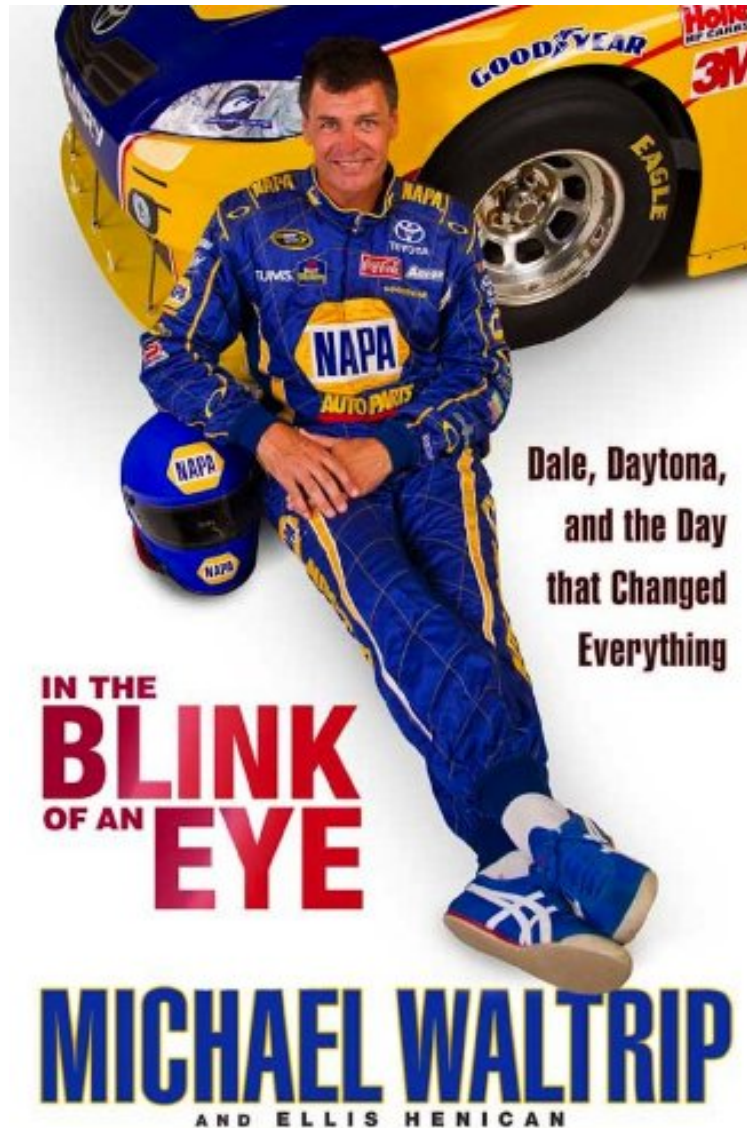


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Beeindruckende und unterhaltsame AutobiografieVon Thomas NehlerJeder, der sich im Fernsehen die bertragungen

vom NASCAR Sprint Cup anschaut, kennt ihn: Michael Waltrip, Teameigner, Rennfahrer und TV-Reporter mit schelmischen Fragen und ansteckend guter Laune. In seiner mit Ellis Henican verfassten Autobiografie blickt er humorvoll und unter Schilderung hoch interessanter Hintergründe auf seine Karriere zurück. Das reicht von seiner motorsportbegeisterten Familie und seiner Kindheit über seine Erfolge als Rennfahrer bis in die Gegenwart, in der er im eigenen Team "Michael Waltrip Racing" immer noch hin und wieder ins Lenkrad greift. Waltrip nimmt kein Blatt vor den Mund, und seine offenherzigen Beschreibungen sind auch typisch für die generell angenehm extrovertierte NASCAR-Szene. Ein ganz zentrales Thema des in 4 Abschnitte und 32 Kapitel unterteilten Buchs ist die NASCAR-Legende Dale Earnhardt, der in dem Rennen tödlich verunglückte, in dem Michael Waltrip seinen ersten Cup-Sieg davontrug, dem Daytona 500 von 2001. Waltrip zeichnet ein sehr einfühlsames und von tiefer Freundschaft geprägtes Porträt Earnhardts und geht auch ausführlich auf das schicksalhafte Rennen 2001 ein. Schon aus diesem Grund empfiehlt sich das Buch für jeden an NASCAR interessierten Leser, weil es einen so tief aus dem Kreis der Betroffenen heraus verfassten Einblick nur recht selten geben dürfte. Es tut deshalb dem Buch keinen bedeutenden Abbruch, dass die Illustration mit 19 Schwarzweiß-Fotos sehr sparsam ausgefallen ist, entscheidend sind die einen profunden Eindruck vom Stock Car Sport und einen heraus sympathischen Einblick in das Leben Waltrips vermittelnden Ausführungen dieses Allround-Talents.

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über den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende Michael Waltrip is a two-time Daytona 500 Champion and one of eight drivers to win more than one Daytona 500. He is an iron horse racer, one of three to make a least 1,000 career NASCAR starts. Waltrip was an original member of "This Week in NASCAR," and writes a monthly column for NASCAR Illustrated.