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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen2 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eine ungewöhnliche FamiliengeschichteVon Hans P. Zell"Just Passing Through: A German-American Family Saga" ist

die Geschichte einer deutschen Familie die während dem Dritten Reich nicht nur die Bombennächte der Anglo-Amerikaner auf deutsche Städte durchmachen musste (die 1/2 Millionen Menschen das Leben kostete) sondern noch dazu in ständiger Angst vor der Gestapo zu leben hatte weil die Mutter vor der Machtübernahme der Nazis mit einem Juden verheiratet war (der nach der Scheidung in die USA auswanderte) und sie und das gemeinsame Kind in Deutschland zurückblieben als die Verfolgung von Juden und nicht-ariischen "Mischlingen" immer mehr Opfer forderte. Das Buch schildert weiterhin das Leben einiger Familienmitglieder nach ihrer Auswanderung in die USA und ihrer Suche nach dem "American Dream" die zu sehr verschiedenen Ergebnissen führte.

**Kurzbeschreibung** Just Passing Through is the story of a German family caught up in the political maelstrom of the Third Reich. The author's mother was born in Frankfurt on Main into a middle-class family and at age, eighteen married a Jewish businessman with whom she had two children. When the Nazis came to power and began to persecute the Jews, the couple got a divorce and while he left for America taking their son with him, their daughter remained in Germany with her mother. Unable to remarry because she was classified as a non-Aryan and to keep her daughter from being caught up in the Holocaust, the author's mother had four more children all by state sanctioned Aryan fathers. In her affection and care, she was partial to the author but indifferent and abusive toward his younger siblings. After the war, the author's half-sister immigrated to America and brought over the rest of the family. In a section entitled Three Lives, the author discusses his ancestors, the stormy relationships among the family members, and their different experiences in pursuit of their fortunes on two continents. The work begins with A German Childhood in which the author describes his adventures during the Second World War, including the apocalyptic firebombing of his hometown of Stuttgart by the western Allies, and his first years after the war in Germany and the United States.

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**über den Autor und weitere Mitwirkende** Hans Peter Zell came to America from his native Germany in 1950 at age thirteen and settled in Oak Park, Illinois, with his family. After earning an engineering degree at the University of Illinois, Mr. Zell served with the U.S. Army on active duty for two years followed by employment as an engineer by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in Virginia. In 1968, the author left the NASA for New York City where he earned an MBA degree at Columbia University. There followed a career in international marketing and sales with a number of multinational companies. After retiring, Mr. Zell moved to Arizona where he has lived since 2003. The author previously published one volume of poetry under a pseudonym. His hobbies include photography, reading, and travel.