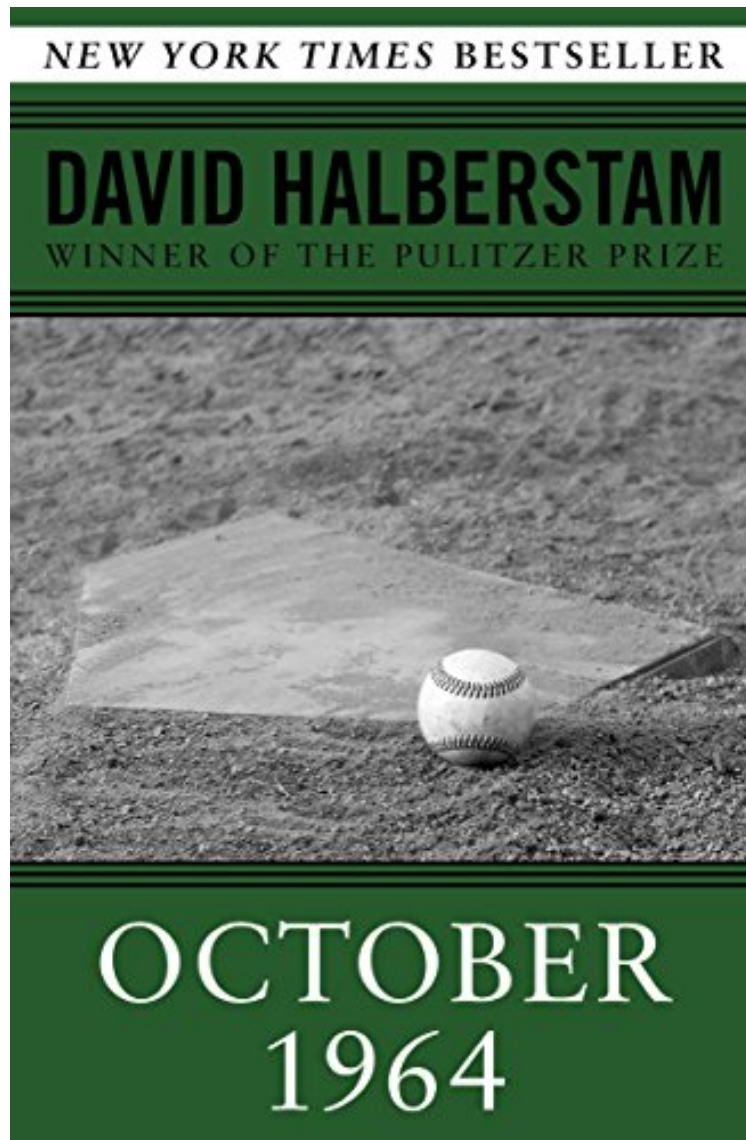


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Von David Halberstam : October 1964 (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised October 1964 (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well written and fascinating baseball storyand more.Von Mike PowersWith his book "October 1964," author David Halberstam once again proves himself an exceptionally talented sportswriter, as well as a superb historian and journalist. Written in the same vein as "The Summer of '49," his 1989 book on baseball, "October 1964" tells the story

of the last season of the great New York Yankee dynasty of the 1950s and 60s, the St. Louis Cardinals' 1964 championship season, and the climactic seven-game 1964 Yankees-Cardinals World Series. This is much more than a straightforward account of a baseball season and World Series. Halberstam, a writer well known for books combining excellent history with insightful social commentary, ("The Best and the Brightest," "The Fifties," "The Children," among them,) delivers a well researched historical narrative and an incisive analysis of both the Yankees' and Cardinals' 1964 seasons and players, set against the backdrop of ongoing social ferment in the United States of the 1960s. The reader is introduced to a Yankees team of aging white superstars - Mickey Mantle, Roger Maris and Whitey Ford among them - a team living on past glories and hoping to keep its dynasty alive. The St. Louis Cardinals, by contrast, was a team made up of young and predominantly black players - Bob Gibson, Lou Brock, and Curt Flood (who would one day help change the face of baseball) - bringing new levels of speed and power to the game, and rising to dominance in the National League. Halberstam eloquently interweaves a narrative of each team's season with the story of the black players' struggle against prejudice, at the time the Civil Rights movement in the United States was gaining momentum. The culmination of this book is Halberstam's description of how the 1964 World Series was played, won and lost, and some of the surprising turns of events in the aftermath of the World Series. "October 1964" is simply an excellent read - highly entertaining, fast paced, witty, anecdotal, and authoritative. Lovers of baseball, and those who know nothing about the game, will enjoy this book. Highly recommended!

0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Lush portraits of Mantle, Gibson, Maris, Brock, Flood, etc. Von Andy Orrock The book's title - 'October 1964' - is in a way misleading, as it is more about how the teams *got* to the '64 World Series as opposed to the Series itself. In fact, Halberstam doesn't begin his coverage of the Series until page 316, and then it's seven quick chapters (one per game) and a fine epilogue to the completion at page 373. Regardless, '64' is an outstanding piece of work. Written in Halberstam's inimitable style, the book hops back and forth between the Yankees season and the Cardinals season. For true Yankee and Cardinal fans, the amazingly detailed finely researched chapters on Mickey Mantle (Chapter 7, get it?) and Bob Gibson are the absolute high points of the many richly detailed portraits that form the core of the book. On Mantle in 1964: "That spring training was more an ordeal than ever for Mantle. He was only 32, a relatively young age for outfielders, but his body was an old 32. Convinced by his family history that Mantle men died before they were 40, he had never taken care of himself. He had played hard and caroused hard during the season, and he had both caroused and loafed when each season was finished, letting his body slip out of condition by not doing even minimal exercise." On Gibson in 1964: "Later, in the seasons that followed, as he watched Gibson intimidate opposing hitters, Tom Tresh thought the Yankees had been relatively lucky in this series in the sense that they were new to Gibson. They were battling only his skills, no small thing in itself, instead of having to battle both that and his reputation, as teams would have to in the future. For after this World Series he would not be just Bob Gibson, he would be the great Bob Gibson, and his myth would loom bigger, and because of that, in the minds of hitters, his fastball would be faster, the slider would break sharper and wider, and the word about how he shaved hitters with a fastball would be more ominous." Great stuff or what? And plenty more where that comes from. The portrait of Gibson alone - all of it incredibly stirring material about his hard work and perseverance in making it to the Cardinals - stretches to 24 pages. This book is an absolute must-read for any true fan of baseball and its rich history. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. I Had to Say "5 Stars" Because There Was No "6" Available! Von Ein Kunde This is not your typical sports book. It is a story about the characters, wills, and struggles of a group of men who happened to be involved in one of the greatest seasons of baseball ever. Halberstam definitely does his research for this book, a point that is made obvious not only in the book's acknowledgements, but also in the text of the novel itself. This is a history, but it is told almost as if it were fiction. Some of the stories actually sound too good to be true! This book will give you a good laugh too. And it will make you think, definitely about more than just baseball. If you do like baseball, then this book is absolutely for you. Put it in your cart right now! Halberstam develops character unlike any other, and his storytelling technique is enchanting. You will develop a new appreciation for men like Gibson, Brock, White, Uecker, Mantle, Whitey Ford, Ernie Banks, Berra, Maris, The Boyer Boys, Curt Flood, and even Tim McCarver. By the end of the book you know all of these heroes as if you played on the same team with them. It will also make you appreciate just a little bit more what Sosa and McGwire have gone up against in the 1998 season! Plus, Halberstam incorporates some of the lesser-known influences who had quite an impact on the game (and on history), none more deserving than the African American baseball patriarchs like Buck O'Neill. What great men. And if you like this book, you had better read Summer of 49. Very similar in style to October 1964, within a different era of American history.

Kurzbeschreibung The bestselling follow-up to the classic *The Summer of 49*, illuminating the heart-pounding 1964 World Series between the Yankees and Cardinals