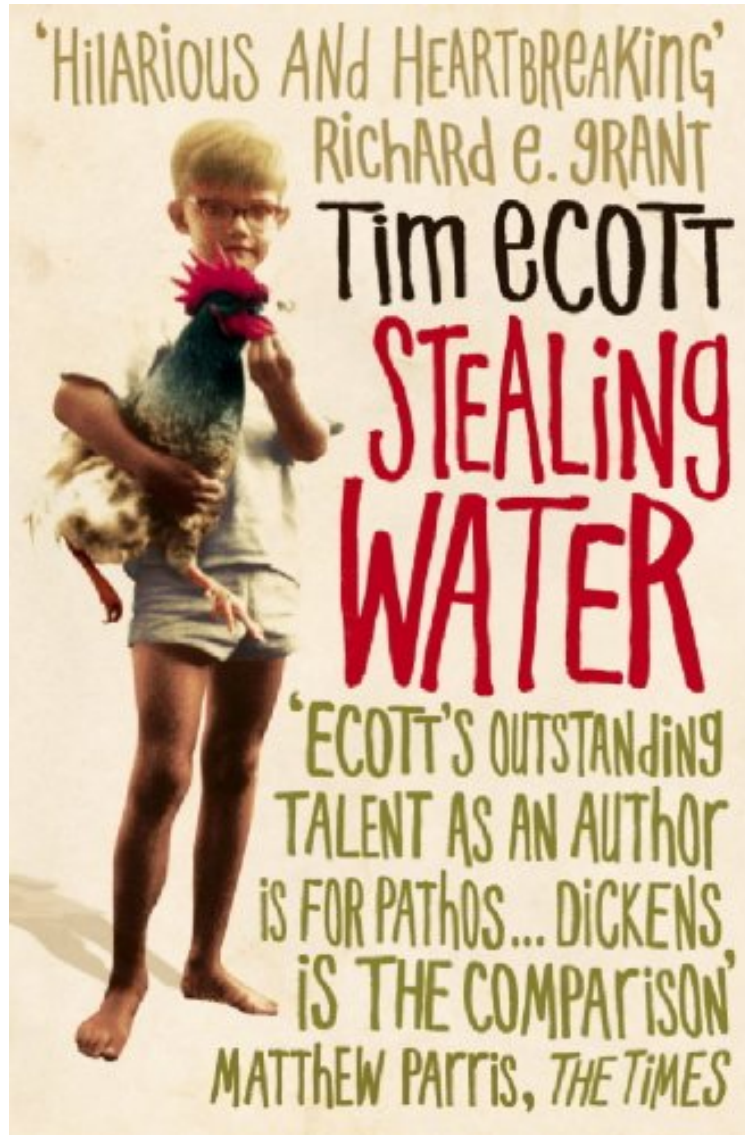


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Schöne Erinnerungen an ein Johannesburg der 50er JahreVon B. KoehlerIn diesem Buch erzählt Tim Ecott sein Leben als Kind und Jugendlicher im Johannesburg der 40er und 50er Jahre. Whrend viele Weiße Einwanderer ein Leben in Saus und

Braus dort lebten, war es für ihn und seine Mutter eher rüchlich und hart zurecht zu kommen. Man erfährt einiges und vor allem für Leute, die das damalige Johannesburg gekannt haben oder es kennenlernen möchten, ist dieses Buch sehr geeignet.

Kurzbeschreibung Tim Ecott's family swapped Northern Ireland for apartheid Johannesburg in the 1970s. But just six months after arriving the family was bankrupt and evicted from their home, and most of their possessions had been confiscated by the bailiffs. Whilst friends and relatives imagined they were living enviable lives in the sun, the reality was that the family was cast adrift. Forced to survive on their wits, they entered a twilight world where their true friends were prostitutes, thieves and renegades. At the heart of *STEALING WATER* is Tim's mother, who rises magnificently to the occasion keeping the family afloat with her shop, The Whatnot. Situated in an arcade running underneath the streets of Johannesburg it's the perfect place to keep below the radar of the police. **Pressestimmen** 'The greatest memoir to come out of white Africa since Rian Malan's *My Traitor's Heart* - it reads like *Angela's Ashes* rewritten by Nick Hornby under a baking Johannesburg sun ... told with warmth, humanity and humour to burn.' -- Tony Parsons 'An extraordinary account of childhood in a baroque South Africa, peopled with a vast, positively Dickensian cast of characters - never sentimental, extremely honest and, I found, quite unputdownable.' -- Emma Thompson 'A truthful story brilliantly told - both funny and moving. I often had to lay the book aside to recover from laughter ... Tim Ecott cleverly captures the feeling of an extraordinary life.' -- Lynne Reid Banks 'Tim Ecott's story of growing up in Ireland and Africa is both haunting and funny. He writes with compassion and honesty to give us a truly memorable account of an extraordinary upbringing.' -- Fergal Keane 'Stealing Water is a simultaneously hilarious and heartbreaking portrait of poor-white family life in the twilight of apartheid.' -- Richard E. Grant 'the narrative crackles and fizzles along.' -- Irish Times 20080223 'There are belly laughs enough, and some serious criminality to boot, but Ecott's outstanding talent as an author is for pathos. His mother's scorn of logic, fate and the laws of probability, carrying on her shoulders a whole world of worry, debt, misfortune and illness, and all her family's fortunes, moved me more than once to tears.' -- Sunday Times 20080223 **Werbetext** 'STEALING WATER is a simultaneously hilarious and heartbreaking portrait of poor-white family life in the twilight of apartheid' - Richard E. Grant