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**Von Damian Maher : This One Thing (English Edition)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised This One Thing (English Edition):

KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Werk an die Liebe!Von N.R.Endlich wieder ein Buch ber schwule Liebe das hervorsticht. Ich wurde in das komplexe Geschehen wie in einen Sog hineingezogen und las den Roman in einem Atemzug.Damian Maher beschreibt in seinem Roman die oft hoffnungslos scheinende Suche nach Liebe zwischen zwei Mnnern in einer von schnellem Sex

und Promiskuität geprägten schwulen Lebensweise. Durch Aufgreifen der blichen Klischees spannt er den breiten Bogen zum "normalen Leben", das sich viele homosexuelle Menschen wünschen würden. Daniel die Hauptperson des Romans, wächst alleingelassen mit dem Gefühl "mit mir ist etwas nicht in Ordnung" im ehemaligen Jugoslawien bzw. dem heutigen Kroatien auf. Der Leser begleitet Daniel nicht nur durch verschiedene Orte des Geschehens (Schweiz, Polen, Ibiza, Zypern, Australien und Kenia) sondern auch durch verschiedene Phasen des Erwachsenwerdens und der Identitätsfindung. Dabei werden universelle Themen wie die emotional gestörte Beziehung zu seinen Eltern mit den lieblosen Vater, die Beziehungsaufbaukonflikte, die homophoben Umgebungsreaktionen mit deren Einfluss auf Freundschaften und Karriere sowie homophob-religiöse Vorurteile, aufgegriffen. Durch die psychologische Aufarbeitung des schwulen Themas gewinnt man tiefe und spannende Einblicke in die Beziehungs- und Gefühlsebenen der Protagonisten. Besonders identifizieren konnte ich mich mit der Beschreibung der bereits in früher Kindheit aufflammenden homosexuellen Orientierung - darüber habe ich noch nie so offen gelesen. Wie viele Schwule durchlebt auch Daniel die verschiedenen Phasen der Verleugnung, Zweifel und Angst bis zur Ausöhnung mit dem Anderssein: "When one is different, the answers have to come from within." Durch die feinfühlig und für mich als deutschsprachigen Leser gut verständlich geschriebene englische Sprache, identifizierte ich mich bald mit der Person des Daniel und konnte in dessen spannende Gefühlswelt eintauchen. Auf der emotionalen Reise mit Daniel kommt man nicht nur einmal zum Weinen, aber auch das Lachen kommt nicht zu kurz. Für erotische Phantasien ist genug Freiraum. Wie im "normalen Leben" sind die sehr plastisch und gewagt geschriebenen erotischen Szenen ein Teil des Ganzen und damit das Salz, oder besser das Chili, in der Suppe. Ich kann diesen Roman allen, egal welcher sexuellen Orientierung, nur empfehlen. Es ist ein Werk an die Liebe, die v.a. im Letzten von drei Gedichten, im "This One Thing", zum Ausdruck kommt.

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