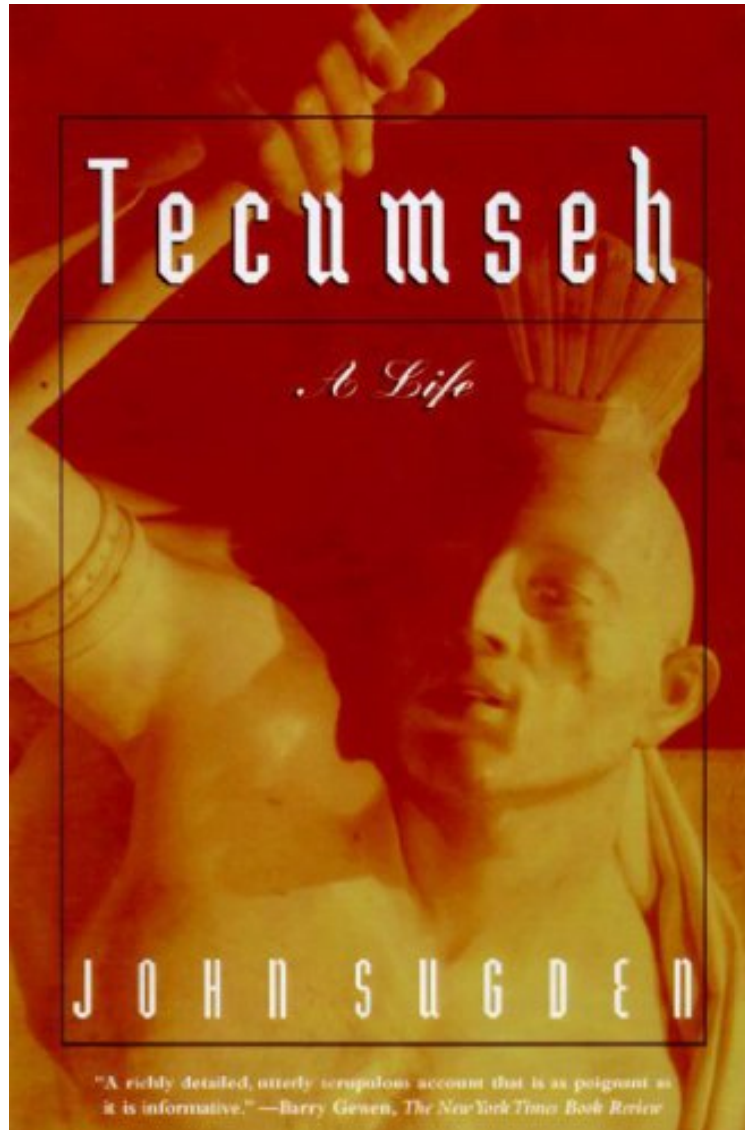


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A well balanced and thoroughly researched life and timesVon Ein KundeJohn Sugden's "Tecumseh" is more than a well researched biography of the great Indian chief; it is also a moving story of the clash of cultures in the Old Northwest in the late 18th and early 19th century. At no time are the Indians portrayed as the "gentle children of nature" oppressed

by the wicked white man...a portrayal that has become all too common in our era where history is too often written from the viewpoint of the underclass. Instead, the Indians are portrayed as human beings (at times noble and at times savage) struggling to survive the whirlwind of the white world that was destroying their way of life. Tecumseh's life and character are well documented and his dream of an Indian confederacy, united to resist the American seizure of Indian land, is the centerpiece of the book. Other Indian leaders, as well as Tecumseh's brother The Prophet, figure in the narrative, as do the different approaches the various tribes took in dealing with the Big Knives. An understanding of Tecumseh's life is not the only reward derived from a reading of this book. One also comes away with a much deeper understanding of the divisions within the Indian world and the various problems they faced within a way of life on the road to extinction. At the end, one senses the true depth of the tragedy, and gains an admiration for a man of great character and nobility, who gave of all his energy, in an attempt to save his people and their way of life. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Well-written, but burdened with too much information. Von John Richards stoat@mediaone.net Sugden's book is well-written and well-organized, but suffers occasionally from a surfeit of information. It is not essential to the story or truth of the great chief's life that Sugden account for his whereabouts every waking day, as he sometimes seems to be attempting. More burdensome is his citing of sources to support his claims. This record is essential in terms of scholarship, however, and paints a portrait of a heroic figure well worth reading. 2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent book on a remarkable man. Von Ein Kunde Tecumseh was a fascinating person and a figure in American history who has not been given enough attention. This book does an excellent job of portraying his political genius and inspiring human character. In addition, it provides an outstanding description of the complex period in which lived. George Kirschbaum.

Kurzbeschreibung If Sitting Bull is the most famous Indian, Tecumseh is the most revered. Although Tecumseh literature exceeds that devoted to any other Native American, this is the first reliable biography--thirty years in the making--of the shadowy figure who created a loose confederacy of diverse Indian tribes that extended from the Ohio territory northeast to New York, south into the Florida peninsula, westward to Nebraska, and north into Canada. A warrior as well as a diplomat, the great Shawnee chief was a man of passionate ambitions. Spurred by commitment and served by a formidable battery of personal qualities that made him the principal organizer and the driving force of confederacy, Tecumseh kept the embers of resistance alive against a federal government that talked cooperation but practiced genocide following the Revolutionary War. Tecumseh does not stand for one tribe or nation, but for all Native Americans. Despite his failed attempt at solidarity, he remains the ultimate symbol of valor and courage, unity and fraternity. deAsk any Brit to name a famous North American Indian and the chances are that Sitting Bull is the only one that comes immediately to mind. Push a little harder and they might come up with Hiawatha and Kevin Costner. Ask the same question to an American and the first name that will trip off the tongue is Tecumseh, the legendary Shawnee chieftain. Unlike most Indian leaders who operated locally or participated in intertribal warfare, Tecumseh did not stand for one tribe or nation but for all Native Americans. In the early years of the 19th century he dreamed of welding the diverse North American confederacy stretching from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico, strong enough to defend the cultures and lands of the Indians from the aggression of the United States. Ultimately, of course, Tecumseh's vision was ground into the dust by the rapacity, greed and violence that passed for the pioneering spirit of the early days of the US, and Tecumseh himself was killed in 1813 at the battle of Moraviantown, on the Canadian border, fighting alongside the Brits against the Yanks. Even so, he has entered American folklore as the ultimate symbol of courage, integrity and unity. So there's something quite ironic about the fact that it's taken a British academic, Dr John Sugden, to write the first truly definitive biography of Tecumseh. But then, maybe it was always going to take an outsider to tread an objective path through the mythology that has grown up around the Indian chieftain. American literature is littered with fanciful, fictionalised accounts of his life, but none that comes close to the real man. Maybe, too, there is something fitting about a British person rehabilitating Tecumseh's memory in this country. British history can be extremely parochial, and the fighting in North America in the early 19th century has long since been relegated to the status of irrelevant, historical side-show. Sugden's biography goes a long way towards finally giving Tecumseh the acknowledgement he deserves for his role in British imperialist history. To this day, Canadians honour him as a saviour of their country at the time of the war of 1812. Tecumseh has been a labour of love for Sugden. The research has taken nearly 30 years and Sugden has already published one book, Tecumseh's Last Stand and has another in the pipeline on Shawnee culture. But one man's obsession is our enlightenment and he presents a rare glimpse into a world that has been shrouded in celluloid reinvention. --John Crace Pressestimmen" A richly detailed, utterly scrupulous account that is as poignant as it is informative." -- Barry Gewen, "The New York Times Book " " Sugden has mined previously ignored British regimental histories that are scattered all over the English countryside-- an approach that indicates the breadth of his scholarship and the thoroughness of his analysis....Intricate....Insightful." -- Jennifer Veech, "The Washington Post Book World" A richly detailed, utterly scrupulous account that is as poignant as it is informative. Barry Gewen, "The New York Times Book " Sugden has

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