therefore, the development of the Union remains rather vague and not historic. Thus, the novel constitutes a nice but not very convincing try at alternate history. If read as "fictitious" history, however, it may still be amusing reading.

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