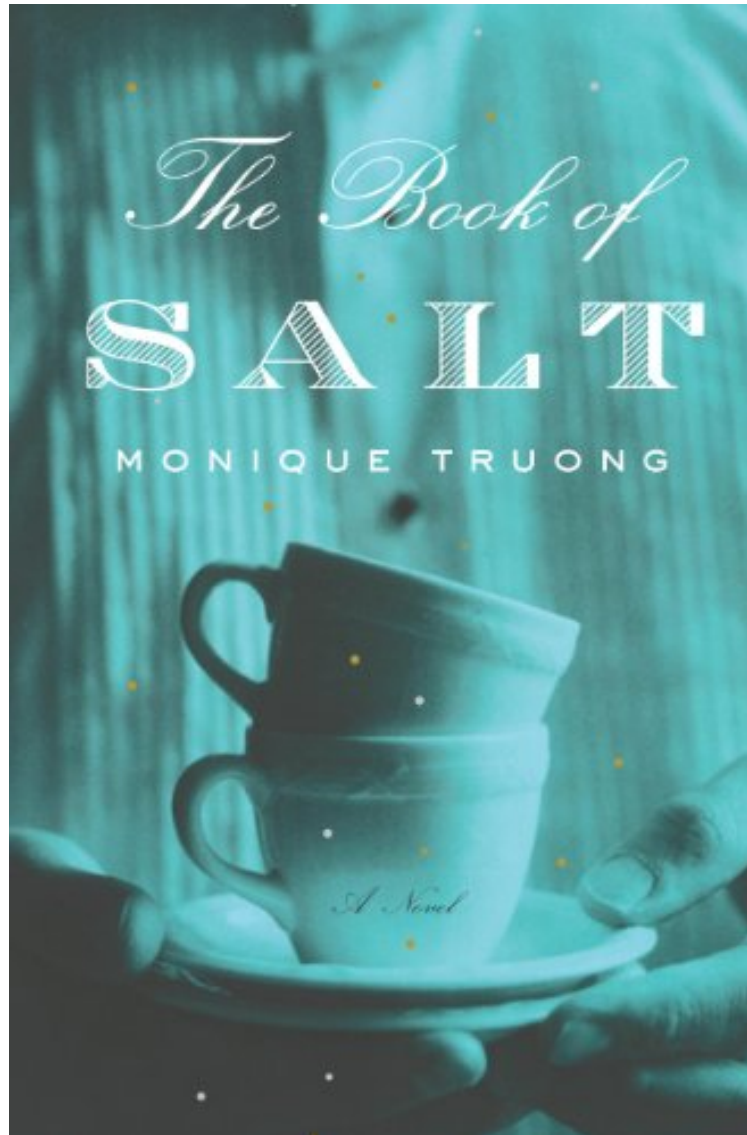


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen3 von 3 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Highly entertaining readVon Ein Kunde"What kind [of salt]? Kitchen, sweat, tears or the sea. They are not all the same." writes Monique Truong at the end of her book. This captures the various ingredients of her fascinating story about a Vietnamese cook in the Paris of the 1930s. "Kitchen" stands for the hero's profession and is narrated in a mouth-

watering fashion. "Sweat" stands for his unfulfilled love affair with another man. "Tears" stands for the mourning of his mother's death - a mother, whom he has left in colonial Vietnam, once he decides to leave the place of his youth after an affair with his employer. "Sea", finally, stands for the eternal and utterly unsuccessful search for acceptance by his bigot father. What seemed as too many stories woven into one unfolds into a compelling and highly readable narrative of a man between the worlds. There is only "one grain of salt" to this otherwise wonderful story: Monique Truong overdoes it in the end, when a "scholar-prince" appears out of the blue: Nguyen Ai Quoc - otherwise known as Ho Chi Minh". 0 von 1 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Herausragend Von Ein Kunde Gertrude Steins Maximen auf sie selbst angewendet: Die Geschichte des berühmten Haushalts in der rue de Fleurus in der Zwischenkriegszeit aus der Perspektive des Kochs. Darüberhinaus ein ergreifendes Emigrantenschicksal: Ein junger Chinese muß wegen seiner sexuellen Präferenz seine Heimat verlassen und landet bei den Damen Stein und Toklas. Eigenwillige Einblicke in Steins Schreibwerkstatt, köstliche Schilderungen der Soires. - Aus einer preisgekrönten Kurzgeschichte ist ein herausragender Erstlingsroman geworden. Mehr!

Kurzbeschreibung The Book of Salt serves up a wholly original take on Paris in the 1930s through the eyes of Binh, the Vietnamese cook employed by Gertrude Stein and Alice B. Toklas. Viewing his famous mesdames and their entourage from the kitchen of their rue de Fleurus home, Binh observes their domestic entanglements while seeking his own place in the world. In a mesmerizing tale of yearning and betrayal, Monique Truong explores Paris from the salons of its artists to the dark nightlife of its outsiders and exiles. She takes us back to Binh's youthful servitude in Saigon under colonial rule, to his life as a galley hand at sea, to his brief, fateful encounters in Paris with Paul Robeson and the young Ho Chi Minh.