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Von Sue Townsend : Adrian Mole and The Weapons of Mass Destruction before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Adrian Mole and The Weapons of Mass Destruction:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Witzig, geistreich, britisch- eben Adrian Mole!Von gignelsaWeiter geht es im Leben des tragik-komischen Helden Adrian Mole. Er ist jetzt 34 1/2 Jahre alt, hat aber von seiner kstlichen Naivitt kein bisschen verloren. Er sieht sich selbst als Intellektuellen, was er bildungsmssig ja auch fast ist. Nur seine skurrile Sichtweise der Dinge, sein Umgang mit seinen

Eltern, Shnen u. FreundInnen hat einen hohen Unterhaltungswert. Es ist die Zeit des Irak-Krieges, und bei aller Komik liest man zwischen den Zeilen Kritik an der Sinnlosigkeit, wird doch Adrians Sohn Glenn eingezogen u. an den Golf geschickt. Adrians groe Verehrung von Tony u. Cherie Blair blttert so peu a peu ab....Man sollte das Tagebuch auf Englisch lesen, ich kann mir nicht vorstellen, dass eine deutsche bersetzung auch nur halb so komisch rber kommt. Bei einigen umgangssprachlichen Ausdrcken hatte ich so meine Schwierigkeiten mit dem Verstdnis, aus dem Zusammenhang raus konnte ich dann aber fast immer die Bedeutung erkennen.Man muss also kein Englisch-Genie sein, um es lesen und verstehen zu knnen, ich hatte Englisch in der Schule, ist aber schon etliche Jhrchen her, und bin trotzdem gut mitgekommen.Wer die anderen Adrian-Mole-Diaries gelesen hat, kommt um dieses nicht herum!3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Adrian Mole is back, with all his problems plus the Iraq warVon Ein KundeAdrian Mole is now 35 years old and all the problems that plague him since aged 13 are still with him and jotted down in his diary. However this time he is like Icarus who came too close to the sun. Besides his usual problems with authorities, parents, animals, friends, and lovers this times he gets into financial difficulties. Above all however, his son is sent as a British soldier to Iraq and Adrian slowly but steadily loses his faith in Tony Blair and his statements about Saddam Hussein's Weapons of Mass Destruction. Besides hilarious moments, this book gives a lot to think about politicians claiming to know everything better and making mistakes leading to the unnecessary death of young men. As every Book about Adrian Mole this is worth reading. I hope he will keep on writing his diaries and cover British current history viewed by the ordinary man.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Adrian Moles kleine und groe KatastrophenVon MariaDieses Buch war mein Einstieg in die Welt des Adrian Mole. Entgegen meiner Befrchtung, als ich sah, da es das neueste Buch einer langen Reihe ist, hatte ich keinerlei Probleme, mich in Adrians schrullige Welt einzulesen und einzuleben.Sue Townsend hat ein Buch voller ernster und komischer Momente geschrieben, die einen immer tief berhren und oftmals beides zugleich sind.Adrian Mole ist ein Anti-Held, den man einfach sympathisch finden mu. Durch seine Augen erleben wir nicht nur den Ausbruch des Irak-Krieges mit all seinen Auswirkungen auf das britische Alltagsleben fr einen Normalbrger, sondern (zurckblickend mit dem Wissen von heute) auch die Folgen der Wirtschaftskrise "live und in Farbe." Wie Townsend Adrian mit Kreditkarten jonglieren und ber seine Verhltnisse leben lt, nur um am Ende unweigerlich abzustrzen, wirkt in diesen Tagen geradezu wie eine prophetische Metapher.Ich jedenfalls plane bereits weitere Ausflge in Adrian Moles Welt.

KurzbeschreibungThe Secret Diary of Adrian Mole, Aged 13 3/4 is the BBC RADIO 4 Book at Bedtime pick . . . Celebrate Adrian Mole's 50th Birthday with this new edition of the seventh book in his diaries where Adrian falls in love, is inconvenienced by the war and faces his new nemesis: a swan from the local canal Wednesday April 2ndMy birthday.I am thirty-five today. I am officially middle-aged. It is all downhill from now. A pathetic slide towards gum disease, wheelchair ramps and death.Adrian Mole is middle-aged but still scribbling. Working as a bookseller and living in Leicester's Rat Wharf; finding time to write letters of advice to Tim Henman and Tony Blair; locked in mortal combat with a vicious swan called Gielgud; measuring his expanding bald spot; and trying to win-over the voluptuous Daisy . . . Adrian yearns for a better more meaningful world. But he's not ready to surrender his pen yet...Bestselling author Sue Townsend has been Britain's favourite comic writer for over three decades.'Hilarious. Deft, gleeful mockery impales modish fads, from home make-overs to new-age crazes, while fiercer irony is trained on the country's involvement with Iraq' Sunday Times'Richly comic ... stuffed full of humour, tragedy, vanity, pathos and, very occasionally, wisdom' Guardian'Completely hilarious, laugh-out-loud, a joy' Daily Mirror'The funniest person in the world' Caitlin MoranFrom Publishers WeeklyThis fifth installment of Adrian Mole's diary (The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4; Adrian Mole: The Cappuccino Years, etc.) breaks new ground with its concern for current affairs and its sympathetic treatment of not-always-exemplary characters. Adrian, as usual, is struggling with various relationships and with constant financial problems, always trying to do the right thing, but usually giving in to his baser urges, in love and in spending. He becomes accidentally engaged to dollhouse-building homebody Marigold while spending flirtatious evenings with childhood love Pandora; fires off missives to the likes of Tony Blair and Tim Henman; and works, genuinely, to be a good father, friend and ex-husband to a cast of often bizarre but always human characters. Townsend, author of numerous non-Adrian novels, plays and nonfiction, makes Adrian's adult disorientation palpable as he tries to figure out how he went from hosting a popular television show to working in a failing second-hand bookshop, and copes with the shock of seeing childhood bullies make good and childhood dreams go awry. Arguments about the war figure prominently: one of Adrian's sons is sent to Iraq; his best friend, Robert, is there, too. Adrian's reactions to the war are complex, funny and wrenching. By the time the diary breaks off (on Sunday, July 22, 2004), things are looking up for Adrian and a bridesmaidand he is considering (to her consternation) writing an autobiography. (Dec.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.From BooklistIn the Adrian Mole diaries, Townsend has brought her hero from teenage angst to single parenthood, brief television stardom, and near bankruptcy. In the sixth installment, Adrian is 34 but still not connecting with life's realities. He has cancelled a holiday in Cyprus because of Tony Blair's warnings that Saddam

Hussein's weapons of mass destruction could target the island in 45 minutes, but his travel agent won't refund his 57.10 deposit until evidence of the WMDs is put forward. So, Adrian writes a letter to Mr. Blair requesting such proof. He buys a ridiculous flat, complete with rats and marauding swans, with a down payment from his credit card. He gets involved with a disturbed young woman, whose family is only too happy to have him take her off their hands. And his parents have sold their home and bought a pigsty, literally, with a plan to renovate and live the country high life. Through it all, Townsend treats the serious issues seriously, but the rest is just pure fun. Elizabeth Dickie
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