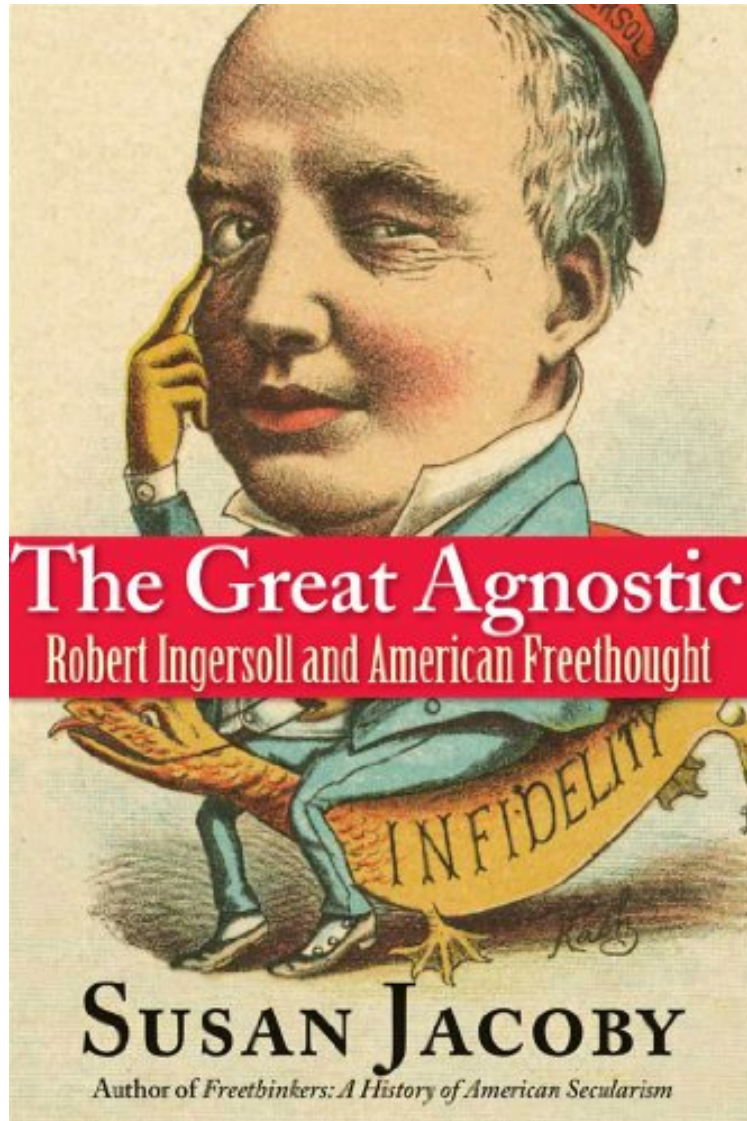


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Ein unsterblicher FreidenkerVon AnckarstrmRobert Ingersoll war einer der besten Redner der amerikanische Geschichte. In der zweiten Hlfte des 19. Jahrhunderts kamen die Menschen meilenweit um ihn reden zu hren. Er kritisierte die Sklaverei und die Religion und er setzte sich fr die Gleichberechtigung der Frauen ein. Und seine Reden waren sehr

unterhaltsam; einige werden heute noch als Beispiele in Rhetorik-Seminaren eingesetzt. Diese Biographie schildert das Leben von Robert Ingersoll. Am besten sollte man seinen Reden im Original lesen. Ein Genuss!

Kurzbeschreibung During the Gilded Age, which saw the dawn of Americas enduring culture wars, Robert Green Ingersoll was known as the Great Agnostic. The nations most famous orator, he raised his voice on behalf of Enlightenment reason, secularism, and the separation of church and state with a vigor unmatched since Americas revolutionary generation. When he died in 1899, even his religious enemies acknowledged that he might have aspired to the U.S. presidency had he been willing to mask his opposition to religion. To the question that retains its controversial power today was the United States founded as a Christian nation? Ingersoll answered an emphatic no. In this provocative biography, Susan Jacoby, the author of *Freethinkers: A History of American Secularism*, restores Ingersoll to his rightful place in an American intellectual tradition extending from Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine to the current generation of new atheists. Jacoby illuminates the ways in which Americas often-denigrated and forgotten secular history encompasses issues, ranging from womens rights to evolution, as potent and divisive today as they were in Ingersolls time. Ingersoll emerges in this portrait as one of the indispensable public figures who keep an alternative version of history alive. He devoted his life to that greatest secular idea of all: liberty of conscience belonging to the religious and nonreligious alike.