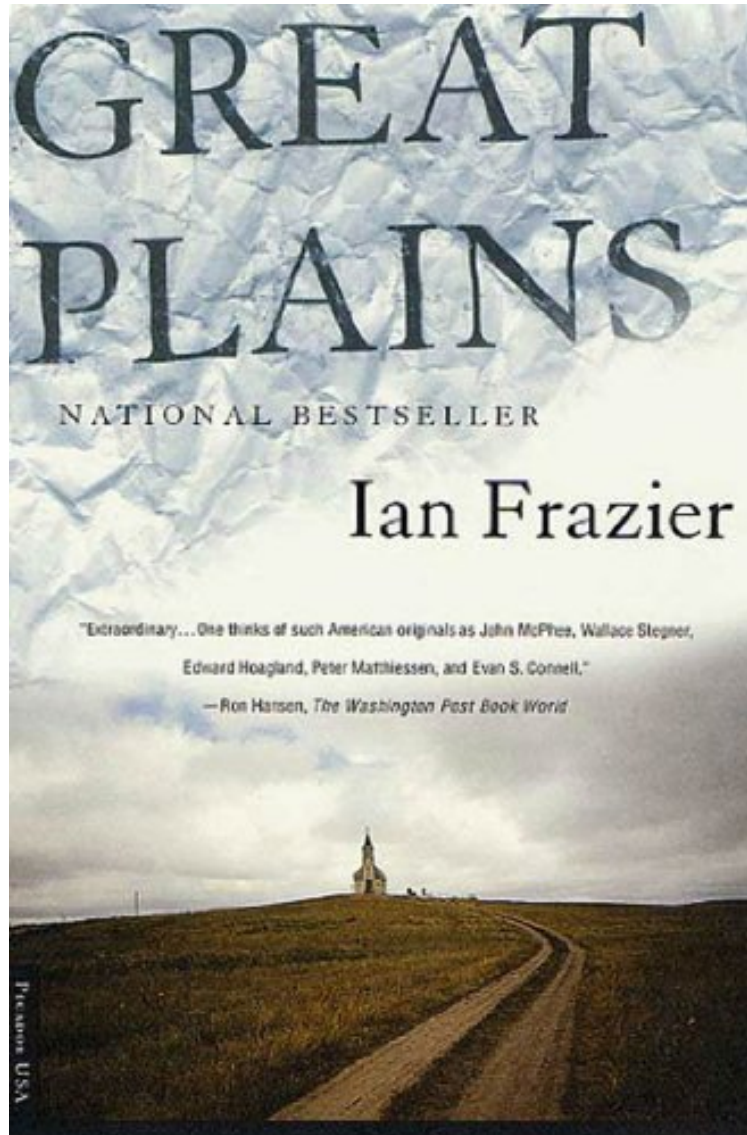


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A Charles Kuralt View of the Plains, People and HistoryVon Daniel HurleyStarting with a chance meeting with a Sioux native American and somehow leading to an exhaustive visit to the Great Plains, Ian Frazier travels just like Charles Kuralt meeting people, places and history along the way. He doesn't see everything but he describes what he sees just

like anyone else that travels the backroads and highways. He adds tremendous history about the places such as the history of the west from Custer, Sitting Bull to Billy the Kid to the 20th century to Bonnie and Clyde to the present day. Vivid historical perspectives such as Bretons Fort a once major rendezvous for trappers and now for reenactors, pictures and grand detail on the Sioux Indians particularly Crazy Horse. All told vividly with wonderful dots of humor. All taken from the vantage point of a man traveling in a rusty van who often sleeps by the side of the road. Like his off road trip to Sitting Bull's last lodge site, it's not a tourist book, it's an excursion through the plains that's strictly freelanced. This book is the the springboard to "On the Rez". 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A fascinating introduction to the Great Plains Von Mitchell Ayer Ian Frazier is a skillful writer of non fiction. I would compare this book to John McPhee's Coming Into the Country. Frazier traveled some 25,000 miles across the Great Plains states that is from the Dakotas to Texas. He has tried (successfully) to distill the essence of the Great Plains in this regrettably short book. We learn where tumbleweed comes from-the steppes of Russia, what it's like to operate a Minuteman silo, how immigrants were enticed to come to the Great Plains. That the railroads wanted Germans but no French or Italians. Financing of agriculture is discussed-no loans west of the 100th Meridian. He writes of the the Dust Bowl and the population declines in 2/3rds of the counties. How an agricultural agent went to the steppes of Russia to get hardy wheat seeds and led to the popularity of pasta. This is not a travel guide. If you want detailed travel information, I suggest the Off the Beaten Path series of the Dakotas, Nebraska. and the other Plains states. The book could have been longer and better organized. For example the author mentions Odessa but does not mention the meteor craters, the million barrel tank, the Moynihan (sp?) sanddunes, the Mojo. He mentions the Black Hills but not pitchfork fondue. If you plan on going through the Plains states, you should read this book. 1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Good, but something's missing here Von Blair Parker While I did enjoy Great Plains, I don't think this is Ian Frazier's greatest work. I found myself wanting more details of some of his experiences, and less description of general ideas. Frazier inconsistently took us through his own personal journey through the great plains. Sometimes the reader was reminded of his travel in his van, while other times his descriptions remained universal. Overall I enjoyed what Frazier had to say. I learned a lot about the areas that particularly interested him, such as Crazy Horse. I only wish there hadn't been so many gaps in the story.

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