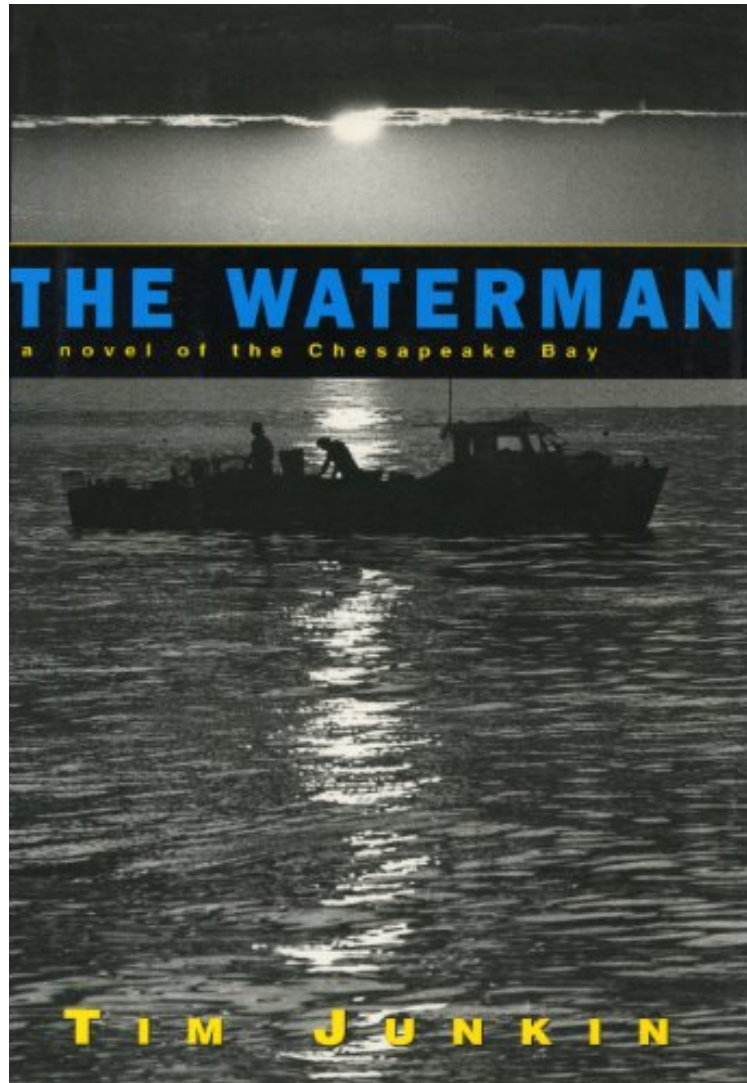


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Von Tim Junkin : The Waterman: A Novel of the Chesapeake Bay (English Edition) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Waterman: A Novel of the Chesapeake Bay (English Edition):

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A wonderful story Von Jonathon Scott Fuqua Tim Junkin's The Waterman, written in a clear, beautiful prose, was a wonderful, sometimes exhilarating read. A book that celebrates the strength and determination of youth, it also explores the odd, unexpected ways of relationships, and the unforeseen repetitions of life. More than that, though, it's just a fun, involving story that sweeps you up and holds your stomach before grabbing your throat. The scenes vary

enormously while the dialogue is pitch-perfect. All of it is welded together by Mr. Junkin's ability to tell a good story. The protagonist made me yearn for my youth, for hours on spent on the water, the summer sun heating it up so that it resembles a sloshing, melted pool of colored glass. He brought back the smells and the heat and the thrill of being young and strong and living off something so much larger, with so much history and soul. I rarely look back at early adulthood, but *The Waterman* rattled the hazy corners of my memory and actually made me nostalgic. I highly recommend this book to anyone seeking an elegant, strong read combined with luminous observations and a flawless voice.0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. My favorite read of the year!Von Ein KundeI picked up this book at Bethany Beach last week and finished it in two days. I was only sorry it ended. As a woman who grew up on the Eastern Shore I found "The Waterman" a beautiful evocation of the land and water and a thrill to read. It is poetic while captivating. Junkin's two main characters, Clay and Byron, are the real thing, and take the reader on a memorable journey tryin to live the dignified existence of watermen on a declining Bay. The early 1970's come alive as does the culture and traditions of the special world of the Chesapeake, but obstacles seem to mount. The level of danger and suspense builds to a riveting and imaginative ending, one fitting as well. While carried along by the exciting narrative I was whisked back to the fragile and exquisite world which held so much magic for me as a girl, and reminded of its vital place in my comsciousness. I adored the book and recommend it. It's my favorite read of the year!0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. detailed and accurate depiction of Eastern Shore lifeVon Ein KundeI was attracted to this book because it is about the Eastern Shore of Maryland, my childhood home. After noting the author's name, I was stunned to find I had attended high school with him. Even more astounding was the quality and truthfulness of his depiction of a waterman's life. I recognized many of the characters and situations in the book from my own experience. If you enjoyed "Beautiful Swimmers" or "Chesapeake" for the unique culture of the "Shore" you'll enjoy this novel as well.

Kurzbeschreibung Set along the shores of the Chesapeake Bay, this first novel tells the story of Clay Wakeman, who spent his boyhood on the water and finds he can't leave it. When his father is lost in a storm off the Eastern Shore, Clay drops out of college to take possession of his father's boat and his work as a waterman, that is, as an independent commercial fisherman. Since the old boat constitutes his sole inheritance, Clay starts out small. He recruits his oldest friend, Byron, a traumatized Vietnam vet, to join him in a crabbing business. Just as they're breaking even, Hurricane Agnes roars in to ruin the salinity of the eastern Bay waters. Agnes forces them across the Bay to set their crab traps along the Virginia shoreline and to move in with Matt and Kate, Clay's uppercrust friends from college. It's in these unfamiliar waters that their real troubles begin. Clay falls irrevocably in love with the spoken-for Kate; Byron's demons pursue him with even greater vengeance; and out in the Bay the partners stumble onto a drug running operation. Lines are drawn by the dealers. And, at the very end, in a riveting boat chase, Clay comes very close to losing the battle . . . forever.