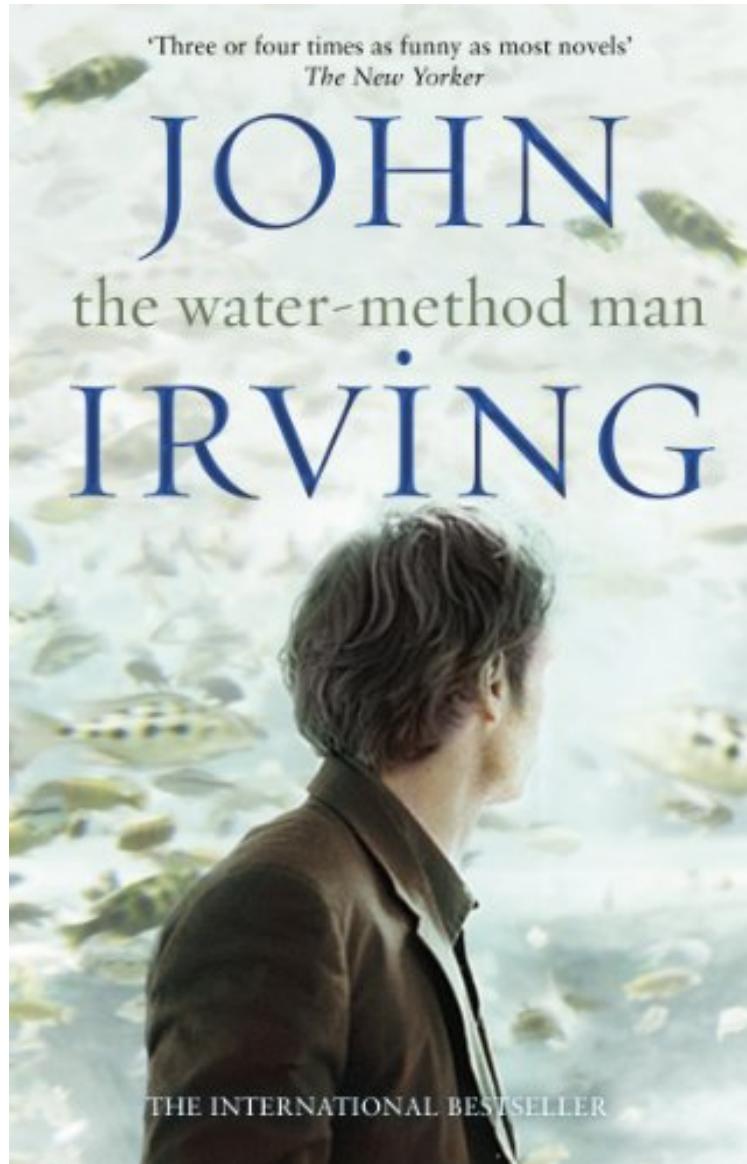


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**Von John Irving : The Water-Method Man (Black Swan)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Water-Method Man (Black Swan):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen8 von 8 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. a Garp by any other name...Von lazzaReading The Water-Method Man is akin to watching a very early (pre-Annie Hall) woody Allen film. Funny, a bit outrageous for its time, and fascinating to compare to later (and better) works. The

Water-Method Man is very much like Garp (30 year old man struggling with adulthood), and has a lot of similarity to Hotel New Hampshire (many quirky stories set in Vienna). It wouldn't take a rocket scientist to assume all of these novels have some basis in Irving's own experiences and psyche. The end product is a humorous yet superficial read. Folks expecting a rich, memorable story (as found in Owen Meany and Son of a Circus) should look elsewhere. For those unfamiliar with John Irving novels, The Water-Method Man will appeal to men (it's a bit sexist but far from vulgar), and those who can remember the "free spirit" days of the late 60s/early 70s. John Irving fans, especially those with a soft spot for Garp, should definitely place this book on their must read list. I personally found it to be equal, if not better, than Garp in every way. 4 von 4 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. My favorite Irving novel! Von Ein Kunde This was the first Irving novel I read--almost 10 years ago, at the age of 16--and as much as I love Garp, Owen Meany, and other Irving novels I have since read, Water-Method Man continues to be my favorite. First, few books make me laugh out loud. This is one of them. It's also one of the three books I don't go anywhere without. More importantly, it's a book about growing up (whether you want to or not), about taking responsibility for your past mistakes, and about having the courage to get at the root of your problems so that you can stumble, however blindly, toward what the future might bring you. The writing is brilliant. It is true that the chapters go back and forth in time; however, this is done to underscore the fact that Bogus Trumper is about to repeat some of his most disastrous mistakes. And if the chapters detailing Merrill's attempt to teach Bogus to ski and Bogus's "duck-hunting" escapade can't make you laugh, nothing can. Definitely a book for the reader who wants to think--and laugh. Enjoy! 3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Why is this book not famous? Von David Benioff My sister so loved the hero of this novel, Bogus Trumper, that she named her cat after him. And while I'm not a fan of the cat, I do love this novel. No other book has made me laugh so hard. One scene in particular had me gasping for breath (I won't ruin it by describing it-- suffice it to say that it involves a prophylactic and attempted infidelity and that you will know it when you come to it). The Water-Method Man is far from perfect; I don't suppose it will hold up as well as The World According to Garp. But some books you love despite all their flaws and limitations. God knows John Irving made me very happy for a while.

Kurzbeschreibung Fred 'Bogus' Trumper is a wayward knight-errant in the battle of the sexes and the pursuit of happiness. He also happens to have a complaint more serious than Portnoy's. Yet he stubbornly clings to the notion that he'll make something of his life, and is about to commit himself to a second marriage that bears remarkable resemblance to his first. The Water-Method Man is a work of consummate artistry and comic invention, bizarre imagery and sharp social and psychological observation. Pressestimmen "Brutal reality and hallucination, comedy and pathos. A rich, unified tapestry" (Time) "John Irving, it is abundantly clear, is a true artist. He is not afraid to take on great themes" (Los Angeles Times) "John Irving has been compared with Kurt Vonnegut and J. D. Salinger, but is arguably more inventive than either" (The Times) "Three or four times as funny as most novels" (The New Yorker) Werbetext A modern classic from one of the world's greatest living writers.