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Von Abraham Joshua Heschel : The Sabbath (FSG Classics) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Sabbath (FSG Classics):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A most informative book on Shabbat.Von Ein KundeI read this book some time ago, and was fascinated by the depth of his understanding of the Sabbath. I am a convert to Judaism, and this book was invaluable to me; especially since I was

searching for a better understanding of Sabbath rest. I treasure this book because I think just one reading of it is not enough. One can reread the book and still find new (or previously overlooked) truths.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. BeautifulVon Alan SchwartzsteinQuite simply, this is one of the most beautiful, inspiring books I have ever read. Abraham Joshua Heschel, in a very short, accessible, clear manner, spells out the meaning of the Sabbath. I have been Jewish all my life, but realize now that I never truly understood Sabbath. The lessons in this book, which takes very little time to read, come back to me now every Friday night when I sit down with my family to say Shabbat prayers. It also has changed my approach to life the rest of the week, as Mr. Heschel explains the blessing of work and rest, and the place for each in life. Followers of other religions (certainly Christians) who have a day of rest will appreciate and benefit from the message of this book as much as Jewish individuals.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. The relevance of Sabbath in terms of time/space/relativityVon Ein KundeIn an era when the fourth commandment seems arcane, Heschel creates an acute sense of urgency towards our awareness of the Sabbath...its preciousness, its relevance. For we must choose: are we to be workaholic slaves to the Pharaoh of material acquisition, or serve precious moments of holiness, which the Sabbath provides? In a society that values things more than moments of time, Heschel shows us how the Sabbath points us to a value system in which time, when made holy, puts space/things/people in their proper perspective. Have we become deluded that time-saving devices(cars, microwaves, telephones, computers) will create new moments of time for us? The opposite has proved true. As Heschel says, "The more we think the more we realize:we cannot conquer time through space. We can only master time in time." And so he shows us that God's gift to us is not arcane, but critically important today. As the Sabbath is the central Jewish holiday, and the first of all that God created as 'holy', we take a new view of Judaism- its main holy sites are architectural masterpieces made from time, holy days set in the cycle of a week, a season, a year. And these lessons are for every religion, for our understanding of the value of time needs to be universal, or we fall into a materialism in which there is no room for religion or spirituality. There are so many teachings from Heschel in each paragraph and his language constantly brushes the edges of poetry. "The higher goal of spiritual living is not to amass a wealth of information, but to face sacred moments. In a religious experience, for example, it is not a thing that imposes itself on man but a spiritual presence. What is retained in the soul is the moment of insight rather than the place where the act came to pass. A moment of insight is a fortune, transporting us beyond the confines of measured time. Spiritual life begins to decay when we fail to sense the grandeur of what is eternal in time" Abraham Heschel, THE SABBATH.

KurzbeschreibungElegant, passionate, and filled with the love of God's creation, Abraham Joshua Heschel's The Sabbath has been hailed as a classic of Jewish spirituality ever since its original publication--and has been read by thousands of people seeking meaning in modern life. In this brief yet profound meditation on the meaning of the Seventh Day, Heschel, one of the most widely respected religious leaders of the twentieth century, introduced the influential idea of an 'architecture of holiness" that appears not in space but in time. Judaism, he argues, is a religion of time: it finds meaning not in space and the material things that fill it but in time and the eternity that imbues it, so that 'the Sabbaths are our greatcathedrals.'Pressestimmen"Clearly Heschel's most beloved book, The Sabbath is much more than a book about the Sabbath. It is, rather, our century's most illuminating study of the dynamics of Jewish ritual living." --Dr. Neil Gillman, author of Sacred Fragments "Timeless. Read it, and be ready to be changed."--The Reverend Richard John Neuhaus, editor in chief of First Things"Heschel's The Sabbath is easily the primary text for all subsequent American Jewish spirituality."--Rabbi Lawrence Kushner, author of God Was in This Place