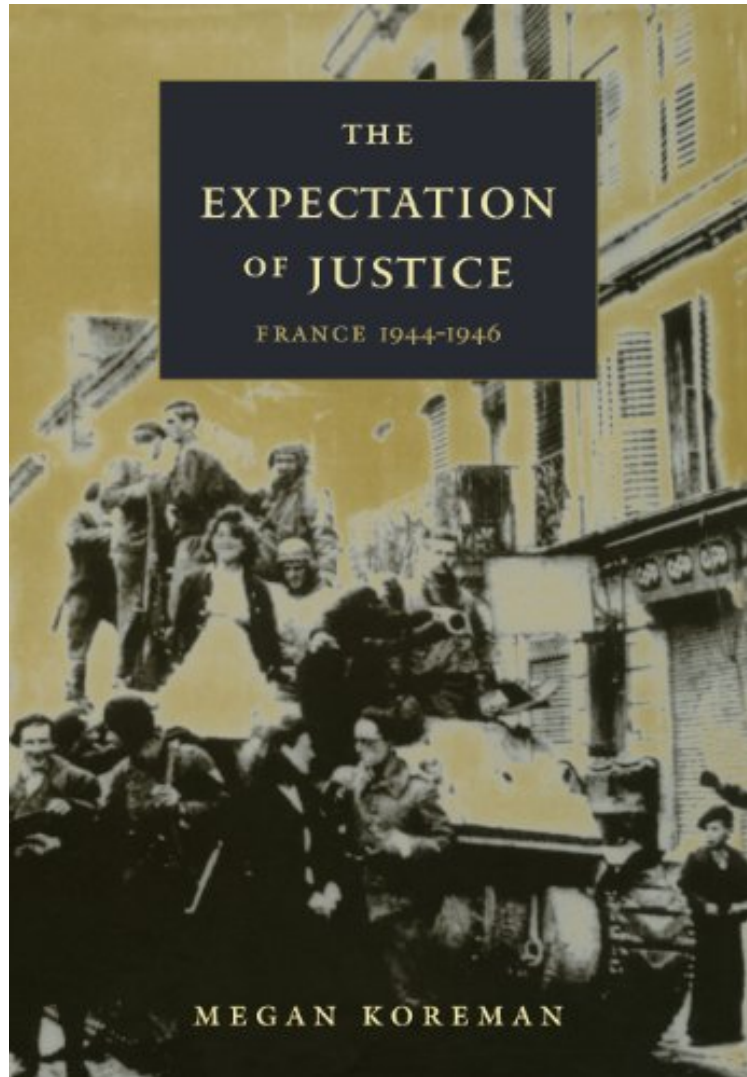


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Post-war France describedVon Dick LutzThis work is an excellent historical examination of three small towns in France and how they coped immediately after World War II. The author, a professional historian, wisely chose to recount the story of the post-war chaos in France by recounting in detail the experiences of these very different communities. In-depth research, including the interviewing of many survivors of that time, revealed the many forces pulling on the people in these villages.In addition, the book covers some of the problems and pressures that were facing the

government of post-war France. For instance, it is made clear that President Charles De Gaulle labored under the illusion that France had fought bravely in the war against Germany with only a handful of collaborators favoring the Nazis. The truth was that a great many Frenchmen supported Vichy France, the puppet government of France during the war. Some of the collaborating politicians continued to play prominent roles in the postwar government. The author defines three types of justice: legal justice, social justice, and honorary justice and discusses them in relation to the expectations of the townspeople in rural France. In spite of (or maybe because of) her focus on the minutiae of French life after liberation the author paints a picture of the aftermath of war that will prove invaluable to historians of the future. Also, the book is a fascinating read!

Kurzbeschreibung In *The Expectation of Justice* Megan Koreman traces the experiences of three small French towns during the troubled months of the Provisional Government following the Liberation in 1944. Her descriptions of the towns' different wartime and postwar experiences contribute to a fresh depiction of mid-century France and illustrate the failure of the postwar government to adequately serve the interests of justice. As the first social history of the post-Liberation period from the perspective of ordinary people, Koreman's study reveals how citizens of these towns expected legal, social, and honorary justice such as punishment for collaborators, fair food distribution, and formal commemoration of patriots, both living and dead. Although the French expected the Resistance Provisional Government to act according to local understandings of justice, its policies often violated local sensibilities by instead pursuing national considerations. Koreman assesses both the citizens' eventual disillusionment and the social costs of the Resistance myth propagated by the de Gaulle government in an effort to hold together the fragmented postwar nation. She also suggests that the local demands for justice created by World War II were stifled by the Cold War, since many people in France feared that open opposition to the government would lead to a Communist takeover. This pattern of nationally instituted denial and suppression made it difficult for citizens to deal effectively with memories of wartime suffering and collaborationist betrayal. Now, with the end of the Cold War, says Koreman, memories of postwar injustices are resurfacing, and there is renewed interest in witnessing just and deserved closure. This social history of memory and reconstruction will engage those interested in history, war and peace issues, contemporary Europe, and the twentieth century.