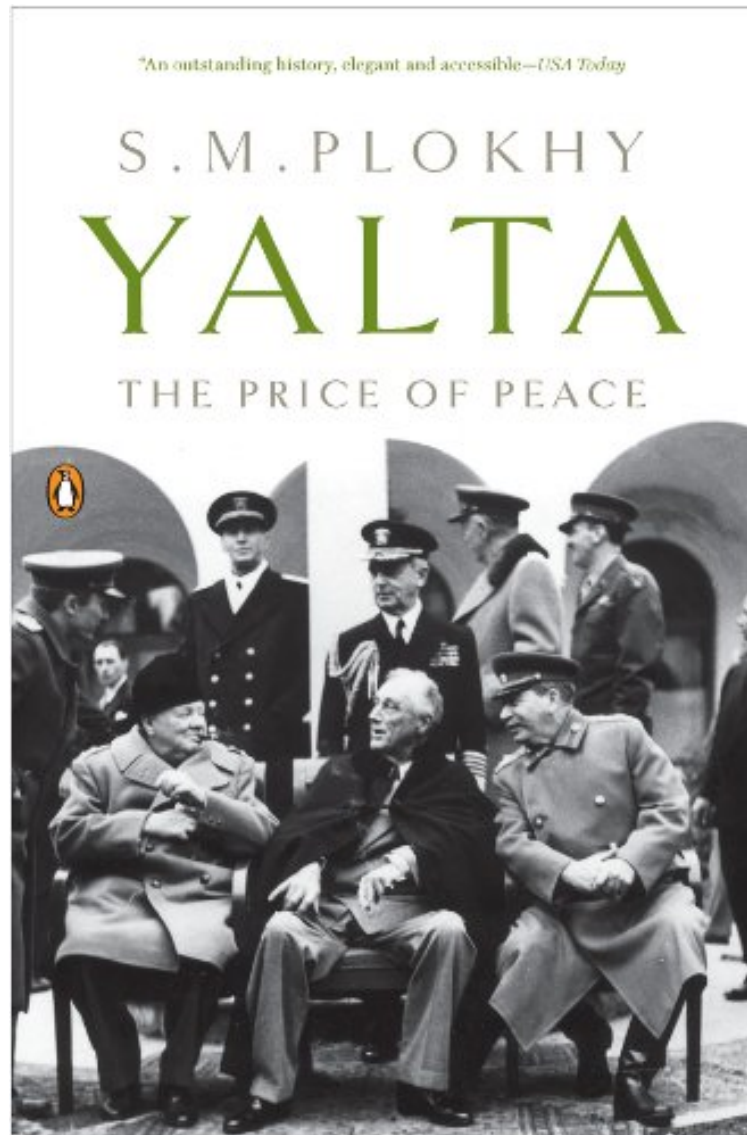


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An In-Depth Study Of A Crucial ConferenceVon James GallenYalta: The Price of Peace is an extensive, well researched study into the events related to the Yalta conference of 1945: the situations that spawned it, the conference itself, the problems it addressed and those it solved, and those it did not and its aftermath that still casts a shadow over the world

scene. Yalta, in the Crimea, was one of several locations suggested, including Alaska. Ultimately it was selected in accommodation of Stalin's unwillingness to leave the Soviet Union, despite the strain that the travel put on FDR's declining health. Each participant came with his own wish list. Stalin wanted to ensure his hold over Eastern Europe, Churchill wanted to guarantee the independence of Poland, for whom Britain had gone to war, and Roosevelt wanted Soviet commitments to enter the war against Japan and to participate in the United Nations. FDR got what he wanted, Stalin claimed to have achieved his goals and Churchill, and later Truman, complained that Russia did not live up to its agreements. Differing interpretations, such as of democracy and trials may explain at least some of the post-war disputes. Author S. M. Plokhy provides description that never bores and analysis that stimulates the mind. Recently released archives give him an advantage over previous historians. The physical setting of destruction in the wake of the Nazi withdrawal made it a dubious venue. The personalities and their interaction are carefully studied. The question of whether Roosevelt's declining health affected the deliberations and their outcomes is raised and Plokhy's answer is given. The issues, such as the reason Russian help against Japan was deemed to be needed and the distribution of influence in Europe make for profound contemplation. From school days I remember talk that it did not seem right that two Soviet republics, Ukraine and Belarus, had votes in the United Nations in addition to the U.S.S.R.. In this book I read that Stalin justified it on the basis that at least four British Dominions would have votes and that, at one point, Roosevelt suggested membership for Alaska, Hawaii and Puerto Rico. The subsequent developments, including Potsdam, the substitution of Truman for Roosevelt, the Soviet failure to live up to its agreements and the lingering sense of betrayal among Eastern Europeans all have their places in this narrative. I was impressed by the influence of Averill Harriman on policy at that time and the extensive involvement of Alger Hiss in the Yalta Conference. I like this book because it is such an in-depth study of this controversial conference and the agreements flowing therefrom. I feel that I have a much greater appreciation of the meaning of Yalta and the Allied political dealings in the last year of World War II. A book that contributes so much to our understanding is worth five stars.

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