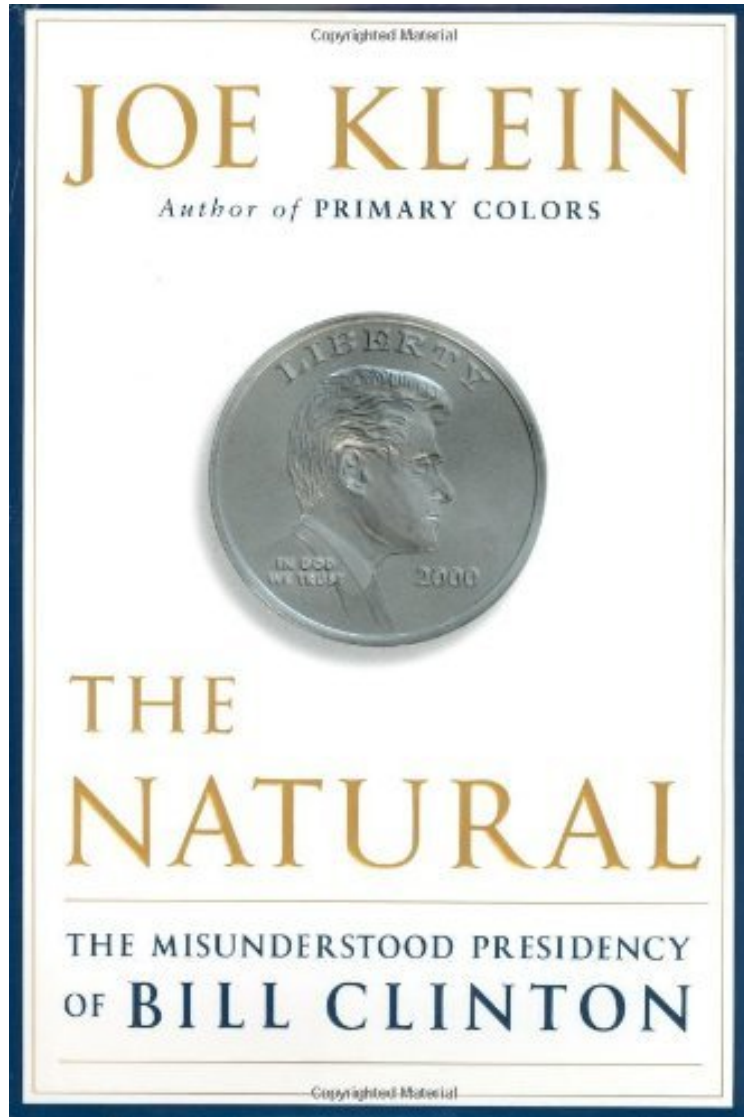


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bipartisan during Clintons tenure and why ultimately both side failed in a grandios way to achieve their goals. Clinton will be remembered for the impeachment trial and not the economic miracle. Gingrich will be remembered as a liar and compulsive character and not for the Contract for America. Throughout this book Klein contrasts the personalities of Clinton and Gingrich against the WWII generation of Lloyd Bendtson and Bob Dole. In the most striking part of the book Lloys Bendtson tries to answer Joe Kleins question why Clintons generation of politicians seems so ultimately flawed. Bendtson answers that "we (Bendtsos generation) just didn't have that much to prove any more". This is a wonderful book as it does take a stance without pushing the envelope. Whether you like Clinton or not this book will give you a deeper understanding of those eight tumultous years. 0 von 0 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. Eine etwas umfassendere Sicht Clintons Von Kundenrezensionen Joe Klein der Autor von Primary Colors (Mit aller Macht) hat dieses Buch als eine Art Tribut an den vorletzten Prsidenten der Vereinigten Staaten, bzw. an seine Prsidentschaft geschrieben. Als ein etablierter und bekannter Autor und Journalist im politischen Bereich setzt er dabei von seinem Publikum gewisse Grundkenntnisse voraus, die es auch fr ein deutsches Publikum nicht immer einfach zugnglich macht. Alles in Allem ein sehr informatives Buch, das den Leserinnen und Lesern aber auch Einiges an eigener Denkarbeit und Zusatzrecherche abverlangt. Doch fr denjenigen, der das Phnomen Clinton wirklich verstehen mchte, sicherlich ein unverzichtbares Buch, auch weil man hier die Entwicklungen des investigativen Journalismus seit Watergate sehr gut dargestellt bekommt.

Kurzbeschreibung Joe Klein, best-selling author of Primary Colors and one of our most brilliant political analysts, now tackles the subject he knows best: Bill Clinton. Astute, even-handed, and keenly intelligent, The Natural is the only book to read if you want to understand exactly what happened to the military, to the economy, to the American people, to the country during Bill Clintons presidency, and how the decisions made during his tenure affect all of us today. Much has been written about Clinton, but The Natural is the first work to cut through the gossip, scandals, media hype, and emotional turbulence that Clinton always engendered, to step back and rationally analyze the eight years of his tenure, a period during which America rose to unprecedented levels of prosperity. Joe Klein puts that record into perspective, showing us what worked and what didnt, exactly what was accomplished and why, and who was responsible for the successes and the failures. We see how the Clinton White House functioned on the inside, how it dealt with the maneuvers of Congress and the Gingrich revolution, and who held power and made the decisions during the endless crises that beset the administration. Kleins access to the White House over the years as a journalist gave him a prime spot from which to view every crucial event both political and personal and he sets them forth in an insightful, readable, and completely engrossing manner. The Natural is stern in its criticism and convincing with its praise. It will cause endless debate amongst friends and foes of the Clinton administration. It is a book that anyone interested in contemporary politics, in American history, or in the functioning of our democracy, should read. From the Hardcover edition.. de Primary Colors author Joe Klein offers a non-fictional take on his favourite subject, Bill Clinton, whom he describes as both "the most talented politician of his generation" and "the most compelling". Klein is of two minds when it comes to the man from Hope: he is at once disappointed by Clinton's failure to achieve greatness, but also a defender of what Clinton did do. He can be unremittingly harsh about the 42nd president's personal shortcomings: "Bill Clinton often seemed the apotheosis of his generation's alleged sins: moral relativism, the tendency to pay more attention to marketing than to substance, the solipsistic callowness". Yet he also credits Clinton with running "a serious, substantive presidency" whose chief success was dragging "Washington toward a recognition that a revised form of government activism might be appropriate in the anarchy of an instant economy." Klein is a smart and engrossing writer, and The Natural is an honest liberal's best effort to explain eight controversial years. Readers who supported Clinton will discover new insights into why he didn't accomplish more; those who opposed him will gain a sharper understanding of why he remained so popular with the public.--John Miller.co.uk Primary Colors author Joe Klein offers a non-fictional take on his favourite subject, Bill Clinton, whom he describes as both "the most talented politician of his generation" and "the most compelling". Klein is of two minds when it comes to the man from Hope: he is at once disappointed by Clinton's failure to achieve greatness, but also a defender of what Clinton did do. He can be unremittingly harsh about the 42nd president's personal shortcomings: "Bill Clinton often seemed the apotheosis of his generation's alleged sins: moral relativism, the tendency to pay more attention to marketing than to substance, the solipsistic callowness". Yet he also credits Clinton with running "a serious, substantive presidency" whose chief success was dragging "Washington toward a recognition that a revised form of government activism might be appropriate in the anarchy of an instant economy." Klein is a smart and engrossing writer, and The Natural is an honest liberal's best effort to explain eight controversial years. Readers who supported Clinton will discover new insights into why he didn't accomplish more; those who opposed him will gain a sharper understanding of why he remained so popular with the public.--John Miller