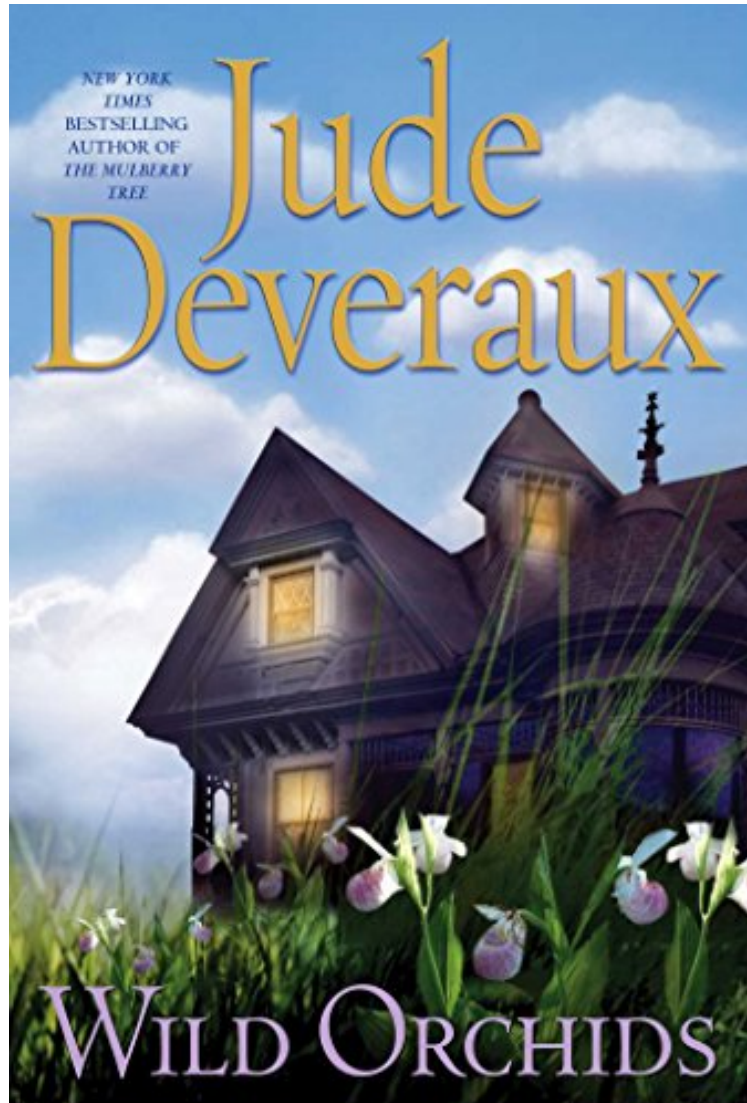


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**Von Jude Deveraux : Wild Orchids: A Novel (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Wild Orchids: A Novel (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Humorvolles ZusammenlebenVon Ein KundeIch habe mir das Buch gekauft, weil ich unbedingt wissen wollte: Wenn eine Frau sterben musste, weil sie den Teufel liebte, hat der Teufel sie dann auch geliebt?Die Teufelsgeschichte erscheint nur als lose Randerzhlung, die die Geschichte ab und an vorantreibt und erst in den letzten Kapiteln wirklich in Fahrt kommt. Sie bleibt dabei recht unwirklich und unrealistisch (insbesondere die Naivitt der in den Teufel

"verliebten" Frau ist ziemlich bertrieben).Aber was dieses Buch trotzdem so gut macht ist die Beschreibung der beiden Helden, des Schriftstellers Ford und seiner Assistentin Jackie. Beide sind vllig gegensztzlich. Jackie ist jung, ernhrungsbewusst, tatkrftig, verschlossen und scharfzngig. Ford ist schon lter, liebt die Ruhe, fettes Essen und ist unendlich neugierig. Wie diese beiden einander beim gemeinsamen Zusammenleben nherkommen ist ein Vergngen zu lesen.Besonders gelungen ist der stndige Wechsel der Erzhlweise aus Fords und Jackies Sicht. Teilweise wird das selbe Ereignis aus der Sicht beider erzht und genau das ist die Strke des Buches. So berichtet z. B. Jackie wie "hart" sie gearbeitet hat um Ford auf ihren Vorschlag einzustimmen und Ford wiederum erzht, dass er - da bereits schon mal verheiratet - sofort ahnt, dass Jackie fr irgendetwas Geld von ihm will und eigentlich nur wissen mchte wie viel er denn ausgeben muss.(Wie Fords Cousin sagt, sie benehmen sich wie ein verheiratetes Paar, nur das sie nicht miteinander schlafen.)Wunderbar sind auch die Nebencharactere, insbesondere Fords Familie ist herrlich bertrieben dargestellt.Dieses Buch ist allen zu empfehlen, die besonders die humorvollen Beziehungsgeschichten Deveraux mgen.4 von 5 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful storyVon Ein KundeThis book is written in a warm and good style. I've read a lot of books from Jude Deveraux and I think it's one of her best. It's a mix between a little romance, a thriller and the devil.The story is about the famous author Ford Newcombe, who hasn't written a book since the dead of his beloved wife Pat. It starts with the description of his past, the time with his wife and her family, that became like his own. The mother of Pat is killed in a car accident by drugged kids. This sad experience leads to his first bestseller, as Ford writes the story about his mother in law, so she won't be forgotten. His other books tell about his somehow very strange own family. After his wife dies of cancer, he isn't able to write anymore. Ford does some research about ghost and devil stories. He meets Jackie Maxwell, a younger woman, who tells a very unusual story that her mother told her. It's about a woman, who was killed because she loved the devil. Ford wants Jackie to become his assistant, but she refuses, because she is going to marry in a few days. But her future husband is a skunk, who looses all her money, so she leaves him just before the wedding. Not knowing what to do, she asks Ford if she can still have the job. They leave together for the town "Cole Creek", there Ford bought an old house to do more research for the story Jackie had told.Now the real interesting part is starting. Jackie seems to remember the house and other places in the town. The chapters change from the side Jackie sees the things and the next chapter Ford tells his point of view. Some really mysteries things happen. Jackie starts to get visions about bad things that will happen. First she dreams about a car accident with a few teenagers, there the car is going to explode in front of her. As the situation really takes place a short time later, Ford and Jackie are able to rescue the kids. That is not the last vision, Jackie gets in Cole Creek. The closer Ford and Jackie work together, the more they like each other. They make friends with some people of Cole Creek, who seem to have a strong bond to the town. They say they "cannot" leave the place. Ford thinks, that Jackie has lived in this town as a kid, before her father took her away. He finds out, that the killing of the woman didn't happen a long time ago, as he first suspected, but only about 20 years ago. He believes that the inhabitants of Cole Creek were involved and that Jackie saw the murder as a little child.Meanwhile Jackie, who loves to photograph, goes on a picture trip and meets a very good looking and charming man named Russel Dunn. He tells her the story of Amarisa, who was killed by the towns-people. Ford finds out, that all the people that were involved, died in very weird ways. Ford's father, who came out of prison recently, is brought by his cousin Noble, to stay with Ford. First Ford isn't very happy about it, but he gets used to them and even starts to like his father. The three of them are very surprised to see Jackie talking to air and kissing the same. They are all sure, that Jackie talks to the devil and is able to see him. They find out that the oldest member of each family that was involved in the murder is cursed and cannot leave the town more than 50 miles and that Jackie's grandmother still lives in Cole Creek. Jackie is brought to her grandmothers house, which is not far from the place, Amarisa was murdered. It's an awful place but Jackie doesn't see it that way, she sees a lovely spot with wild orchids.Jackie gets the whole story now from her grandmother. Amarisa, who was the sister of Jackies father came to Cole Creek to help his business and invest some money. Amarisa met a man whom she saw often and sometimes she took the girl Jackie with her. One day Jackies mother followed Amarisa to see the man she met. But she only saw Jackie and Amarisa talking to no-one. That horrified her. The next day she had 7 other adults including the minister following Amarisa. The devil showed himself to them and they started to throw stones at Amarisa til she was buried with rocks. Jackie, who followed her aunt watched it all. Jackies father who wasn't involved and got the story from his wife, took the child and left the town and Jackies mother. The devil appeared and told the seven families that they had to stay in Cole Creek until they had been forgiven by the innocent one. When Jackie learns all that, she really forgives the families. But for Ford it's not over yet. The devil waits for him in his house (that's one of the best chapters)and offers the return of his wife Pat. He tells Ford a few more suprising details about Amarisas story. But Ford is able to resist the devil and finally the happy end with Jackie is coming.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. J.DeverauxVon Christine H.Wie immer, wenn man sich aus der Realitt schieen mchte, ist ein solches Buch super. Keine komplizierten Beziehungen, kein unbersichtlichen Dramen. Toll

Kurzbeschreibung Straight from the heart of New York Times bestselling author Jude Deveraux comes a story of love, tragedy, and mystery in a small North Carolina town brimming with secrets. Have you ever lost someone who meant more to you than your own soul? Ford Newcombe has. For years, he loved his wife, Pat, more than anyone -- and anything -- in the world. She came into his life when he was just an inexperienced college student with big dreams of becoming a published author. With love and humor, she guided him down the path that would eventually lead him to more success than he ever dreamed possible. Since Pat's death six years ago, Ford has lived a life of solitude, barely able to put pen to paper, and rumors are flying that it was Pat who actually created the books the world so loved. If there's one thing that Ford needs it's inspiration, and it finally comes in the guise of Jackie Maxwell -- a smart, sassy university researcher with just enough attitude to match Ford's sharp intellect. But it's her intimate knowledge of the story of a young woman's friendship with the devil -- and what the townspeople did to her -- that persuades Ford to hire Jackie as his assistant and to move to Cole Creek, North Carolina, where the story is said to have taken place. They soon learn that even though the inhabitants of Cole Creek try to deny it, they are still plagued by the consequences of the otherworldly tale of passion and death. As Ford and Jackie work to unravel the truth, they discover a connection between their lives and the past, a connection that not only helps them solve a long-ago crime but offers the promise of new love. Loved by readers and critics alike for her "golden touch" (Publishers Weekly), Jude Deveraux has once again created a story that pulls at readers' heartstrings, titillates their imaginations, and uncovers a long-buried passion that far surpasses the boundary between life and death. From Publishers Weekly Forget garden-variety ghosts and poltergeists--the devil himself makes an appearance in bestseller Deveraux's latest romantic suspense novel. When famed mystery writer Ford Newcombe loses his beloved wife, Pat, he can't bear the thought of writing without her. Six years later, Ford is moving from one small town to another in an attempt to cure his writer's block when he hears the story of a woman who was murdered because she loved the devil. Fascinated by the tale, he decides that he must investigate it and approaches Jackie, the storyteller, to offer her the job of assisting him. Needing a change of pace, Jackie agrees to accompany him to Cole Creek, N.C., and strange things begin to happen when they arrive--Jackie instinctively knows her way around the town, she begins to have frightening premonitions that come true and the townspeople insist that the devil tale is just a rumor. Not one to give up, Ford continues to investigate and discovers an article about a 20-year-old murder. As he uncovers more gruesome details, he begins to suspect that Jackie may have somehow been involved in or witnessed the murder. Meanwhile, Jackie meets a man who seems too good to be true, who is also interested in the devil story. As Ford and Jackie work their way closer to the truth, it becomes clear that the story about the devil may be horrifically true. Deveraux's writing is sloppy ("I tried to pep Jackie up because she was looking as forlorn as an abandoned puppy"), but her plotting is effective, and she does a superb job of building up to her chilling conclusion. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Ford Newcombe grew up amongst his 11 uncles and their families, never really fitting in with his ne'er-do-well relatives. He met his wife, Pat, in college and she became his muse, helping him become a famous author. But after 21 years of marriage Pat dies, and Ford is at a loss, looking everywhere for the inspiration to begin writing again. He meets Jackie Maxwell, a young woman with a gift for storytelling, and she tells a doozy about a modern-day woman who is stoned because she was seen consorting with the devil. Ford wants to hire Jackie, but she is about to get married. Life has other plans, however, and Jackie ends up traveling with Ford to Cole Creek, North Carolina, the site of the stoning. Jackie recognizes the town, and she and Ford soon realize that she must have been there before, and perhaps witnessed the event. As in her last book, Forever [BKL O 15 02], Deveraux combines romance and the occult in a new and entertaining manner. Patty Engelmann Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved