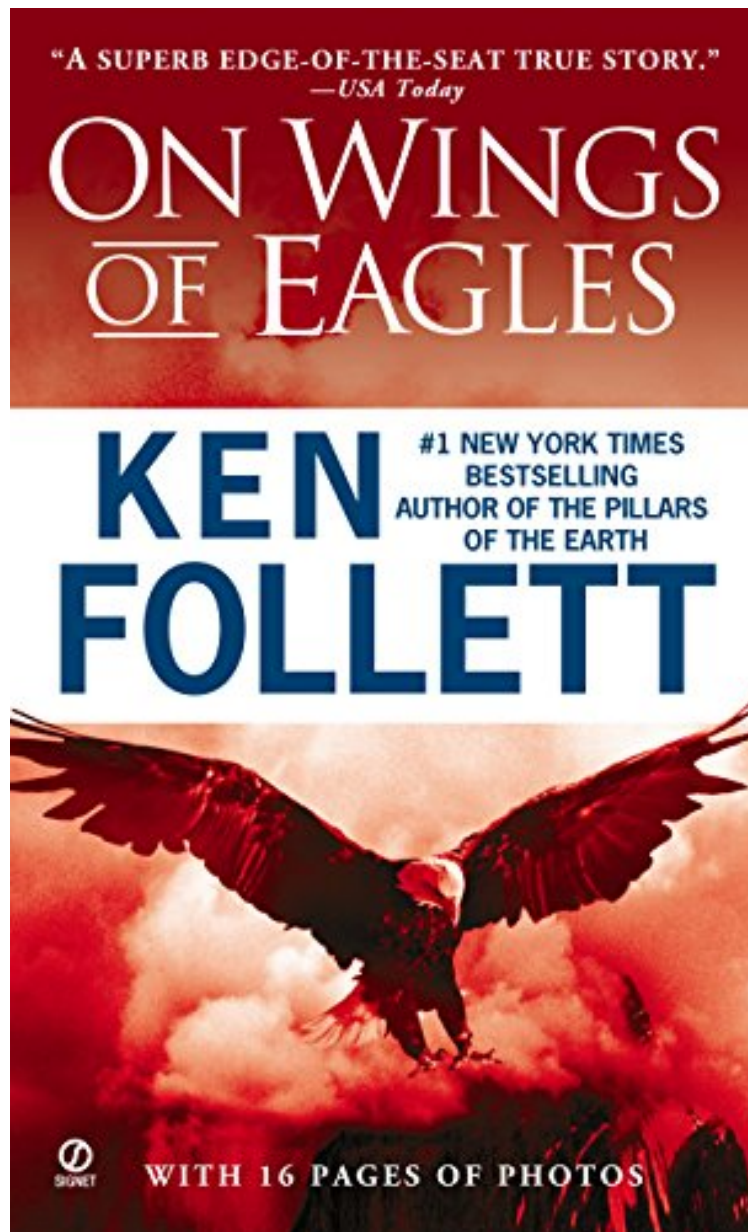


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen17 von 17 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ken Follett made sure that he got it right!!Von Ein KundeOnce Ken Follett decided to write the book, *On Wings of Eagles*, he took two years to carefully research every date, place, person and other key fact in the story. This is exactly what you would expect an ex-newspaper man to do, especially one who is writing his first major non-fiction novel and wants to protect his reputation as a successful writer. Ken spent months researching the Iranian Revolution and the EDS rescue mission. He spent weeks individually interviewing everyone who participated in the rescue (except Colonel Bull Simons who unfortunately had died several months after the rescue ended). Follett cross-checked his facts with the State Department, including staff stationed in the American embassy during the Revolution, with Iranians familiar with the events that had transpired in their country, and with many other people to make sure he got the story right.To the extent that his literary goal was achievable, the book speaks for itself. Anyone who was in Iran during this period of time, and who was familiar with the overthrow of the Shah's government, knows how accurate Ken's story is compared to the events that transpired.It was indeed fortunate for the hostages that Ross Perot formed an employee-based rescue team that was successful in their mission. Follett describes this part of the story in great detail. He also relates the other strategies that were employed in an attempt to free the two executives, including the extensive use of lawyers in Iran, the lobbying for assistance at the State Department and the White House, and the exploration of several military-oriented solutions. Follett also documents EDS'attempts to pay the \$12,750,000 bail (ransom?)for the two hostages. Unfortunately, none of these solutions worked.If Follett has any problem with his story, it is the vast quantity of source material that he has to manage. Where does he start, where does he stop?? Which people and which incidents are worth including, which are not?? And, does he praise Ross Perot?? Of course he does. Ross is the person who led the rescue, who put his own life and personal reputation on the line. Ross actually went to the Gasr jail to see it for himself, to personally tell the two hostages to keep their faith and to gain first-hand knowledge of the Revolution taking place in Iran. How could Follett tell the story and not praise Perot. Actually, the facts do it for him.In truth, the bottom line measurement of the success of an author's work lies in how many copies of his book are sold. In the case of *On Wings of Eagles*, the results are staggering. More than twenty years later, the paperback version of the story is still being sold in a dozen languages on bookshevles all over the world.In case, you are wondering how I know all this to be true, I lived the story as one of the hostages who was rescued. I gave the book five stars for accuracy and excitement.10 von 10 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. One of my Top 3 Favorite Books of all Time!Von Curtis J. GeorgeOn *The Wings of Eagles* is destined to be a classic. It is the true life story of Ross Perot trying to save members of his corporation who are being held hostage by the Iranian government. He first tries using his clout and influence in Washington but when that does not work he hires a team of mercenaries to go to Iran to free the hostages and return unharmed to the United States.The book reads like a fictional spy novel; however, it is a true story. Not "based on a true story" but 100% nonfiction, according to author Ken Follett. Nevertheless, this is one book that you will just not want to put down.The maps, pictures, and cast of characters list makes the book even easier to follow.Furthermore, the book also gives insight into the real life character, ex-presidential candidate, Ross Perot.8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. terrible cliches make it boring and uninterestingVon Ein KundeThe story itself, as it really happened would have been interesting, had it not been for the way Follett wrote this whole thing. I admire him otherwise and love his books, but this one wasn't quite worth buying. Good and clever American guys defeating the stupid and uncivilized Iranians, the whole book is about praising Uncle Sam.

Kurzbeschreibung#1 bestselling author Ken Follett tells the inspiring true story of the Middle East hostage crisis that began in 1978, and of the unconventional means one American used to save his countrymen. . . .When two of his employees were held hostage in a heavily guarded prison fortress in Iran, one man took matters into his own hands: businessman H. Ross Perot. His team consisted of a group of volunteers from the executive ranks of his corporation, handpicked and trained by a retired Green Beret officer. To free the imprisoned Americans, they would face incalculable odds on a mission that only true heroes would have dared. . . .Look out for Ken's newest book,*A Column of Fire*, available now.Pressestimmen"A superb edge-of-the-seat true story." USA Today"Ken Follett has combined the best of his journalistic skills and his flair for crackling fiction into a nonfiction work that's sure to be read. . . . This is one time when the mad dogs of the world were soundly defeated by the indomitable Yankee spirit and derring-do. . . . *On Wings of Eagles* soars." The Kansas City Star"Superb. . . . Ken Follett's fans may be reluctant to see him return to fiction." The New York Times Book "A remarkable adventure." Los Angeles Times"Follett at his most spellbinding." Boston Herald"A gripping thriller." Newsday"An extraordinary story . . . gripping." Business Week"Impressive suspense and excitement." Publishers Weekly"A first-rate bestseller . . . stirring, provocative, as meticulously detailed and as thrilling as Follett's fictional creations." The Houston Post"Excellent. . . . Fifteen American executives led by a

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