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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen1 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich.
Argentinien im zweiten WeltkriegVon kyrdisCletus Frade, Pilot bei den Marines, wird 1942 zu seiner Verwunderung zum OSS abkommandiert und nach Argentinien entsandt, um dort gemeinsam mit zwei anderen unwahrscheinlichen Agenten in einem Himmelfahrtskommando ein scheinbar neutrales Schiff zu sabotieren, das deutsche U-Boote versorgt. Nichts qualifiziert Clete fr so eine Mission - abgesehen von der Tatsache, dass sein ihm fremder Vater einer der einflussreichsten Mnner Argentiniens ist."Honor Bound", der Auftakt der gleichnamigen Serie, ist ein klassischer W.E.B. Griffin. Der Schwerpunkt liegt nicht auf Action und Spionage, sondern auf den - manchmal fast schon skurril wirkenden - Hintergrnden. Leider ist es auch betreffend der Schwachpunkte ein klassischer Griffin. Da wre einerseits

das leicht stereotype Liebesleben der Helden - von vier jungen Männern verlieben sich drei auf den ersten Blick in wunderschöne junge Frauen und natürlich vice versa - und andererseits Griffins energiegeladene Angewohnheit, Begriffe, die er für besonders geistreich hält, so oft zu verwenden, dass sie einem nur allzu schnell zum Hals heraushängen. Hier wäre das "virgin princess", wie Clete seine Angebetete nennt, und das oft mehrmals hintereinander in einem Abschnitt. Aber vor allem wenn man sich schon durch einige Griffins gelesen hat und das mit meist großem Vergnügen ist man an diese Schwachpunkte gewöhnt und hat gelernt, damit zu leben. So ist es auch hier. Clete ist ein sehr sympathischer Held und vor allem sein schwieriges Verhältnis zu seinem Vater, dem pensionierten argentinischen Colonel, ist sehr gut gelungen. Auch die anderen Nebenfiguren - leider außer den erwähnten stereotypen Damen - sind sympathisch bis interessant und das Buch liest sich eigentlich komplett von selbst. Hinzu kommt noch, dass Argentinien als Schauplatz einer Geschichte über den zweiten Weltkrieg sehr ungewöhnlich und damit besonders interessant ist. Ich werde Cletus Frade zweifellos wiedertreffen. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Honor Bound is Powerful!!! Von Ein Kunde The book set in WWII Argentina sets up a marvelous contrast between friends and enemies, trust and deceit, and loyalty and treason. While recounting some of the actual events and occurrences during the war era, it also involves an entrapping story line of a Marine war hero who must choose for duty and honor, or his friends, family, and his true feelings. Can he have his cake and eat it too? I could not put this book down. I felt myself wanting to be there and participate. The book paints vivid mental pictures playing itself like a movie. It is a must read! 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Outstanding plot and captivating historical accuracy! Von Ein Kunde I never thought I would find another author that captivated me the way Tom Clancy did, but WEB Griffin has done it. Honor Bound is a great historical fiction that mixes the most interesting historical accuracy of the 1941 spy game with an intense and honest story line. It is not a fanciful spy novel like so many others, but a realistic look at the US spy business in its hatchling years. It fulfills the need for intensity of details and still maintains an edge of the seat plot. In short, very well done and impressive.

Kurzbeschreibung October 1942. At a secret rendezvous point off the coast of neutral Argentina, a small merchant ship delivers supplies to Nazi submarines and raiders. The OSS is determined to sabotage the operation by any means necessary. But one of the key saboteurs they've enlisted--a young U.S. Marine--must fight his own private battle between duty and honor. Because he was chosen for a reason--to gain trust and support of his own flesh and blood. A powerful Argentinian called "el Coronel." The father he never knew... From Publishers Weekly Best known for his series Brotherhood of War and The Corps, Griffin's new WWII novel uses the relatively unexplored theater of South America as the backdrop for his fast-paced story of a father and son, conflicting loyalties and war. In late 1942, marine fighter ace Clete Frade, Army demolitions engineer Anthony Pelosi and electronics wizard David Ettinger are sent by the OSS on a top-secret mission to neutral Argentina: destroy a merchant ship that has been supplying Nazi submarines and raiders. But the projected raid is only the tip of the novel's iceberg. The U.S. is hoping that Clete will be able to influence his estranged father, an eminence grise in Argentine politics by the name of "El Coronel" Jorge Guillermo Frade, to throw his influence behind the Allies. Meanwhile, Luftwaffe ace Peter von Wachstein heads to Buenos Aires to consolidate the Nazi position. The Frades are convincing central characters, whose developing father-son relationship anchors much of the novel's plot. Griffin's reconstruction of upper-class Argentine society in the 1940s provides an exotic and credible setting for a tautly written story whose twists and turns will keep readers guessing until the last page. Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist This rambling World War II novel pits U.S. Marine Captain Cletus Frade, late of Guadalcanal, against an ostensibly neutral ship in Buenos Aires in 1942. Naturally, the Nazis are angling for position in this vital South American port, and Clete's mission is to maintain Allied influence with the Argentine navy by destroying the German-controlled ship. Along the way, Clete encounters the father he's never met (now a top officer in the Argentine army), a sympathetic German Luftwaffe officer, and a beautiful Argentine "virgin princess," with whom he falls in love. His accomplices include a Jew who escaped the Holocaust, an Italian American demolitions expert from Cicero, Illinois, and various members of the Office of Special Services, who may or may not be willing to sacrifice Clete's life. Accomplished war novelist Griffin is a stickler for details, although several notable characters remain undeveloped (including the Jewish communications expert Ettinger and all of the women). The embryonic relationship between Clete and his long-lost officer dad seems genuine, but other relationships, such as between Clete and Luftwaffe Captain Peter von Wachstein, are forced. World War II buffs will enjoy the fresh setting even though neutral Argentina often seems about as cutting-edge as Switzerland, and the casual reader will find this lengthy book a surprisingly quick read aided by the abundance of dialogue. Joe Collins