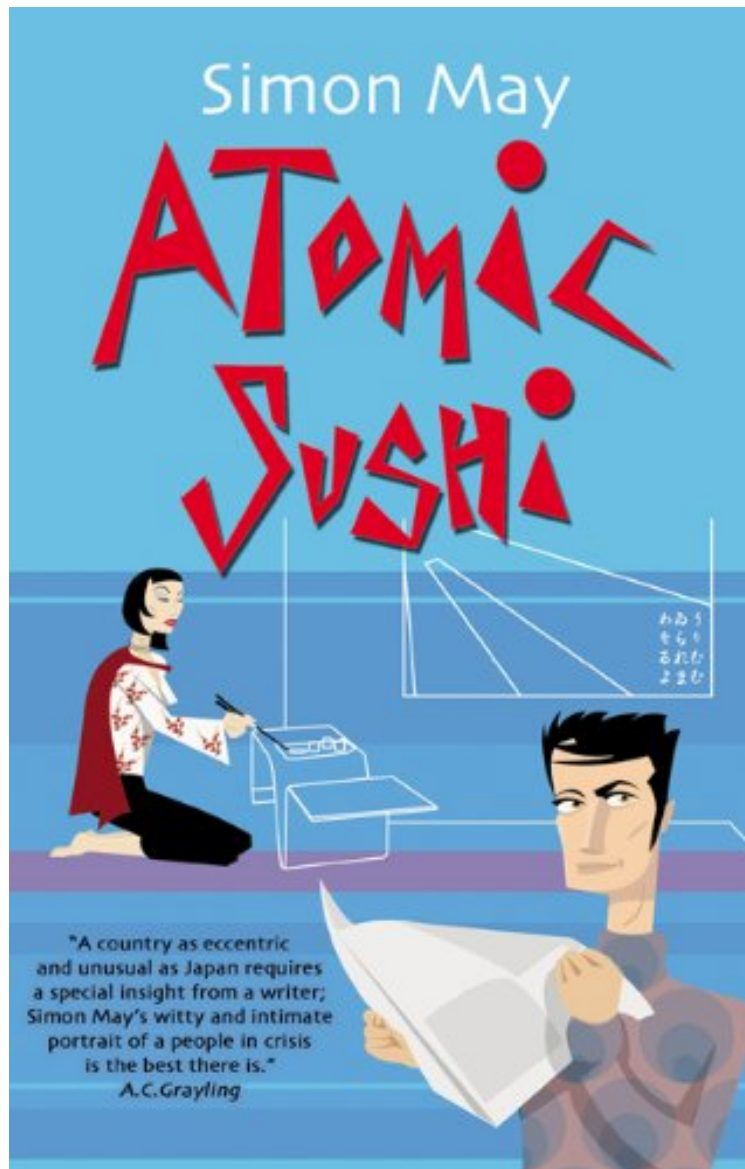


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Von Simon May : Atomic Sushi before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atomic Sushi:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Offener Blick auf eine fremde WeltVon Sabine HuttelEin wunderbares, sehr persnliches Buch ber die Begegnung eines britischen Philosophie-Professors mit Japan. Simon May erzht ausschlielich von eigenen Erfahrungen. Ein Jahr lang

arbeitet er als Gastprofessor an der Todai Universitt in Tokyo und lernt als "teilnehmender Beobachter" die verschiedensten Bereiche dieser fremden Welt kennen. Er studiert das seltsame Verhalten von Fahrgsten in der U-Bahn, die Tcken luxuriser Toiletten, die Unwirtlichkeit der Stadtzentren, besucht Nachtclubs, Wirtschaftsmagnaten, Mnche und "gttliche Heiler", wird mit den Eheproblemen japanischer Paare konfrontiert, erlebt Hochzeiten und Beerdigungen - und wird in all dies manchmal intensiver verwickelt als ihm selbst lieb ist. Nachdenklich-kritisch, teilnahmsvoll, ironisch und selbst-ironisch reflektiert er seine Erlebnisse, urteilt behutsam und stellt eigene Standpunkte in Frage. Das ist sehr vergnglich zu lesen, nicht nur in den vielen grotesken und komischen, auch in den melancholischeren Passagen. Es bereichert, macht neugierig auf Japan und - nicht zuletzt! - sehnschtig nach den Wonnen der feinen japanischen Kche.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Astute and funny Von MJI read this in preparation for a trip to Japan - a very funny and observant outsider's view of Japanese society. A firmly Western perspective - it would be interesting to read a Japanese reader's thoughts on May's observations.

KurzbeschreibungAs the first British Professor of Philosophy since 1882 to be invited to teach at the prestigious and enigmatic University of Tokyo - the Oxbridge of Japan - Simon May enjoyed a degree of access denied to other commentators. Each chapter of the book focuses on some everyday human matter, such as love, death, bureaucracy, hygiene, food, toilets, commuting, education, marriage and memory. Japanese attitudes to such issues are explored through a mixture of light-hearted anecdote and trenchant analysis, and through his vivid accounts of Kafkaesque bureaucracy, flying goldfish, gangsters at funerals, businessmen paying good money to be whipped, doctors faking death certificates and cover-ups at all levels of society, Simon May manages to expose the foibles of a people who have captivated and mystified the West for nearly two centuries.Pressestimmen"It is a sympathetic portrait, prescient about Japan's recovery as a major economic power, and affectionately witty as a study of a sometimes eccentric and often unusual people.' A.C. Grayling In Atomic Sushi, the anecdotes are often hilarious, sharply drawn and told in a droll tone that contrasts with the eccentricities being conjured up. The interpretations are sometimes amusing and sometimes astute... May has a delicious, if sometimes cruel, take on things' The Financial Times 'An intelligent and personable author who writes beautifully and tells good jokes... As well as cataloguing the bizarre and the comic, May subtly expresses his mixed feelings about Japan' The Literary "KurzbeschreibungAs the first British Professor of Philosophy since 1882 to be invited to teach at the prestigious and enigmatic University of Tokyo - the Oxbridge of Japan - Simon May enjoyed a degree of access denied to other commentators. Each chapter of the book focuses on some everyday human matter, such as love, death, bureaucracy, hygiene, food, toilets, commuting, education, marriage and memory. Japanese attitudes to such issues are explored through a mixture of light-hearted anecdote and trenchant analysis, and through his vivid accounts of Kafkaesque bureaucracy, flying goldfish, gangsters at funerals, businessmen paying good money to be whipped, doctors faking death certificates and cover-ups at all levels of society, Simon May manages to expose the foibles of a people who have captivated and mystified the West for nearly two centuries.