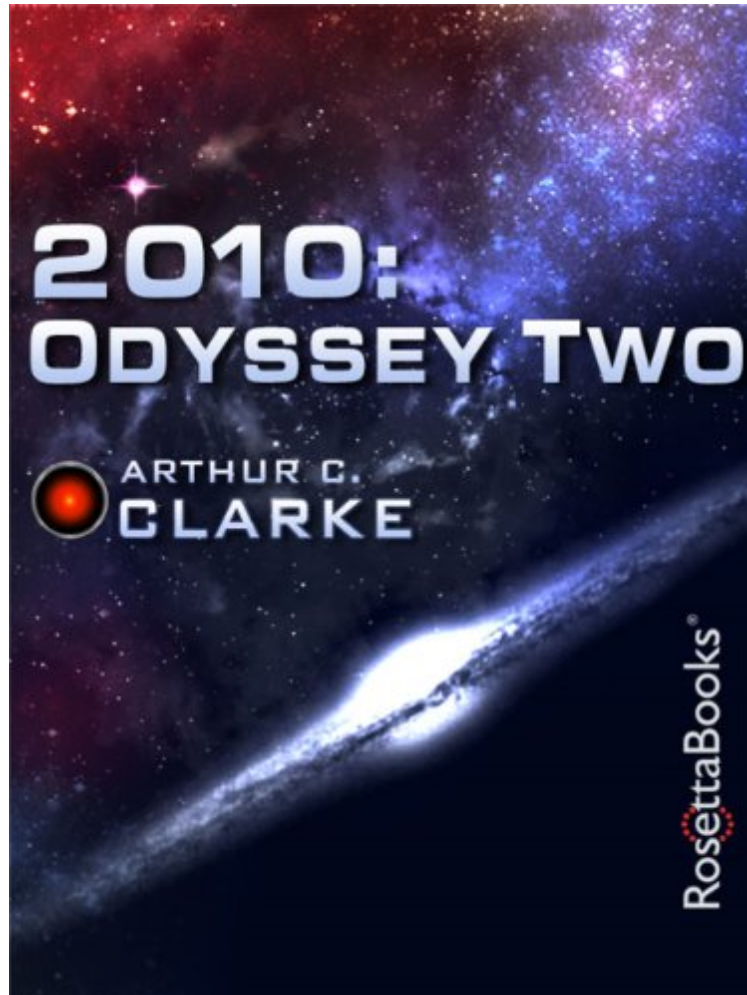


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Von Arthur C. Clarke : 2010 (Space Odyssey) (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised 2010 (Space Odyssey) (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. 2010 is the absolute best of the Space Odyssey Series.Von Ein KundeThere is not doubt that 2010 is the greatest of all the Space Odyssey Series. The reason is really because here it is a space race, mixed with discovery and intrigue. The characterization is better than any of the others books. Instead of just a Frank Poole, Indra Wallace, Dave Bowman or Hal you have a plethora of characters with defined personalities. They include the almost insane Chandra, the genius but realistic Curnow, the powerful captain Tanya Kirbuk, a Heywood Floyd out to redeem himself at the cost of his family and even a Dr. Chang of the Tsien willing to aid scientific "discovery" even in the last minutes of his life. The Chinese are also decribed well by Clarke. The Chinese military tactics in modern times have used massed, risky

human wave assaults like in Korea which risk life and waste it without remorse. The same is true of the Tsien, it is sent to beat the Leonov and see Europa at the cost of everyone on board it. It even is meant to be rescued at a later time again at the cost of a hibernating lost years crew. Even in a space race the Chinese government tactic of wasting life is fully explored and perfectly analyzed by Clarke. Clarke is also quite realistic in his predictions, almost like a 21st Century HG Wells or Morgan Robertson. This is seen first by Clarke realizing in his book that many nations have nuclear weapons by now not just China, Britain, the US, France, and Russia. When he wrote it in the early 1980s these were some of the few countries that had nuclear weapons but Clarke predicted many more would get them but never use them. Look what has happened, now today India and Pakistan have nukes. Other countries near developing them or already allegedly possessing include Israel, South Africa, North Korea, Iran, and even Iraq. Japan is capable of making them and Ukraine and Khazakstan had them. Clarke predicted almost 30 nations would have them in 2010 but never had used them. This prediction has held so far. Insight as good as Nostradamus'. Clarke's book, as many have said (and I concur with) has went beyond fantasy or even pure science fiction to be a book more like science fictional fact. You can see this in his atomic Sakarov drive and the rotating section on the Alexi Leonov. Perhaps the only thing I think the movie, which was good, excelled over Clarke was the appearance of the Bowman Starchild (Halman in the future) to Floyd. In the book it is just a cloud of dust forming in Bowman's human face but it is more intricate and curious in the movie as he shape and age-shifts. The movie should have shown more American and Russian unity than the movie ever tried to. The exploration in Bowman the Starchild is much better in the book and helps you learn more of the mystery regarding him on later revealed in 2061 and 3001. Finally, the aspect of using the Chinese as the villains may not have fit in then but it rings true today with the Chinese the major rival superpower of the US. The Chinese are a good villain to focus on as a nation who will waste everything to beat the prepared Russians and adept Americans. This is excellent and makes the best villain of any of the other three books, that includes a psychotic HAL (2001) and a megalomaniacal Nazi play god Monolith race (3001). The Chinese are very human appealing villains in it. They must be beat or they will steal Discovery, find life on Europa first, and maybe their negligence will endanger Earth itself. Europa today is still the best harbor for life outside of Earth in Sol's community. Even if it is walking sentient trees like in the Space Odyssey Series. Man does not yet have the tools to get to Europa and drill through its ice to look for aquatic life on Europa's sea vents but perhaps by 2061 or 3001 or 30,001, will have it. Clarke's book has inspired a whole generation to explore and learn about Europa, Jupiter, and Saturn; the majesties of the Solar System. To quote Dr Floyd in the movie when we meet the Europeans, "I think they will be our friends." That friendship should it ever occur with European sponges or fish was inspired completely by Arthur C. Clarke in 2010: Odyssey Two.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Best Sequel Ever! Von Bill R. Moore This is, in my opinion, the best sequel ever written. Most sequels are just poorly written cash-ins on a successful first book, but this is different. It is just as good as, and perhaps superior to (yes! you read that right) 2001. However, you MUST read 2001 before you read this, it is not really meant to stand on it's own. If you have read that awesome book (and/or seen the awesome movie) then this will be a real treat for you. Many of the questions left unanswered in 2001 (the whole monolith thing, the ending, etc.) are explained or partially explained here (somewhat to the chagrin, one might think, of Kubrick). This is simply a tour-de-force of fiction, it is at once technical and yet hard to put down. The descriptions of the various parts of the solar system (particularly Jupiter) are great, and leave one yearning for more. That said, what really makes this book shine is the awesome ending, which is, I believe, the best ending I have read in any book ever, (and in view of the next two good but not great Odyssey books, almost makes one wish that Clarke had ended the series here). I gurantee you it is not what you expect, and if you try to guess it (as I did) by the title of the last chapter you will be thrown off. It is a very poetic ending, a la Childhood's End. Okay, enough of my preaching. JUST READ IT.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. [Almost] among the greatest of science fiction. Von Ein Kunde I hesitate between 5 and 4 stars for this book, but for the epilogue alone I have to give it 5. 2001 is one of my favorite books of all time, but I've never even made it through the entire movie, and I would have preferred it had Clarke chosen to make this book a sequel to the novel 2001 rather than the film. Still, the inconsistencies between the two novels can be forgiven, and there's a lot about this book I truly love. There's much more room here for interaction between various characters than in 2001, and the American/Russian dynamic is both intriguing and entertaining -- and surprisingly optimistic from a Cold War writer. If the sweeping, universal themes of 2001 by far outmatch the climax of 2010, the simpler theme of life coming of age on another world hits a little closer to home. Clarke's surest move is in not attempting to duplicate the lonely and mysterious atmosphere of 2001, which is what really made that book for me -- instead he maintains a clearer, more obvious tone, but one that works better for this novel. The book only falters seriously in the fourth part, when the author becomes seriously sidetracked by the chemical composition of Jupiter. No offense to Carl Sagan, but I DON'T CARE! Still, it doesn't go on long enough to drive the reader away from the book forever, so it's forgivable.

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