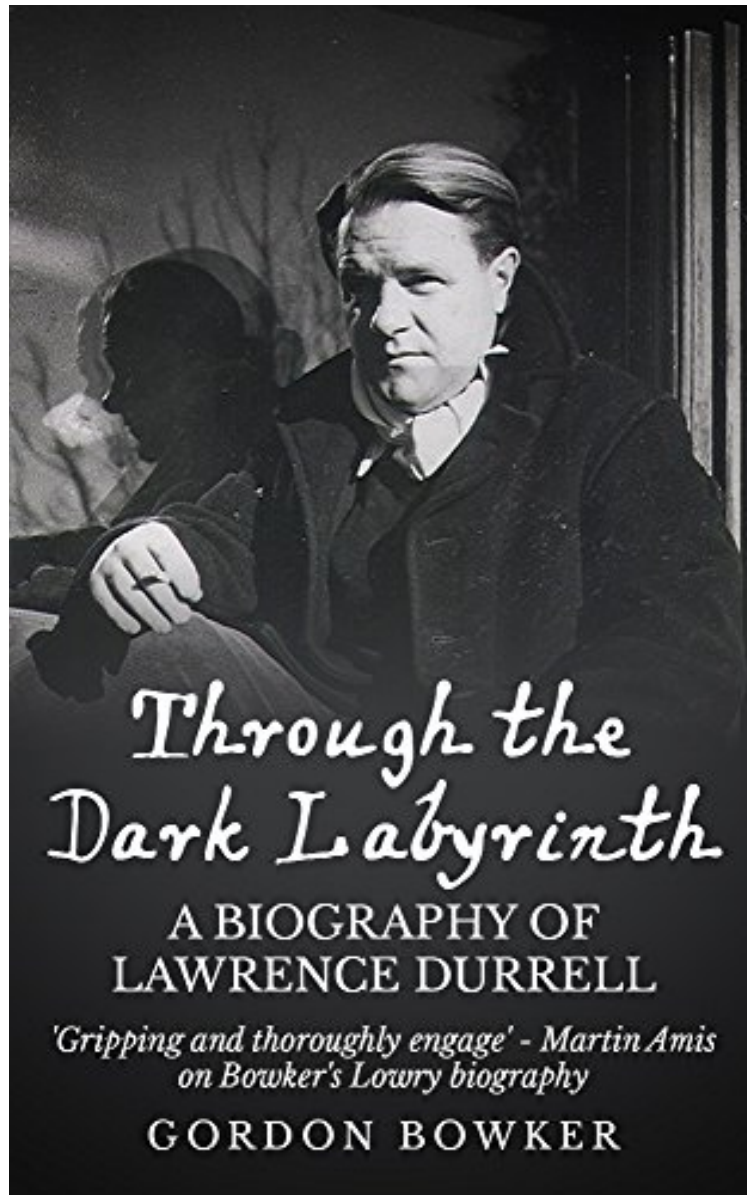


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A decent biography and fun readVon James GiffordGordon Bowker's biography of Durrell is an easy read and has plenty of references to Durrell's 'dark side' to satisfy the reader who is looking for pure entertainment. As an academic biography it is hindered by not being able to quote from Durrell's own works or from unpublished materials, since it was released very shortly before the more thorough official biography. Moreover the attention to accuracy is not nearly as close as that of Ian MacNiven's work (the official biography), and Bowker has a tendency toward omitting important details which would alter to 'glamour' of the biography. One such point of difference is the allegations of incest which were posthumously levelled against Durrell and his daughter by the *publicist* for his deceased daughter's journals. Notably, these journals do not contain this allegation and were being published in the wake of Nin's "Incest". Bowker treats these as fact, despite the problems involved, does not reveal that the allegations were not made by the daughter nor that the 'friend' who made them had waited ten years before raising the issue (which surely helped publicity). Bowker's biography is fun and popular, but for accuracy, detail and literary merit Ian MacNiven's new biography "Lawrence Durrell; A Biography" is a far better value. Nonetheless, anyone interesting in Durrell's works would benefit from both. Feel free to email me to discuss this book.

KurzbeschreibungWhen Durrell came into the room it was as though someone had uncorked a bottle of vintage champagne, said a friend. But there was a dark cruel side to the bubbling Durrell and this brilliantly creative writer's life was indeed labyrinthine.Born in India, schooled under Mount Everest, where Tibetan lamas trekked to and fro, he lived thereafter in a Tibet of the mind. Expelled from this paradise to school in gloomy England (his Pudding Island), he fled into exile, spending his most productive years in Greece and around the Mediterranean. In wartime Egypt he conceived The Alexandria Quartet, which brought fame with its exploration of modern love and experimental form. His great last novel cycle, The Avignon Quintet, has intrigued readers ever since with its formal complexity and compelling mystery.Married four times, he lost two daughters (through separation and suicide) and his most blissful marriage ended in his wife's sudden death. Wine and sun inspired him; sex and madness obsessed him as sources of creativity. These things mark his work, showing a dark side to the effervescent wit evident in his writing. Posthumous charges of incest cast a shadow over his memory, but nothing can detract from the scope and brilliance of his achievement.'Bowker is a shrewd judge of character and has substantial storytelling flair. He effortlessly weaves biography and criticism together into a discerning whole.A noteworthy success that meets the highest standard of literary biography.' - KirkusFascinating: it is faithful to the work of its subject, and endorses his eminent place in literature; and it manages to make Durrell the man greater than his unkind and unloving heart. Sunday IndependentGordon Bowker was born in Birmingham, where he attended King Edward's Grammar School, Camp Hill. He went on to study at university in both Nottingham and London before teaching sociology at Goldsmith's College, London, from 1966 to 1991. He spent six years teaching courses in biography, and also worked as a reviewer and critic for several newspapers. His works include Pursued by Furies: A Biography of Malcolm Lowry, as well as biographies of George Orwell and James Joyce.Endeavour Press is the UK's leading independent publisher of digital books..deLawrence Durrell, best known as the author of the acclaimed Alexandria Quartet, is often considered to be one of the most significant writers of the 20th century. A friend and confidante of Henry Miller and Anais Nin, he was reputed to live on the edge while pursuing his career as a British diplomat. In this biography, Gordon Bowker, the author of Pursued by Furies: A life of Malcom Lowry, reveals Durrell to be a complex man beset at times by incredibly painful circumstances that he was somehow able to transmute into his fiction. Indeed, at times the writer's life, with four marriages, many affairs, some unusual sexual obsessions, and experiences living and traveling in unusual locations, almost reads like exotic fiction.KurzbeschreibungWhen Durrell came into the room it was as though someone had uncorked a bottle of vintage champagne, said a friend. But there was a dark cruel side to the bubbling Durrell and this brilliantly creative writer's life was indeed labyrinthine.Born in India, schooled under Mount Everest, where Tibetan lamas trekked to and fro, he lived thereafter in a Tibet of the mind. Expelled from this paradise to school in gloomy England (his Pudding Island), he fled into exile, spending his most productive years in Greece and around the Mediterranean. In wartime Egypt he conceived The Alexandria Quartet, which brought fame with its exploration of modern love and experimental form. His great last novel cycle, The Avignon Quintet, has intrigued readers ever since with its formal complexity and compelling mystery.Married four times, he lost two daughters (through separation and suicide) and his most blissful marriage ended in his wife's sudden death. Wine and sun inspired him; sex and madness obsessed him as sources of creativity. These things mark his work, showing a dark side to the effervescent wit evident in his writing. Posthumous charges of incest cast a shadow over his memory, but nothing can detract from the scope and brilliance of his achievement.'Bowker is a shrewd judge of character and has substantial storytelling flair. He effortlessly weaves biography and criticism together into a discerning whole.A noteworthy success that meets the highest standard of literary biography.' - KirkusFascinating: it is faithful to the work of its subject, and endorses his eminent place in literature; and it manages to make Durrell the man greater than his

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