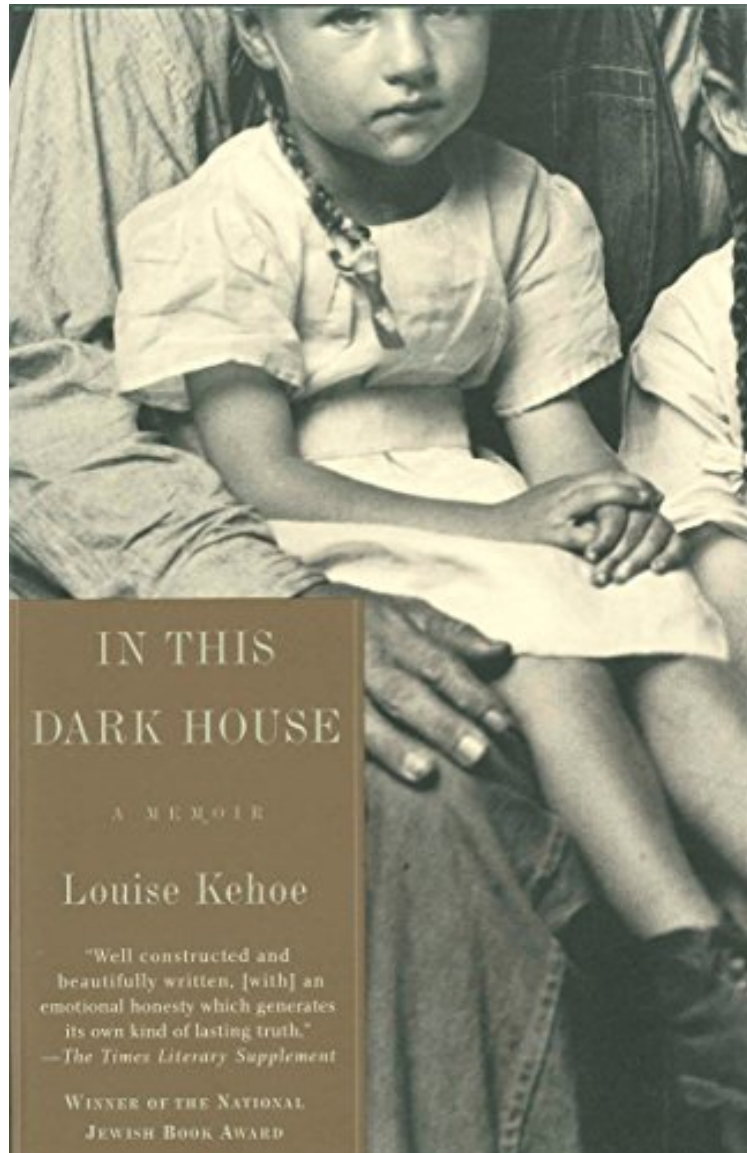


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A daring and insightful autobiographyVon Ein KundeLouise Kehoe takes the reader through a harrowing and difficult journey with no artifice. She manages to stay honest throughout which is what makes this story so moving. I would highly

recommend this book over "After Long Silence" which is in the same genre but lacks the sincerity of this book.

KurzbeschreibungIn 1939 the influential architect Berthold Lubetkin abruptly left his thriving career in London and dropped out of sight, moving with his wife to a desolate farm in rural Gloucestershire. Life in the house the Lubetkins named Worlds End was far from idyllic for their three children. Louise Kehoe and her siblings lived in an atmosphere of oppressive isolation, while their tyrannical father at times charming and witty but usually a terrorist in a self-styled Stalinist hellbadgered and belittled them during his fits of self-loathing. Even his true identity remained an enigma. That secret was never divulged during her fathers lifetime, but Louises quest to unearth its origins her relentless piecing together of the clues she found after his death is a remarkable story, written with extraordinary grace, style, and imagination, of an identity and a heritage lost and found.
From BooklistWhat do you make of a man who abandons a promising career in London to hole up in a remote country home he calls World's End? That's the course of action Kehoe's mysterious, irascible, diabolically charming, and tyrannical father, the celebrated architect Berthold Lubetkin, chose in 1939. And that's not all. He also, with the anguished complicity of his bright, competent, yet self-sacrificing wife, concealed the painful truth about his past, even lying to his own children. The burden of this mad secrecy weighed heavily on Lubetkin who took out all his guilt, sorrow, and rage on his family, virtually holding them hostage to his obsessions. It was only after his death that Kehoe, who suffered mightily not only from her father's extreme yet seductive cruelty, but also from her mother's blind loyalty to her husband, discovered the tragic truth about her heritage. Kehoe's heartbreaking story is astonishing enough on its own, but her riveting, luminous prose style transforms it into a triumphantly beautiful and moving work of art. We won't soon forget Kehoe's courage or her eloquence.
Donna SeamanFrom Library JournalEloquently written and a pleasure to read, this profile of a dysfunctional family offers more than the typical sturm und drang. Instead of simply plumbing her scarred psyche, the author seeks to understand why her sophisticated architect-turned-farmer father wielded tyrannical control over his family. Kehoe opens by describing her childhood in idyllic rural England, where her world-class architect father abruptly had relocated his family at the outbreak of World War II. The unfolding narrative reads like a mystery, with appropriately surprising results. The father's concealment of his Jewish ancestry and abandonment of his own parents to be murdered by the Nazis were secrets not discovered until after his death, secrets that have transformed Kehoe's life. Recommended for larger popular biography collections.
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