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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Spannende, gut geschriebene und interessante Hppchen-LektreVon MuschelschubserPollard, der u.a. auch fr die Serie "Q.I" schreibt, nimmt sich hier ber 100 ungewhnliche Anekdoten und Ereignisse aus der englischen Geschichte und

Popkultur vor. Die Darstellungen sind immer historisch akkurat (Pollard ist Historiker) und auf dem aktuellen Stand der Erkenntnisse, dabei aber ausgesprochen unterhaltend zu lesen, oft gewürzt mit dem typischen britischen Humor. Themen sind u.a. die Cottingley Fairies, der Tod Christopher Marlowes, der Piltdown Man, Princess Caraboo, die Dame, die Modell für die Rolls Royce "Emily" stand, Bischoff Cranmers geheime Ehefrau, der zweite Sohn von Henry VIII, the Hand of Glory, verschwundene Ortschaften, Roger Mortimer und - ganz schräg - ein Nazidenkmal in London. Leichte, aber nicht triviale Lektüre. Und sicher eine Fundgrube für Leute, die sich gern mal Fragen für ein Table-Quiz ausdenken.

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