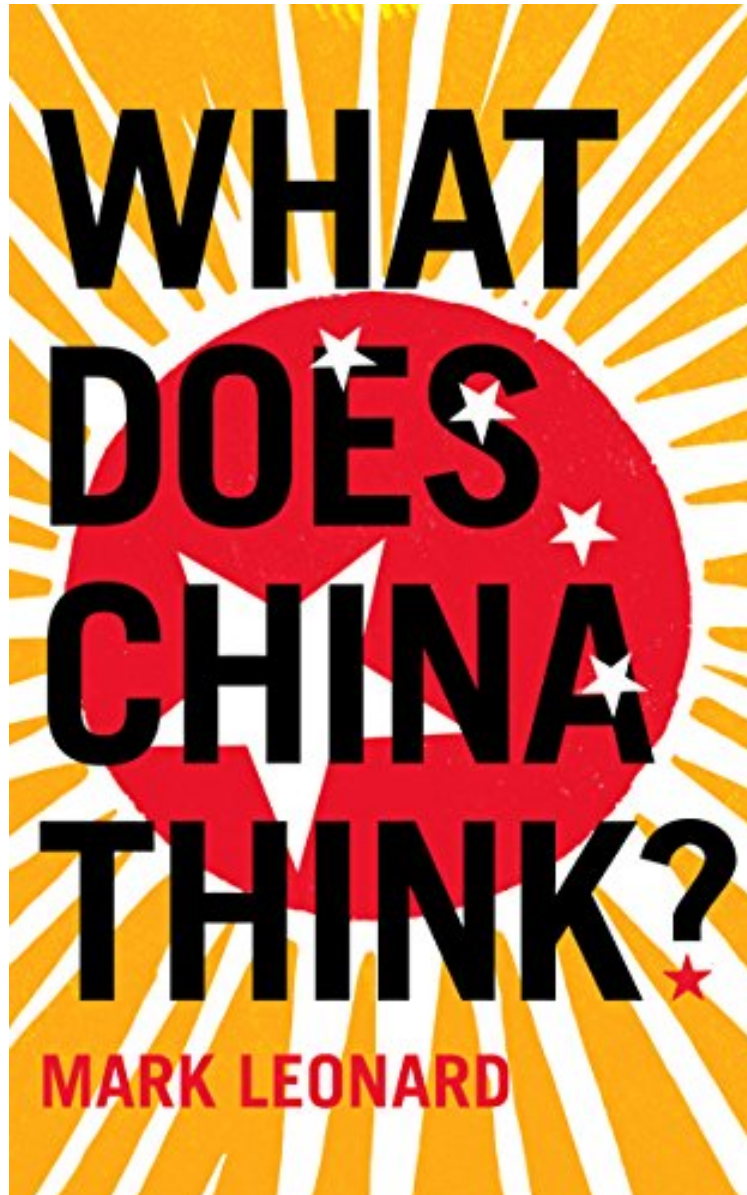


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Von Mark Leonard : What Does China Think? before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised What Does China Think?:

Kundenrezensionen Hilfreichste Kundenrezensionen 7 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Gut gelungenes Sachbuch eines Insiders Von N, Jens Das Buch ist wirklich eine seltene Chance, in die intellektuelle Ebene

eines Landes im Aufbruch zu schauen. Mark Leonard gelang es, diesen Einblick auch für Laien spannend und verständlich zu machen. In dem Buch geht es hauptsächlich um die Erklärung der politischen und wirtschaftlichen, aber auch kulturellen Vorgehensweisen der Chinesen. So wird zum Beispiel beschrieben, was 'Yellow River Capitalism', 'Pearl River Capitalism' oder 'Green Cat Development' sind. Diese werden dann zum Beispiel noch mit fremden politischen Denkern, aus allen Ecken der Chinesischen Politik in Verbindung gebracht. Das Spannende dabei ist, dass Marc Leonard viele dieser 'Denker' selbst getroffen hat oder sie sogar in seinem Freundeskreis sind. Die schwer zu merkenden Chinesischen Namen, sind in einem Index und einem je halbseitigem Lebenslauf am Ende des Buches noch einmal vermerkt. Somit fällt es einem bei einem mit Namen um sich werfenden Leonard nicht schwer, dem Buch zu folgen. Eine zusätzliche Karte am Anfang des Buches, indem alle wichtigen Orte eingezeichnet sind, hilft außerdem dem Verständnis beizutragen. Das erste Viertel des Buches beschäftigt sich noch mit den 'Basics', also den Erklärungen der politischen Strömungen, der Herkunft und der heutigen Situation. Im Folgenden Teil des Buches wird über politische Experimente, wie die 'Mini-Demokratie' in Pingchang berichtet. Viel spannenden Lesestoff gibt es über die wachsenden politischen Strömungen, wie der 'New Left' und der 'New Right'. Das Buch ist sehr zu empfehlen. Der lange Atem, den Leonard für die politische Vorhergehensweise zeigt, gibt dem Leser ein anderes Gefühl von China, als es in hiesigen Nachrichten und Zeitschriften vermittelt wird. Das Buch beschreibt, die manchmal unverständliche Vorgehensweise Chinas verständlich. Leonard beweist die Existenz von wachsender Opposition zur Ein-Parteien-Regierung und vermittelt den Eindruck eines politisch noch in den Anfängen stehenden Chinas mit für den Leser spannenden Aussichten auf die weitere Entwicklung der Chinesischen Politik und Wirtschaft. Leonard schafft es, einen für die Veränderungen in China zu begeistern. Nicht zuletzt, da die Chinesen in ihren Erläuterungen Dinge wie 'Starbucks', 'Der Spiegel' oder 'Franz Kafka' erwähnen ... Da das Buch auf Englisch ist, sind Englischkenntnisse von Vorteil. Von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. important book Von Ein Kunde a small, but important book which revises the view of a politically monolithic china. highly recommended.

Kurzbeschreibung An invigorating book about the debates raging within China. We all know about the fast pace of change in this country. This book brings us the ideas being fought over in the country itself from democracy to the idea of a peaceful rise. It challenges all of our assumptions about China. We know everything and nothing about China. We know that China is changing so fast that the maps in Shanghai need to be rewritten every two weeks. We know that China has brought 300 million people from agricultural backwardness into modernity in just 30 years (something that took 200 years in Europe). China's voracious appetite for resources is gobbling up 40% of the world's cement, 40% of its coal, 30% of its steel, and 12% of its energy. It has become so integrated into the global economy that its prospects have immediate effects on our everyday lives: simultaneously doubling the cost of the London Olympics while halving the cost of our computers; keeping the US economy afloat but sinking the Italian footwear industry. We have an image of China as a dictatorship; a nationalist empire that threatens its neighbours and global peace. But how many people know about the debates raging within China? What do we really know about the kind of society China wants to become? What ideas are motivating its citizens? We can name America's Neo-Cons and the religious right, but cannot name Chinese writers, thinkers or journalists what is the future they dream of for their country, or the world it is shaping? Because China's rise like the fall of Rome or the British Raj will echo down generations to come, these are the questions we increasingly need to ask. Mark Leonard asks us to forget everything we thought we knew about China and start again. He introduces us to the thinkers that are shaping China's wide open future and opens up a hidden world of intellectual debate that is driving a new Chinese revolution and changing the face of the world. From Publishers Weekly Commonly characterized as a juggernaut monomaniacally focused on breakneck economic growth, China is actually riven by a lively, far-reaching debate over its future, argues this inquisitive study. Leonard (Why Europe Will Run the 21st Century) divides Chinese intellectuals into a New Right that wants to extend laissez-faire market reforms and an increasingly influential New Left that decries rising inequality, corruption and environmental destruction and wants a strong government to rein in capitalist elites and protect workers. Meanwhile, political reformers push cautiously for local and Communist Party elections against a consensus that associates democracy with chaotic mob rule or national dismemberment. China's foreign policy is split between liberal internationalists and truculent neo-comms who contend that China must be ready to use force against its enemies. The author notes that these ideological divisions resemble those in Western countries, but emphasizes the distinctiveness of Chinese ideas, like the concept of the deliberative dictatorship of a one-party state that stays responsive to popular pressures, or a Walled World where globalization enhances rather than erodes the autonomy of national governments. Leonard's is a lucid, eye-opening account of China's intellectual scene and its growing importance to the world. (May) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Pressestimmen 'Mark Leonard's detailed and investigative study on the Chinese psyche. A fascinating read and well worth a drop in if you've got an interest in the People's Republic.' YQ Magazine 'This is a brilliant, entertaining, penetrating, and thought-provoking look at what may be the great question of the 21st century: How will China's rise shape our world?' Robert Kagan 'A

masterful and highly readable report on the original thinking that is emerging in China on the subject of globalization and China's role in the world. It should be read by everyone who wants to understand the intellectual challenge posed by China's rise.' George Soros `The premise of What Does China Think? is that for all the economic, political, and military focus on China, we have not paid nearly enough to Chinese ideas, to the rapidly increasing intellectual capital that will be as much a source of China's power and influence in the world as its economic capital. Mark Leonard is one of the best young thinkers in Western foreign policy circles; the results of his explorations to the east are consistently surprising and always enlightening. Anyone who thinks about China will want to know what China thinks.' Anne-Marie Slaughter `Mark Leonard gives us a fascinating insight into how Chinese intellectuals and policy-making elites see the world which they will certainly help to shape during the coming century.' Chris Patten