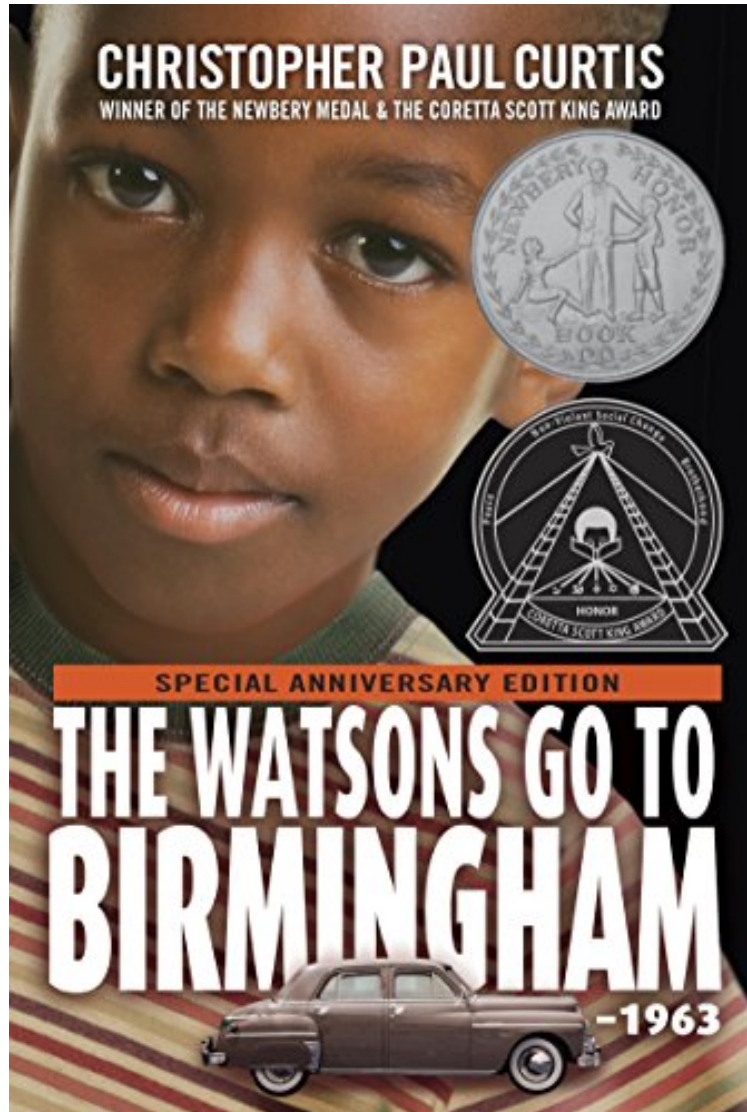


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Excellent Book for all ChildrenVon Ein KundeThe main character is ten-year-old, African-American, Kenny Watson. Kenny is the middle child of a family that lives in Flint, Michigan. This story is mostly about Kenny, his times at school and the love/hate relationships with his older brother, Byron and little sister, Joetta. Kenny is a bright child, and an excellent reader, but he has lazy eyes. These attributes sometimes cause him to be made fun of. Kenny's brother

gets into much trouble during the time of the book and the parents decide to send him to his grandmother for the summer. Near the end of the book, the whole family takes a trip to Birmingham, Alabama to drop off Byron. While there, Kenny almost drowns in a lake and Joetta is nearly killed, during one infamous bombing of an African American church. The children are exposed to the hatred felt toward their people and the book ends with their dealing of this hatred. The epilogue is excellent in summing up some of the events of that time period, and of the heroes that were prevalent. The hatred and racism touches you deeply because you had grown to love and respect the Watson family. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Mequon Post Book Review of The Watsons Go to Birmingham Von Ein Kunde Andrew Yount Evan Hosseini ELA- MS 4/6/2000 Mequon Post Book Review of The Watsons Go To Birmingham 1963 Have you ever wanted to read a good book that took place during the Civil Rights Movement? Well this book is all that and more. Now let me tell you a little bit about it. The Watsons Go To Birmingham 1963, by Christopher Paul Curtis, is a comical, and sad story of a family that lives in Flint, Michigan who go to Birmingham, Alabama to visit their grandma, and to drop off their troublesome teenager there for the summer, so their grandma can teach him a lesson. The story doesn't start in Birmingham though, it starts in Flint and, takes the Watsons almost the whole book till they finally go to Birmingham, Alabama. This book takes place back during the civil rights movement, and the the Watsons are a "colored" family, so you must imagine that the Watsons had to go through many hardships in Birmingham. Kenny the narrator goes through a big personality change, and so does his brother Byron, [the troublesome teenager]. Byron starts out in the book as a bully who only cares about himself. At one time, Byron was "the lead dog" in the family according to him. Towards the end of the book Byron is a caring brother who cares about his family. Kenny, the narrator, is a nice, and normal kid when the book starts out, but after an incident that took in Birmingham he doesn't think he can really trust other people, but his family. He hides behind the couch for a long time, so "the magic powers" can help him find out more about himself. The magic powers are something Kenny believes in, and they live behind the couch. Kenny thinks the magic powers help his hurt pets, because whenever his pets get hurt, they go behind the couch. When the animals come out they end up feeling better. There are many themes in this book. some of them are, that racial discrimination can be painful to a family, and can destroy the lives of people. Kenny learns that a friend isn't just someone you play with, it is some one you trust and value as a person. This book also deals with how people deal with loss. I give this book four stars out of five, which means this book is good, but not excellent. If I could change something in this book I would put more action in it to make it more exciting. Towards the end the book jumps from event to event without explaining things inbetween events. If I were the author, that is another thing I would change. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963 book review Von Ein Kunde The Watsons go to Birmingham-1963, by Christopher Paul Curtis, is a great book. It takes place during the Civil rights movement. It is about a Family that lives in Flint, Michigan. The family is made up of Daniel (dad), Wilona (mom), Byron, Kenny, and Joetta, also known as Joey. I think the characters in this story are really interesting. Kenny is smart. He reads stuff to higher grades than he is in. He is also one of the least popular kids in his school. And, he has a lazy eye. Kenny's big brother Byron is a trouble maker. He is known as the god of the school children at Clark elementary. Joetta, Kenny's little sister, likes to protect Byron from her mom. She also believes all the tall tales he makes up. The whole family seems so realistic. Christopher Paul Curtis does something cool with Byron in the book. Byron changes from a trouble-maker to a nice person. He changes because of a true historical event that happened in this story. In the beginning of the story is parents get so mad because of the bad stuff he did. They decide to drive to their grandma Sands house in Birmingham, Alabama. That is how they end up going to Birmingham. Christopher Paul Curtis has a cool bad guy for the story. When they are in Birmingham, Kenny goes some where he shouldn't go and meets the bad guy of the story, The Wool Pooh. He says that it has a gray body, no face, square feet, square shoulders, and square fingers. Kenny sees the Wool Pooh twice in the story. When he is swimming where he shouldn't and after the historical event. Kenny thinks that it means death. I think there are some bad things about the book. Christopher Paul Curtis skips the part when they are going back to Flint. There are some other things he doesn't tell about. For example, He doesn't tell when Kenny tells his Mom, Dad, and Byron that Joey is back at Grandma Sands house I give this story four stars. It is a great book to read. One of the morales of this story is how important family is. That is why Byron became changed from a trouble-maker to a nice person. So all in all I think you should definitely read this book. And if you want to find out what the historical event is, read the book.

Kurzbeschreibung The Newbery and Coretta Scott King Honoree about the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan from Christopher Paul Curtis, author of Bud, Not Buddy, a Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott Award Winner. Enter the hilarious world of ten-year-old Kenny and his family, the Weird Watsons of Flint, Michigan. There's Momma, Dad, little sister Joetta, and brother Byron, who's thirteen and an "official juvenile delinquent." When Byron gets to be too much trouble, they head South to Birmingham to visit Grandma, the one person who can shape him up. And they happen to be in Birmingham when Grandma's church is blown up. AN ALA TOP TEN BEST BOOK AN ALA

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BEST BOOK NAMED TO MULTIPLE STATE AWARD LISTS "Every so often a book becomes a modern classic almost as soon as it arrives on bookshelves. That happened in the mid-'90s when Christopher Paul Curtis released his first book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham 1963*." NPR From the Hardcover edition. de The year is 1963, and self-important Byron Watson is the bane of his younger brother Kenny's existence. Constantly in trouble for one thing or another, from straightening his hair into a "conk" to lighting fires to freezing his lips to the mirror of the new family car, Byron finally pushes his family too far. Before this "official juvenile delinquent" can cut school or steal change one more time, Momma and Dad finally make good on their threat to send him to the deep south to spend the summer with his tiny, strict grandmother. Soon the whole family is packed up, ready to make the drive from Flint, Michigan, straight into one of the most chilling moments in America's history: the burning of the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church with four little girls inside. Christopher Paul Curtis's alternately hilarious and deeply moving novel, winner of the Newbery Honor and the Coretta Scott King Honor, blends the fictional account of an African American family with the factual events of the violent summer of 1963. Fourth grader Kenny is an innocent and sincere narrator; his ingenuousness lends authenticity to the story and invites readers of all ages into his world, even as it changes before his eyes. Curtis is also the acclaimed author of *Bud, Not Buddy*, winner of the Newbery Medal. (Ages 9 to 12) -- Emilie Coulter.com

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