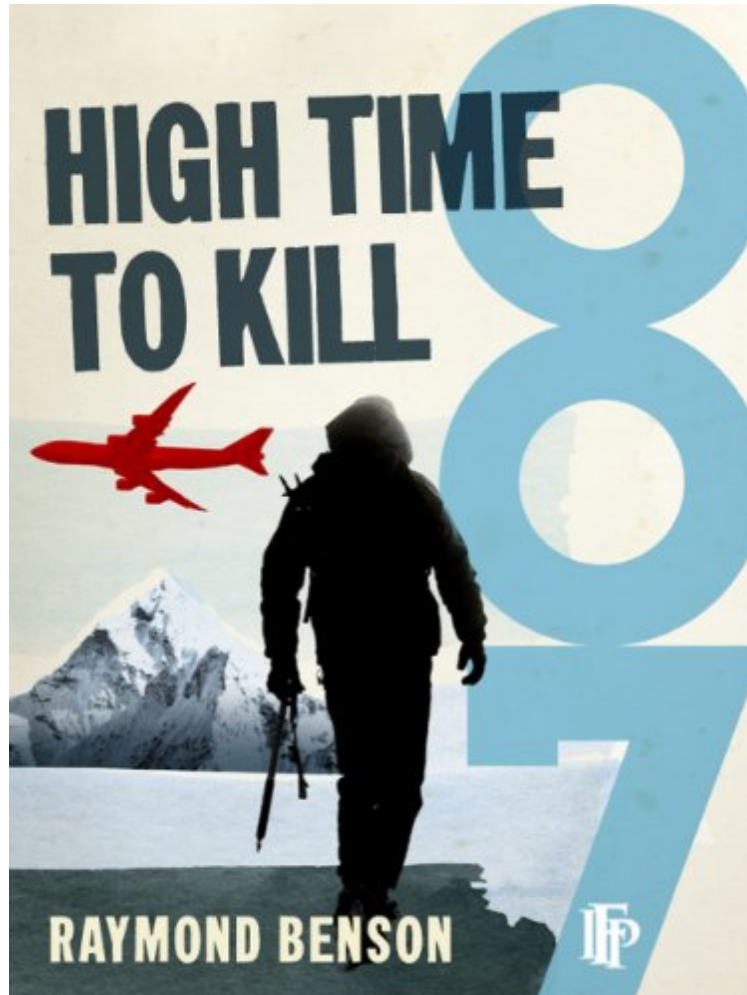


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Middling, just middlingVon Ein KundeJames Bond has always been a figure of fantasy and Benson, in his routine fourth Bond novel (after The Facts of Death) wisely keeps him fantastic. An international mercenary terrorist gang called the Union pilfers the British secret formula for Skin 17, the only aircraft material that can withstand a speed of Mach 7. Besides its technological importance, Skin 17 is a triumph for the lagging British military, so spymaster IvI needs Bond to get it back, and to find the turncoat who helped the Union steal it. The terrorists hide the formula for Skin 17 on a microdot implanted inside the pacemaker of a Chinese national, who dies a few days later when the airplane he's flying in is hijacked and crashes on Kangchenjunga, third-highest mountain of the Himalayas: hence this

novel's title. Bond, of course, is dispatched to retrieve the microdot. En route to a blood-filled, ice-encased climax, Agent 007 indulges his old tastes for dangerous women and beautiful cars. Thanks to Q, the violence features some deliciously nasty weapons, including a gadget-laden Jaguar XK8. Benson's prose, including the dialogue, is wooden, but the action he provides is fast and furious and Bond fans will note the narrative scores "a first for Bond... sex at 7,900 meters" - a high point in a novel that otherwise is middling all the way.1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A thrilling Bond adventure in the true spirit of Ian FlemingVon Ein KundeRaymond Benson has done it again. His third original James Bond novel truly proves that he was a superb choice to succeed Ian Fleming and John Gardner. He has given both James Bond fans and the casual reader an exciting adventure story with all of the elements that one associates with James Bond.The book has everything, as 007 is now up against a new adversary--the Union, a new terrorist organization as ruthless as the SPECTRE and SMERSH of old, but this time, they appear to be only interested in one thing--money. Thus, they can sell their services to the highest bidder and have apparently infiltrated the British Secret Service itself!This time Bond is called upon to retrieve an item stolen by the Union which is critical to national security. Along the way, readers encounter the familiar characters who compose the British Secret Service family and are introduced to new ones, especially Dr. Hope Kendall, whose stunning good looks and other attributes are straight in the Fleming tradition. She is a fresh entry into the Bond harem!Bond's main antagonist within the Union is cunning and ruthless. For the first time in many a Bond book, he engenders real feelings of hate from the reader.The book moves quickly across the world, as readers are once again given the exotic locales expected in Bond's world. Benson does not disappoint, as the reader is taken on a lengthy mountain climbing expedition with Bond, a mission which leads up to an explosive climax.Through it all, Raymond Benson has proven that he really has what it takes to fill Ian Fleming's shoes. Benson has developed a style similar to the way Fleming was able to sweep readers along with the narrative, enjoying the intricate details of the story itself without ever losing focus on James Bond. Benson here accomplishes nearly the same thing, but instead writes for a very modern audience. He appears very comfortable in Bond's world.This book is highly recommended for anyone who has glimpsed into that world, and would like to visit it again. James Bond is back, and, with Raymond Benson, nobody does it better!1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. High praise for Raymond Benson's "High Time to Kill"Von Paul PerillieAttempting to pen a new 007 novel is no easy trick. How many different and exotic locales has Bond not already visited? How many more super terrorist organizations are left to combat? How many new gizmos can Q-Branch invent? How many glamorous fem fatales has Bond already bedded?(80+ by my rough estimates)Who better to answer these questions and embark on another 00-adventure than the world's leading James Bond authority, Raymond Benson. As the author of the James Bond Bedside Companion, Director of the Ian Fleming Foundation and Vice President of 007 Fan Club, no other individual has spent more time examining the life and times of one of literature's most lasting characters.The most pleasurable of Benson's 007 novels to date(he has written two before this) relies on the fact that Benson goes back to the style of Fleming's novels instead of Broccoli's screenplays. Special effects are present but they take a backseat to the special circumstances that the novel's special characters find themselves in.Does Benson try to reinvent the wheel with this latest installment, thankfully no. But he does make watching it almost careen off the world's third highest peak very exciting. Age old Sherpa's meet up with cutting-edge super computer chips. Badguys abound and are unceremoniously decrowned. This tour-de-force travel log takes you half way around the world and is replete with history lessons and delicious gastronomical sessions. Just about the only thing 007 doesn't do while scaling Mount Kangchenjunga is make and shake the "perfect Martini" using glacier ice cubes.(I really wish he had!)Benson allows us to experience the human frailties of 007 along with his superhuman strengths. A new happening under Benson's authorship, female Bondophiles will appreciate that 007's stodgy, old boss "M" has been retired and replaced by a "W". As the new head of MI6, Barbara Mawdsley doesn't shower Bond with maternal affection. Indeed sensing his sexism and knowing of his treatment of women as disposable playthings, she runs him with harsh professionalism.So high praise to Benson for mining fresh life into this seemingly exhausted series/genre. As long as you don't set your expectations on the moon(raker, that is) you'll not only enjoy where Benson takes Bond, but you will also appreciate where he leaves you both.

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retrieving this top military secret and Bond encounters other challenges besides that of surviving this great mountaineering expedition. In *High Time to Kill*, Benson has created a 90s' criminal organisation to rival Fleming's own "Smersh" or "Spectre", with a chilling method of disposing of those who cross them. There are some strong episodes--a golf match between Bond and his old Etonian rival, Roland Marquis, and the climax of the mountaineering adventure where Benson keeps you guessing right to the end. Indeed, the appearance of Marquis provides an interesting insight into Bond's schoolboy-like competitiveness. Although wholesome enough, Bond's romantic adventures aren't as strong here as in many of Benson or John Gardner's previous novels--his efforts are spread too thinly between Marksbury, a toothpick-sucking Belgian agent and the rather dour New Zealand mountaineer, Dr Hope Rendell. Nevertheless, *High Time to Kill* is a refreshing Bond novel, with the emphasis firmly on espionage and suspense rather than over-stated action and Q-Branch gizmos. --Julian Broster

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