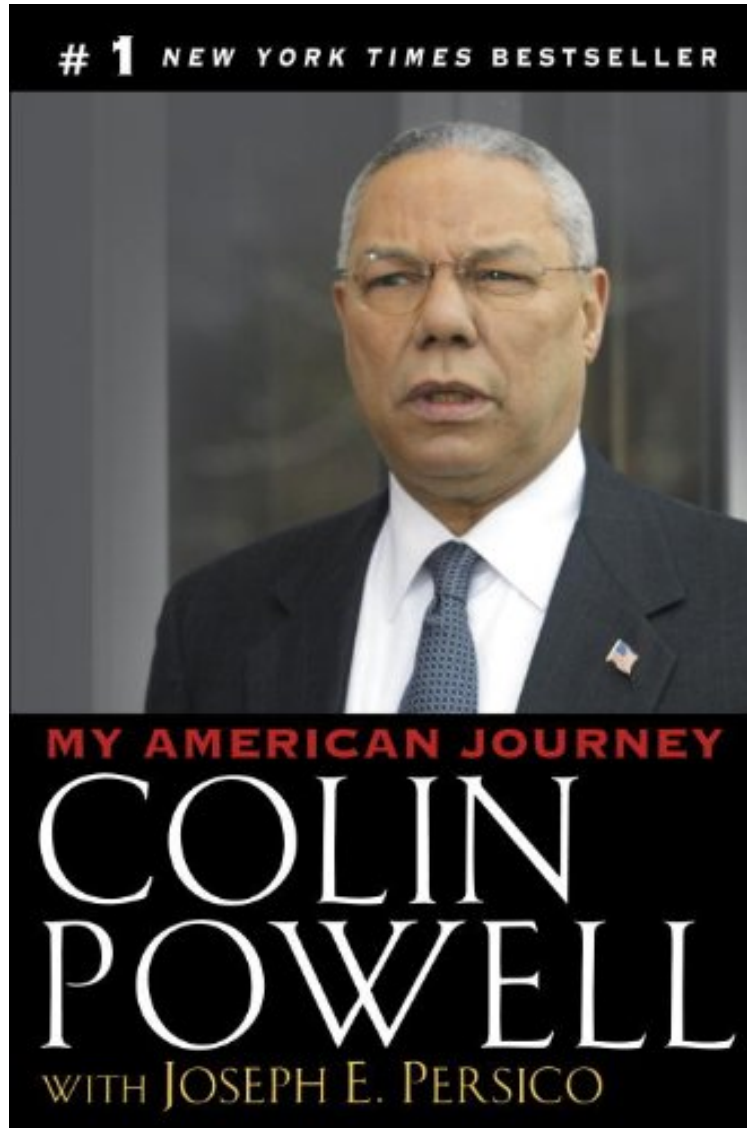


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. die pfofen in den hornissen-nestern der welt ...Von FrizzText"americans do not want their young dying for \$1.50-a-gallon oil. we can't make a case for losing lives in kuwait:" COLIN POWELL, zeitlebens brave taube, ist nun von der terminatrix im hintergrund, CONDOLEEZZA RICE, endgltig ausgebootet worden. als strippenzieherin des falkenlagers, stndig george w. bush nah am ohr, hatte sie powell eh schon recht lange das leben schwer gemacht. umso

interessanter eigentlich, was Powell, auf sein Leben zurückblickend, aufzuzischen hat. Bei seinen Beurteilungen des serbien- oder irak-Krieges entdeckt man, dass er nur widerwillig sich in diese Hornissen-Nester ziehen lie - die Sorge um das seiner Obhut anvertraute Leben der Soldaten lie ihn sehr oft bremsend argumentieren und fragen (zu häufig für den Geschmack der Hardliner), ob hier denn Amerikas Interessen wirklich zur Debatte stünden. Aus allem die Armee herauszuhalten, ist Powell nun aber wahrlich nicht gelungen. Aufgewachsen in der Bronx (zudem farbige), schlimmes erlebt in Vietnam, sich durchgebissen bis ins Weiße Haus: trotz aller Persönlichkeits-Strike: die Kriegslust der gegenwärtigen Washingtoner Administration umzubiegen, ist ihm trotz allen Selbstvertrauens nicht gelungen. Vielleicht wäre ohne seinen Sachverstand noch alles viel schlimmer abgelaufen! Dies ist der Grund, wieso es sich lohnt, die Nase in diese 600 Seiten zu stecken. Von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. He's lived an interesting life and written a FANTASTIC book! Von Ein Kunde This book deserves praise on so many different levels. Powell has told a wonderful story about his life, but that's what an autobiography is supposed to do. He has given us many of his opinions and insights into the Washington political and military culture, but that's what everyone expected him to do. He has also provided us with a readable and thoroughly enjoyable modern social history. This is what makes the book a "must read." This book is not a dry historical text. It is nostalgic or new, culturally, politically and militarily, depending on the reader's experiences. For example, Powell's story of driving through the South, alone, during the height of America's racial and civil unrest will undoubtedly cause some readers to stop and think about related events in their own lives. However, for younger readers the passage may be more of an educational awakening. Either way, all readers will be touched. The reason this book succeeds is because Powell does not only what is necessary or expected, but what is interesting as well. And he does it in a down-to-earth, conversational way. This book is for anyone of any age, political party, race or occupation. This book is for anyone who wants to learn not only about Colin Powell and his "American Journey," but also about OUR American journey. Von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Tactical insights from the so-called "political" General Von Ein Kunde It's surprising to learn some tactical points from Gen. Powell who is often referred to as being political: having his ARVN troops wear flak jackets on point in Vietnam, his attention to detail while jumping with U.S. Army PATHFINDER School come to mind. His principles in the back of the book are good to post on everyone's wall and bulletin board. But readers need to be very careful about pitching Gen Powell's story as proof positive that being good will garner you success. His encounter with the bigoted CO at Fort Carson almost ruined his career had it not been for "mentors" looking over him and protecting him. There are a lot of "Colin Powells" in the military or have been in the military who when they meet this career threatening jerk-of-a-co; find no one to save them, and we lose their brilliance. We do a great dis-service to our young people when we push blind naivete' and ambition as the answers to life without telling them of the jealousies and back-stabbings that are sure to follow. Gen Powell clearly understands this because he always tries to remind everyone that the "U.S." in "U.S. Army" means US--all of us, that one person's success means everyone's success. I like Gen Powell's egalitarianism shown in the book, and I hope people who read it be like him. I wish the U.S. Army would create a required reading list for its Soldiers, place this book on that list and give their people correspondence course credit after answering questions on the book (should be some essay questions to make them think) to jump-start the professional revival we need starting from the bottom up, by all ranks not just high-brow officers.

Kurzbeschreibung "A GREAT AMERICAN SUCCESS STORY . . . AN ENDEARING AND WELL-WRITTEN BOOK."--The New York Times Book Colin Powell is the embodiment of the American dream. He was born in Harlem to immigrant parents from Jamaica. He knew the rough life of the streets. He overcame a barely average start at school. Then he joined the Army. The rest is history--Vietnam, the Pentagon, Panama, Desert Storm--but a history that until now has been known only on the surface. Here, for the first time, Colin Powell himself tells us how it happened, in a memoir distinguished by a heartfelt love of country and family, warm good humor, and a soldier's directness. MY AMERICAN JOURNEY is the powerful story of a life well lived and well told. It is also a view from the mountaintop of the political landscape of America. At a time when Americans feel disenchanting with their leaders, General Powell's passionate views on family, personal responsibility, and, in his own words, "the greatness of America and the opportunities it offers" inspire hope and present a blueprint for the future. An utterly absorbing account, it is history with a vision. "The stirring, only-in-America story of one determined man's journey from the South Bronx to directing the mightiest of military forces . . . Fascinating."--The Washington Post Book World "Eloquent."--Los Angeles Times Book "PROFOUND AND MOVING . . . Must reading for anyone who wants to reaffirm his faith in the promise of America."--Jack Kemp The Wall Street Journal "A book that is much like its subject--articulate, confident, impressive, but unpretentious and witty. . . . Whether you are a political junkie, a military buff, or just interested in a good story, MY AMERICAN JOURNEY is a book well worth reading."--San Diego Union Tribune "Colin Powell's candid, introspective autobiography is a joy for all with an appetite for well-written political and social commentary."--The Detroit News From the Paperback edition..de The story of Colin Powell is the classic American story, or at least, it's what we like to think the classic American story should be. The son of hard-working

Jamaican immigrants, Powell was born in Harlem, grew up in the racially integrated South Bronx, attended the City College of New York, joined the R.O.T.C. and discovered his passion for things military. After stints in Korea, Vietnam and Germany he made his most important marks in the Pentagon bureaucracy, cultivating civilian and military contacts and advancing above his colleagues on an express ride through the ranks. As the ultimate insider, Powell is coveted by both political parties, but questions his own ability to switch from military hero to politician. From Library Journal This is the "story so far," as General Powell tells it, from the Bronx to Vietnam to the White House, from the common to the regal. His account is one of captivating extremes, tales that span from peeling potatoes with the Soviet General Staff to conversing with the Queen of England. When Powell is not working on world crises-Panama, Iraq, Haiti-he's doing normal things like normal people, courting, quitting smoking, fighting calories. As a White House Fellow, National Security Advisor, and then the "youngest officer, the first African American, and the first ROTC candidate" to become Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Powell dealt with "every issue from arms control to Bermuda tax treaties." It's all very personable: Powell's Rules for running a meeting, his political philosophy, working for a chocoholic Defense Secretary, getting caught by Pentagon security with an antique rifle. But will he run for president? No clear answer is given here. For popular biography collections.--John Yurechko, Georgetown Univ., Washington, D.C. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.