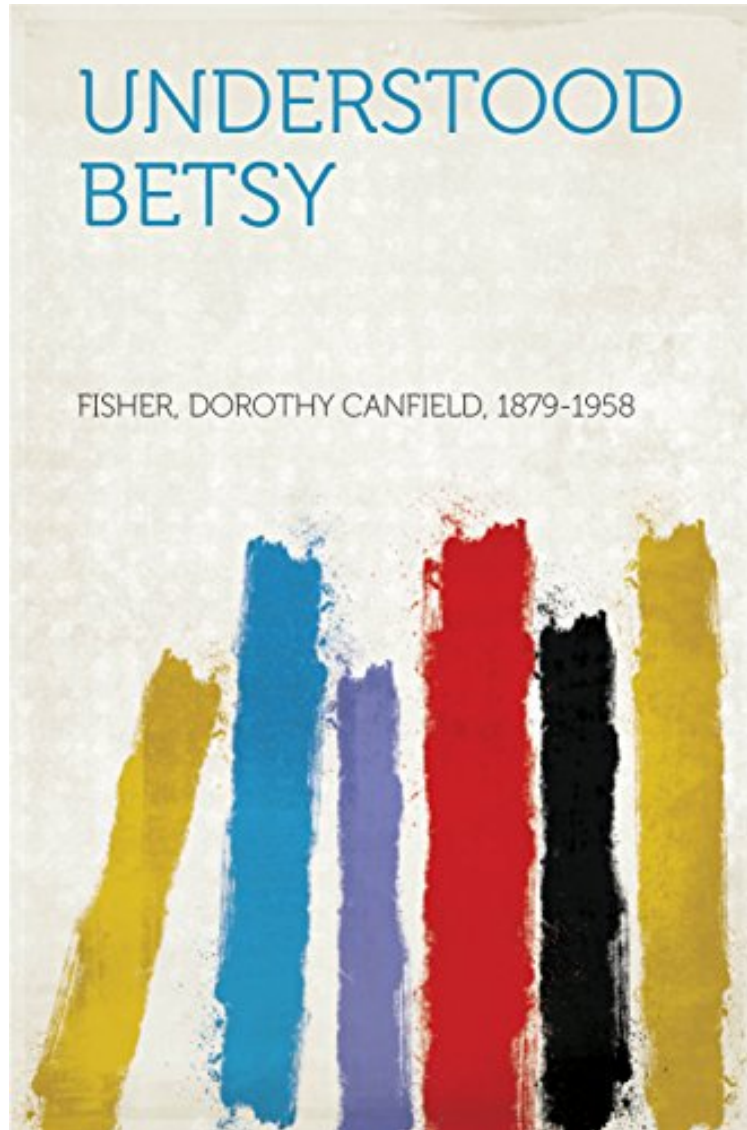


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I can't rate it high enoughVon E. A. SolinasThis was the first of these older books that I could stand to read, and I read it until the cover came off.Elizabeth is a supposedly delicate child (both physically and emotionally) whose parents died when she was a baby, and who has been coddled into a state of mild nuttiness by well-meaning, devoted aunts. When she fancies herself ill, a doctor is brought in. He finds nothing in her, but discovers that one of her relatives has

tuberculosis. Elizabeth is hurriedly handed away to other relatives, the Putneys, who live simple, gritty, fulfilling lives completely opposite her own. Though she initially is horrified both by their down-to-earth lifestyle and their apparent ignorance of her (they don't see her as delicate), she gradually begins to enjoy it. She gains confidence, courage, and emotional strength, but then her doting aunt arrives to pick her up. Does she choose to go with her? 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Excellent! A 9 year old girl learns to think for herself. Von johnmoffat@aol.com In the beginning, as Peggy Parrish puts it, Elizabeth Ann was a wimp. She was sent to her cousins, the Putneys, in the middle of her story. They began to teach her how to think for herself. By the end of the story she could think about anything she wanted to without explaining it to anyone. This is a very well written story. It's a wonderful book relating to life at the turn of the century. It shows how schools, homes and lifestyles have changed over the years. This is one of the top ten books on my personal list. I received this book as a Christmas present in 1997 when I was eight years old. I thought it was an excellent story because Betsy really improved in her new one-room school. Her teacher is really nice because she let Betsy read with the seventh graders, do second grade math and third grade spelling! This story really makes you feel like you are Betsy's friend Ellen. I also like how she and the other girls in her one-room school joined together to make new clothes for the boy whose stepfather is an alcoholic. All the people are really caring in this book. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. How many books from your childhood do you still remember? Von woohoo@nconnect.net I first received "Understood Betsy" when I was 8 years old, over 20 years ago, and I still remember some of the passages and characters as if I had read them yesterday. I read and reread this book countless times throughout my childhood. Written in 1916, "Understood Betsy" immerses the reader into rural life in the 1800's. Elizabeth goes from the city to live with farmer cousins, who call her Betsy. She then becomes a girl who learns to do things for herself, think for herself, and take care of others. Most interesting, the book shows the older view of treasuring common day moments, such as making the applesauce or playing dolls. If you always enjoyed the "Little House" and "Caddie Woodlawn" books, then you will LOVE "Understood Betsy", which delves even more into the everyday life of girls in that time.

Kurzbeschreibung HardPress Classic Books Series.de Anyone who fondly remembers how the fresh air of the moors puts a blush in the cheeks of sallow young Mary in *The Secret Garden* will love Dorothy Canfield Fisher's *Understood Betsy* just as much. First published in 1916, this engaging classic tells the tale of a thin, pale 9-year-old orphan named Elizabeth Ann who is whisked away from her city home and relocated to a Vermont farm where her cousins, the "dreaded Putneys," live. The Putneys are not as bad as her doting, high-strung Aunt Frances warns, however, and Elizabeth, who had been nurtured by her aunt like an overwatered sapling--positively blooms under their breezy, earthy care. Elizabeth Ann's first victories are small ones--taking the reins from Uncle Harry, doing her own hair, making her own breakfast--but children will revel in the awakening independence and growing self-confidence of a girl who learns to think for herself... and even laugh. Along the way, "citified" readers of all ages will get a glimpse into the lives of people who are truly connected to the world around them--making butter ("We always bought ours," says Elizabeth Ann), experiencing the "rapt wonder that people in the past were really people," and understanding the difference between failing in school and failing at life. Fisher is a wise, personable storyteller, steeped in the Montessori principles of learning for its own sake, the value of process, and the importance of "indirect support" in child rearing. She also captures the tempestuous emotional life of a child as few authors can, crafting a story that children will find deeply satisfying. And in the end, readers will have grown as fond of the happier, stronger "Betsy" as the gentle, unassuming Putneys have. Loving care was dolloped on this 1999 reissue of an old favorite--with sweet new pencil illustrations by Kimberly Bulcken Root, and an introduction and afterword by Eden Ross Lipson that offer a historical context for the book and its author. (Ages 8 to 12) --Karin Snelson *Pressestimmen* *New York Times Book* "*Understood Betsy* is as satisfying in its evocation of an earlier, simpler way of life as Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* books, and psychologically more acute. Fisher is a master of presenting, in a low-key, humorous way, a New Englandy way of doing and saying things . . . *Understood Betsy* is sure to delight a new generation of very busy, over-scheduled children whose own chances for early independence and initiative are limited. It may even teach their parents a thing or two about the best way to raise a child. The *New York Times Book* "*Understood Betsy* is as satisfying in its evocation of an earlier, simpler way of life as Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House* books, and psychologically more acute. Fisher is a master of presenting, in a low-key, humorous way, a 'New Englandy' way of doing and saying things . . . *Understood Betsy* is sure to delight a new generation of very busy, over-scheduled children whose own chances for early independence and initiative are limited. It may even teach their parents a thing or two about the best way to raise

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