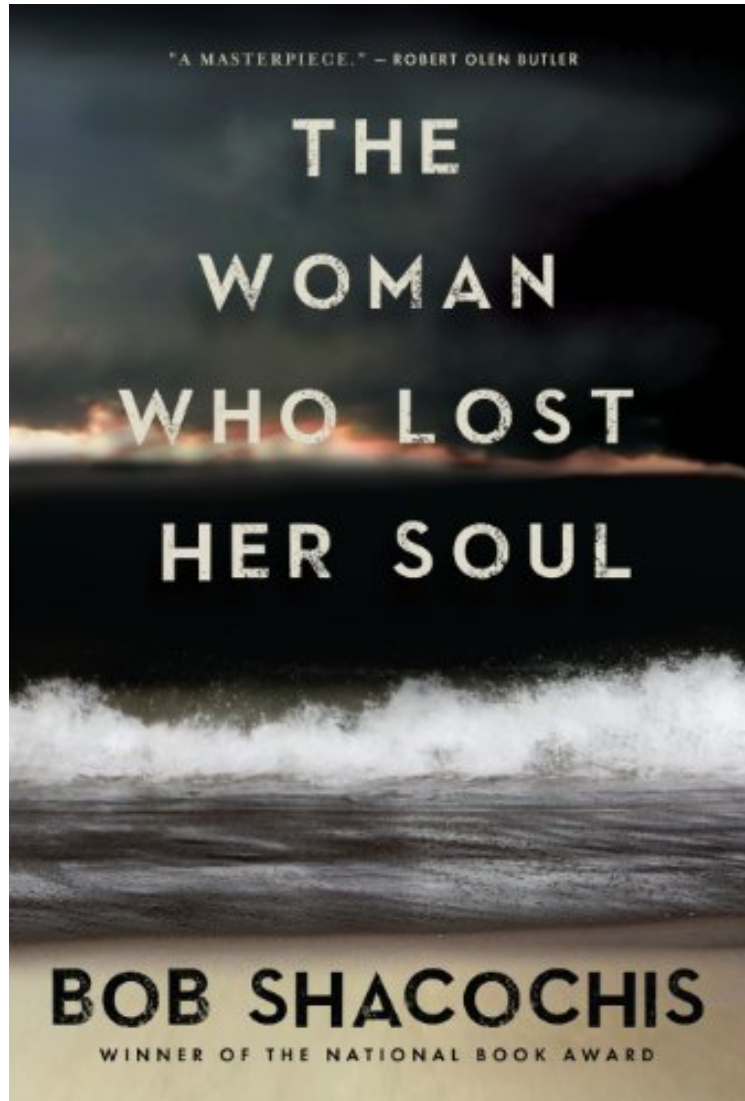


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**Von Bob Shacochis : The Woman Who Lost Her Soul** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Woman Who Lost Her Soul:

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Grandiose book for which you'll need to invest some time to read and think aboutVon Helpful Advice"The Woman Who Lost Her Soul" by Bob Shacochis is a demanding book due to its length, many characters and interwoven plot, but certainly won't leave you indifferent.The book is made of five parts that take place form the WW II on Balkans, Turkey during Cold War and Haiti while American peacekeeping mission was in progress.It starts as a thriller murder

mystery when a woman who had been on vacation together with her husband in 1998 is murdered on the Haiti's Route Nationale One road that is called "Highway to Hell" by Americans who are present on Haiti at the time. Soon we realize that it isn't just a murder but a start of complex story of American foreign policy that is lasting for a 50 years all around the world and leads to the 9/11 attacks. The first part of book will introduce Tom Harrington, who is a journalist who became human rights lawyer trying to create a truth commission in the Haiti after American invasion in 1990s. He will encounter Jacqueline Scott, who is a novice photojournalist and due to its beauty book got its name. He will fall in love with her, regardless that he is married but he would need to leave her. When he would be back to Haiti to help in abovementioned murder he will realize that murdered woman is Jacqueline, under a different name, and also that obviously she worked undercover for the US government. The author will next take us back to Croatia's final years of WW II, where we would be introduced to eight year boy whose father is brutally killed by partisans due to his cooperation with Nazis. Throughout the rest of the book a motive of boy's desire for revenge due to the loss of his father will be present. In book's third part, set in the 1980s in Istanbul, we will learn more of teenage Jacqueline Scott, whose real name is Dottie Chambers. She is a daughter of now matured Croatian boy who works as an American diplomat who teaches his daughter spying techniques and in series of events that are described her future and destiny will be changed forever. In the fourth part that is set in Miami we will meet former US Special Mission Sergeant Eville Burnette who was on Haiti and who will tell us story about the murder from the book beginning, in same time making connections of drug dealing covert operation and zombies. Last part of the book the same character Eville Burnette will be back. Some time had passed since previous book part and we witness brief episode of his work on an uninhabited island on the Outer Banks, when hurricane and love story would happen in same time... I didn't read Shacochis previous works, although I'm familiar that he won a National Book Award in 1985 but also that he served in the Peace Corps and spent some time with US Special Forces during the American intervention in Haiti back in 1994. It's therefore understandable why the events in his book, especially on Haiti, are portrayed so convincingly, as it's only possible if you have experienced something from your own perspective. His literary style is outstanding and the story although complex is overwhelming. The only possible drawback for some could be his sometimes really long sentences and story full of characters resulting that in fact the main character of this book doesn't exist. I read that it took him more than ten years to write this book and when you read it you will realize that is true. At the book end you have an impression of being on trip all around the world, from the jungles to Middle East, from Balkans to the Miami resorts. I wouldn't like to spoil your pleasure of reading but this book is important in a way that after its reading it will be clearer why some things are happening today, because everything has a cause in history... "The Woman Who Lost Her Soul" is grandiose book definitely recommended to read although be aware that besides investing solid time to read it, you'll need some additional time to think about it after.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Renowned through four award-winning books for his gritty and revelatory visions of the Caribbean, Bob Shacochis returns to occupied Haiti in *The Woman Who Lost Her Soul* before sweeping across time and continents to unravel tangled knots of romance, espionage, and vengeance. In riveting prose, Shacochis builds a complex and disturbing story about the coming of age of America in a pre-9/11 world. Set over fifty years and in four countries backdropped by different wars, *The Woman Who Lost Her Soul* is National Book Award winner Bob Shacochis magnum opus that brings to life, through the mystique and allure of history, an intricate portrait of catastrophic events that led up to the war on terror and the America we are today.