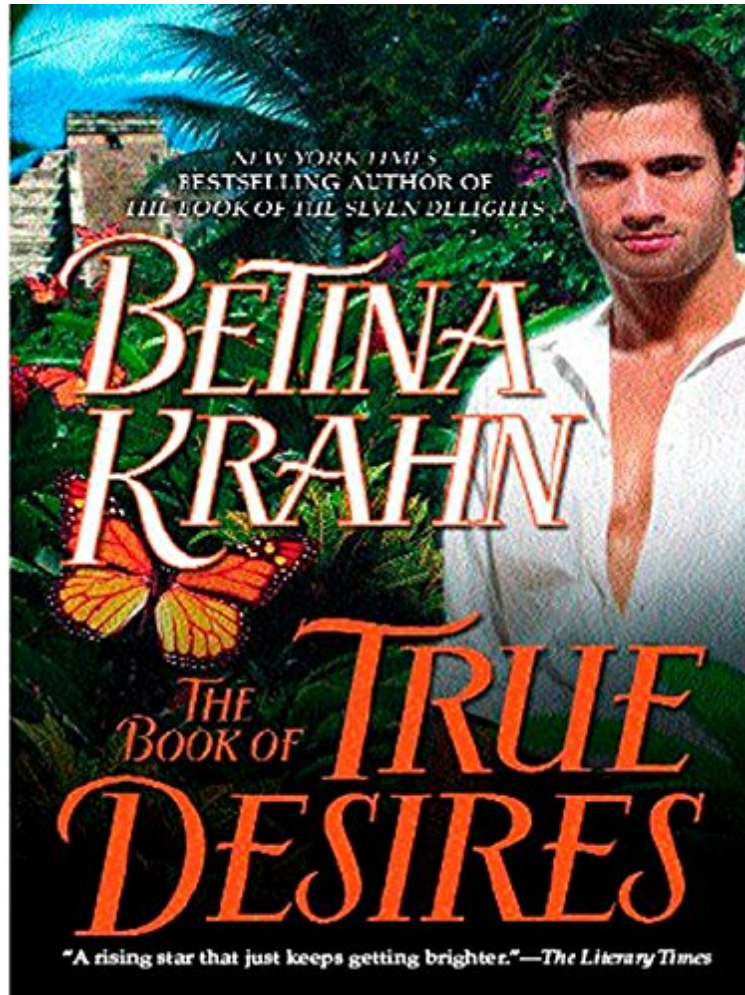


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Historisches Indiana-Jane-AbenteuerVon LoveLetter MagazinDie professionelle Abenteurerin Cordelia O'Keefe hat nur einen Grund, ihren Grovater Samuel "Hardacre" Blackburn aufzusuchen: Sie will von ihm die Finanzierung fr ihre nchste Expedition. Doch der Stahltycoon lsst sich nicht so leicht umgarnen. Erst wenn Cordelia fr ihn einen mit dem geheimnisvollen Jaguarkult verbundenen Schatz findet, darf sie auf seine Untersttzung hoffen. Zur bewachung gibt er ihr seinen Butler Hartford Goodnight mit. Goodnight, der bei Blackburn eine Schuld abarbeitet und eigentlich Arzt und Chemiker ist, geht nur uerst widerwillig mit auf die Reise. Im sdamerikanischen Dschungel kommen sich die beiden ungleichen Reisegefhrten schlielich nher. Doch dann stellt sich heraus, dass sie nicht die einzigen sind, die den

Jaguarschatz heben wollen. Betina Krahn präsentiert in "The Book Of True Desires" eine Geschichte in bester Indiana-Jones-Manier. Die Rollenverteilung ist dabei ausnahmsweise einmal umgekehrt: Cordelia ist die erfahrene Abenteurerin, während Goodnight, dessen Eindrücke und Gedanken man in seinem Tagebuch mitverfolgen kann, ein eindeutig nur unwillig mitreisender Wissenschaftler ist. Trotzdem wird der sympathische Beta-Held nicht von der unternehmungslustigen Heldin berschattet, sondern beide bilden ein gutes Team. Die Entwicklung der Liebesbeziehung tritt bei all den Aufregungen der Geschichte zwar in den Hintergrund, aber die Leserin wird dafür am Ende mit einem originellen und vor allem sehr passenden Heiratsantrag belohnt. Handlungsreich, mit ungewöhnlichen Schauplätzen, farbenfrohen Beschreibungen und einem Hauch von Mystik bietet der Roman ein wunderbares Kopfkino für Abenteuer-Fans. (BL)

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