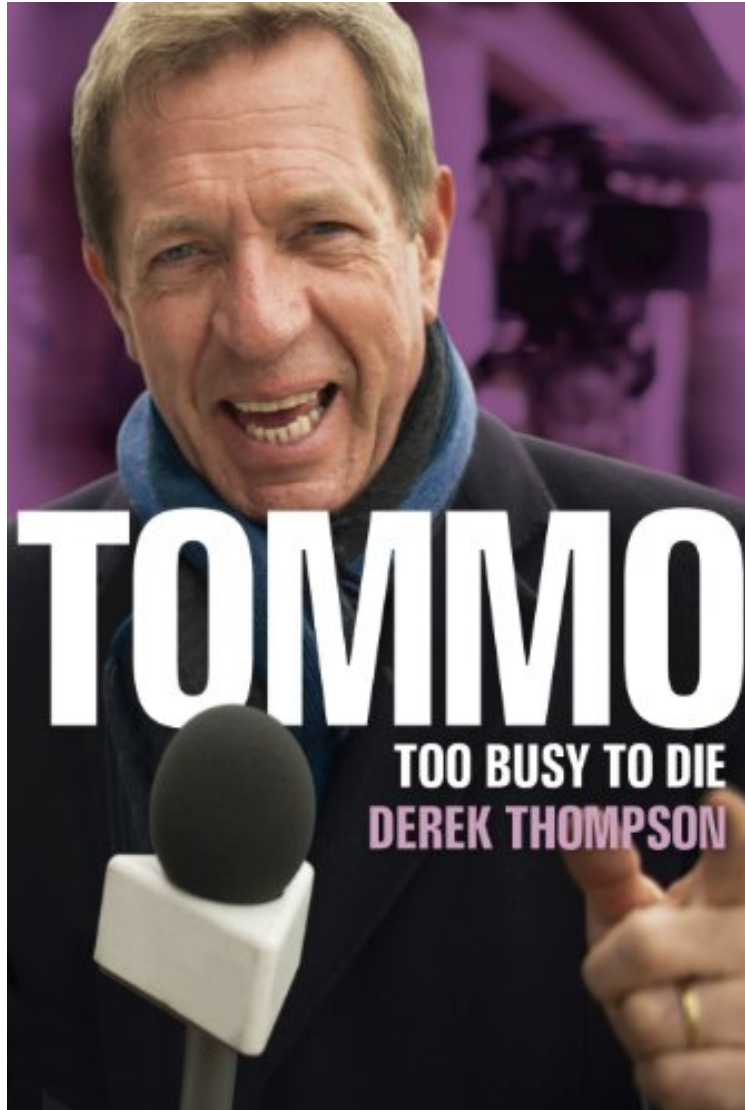


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**Von Derek Thompson : Tommo: Too Busy To Die (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tommo: Too Busy To Die (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An entertaining read Von Peter Durward Harris I found this book to be a very enjoyable read, not least because Tommo (as he is generally known to the public) has confessed to some serious flaws. Don't we all have those? I can't say I agree with all of Tommo's opinions, nor can I endorse everything he has done, but overall I think he has been good for British racing. It seems that he had a good start in life, being born to parents who have been very supportive. A lot of

us haven't been so lucky, as Tommo acknowledges. He also made a lifelong friend at the age of 4 who also became famous - Bob Champion. Tommo's life and career have been quite eventful. He worked for BBC radio in the 70s, when he contributed part of the commentary for the Grand Nationals; he did the bit near Valentine's. Less famously, he originally tried being a jockey, but was unsuccessful. His only victory came many years later, when he rode against Prince Charles and some others in a special event. Another bizarre episode was the Shergar kidnap, in which Tommo was asked to be one of the negotiators to free him. Completing a trio of bizarre episodes was the Top Cees court case, in which Tommo was subpoenaed to be a witness. He did so reluctantly, knowing that if he refused he might go to prison, and that if he obeyed the court order, he might alienate a lot of people. Tommo has had three wives. Little is said about the first, which was childless and may have been a case of both parties marrying too young, but the second and third marriages both produced children. The second marriage was to Janie, a daughter of rugby commentator Bill McLaren. Tommo is full of praise for Janie, saying how wonderful she was as wife and mother, but this didn't stop him eventually getting into a relationship with another (younger) woman. Janie left Tommo and died of cancer within a few years, still only in her mid-40s. Tommo can think himself fortunate that he remains on good terms with his and Janie's sons. The book contains a lot about his TV and radio career, but it seems he missed a golden opportunity. He once asked the Queen if she would appear on the Morning Line one Saturday. When she asked if that would mean putting up with McCricker, he said yes, so she declined. What might have happened if he had suggested that just for her, it might be possible to leave him out for that day? As another reviewer has said, Tommo is somewhat full of himself, but he has also acknowledged some flaws - and I might yet buy My Autobiography: The Voice of Rugby to see what he has to say about Tommo and Janie - so I enjoyed the book. I always thought of Tommo as a 5-star presenter and still do. I also think this book is a 5-star book, but maybe Tommo the man only deserves 4 stars. I heartily recommend this book to every fan of British horse racing.

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