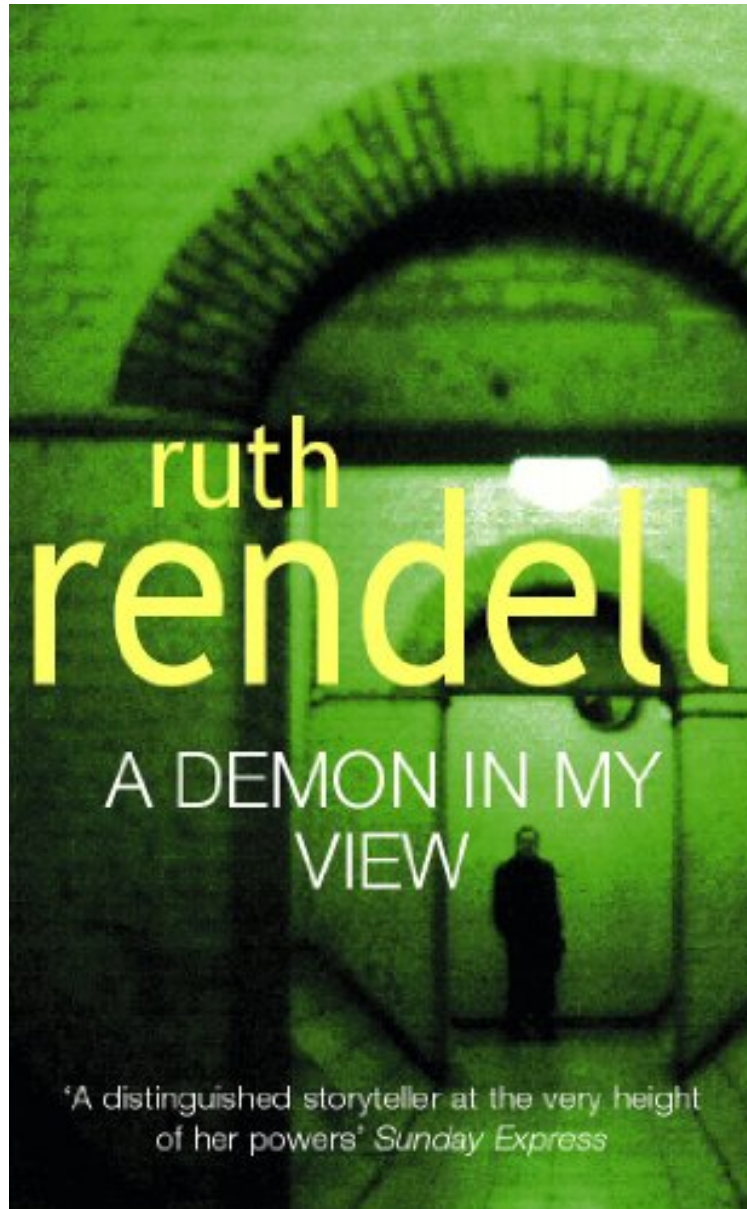


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The mind of a psychopathVon HORAKIn this thriller, Mrs Rendell portrays a 50 year old psychopath called Arthur

Johnson. He fits exactly the definition of a psychopathic person. He is asocial, self centred, impulsive and suffers from an acute anxiety neurosis. He has a strong need to preserve an immaculate ego, he is paranoid, fears retribution and has an urgent need to be thought well by all people. And men like him cannot be reassured because their belief in their own worthlessness is so intense. Self-confidence cannot be implanted in Arthur anymore at the age of 50. That's why he fears other people - they represent a menace to his own integrity - and so he lives in private isolation. Characteristically for a psychotic mind, Arthur is unable to form emotional relationships and he has no social ways of coping with his frustrations. This is certainly why Arthur keeps a plastic shop window model in his cellar. This model is dressed in his Auntie Gracie's clothes - for him she is the image of a mother, wife, counsellor, housekeeper and sole friend - which Arthur delights in "strangulating" regularly at night. A very good thriller which shows that Mrs Rendell understands how a psychopathic mind works and how it can go awry. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. It Knocked Me Out Von Ein Kunde This was one of the first Rendell books that I read, and it absolutely knocked me out. I was recovering from a cold, lying in bed and enjoying it nicely, when it took a turn that made me sit up straight and go, "SAY WHAT?" I forgot the cold, forgot everything but following this hypnotic tale to its strange end. I've now read it three times, and each time it got more impressive. By present standards of sex and violence, it may seem understated. Somehow, in these days of excess, that just makes it more powerful. Rendell is the empress of the accidental, the queen of chaos theory. Something tiny happens, and something else tiny happens, and somehow, inevitably, chance becomes destiny or whatever passes for it. Oh, her books are lovely, dark, and deep. Open this one up, and you'll have miles to go before you sleep. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ruth Rendell Rules! Von Ein Kunde This book will not disappoint Ruth Rendell fans. The story is creepy, suspenseful, and ultimately satisfying. The main character is a disturbed Norman Bates type who is compelled to visit his basement every so often to fulfill a disturbing fantasy. What happens after circumstances beyond his control prevent him from carrying out his fantasies will keep you reading until the very last page. This is Ruth Rendell at her scary best.

Kurzbeschreibung Arthur Johnson doesn't look like a murderous psychopath; he is a mild-mannered man who has never known how to talk to women. Years of loneliness has warped his mind, turning his desire for a woman's love and respect into a pathological need for carefully controlled violence. Locked in the cellar of his building is the perfect willing victim, a woman who can be murdered over and over again, a woman who waits for Arthur every night... When a young scholar of psychopathic personalities moves in downstairs and Arthur's mannequin disappears, where will he turn to satisfy his urgent craving for violence? The crime novel that won Rendell the first of her six Gold Dagger awards, this is a haunting insight into the mind of a pathological criminal. From Library Journal Published in 1976 and 1977, respectively, these are fairly typical of Rendell's popular psychological thrillers. Demon presents a researcher studying psychopathic personalities who doesn't recognize that his seemingly shy, harmless neighbor is a total nut job. Judgement finds a police investigator trying to discern why a housekeeper slaughters her employer's entire family on Valentine's Day. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. Pressestimmen The best mystery writer in the English-speaking world. Time From the Paperback edition.