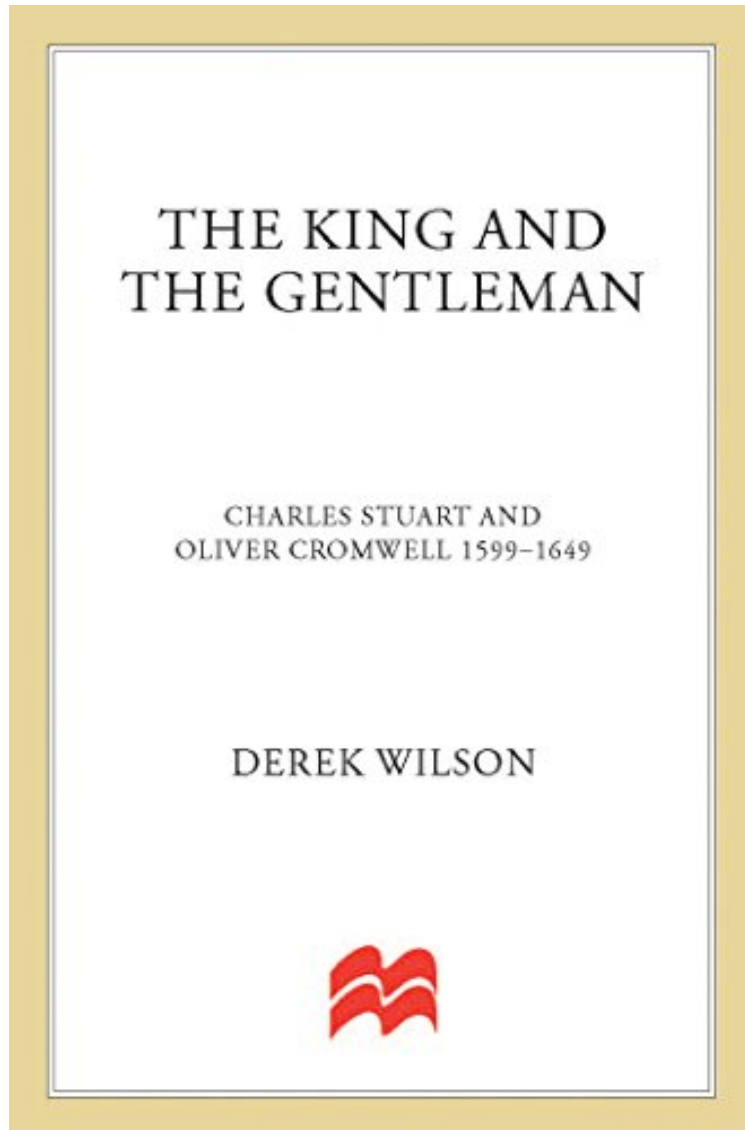


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Uneven, but informative.Von Ein KundeIn the preface to "The King and the Gentleman" Wilson boldly states his determination

not to shrink from a thorough examination of the religious issues of the time, a subject about which Wilson finds previous biographers to be diffident. He delivers on his promise, but to the detriment of the book: the book is often bogged down by the minutiae of 17th Century Protestantism. However, the dual biography format is often informative, particularly in describing the early lives of Cromwell and Charles I.

Kurzbeschreibung For all the myth surrounding Oliver Cromwell and King Charles I, there is no detailed account of any meeting between them. Yet they were almost exact contemporaries, embodying virtually everything for which politicians, bishops, preachers and generals contended. The paths of these two men gradually converged until a frosty morning in 1649, when the executioner's axe ended one man's life and raised the other to the brink of absolute power in England. In his moving history *The King and the Gentleman*, Derek Wilson brings to life the politics and the personalities that once shook an empire. "Wilson does an admirable job of covering the complex religious and political schism that rocked England and Scotland, and summarizes for general readers the wealth of extant material on both men's lives." - Kirkus s.de English historians, it seems, never tire of examining the relationship of Charles I to his archrival, Oliver Cromwell. An unpopular ruler, Charles reigned as King of England, Scotland, and Ireland from 1625 to 1649. His religious intolerance, exacerbation of class divisions, and financial recklessness provided ample fodder for Royalist opposition, led by Cromwell. A far more skilled military leader and politician than the King, Cromwell led the radical Independents to victory in the civil wars of the 1640s. His popularity and challenge to the monarchy ultimately led to its abolition as well as the execution of the King. Cromwell governed as Lord Protector until his death in 1658. With *The King and the Gentleman*, Derek Wilson fills a scholarly void by examining the rulers' formative years as well as their religious convictions. According to the author, only a thorough understanding of both in context provides an accurate understanding of them as adults and their opposing visions for England. One of England's leading biographers and novelists, Wilson has not written for the initiate to English history; he expects a solid historical foundation from his readers. Those who find the conflict of Charles and Cromwell as absorbing and deserving of fresh insight will consider *The King and the Gentleman* a must-read. --Bertina Loeffler Sedlack Pressestimmen "A highly fascinating and detailed book which any Civil War buff will want to add to his collection." - Sunday Express