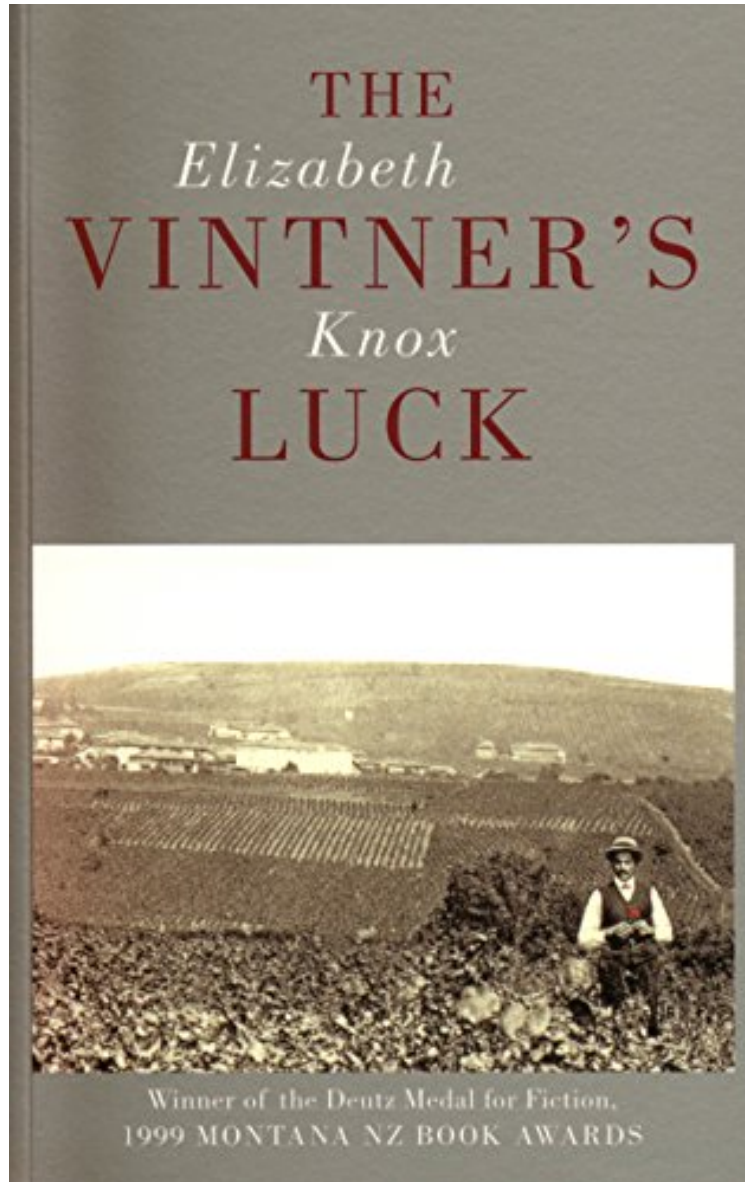


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Von Elizabeth Knox : The Vintner's Luck before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Vintner's Luck:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Fabulous, different bookVon Jessica (tellarren@yahoo.com)Well, it was funny, gentle, frustrating, beautiful, infuriating, confusing, simple, convoluted, completely believable, sad, happy, strange, familiar, erotic, stern, playful,

poetic, choppy. In effect, everything under the sun! The reason to read this highly engaging, luminous novel is the angel; Xas is one of the best characters I have come across. A beautiful, distant, earthy, gentle, erotic, subtle angel, touched by God and Lucifer both, he is well worth all the trying, annoying, bland, and confusing parts that pepper the story. Right behind him is Aurora, a wonderfully written character, so much more strong, gentle, wise, and clever than Sobran (if you don't believe me, just ask Lucifer!). She's another fabulous new literary character, a perfect complement to Sobran and Xas. Like all truly great novels, this one at times is trying, and other times slow, and other times almost self-indulgent, but all of these supposed "inadequacies" actually make the story more real, more strong, more original, more memorable. All the classic novels have their fair share of irritating or confusing parts; it's almost a calling card of sorts. Altogether, the book is wonderful, with highly original ideas, plots, and characters, with twists on every cliché and philosophy of God and religion and angels. Read it!!!

2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
 The Ending
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 Like many of the reviewers for this book, I found The VL an absorbing experience that left me spellbound throughout apart from...
 The Ending.
 The final chapter's switch to modern day times was out of step with the rest of the book and should have been excluded. It left the reader none-the-wiser and detracted from the surreality of the rest of the novel. A "deflating" ending!

1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
 Book of the Year
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 The Vintner's Luck is a simple tale of the life and loves of Sobran Jodeau, set in the early 1800s in Burgundy, France. What makes the story compelling and unique is that his true love is the angel Xas, who fell out of the sky one dark night in the vineyard, and then promises to return on the same night each year. From beginning to end, the Vintner's Luck is a compelling and pleasureable read. If you enjoy reading historical fiction, fantasy or love stories, if you are looking for a book to read beyond your usual interests, if you want to take a book with you on a trip which will have you oblivious to the discomforts of travel, then read this book.

Kurzbeschreibung
 One summer evening in 1808, Sobran Jodeau stumbles through his family's vineyard in Burgundy, filled with wine and love sorrows. As Sobran sways in a drunken swoon, an angel appears out of nowhere to catch him. Once he gets over his shock, Sobran decides that Xas, the male angel, is his guardian sent to counsel him on everything from marriage to wine production. But Xas turns out to be far more mysterious than angelic. Compelling and erotic, The Vintner's Luck is a decidedly unorthodox love story, one that presents angels as fierce and beautiful as Milton's, and a vision of Heaven, Hell, and the vineyards in between that is unforgettable. The Vintner's Luck is a huge bestseller in New Zealand. It has sold over 50 000 copies in New Zealand and over 100 000 copies worldwide. The Vintner's Luck was published in the US by Farrar, Straus and Giroux and Picador US, and in the UK by Chatto Windus and Vintage. It has been published in German, Dutch, Norwegian, Spanish and Hebrew. It won the Deutz Medal for Fiction at the 1999 The Montana NZ Book Awards, where it also received the Readers' Choice and Booksellers' Choice awards. It was longlisted for the 1999 Orange Prize for fiction (UK) The Vintner's Luck won the 2001 Tasmania Pacific Region Prize, and a film directed by Niki Caro is currently in production.

deDieser Titel ist in englischer Sprache. "A week after midsummer, when the festival fires were cold, and decent people were in bed an hour after sunset, not lying dry-mouthed in dark rooms at midday, a young man named Sobran Jodeau stole two of the freshly bottled wines to baptize the first real sorrow of his life." Es ist das Jahr 1808; der Ort: das französische Burgund. Zwischen den ppigen Reben auf dem Weinberg seiner Eltern ist Jodeau, 18 Jahre alt und aus Liebe frustriert, kurz davor, einem himmlischen Wesen Auge in Auge gegenüberzustehen. Dies ist allerdings kein sentimentaler Seraph aus Touched By An Angel. Nach den Vorstellungen von Elizabeth Knox in ihrem wild-evokativen und originellen Roman ist Xas mit einem herrlichen Paar Flgel ("nur Sehnen und Knochen unter einem Kissen von Federn") und einem Appetit nach irdischen Freuden ausgestattet -- Wein, Bcher, Grtnern, Plaudern und schlielich auch noch krperliche Liebe. Die schicksalhafte Begegnung zwischen Mensch und Engel findet am 27. Juni statt. Nach einem Abend, an dem Sobran sein Herz ausschtet und Xas ihn liebevoll bert, verspricht der Engel, am selben Tag des nchsten Jahres zurckzukehren, um auf Sobrans Hochzeit anzustoen. Und so beginnt eine Freundschaft, die sich ber 55 Jahre erstrecken wird -- ber Hochzeiten, Kriege, Geburten, Tode und sogar die immensen Entfernungen zwischen Himmel, Erde und Hille. Zustzlich zum herrlich fehlerhaften Sobran und dessen geheimnisvollem Engel beschreibt Knox auf glnzende Weise auch zweitrangige Figuren, die zutiefst sympathisch sind -- von Sobrans unsteter Frau Celeste und seinem betrbten Bruder Leon bis hin zu seiner treuen Freundin und Vertrauten, der Baronin Aurora. Liebe, Mord, Wahnsinn und eine eigenartige Theologie, die aus dem zhesten Atheisten einen Glubigen machen wrde, machen Engel mit dunklen Flgeln zu einem Roman, der Ihr Herz brechen wird und Sie trotzdem nach mehr wnschen lsst. --Alix Wilber

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 "This is a gorgeous novel: as fine, rich, satiny and unpredictable as the vintages that it describes" (The Times)
 "Ms Knox's philosophical scheme defies brief summary: like a witty, post-modern Milton, she rewrites the Christian myth and the whole cosmology of "Paradise Lost"" (Economist)
 "A beautifully written exploration of the inexplicable, into which is woven an all-too-human chronicle of burning desire, violence, murderousness, bitter jealousy, curiosity, sexual deviations, shame and a fidelity of a sort" (The Times)
 "Knox comprehends the irredeemable sadness of loss and, more than any writer I have read for years, manages to touch the heart by paring sophistry and

digression from the essential cores of her characters. Beautifully written, *The Vintner's Luck* possesses a complex bouquet of conceits and ideas but it is the simplicity of Elizabeth Knox's writing that in the end draws out the savour of human experience and compassion" (*Independent on Sunday*) "Angelic writing and inspired structure" (*Guardian*)